

VOICE of REDEEMER

February 2012 Newsletter

RLC is NEWS

Nurtured and
Empowered to
Witness and
Serve



Sunday Learning

Youth and Adults 9:00 AM

Preschool and Elementary 10:15 AM

(except 1st Sun.)

First Sunday Learning Event 11:15 AM

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Com. Garden Applications Available

Sunday, February 12

Wii Winter Evening Games

Saturday, February 18, 6:00 PM

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 19

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 22, 7 PM

Lent Wednesday Soup Supper

February 29, 6 PM

Lent Wednesday Worship

February 29, 7 PM

Pick up your March

Voice of Redeemer Newsletter

Sunday, February 26



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02/01 Gracie D
 02/03 Arlene M
 02/05 McKenzie W
 02/07 Gladys M
 02/07 Terri S
 02/11 Alan W
 02/11 Vicki K
 02/12 Marilyn B
 02/14 Katherine S
 02/14 Jamie M
 02/14 Brittany C
 02/14 Amber H
 02/17 Jim B
 02/18 Paula B
 02/20 Shirley B
 02/21 Shirley H
 02/23 Josh B
 02/27 Jane K
 02/28 Dorothy W



Birthdays
 this Month

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Andy Ostromek	Helen Weber
Zita Oakley	Norma Ploplis
Dick Stetina	John Meier (Sr.)
Ernie Miller	Alene Benarth
Edgar Smith	Shirley (Stetina) Haloua
Steve Firstenberg	Dino Rinaldi
Edgar Benarth	Leo Oblak
Kyle Ratliff	Rev. Elaine Styblo-Young
Joseph	Carol Jennings
Vicki Goodrich	Jennie Vavro
Lois Oliver	Cory Phillips
Prayer of Thanksgiving from Jonelle Rolan	
Family of Nancy Stone	
Family of Rev. Peter Hughes	
Family of Amy Sobolewski	
Family of Robin Cuban	

02/04 Raymond M
 02/04 Ian R
 02/19 Alene B
 02/22 Jamie M
 02/22 Dennis M
 02/22 William C
 02/22 Nevaeh M
 02/24 Maryrose B



**Baptism
 Anniversaries**

Prayer requests may be called into the office during business hours or to the prayer chain co-chairs Mary Jean Howell or Jane Claycomb.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Joseph Hutka
 Ruth Paduch
 Robert Urbansky
 Wajke Ristmae
 Dick Stetina
 Marge Tampuson
 Helen Weber
 Dorothy Zimmerman



The shut-ins always appreciate personal notes, telephone calls or visits.

If any are missing or incorrect, please notify the church office secretary.

MILITARY PERSONNEL Please keep the following in your prayers and we ask you to remember our leaders and all those in the armed forces in your prayers.

Gary Arnold	Christopher Todd
Tim Sansbury, Jr.	Vincent Cassese
Justin Clark	Jeff Mason
David Palmer	Chris R. Kreidler

Mark Weinschreider
Please tell the RLC Office if the status of any of these military personnel has changed and keep their addresses up to date.

OFFICAL ACTS

January 10 – Funeral for Nancy Stone

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FROM THE PASTOR

INVITE continues as our Faith Practice focus for February along with the faith practice, **WORSHIP**. To practice **INVITE** and **WORSHIP**, *RLC Natural Church Development Health Team* encourages you to **pray** for others and invite them to experience THE Redeemer at RLC. Special focus is placed on our young RLC Families with an invitation to the Wii Winter Games.

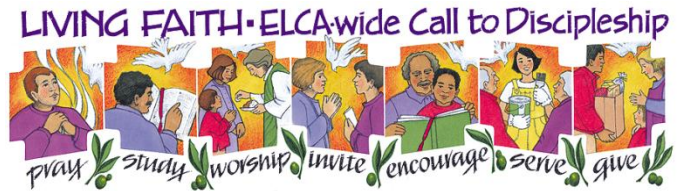
You Shall Love the Lord Your God is our Midweek Lenten Series this year. In Mark 12, a scribe comes to ask Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answers, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength'" (Mark 12: 28-30). Jesus responds to the scribe's question with words from the *Shema*, the passage from Deuteronomy 6 that is recited daily by many of the Jewish faith. These words form a covenant between God and God's people and show us a way to respond to this God who so extravagantly loves us through the cross.

