

1Corinthians 13:4-8

LOVE

Love is patient,
love is kind.
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It does not dishonor others,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.

Love never fails.

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey, you are welcome here.*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

February 9 11:00am

USHER Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Dave Hunt

February 16 11:00am

USHER Sirius Hunt
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Joyce Coy

February 23 11:00am

USHER Dave Hunt
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Sirius Hunt

March 1 11:00am

USHER Howard Ross
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Renea Starkey-Hunt

March 8 11:00am

USHER Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Dave Hunt

March 15 11:00am

USHER Sirius Hunt
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Joyce Coy

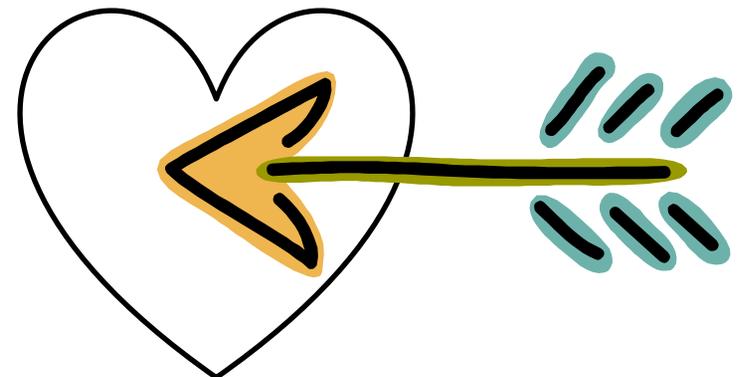
The Arrow and the Song

BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

We would like to have a Maundy Thursday service this year with a potluck dinner. Maundy Thursday The church will provide beverages and meat, we ask that if you are interested please contact the office with how many and what you would like to bring. We will eat at 4 with a short service after in the social hall.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

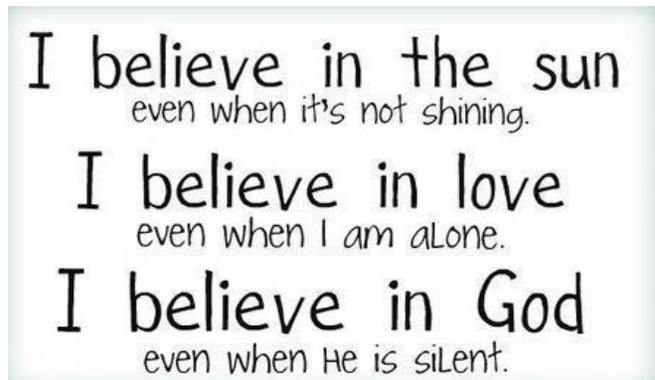
We are looking forward to a new year of collaborating with the local community of faith! Sister Chiara has asked us to host the Lamp Ministry Easter dinner **March 28**.

We are also looking forward to working with the Harmonium Project and take part in the Festival of Churches in **May**.

We will update these programs as we get closer.

CHURCH INTERIOR RENOVATION

Church council has approved major work in the sanctuary and throughout the building--plastering and painting. This has resulted from water damage over the years. Hopefully all the water leaks have been remedied by the work we had done on the building last summer. This work will commence shortly. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We may have to move to the chapel for a Sunday or two.



I believe in the sun
even when it's not shining.
I believe in love
even when I am alone.
I believe in God
even when He is silent.

Pastor's Pen

A professor stood before his Philosophy class had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar, shaking the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with "Yes". The professor then produced two Pepsi's from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand.

The students laughed. "Now" said the professor "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things- your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions- and if everything was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter- like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first", he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your life and your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness, spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take your spouse out for a romantic dinner. There is always time to clean the house. Take

care of the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Pepsi represented. The Professor smiled and said, " I'm glad you asked. The Pepsi just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem there's always room for a couple of Pepsi's with a friend." Unknown Author.

This Valentine's Day please remember as we count the many blessings God has given us let's give thanks by not wasting them. Take care of each other, honor each other and don't take each other for granted. Our friends, our spouses, our parents, our children, our grandparents and our church are all a gifts from God. Let's show thanks and give thanks this Valentine's Day.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

Rev. Walter Coy



UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

If you haven't checked out our website, take a look!

www.zionuccsteubenville.com

God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Mary Hoover, Bill Bertram, Janet Davis, John Rhueff, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Barb Mottice, Al & Elaine Panyi, BethAnn Postlewait, Pat Loyszczyk, Vern McCamic

➤ If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

PASTOR COY CELL PHONE

If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy his cell number is **330-301-0551**. Pastor Coy's office hours are **Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9am-3pm**.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting will be **March 1, 2020, after worship**.

LENTEN LUNCH

We were hoping to have a full Lenten lunch season but due to the upcoming surgery of office manager, Renea Starkey-Hunt we don't think it will be possible. We are hoping to have two Wednesday lunches in April. We will keep you updated!