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"OUT OF THE SHADOWS" CANTATA

Presented by the choirs of
Solon Community UCC and
Bainbridge Community UCC

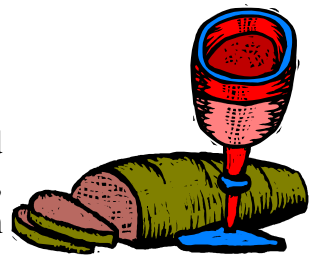
Sunday, March 14th
Bainbridge Community UCC
10:30 a.m. worship service

Sunday, March 21st
Solon Community Church
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Enrich your Lenten experience in an inspiring
Cantata that will serve as a powerful reminder of
Christ's love, sacrifice and victory over death.

**Maundy Thursday
Meal and Service**

A simple meal of soup and bread will be served
on Maundy Thursday, April 1st, at 6:30 p.m.,
followed by a Service of Remembrance with
Communion at 7:15 p.m. Please sign up in the
foyer if you will be attending the meal and service. Please indicate on
the sign up sheet whether you are planning to bring soup or bread to
share.



Hymn Sing - March 28th - 10:20 a.m.

Come to Church Early and Enjoy the Fun!!!

From Elizabeth Goodin, Director of Christian Education

Last Sunday, as part of their lesson on "living water", I introduced the preschoolers to the theory of The Dipper and the Bucket. It goes like this: Each of us carries an invisible bucket. It represents the good feelings we have about ourselves. When our bucket is full, we love the world and freely share that love with everyone around us. We're happy. When our bucket is empty, however, we feel discouraged, and we lack energy. We feel sad.



We also carry invisible dippers, which we can use to either fill or "dip into" other people's buckets. When we treat others with kindness, compliment them, make them feel special, we are filling their buckets, and at the same time we fill our own. But when we hurt someone with thoughtless acts, or harsh words, we dip from his bucket. At those times, our own buckets also empty a little, and we are diminished.

With each encounter, we have a choice. Do we want our influence to be carried forward as positive or negative? God created us to be bucket fillers, and through Jesus, He taught us how to accomplish this. God also provides the "living water" to fill our buckets. As the children come to know God through their time in Sunday school, worship, and throughout their lives, it is my hope that they will experience this "living water" themselves and feel compelled to share it with others, just as the Woman at the Well did in their story.

How would a world, or a church, of full buckets look? Let's find out.

God Bless.

One Great Hour Of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm Sunday – March 28th

- Your donations support international programs of health, education and development and also give relief and refugee assistance.
- Thank you for your support of this worthy cause which cares for God's people all around the world.
- Special envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday or checks may be sent to the church office made out to Solon Community Church with OGHS in the lower left hand corner.

SAVE THE DATE....FOR RONALD MCDONALD

The Benevolence Committee have finalized a night for us to once again provide dinner to the children and families staying at Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland. This year we selected a Saturday in the summer in order to utilize the outdoor grills. A sign up sheet for volunteers and for food will be available closer to the date. Please contact Nancy Markle at NancyMarkle@sbcglobal.net for further information.

Message from Council Execs...

Worship

After entering the new year in a somewhat uncertain state, we began February with a little more confidence. To date we've had the privilege of hosting four guest ministers; each preached for two weeks. Overall people have enjoyed the variety and the unique style each one brings. Here are some of the comments you have shared with us:

- "We had the 'best' communion service I have experienced since I have been attending this church."
- "For Lent, 'doing something' vs. 'giving something up' was a fresh approach to the season."

The Boards of Christian Education and Deacons continue to coordinate the Children's Moment with the Guest Minister each Sunday. So far we have enjoyed messages from Paul Gerber, Elizabeth Goodin, Diane Manis, Joy Miller, and Carolyn Parent. For those who missed the message last week, you also missed Carolyn's chocolate chip cookies! As part of her January message, Carolyn shared Blow Pops with the kids. Do you detect a theme?

Weekly attendance has been averaging 63 people and our financial performance was better than planned. Both collections and rentals were greater than expected and expenses were in line with plans. Questions can be directed to Treasurer@SolonCommunityChurch.org.

All Board's Meeting

Council Execs facilitated an All Board's Meeting on February 21. While the meeting has traditionally been exclusive to board members, this year we opened it up to the entire congregation. Following a luncheon fellowship featuring soup, chili and salad, the 28-person team worked on developing profiles for our church and minister by answering a few questions. Some of the answers are included as well.

1. What are the five most important attributes that our church offers to existing and new members?
Fellowship/friendliness, Music, Christian Education, Facilities and Outreach.
2. What are three things that you would change or add that you believe would make a positive difference in our ability as a church to attract new members? *Programming (e.g. bible studies, young singles adult group, youth group), Publicity, Follow Up with Visitors, Community Involvement*
3. What are the five most important attributes you believe our new minister should have? *Leadership, Spirituality, Engaged in the Community, Interesting/Motivational Sermons*
4. How important do you believe these minister selection criteria are to you?
 - A. or Female? *No preference.*
 - B. Age: 25-40 or 40-55? *Not important. Being competent is more important.*
 - C. Youth Ministry Emphasis or Not? *Youth emphasis is a benefit*
 - D. Live in Solon or Not? *Within 10-15 miles*
 - E. UCC Ordained or Not? *Not important*
5. From your perspective describe the ideal make-up of the new minister Selection Committee. *Previous Experience, Active & Newer Members, Both Genders*

The information we compiled will be used by the Selection Committee to help identify the best candidates for Solon Community Church.

Mark your Calendars

- Solon and Bainbridge choirs will once again join together to perform an Easter Cantata. The choirs will perform in Bainbridge on March 14 and in Solon on March 21. Please plan to attend and support the choirs; you won't be disappointed!