The first week of this series sets the stage with the *Shema* from Deuteronomy and the encounter between Jesus and the scribe in Mark 12. The following weeks center on how we can love the Lord our God with all our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength.

This year, all the Lent Wednesday services will be in the RLC Worship Center. After Ash Wednesday, we will use the *WOV Service of Word and Prayer* as we have in the last two years. The opening dialogue, response following the reflection, prayers and blessing are based on passages from a variety of Old Testament scriptures.

Enlightening Epiphany and a Lively Lent to you,
Pastor Mike

RLC COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANNING begins January 29 after the service with a meeting in the lounge. Please come to the meeting or volunteer to RLC Stewardship Chair, Karen Parker, if you are interested. The following items are on the agenda: Review of garden guidelines followed by public request for gardener applications (due March 1?). Then gardeners need to be selected from amongst applicants, followed by organizational meeting of gardeners (April 1?) to plan for garden set up.



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Wii WINTER GAMES NIGHT

Join us for Wii Winter Games Night, Saturday February 18, 6pm-9pm in RLC Fellowship Hall. A Wii console will be available for play, as well as board and card games. Activities will be available for younger children in the Nursery. Come and reconnect with friends and escape Cleveland cabin fever. A sign up poster will be in the Narthex. Appetizer and dessert donations, temporary loans of games, and extra Wii controllers are welcome. Beverages will be provided. Wii look forward to your fellowship.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, February 22, 7:00P.M. in the RLC Worship Center, will include confession and forgiveness, imposition of ashes and Communion. Be part of the Lenten Journey.

LENT COIN FOLDERS will be available on the table in the narthex. The recipient of this offering has not yet been designated.

LENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP continues February 29 at 7:00P.M. in the RLC Worship Center. *Please note the location.* See Pastor's article for details.

LENT WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS will begin on February 29 at 6:00P.M. in the RLC Lounge. *Please note the location.* A sign up poster for soup makers and bakers is available in the narthex.



JANUARY 2012 CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Treasurer--operating budget in the black \$1,892.86. There was one large gift to the church and a refund

from health insurance that helped the final balance.

Pastor Oakley---December was busy with many hospital visits.

Stewardship -- Making plans for Community Garden start up meeting--details later; Benevolence gifts are down--focus on what services benevolence supports; Paper recycling income \$138 in November, \$93 in December. Four Christmas baskets distributed.

Evangelism - 02/18/12 6pm-9pm--date for the WII Winter Games night. Volunteers to help, and donations of appetizers/desserts will be sought.

Public Relations-- AARP is offering a driver refresher course--congregation to be advised in the bulletin to determine if there is interest in this event.

Parish Ed-- there has been positive feedback about the "SPARK" magazine sent to families of young children.

Resource and Management--Organ was repaired--cost \$589.50. Audit of 2011 nearly completed, and audit summary to be included in 2011 annual report.

Worship--See New Business. Soup Suppers start 02/29/12.

President. Thanks to those who helped with the funeral of Nancy S.

Unfinished Business: Spirit of Joy contribution from Advent folders \$125.

New Business: 2012 Christmas Eve service schedule to be discussed at annual meeting. If committees are seeking funding for a community outreach programs--contact Donna B. for application for a Thrivent funding grant. Adam O. repaired/reconfigured the office secretary's computer. A gift of recognition for work performed was approved.

Complete minutes of RLC Council Meetings are posted on the lounge bulletin board. Committee reports, often written, are on file in the office. All are welcome at RLC Council Meetings.

RLC ANNUAL MEETING was held on Sunday, January 22. Meeting called to order 12:04pm after a wonderful potluck lunch; 23 members attended. Written reports from all officers, chairpersons, committees and guest organizations were presented; copies are available.

Pastor Oakley noted concern that attendance figures have further decreased. However, through *Natural Church Development*, new methods of inviting attendance are being planned.

The year-end balance in the RLC Operating Fund was \$1800, thanks to generous year-end offering and health care insurance premium rebate.

New Business: There has been a decrease in benevolence giving by members. RLC's offering is sent to the NE OH Synod office; that office retains 50% for operating expense and the other 50% is sent to our church wide ELCA office. RLC's proposed \$7,000 is used by the offices to determine their annual budget. A motion was passed to decrease the Redeemer 2012 benevolence budget by \$1,000 to be \$6,000.

