

# NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

## *Palm Sunday 2022*

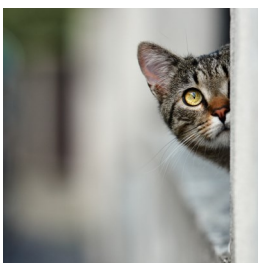
### THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF THE CAT!

Congratulations to the 42 members who completed Holy Cow's Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT). That is a terrific amount of participation, and it is greatly appreciated. Holy Cow is compiling information from the 21-question survey, and will report to NCCC's Board on:

- The level of satisfaction and energy in the church.
- Critical success factors for improving the organizational climate.
- The direction you would like to see NCCC take in the future.

That report will be delivered in May.

Once again, we appreciate the input and time you gave to help us as we move forward in the post-COVID-Lockdown world.



### SOUP'S ON

This is the final Sunday for the Lenten Super Six food collection challenge. Sunday please bring canned soup, the sixth item on the list of food the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank says they always need.

Last week, we collected beef stew for the foodbank. The stew (along with the large bottle of cooking oil someone donated) weighed 50 pounds, which translates to 42 meals. Meanwhile the number of donations we've set aside to dedicate during Easter service has also grown. Most significantly, there are now two 6-lb. cans of green beans on the table. And, if you look closely, you can spot the tuna fish mixed in with last week's beef stew. So, if you would like to add to the collection, please do.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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APRIL 10, 2022

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# Holy Week Schedule



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Last year around this time, we were still taking precautions and keeping our distance from one another. This year, you'll be able to receive your palm leaf from a person, instead of a plucking one out of a bucket. Maybe your mind will even drift a little, back to years gone by when you folded your palm into a cross, or weaved it between your fingers as you listened to the sermon.

This year, **Palm Sunday (April 10)** gets to be Palm Sunday, and we get to prepare for **Easter Sunday (April 17)** services. And, while some of our friends are gone, we will get to celebrate part of this Holy Week with different friends maybe even new friends in our sanctuary.

On **Thursday evening, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will have our Maundy Thursday Communion Service, commemorating the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. And, the service will include soloist Austin Galindo.



**Friday, April 15, at 12:00— noon**, we will host a Good Friday Service with our friends at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Both of these services will be held in our sanctuary.

Then, on **Easter Sunday** morning you have the chance to gather with friends to fellowship and enjoy a wonderful Easter breakfast. The continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. Then we will celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, together in the sanctuary at 10:30.

There's a lot happening in the life of our church, and we hope that you will participate with us.

## SIGN UP

There's a lot going on, and we want to be able to prepare.

If you plan to attend the breakfast on Easter Sunday, please let us know. It is not mandatory to bring a dish, so do not let that keep you from taking advantage of this opportunity to fellowship.

There is also a sign-up sheet for AAIC's 13th Annual Hunger Walk. The walk is set for May 1st. We are asking that you sign up by April 24th. That will give organizers enough time to know how they will need to prepare for the reception that follows the walk.



# LENT

Fast + Pray + Give



## *Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast April 17, 2022 – 9:30-10:15*

If you plan to attend, please sign up on one of the sheets on the lobby table, and indicate how many in your party plan to attend and if you plan to bring a dish. Volunteers are needed to bring: orange juice, coffee cakes, fruit salads (2), muffins/scones, and deviled eggs. Not everyone needs to bring food. If you are bringing food, please have it here by 9:15. (Freewill offering)

## **EASTER SET UP**

We will set up for Easter Breakfast April 15, 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. You can drop off items before Good Friday service, which starts at noon, or Saturday (4/16) at 11:00 a.m. when we are setting up the flowers. If you are bringing items Easter morning, please have them at the church by 9:15.

## **GARDEN CLEAN-UP**

Three members of Westminster helped rake out the garden on April 3. From left to right, Sam's father, Margo Works (Youth Ministry Leader at Westminster), Bev Cinovec (our master gardener), and Sam.