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On Our Extended Prayer List

Prayers for the health and well being of our older members

†Dee Varga, at Stratford Commons
†Rosie Golias
†Tom Billheimer, now living in Bryan, OH.
†Jim Byer, at home.
†Jean King, living in Beavercreek, OH.
†Evelyn Schultz, in St. Petersburg, FL.
†Virginia Fentress, at Breckenridge Village in Willoughby.
†Margaret Steele, at Anna Maria of Aurora
†Gene Rust
†Lois Grant
†Gwen Lloyd



March birthday greetings to:

- 2 Gene Rust
- 3 Edith Knowles
- 4 Mark Allison
- 5 Tom Billheimer
- 6 Alice Cellura
- 7 Michael Moore
- 8 Charolotte Zahl
- 11 Mike Steininger
- 14 Debbie Goetz
- 16 Jason Gerber
- 17 David Goetz
- 19 Andrew LePorte
- 21 Paul Gerber
- 21 Dean Reemsnyder
- 21 Shirley Yost
- 23 Susan Daley
- 23 Joan Mitchell
- 25 Paul Cellura
- 25 Cassie Gwiazdowski
- 26 Lee Bondono
- 27 Jack Miller
- 31 Vinny Verbiar

SPRING CLEANING???

The Benevolence Committee is planning their Annual Rummage Sale; to be held June 17th, 18th and 19th. Keep this in mind as you are doing spring cleaning and find gently-used articles of clothing or household goods/furniture you are no longer using. These items will be great for our sale. If pick up or storage is an issue, please contact the church office (440) 248-4180 or Nancy Markle (440) 248-1832. Thanks!

CLEVELAND FOOD BANK

Saturday, March 27th - from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
(meet in the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m.)

Monday, April 19th - from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m.)

Call Carol Telljohann, (440) 248-8756, for more information.
All are welcome to participate in this worthy mission project.

Misc. SCC Notes

THANKS...to Dave Hoffman, for removing the virus from the office computer last month. His work saved the church a lot of time, energy and expense!

NEEDED...curling ribbon for a Santa Shop project. If you have any odds and ends of curling ribbon, please bring them to the church office. THANKS!

Pastoral Emergencies

Arrangements have been made with a local minister to cover emergencies. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Susan Daley or Jeff Markle for more information.

March 2010 Light Deadline is Wednesday, March 24th

Please have your information for the Light to the church office by this date.

Reminder: Board Chairmen are responsible for submitting items for the Light. Thanks!

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 9:00 "Precepts" Bible Study 9:30 Work It Out	<i>2</i> 7:00 Adult Book Study 7:00 HSKYD	<i>3</i> 9:30 Work It Out 6:00 Trinity Bible Study 6:45 HSKYD	<i>4</i> 10:00 Solon Charity 7:30 Choir	<i>5</i> 9:30 Work It Out	<i>6</i> 9:00 HSKYD 10:00 Trinity Choir 12:00 Sameepya 1:30 Shri Dance
<i>7</i> 10:30 Worship/Sun School 11:30 Benevolence 1:00 Trinity 3:30 SAI	<i>8</i> 9:00 "Precepts" Bible Study 9:30 Work It Out 7:00 Deacons 7:00 Trustees	<i>9</i> 7:00 Adult Book Study 7:00 HSKYD	<i>10</i> 9:30 Work It Out 6:00 Trinity Bible Study 6:45 HSKYD	<i>11</i> 10:00 Solon Charity 7:30 Choir Cantata Practice	<i>12</i> 9:30 Work It Out 6:00 Trinity Men's Ministry	<i>13</i> 9:00 HSKYD 10:00 Trinity Choir 12:00 Sameepya 1:30 Shri Dance 7:00 HUBS
<i>14</i> 10:30 Worship/Sunday School Cantata Bainbridge UCC 1:00 Trinity 3:30 SAI	<i>15</i> 9:00 "Precepts" Bible Study 9:30 Work It Out 6:30 Christian Ed.	<i>16</i> 7:00 Adult Book Study 7:00 HSKYD	<i>17</i> 9:30 Work It Out 6:00 Trinity Bible Study 6:45 HSKYD	<i>18</i> 10:00 Solon Charity 7:30 Choir	<i>19</i> 9:30 Work It Out	<i>20</i> 9:00 HSKYD 10:00 Trinity Choir 12:00 Sameepya 1:30 Shri Dance 3:00 CLC / Sanctuary Rental
<i>21</i> 10:30 Worship/Cantata SCC Sunday School 1:00 Trinity 3:30 SAI	<i>22</i> 9:00 "Precepts" Bible Study 9:30 Work It Out 7:00 Council	<i>23</i> 7:00 Adult Book Study 7:00 HSKYD	<i>24</i> 9:30 Work It Out 6:00 Trinity Bible Study 6:45 HSKYD Light Deadline	<i>25</i> 10:00 Solon Charity 7:30 Choir	<i>26</i> 9:30 Work It Out	<i>27</i> 8:00 Food Bank 9:00 HSKYD 10:00 Trinity Choir 12:00 Sameepya 1:30 Shri Dance 7:00 HUBS
<i>28</i> 10:30 Worship/Sunday School 1:00 Trinity 2:00 Trinity CLC 3:30 SAI	<i>29</i> 9:00 "Precepts" Bible Study 9:30 Work It Out 6:30 Trinity Women's Ministry	<i>30</i> 7:00 HSKYD	<i>31</i> 9:30 Work It Out 6:00 Trinity Bible Study 6:45 HSKYD			