The following were elected: 2013 Nominating Committee - Jane Claycomb, Cindy Osadczuk, and Linda Riedel; Endowment Fund Committee - Carol Worgull and David Osadczuk; Church Council: President - Donna Behrend, Secretary - Rose Kreidler, Stewardship - Karen Parker, Worship - Connie Halas; there was no candidate for Public Relations, Council will address the vacancy.

There was a discussion of the scheduling of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Further investigation will be done prior to any final recommendation for the 2012 Christmas service schedule.

2011 ANNUAL REPORTS are available on the library table.

COUNCIL LEADERS

President - Donna M. Behrend - 2014

Vice President - Scott Kreidler - 2013

Secretary - Rose Kreidler - 2014

Evangelism Committee - Jan Korman - 2013

Education Committee - Mark Clark - 2013

Public Relations Committee - vacant - 2014

Resource & Management Committee -

George D. Behrend - 2013

Stewardship Committee - Karen Parker - 2014

Worship Committee - Connie Halas - 2014

Treasurer - Diann Long - (appointed)

Financial Secretary - Cindy Osadczuk - (appointed)

Nominating Committee for 2013:

Jane Claycomb, Linda Riedel and Cindy Osadczuk

Endowment Committee

2015 - Dave Osadczuk, Chair

2015 - Carol Worgull 2013 - Jan Korman

2013 - George Behrend 2014 - Robert Konery

RLC PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON

NEEDED. RLC Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 22. RLC Church Council positions for 2012 have been filled with the exception of the Public Relations Chairperson. This chairperson works closely with the RLC office to publicize worship services, and special events to RLC members and the Brook Park Community; much of the work is done electronically. We sincerely thank John Meier for his

service in this very important task for the last term – we will greatly miss him! Please contact Donna Behrend or Pastor Oakley if you have any questions, or are interested in serving your Redeemer family in this position.

RLC COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Redeemer Lutheran Church has ten community garden plots, approximate size 15' x 20', on the church grounds. RLC Members, neighbors of RLC, Brook Park Residents and Brook Park service organizations are invited to apply for a plot. Application forms will soon be available at www.RLCBP.com or by calling the RLC Office, 216.676.5173.

Please see the application for its due date. Garden plots will be assigned by early March; gardeners hopefully can begin preparing their plots in early April. While gardeners will have complete use of their own harvest, they will be encouraged to share a portion of their harvest with our area food banks.

The goals of the RLC Community Garden are to:

1. Supply fresh produce to Redeemer Lutheran Church (RLC) Food Pantry and Brook Park Food Pantries
2. Model healthy living practices: healthy foods, exercise, social interaction.
3. Model good stewardship practices: productive land use and storm water management.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED by all committees. Please volunteer to the committee chair included in the RLC Council list.

RLC NEWS LINE RLC Council has agreed to use the RLC Facebook Page to communicate urgent news, both good and bad. If you have a Facebook account, simply “like” *Redeemer Lutheran Church Brook Park OH*. News will be posted to the RLCBP Facebook account. Emails will also be sent out. We will also be calling those who signed up for phone messages. If you have news you would like distributed, email redeemerchurch@rlcbp.com or call the church office at 216-676-5173.

DELIVER A NEWSLETTER TO A FELLOW MEMBER OF RLC. Since USPS is no longer delivering it for us, we have an opportunity to visit our fellow members who don't pick up their newsletter on the last Sunday of the month. If you would like to deliver a newsletter, there is a sign out poster next to the newsletter file. What a great way to let our fellow members know that we miss them.

RLC SUNDAY SCHOOL with Youth and Adult Class at 9:00AM using *Wired Word*.

Preschool and Elementary Class is at 10:15A.M. Teachers are always welcome for *Live B.I.G.* Volunteer to RLC Education Committee Chair, Mark Clark. “Believe in God, believe also in me.” —John 14:1 Living B.I.G.



COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES

will be on Saturdays, February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Fifth Graders or older and a parent are welcome to attend these classes on Saturdays at 11:00A.M. Baptized participants will have the opportunity for first Communion on Easter Sunday. If you have not been contacted by February 19 and are interested in attending classes, please call Pastor Oakley.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM RLC has the opportunity to host an AARP Driver Safety Program. This is classroom only sessions and there are no tests. The course covers topics such as defensive driving techniques, how to adjust to age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time, and how to minimize distractions. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. If you are interested in this program and would like more information, contact an RLC council member.