## **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

Thursday, March 31, six members took time for fellowship at IRIE Jamaican Kitchen at 837 W. Market St. in Highland Village. This was a “preparation party” for the event Ken and Nancy Williams are planning at their home in August.



To learn about or help plan the next fellowship opportunity, join the Fellowship Committee Wednesday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m., at the church. (Note: This is a change from the normal time.) Some items that will be discussed include:

- A middle of May ladies' lunch at Seiberling Nature Realm (BYOL)
- A possible play at Porthouse Theater in June
- A Caribbean party August 27 at the Williams' house.



# Making a Difference

## AROUND THE WORLD



### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

#### UKRAINE RESPONSE

Currently, PDA is primarily supporting Ukrainian refugees, who have crossed borders, with food, hygiene items, potable water, baby supplies, first aid, psychosocial support and more.

We are working with Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, Friends of Community of St. Egidio, International Orthodox Christian Charities and, through ACT Alliance: Hungarian Interchurch Aid and Lutheran World Federation. Our partners work alongside regionally and locally based congregations and agencies in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Romania. They are preparing for this crisis to require a long-term response, so the needs will change over time.

requested by our partners. Europe has plenty of supplies available.

#### What's most needed right now?

Financial gifts, advocacy and prayer. Here is a short video that demonstrates how financial gifts allow us to meet the needs quickly: <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/video-not-just-a-dollar/>



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

YOU SHALL BE CALLED  
**REPAIRERS**  
*of the BREACH*

— Isaiah 58



PROVIDING RELIEF FROM  
NATURAL DISASTERS,  
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY,  
AND SUPPORT FOR THE  
POOR AND OPPRESSED.



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During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with "those who have least" — and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about. People who experience oppression, need, loss, or lack, those are the people Jesus connected with, the Bible says, and they are the people we are invited to connect

with today.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to OGHS helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through-

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**



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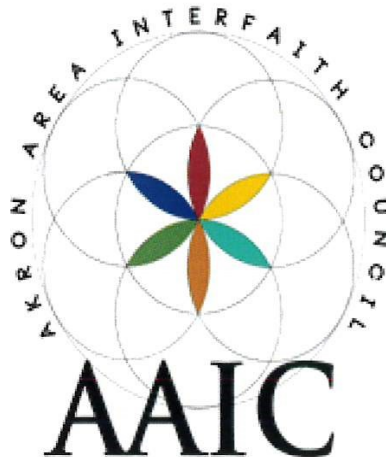
Once again, here is the list of the food-bank's Super Six:

- 1) boxed cereal
- 2) peanut butter
- 3) canned tuna
- 4) canned vegetables
- 5) canned beef stew
- 6) canned soup.

Note: Acme Fresh Market has canned vegetables on sale this week for \$.44/can.

## Easter Flowers

Sunday is the last day to make a donation and dedicate Easter flowers to a loved one. We have purchased 4 daffodils and 4 tulips (all 6 inch) and 3 lilies. The cost is \$10 for daffodils and tulips and probably \$12-15 for each lily. Reesá will design a dedication page for the flowers, which will be in the Easter bulletin. Please note the dedication on the memo line of your check, or on the offering envelope.



13<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Akron Area Interfaith  
Council

**Hunger Walk**  
Sunday, May 1, 2022  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Akron  
3300 Morewood Road  
Fairlawn, Ohio 44333

100% of all donations go directly  
to

**The Akron Canton  
Regional Food Bank**



Registration: 2:00 pm      Walk begins at 3:00 pm  
Make checks out to AAIC Hunger Walk

ways to DONATE:

DROP OFF monetary donations on Sunday, May 1, 2022  
MAIL CHECKS payable to AAIC Hunger Walk to  
3300 Morewood Road  
Akron, Ohio 44333

DONATE ONLINE at <http://www.akroninterfaith.org/hungerwalk>