THE ST. OLAF COLLEGE CHOIR, Northfield MN, will be performing on Tuesday, February 7, 7:30PM at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 4423 Pearl Rd, Cleveland. Tickets are available at www.stolaftickets.com or 800.363.5487. For details, pick up a flyer in the narthex. St. Olaf is a college of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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AUDIO TAPES of the RLC Worship Service are always available to borrow. Please talk to Ken Long if you would like to borrow a tape.



RECYCLING

Our most recent checks from River Valley for November and December were \$64.04 and \$93.20 for 11,310 pounds of paper and cardboard. Yes, we averaged

\$31/ton with the new company. Please continue to save your paper and bring it in to the River Valley bins. Thank you.

Items accepted in the recycling containers: newspapers, mail, phonebooks, office and school paper, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, cereal boxes and other food boxes, (without wax, metal or foil inserts, and especially no food waste), spiral notebooks are accepted and the metal binding can be left on, brown core from paper towel and toilet paper rolls; shredded paper may stay in the plastic bags.

Items not accepted in the recycling containers: any type of plastic (bottles or bags), Styrofoam, glass, metal, trash and aluminum; milk cartons and paper towels are not accepted because of the danger of contamination.

Please keep recycling and asking friends and neighbors. We have increased our volume and now have a second bin. Let's keep up the great job of recycling!

Karen Parker, RLC Stewardship Chair

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MONDAY MORNING 11AM BIBLE STUDY all welcome.

RLC YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Watch weekly worship pamphlets for scheduled planning meetings.



NEED A RIDE?

Need a driver to transport you to RLC Worship? Council is investigating transportation options for you. Call or email the church office if you are interested so we can plan accordingly.

In the meantime, if you can **provide a ride**, please contact me. *Jan Korman, RLC Evangelism Chair*

DO YOU HAVE NEW NEIGHBORS? Invite them to worship our Redeemer with you or let the RLC Evangelism Committee know about them so we can invite them.

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FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHEDULE

February 26– Volunteers
March 25 – Choir
April 22 – Church Council
May 20 – Volunteers

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Thanks to everyone who participated in the LMM Men's Shelter Project.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

ALTAR FLOWERS may be purchased by signing up on the poster next to the Lounge Bulletin Board. Details are available on the poster. Many

dates are available. The cost is \$16.00 and checks are made payable to the *Redeemer Lutheran Church*. Please note *Flowers* on the memo line.

The Altar Guild quietly ensures that the Altar for our weekly service is prepared for worship ahead of time. See Diann Long for more information or attend the next Altar Guild meeting.



REDEEMER CHOIR invites you to join us for practice on Wednesdays at 7P.M.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU Redeemer Family for your thoughtfulness received in forms of gifts this Christmas Season. They all have been enjoyed. My family wishes all a very healthy blessed new year! *Kathy Walker*

THANKS to the whole congregation for the generous Christmas Gift. Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel. *Pastor Mike*

HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS

Former Outreach Worker, Kevin Lindamood, named President CEO of *Health Care for the Homeless*. BALTIMORE -The Board of Directors of *Health Care for the Homeless* has selected Kevin Lindamood to succeed the retiring Jeff Singer as the fourth Chief Executive Officer of the 26-year old service and advocacy organization.

The unanimous Board decision follows a deliberative search process involving many qualified internal and external candidates. "The Board has absolute confidence that Kevin is the right person with the right experience, dedication, and vision to engage the community in our work to end homelessness and to lead the agency into a future of innovation," said HCH Board Chair Linda Jones, partner at the Baltimore law firm Gallagher Evelius & Jones LLP.

Lindamood first joined *Health Care for the Homeless* in 1993 as a volunteer outreach worker, connecting vulnerable individuals with health care and supportive services. After receiving a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan, Lindamood returned to Baltimore in 1999 as a case manager and would later serve as Health Policy Organizer, Community Relations Coordinator, Director of Public Affairs, and most recently, Vice President for External Affairs. He led the successful campaign to preserve HCH's Westside clinic; integrated and quadrupled the agency's public policy, development, and public benefits capacity; and oversaw the political and fundraising processes which resulted in HCH's new location at 421 Fallsway.

Well known for his advocacy and leadership, Lindamood chairs the State's Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee, participates on the Policy Committee of the United Way of Central Maryland, and serves on the Boards of Directors for Baltimore Health Care Access, the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council. Lindamood has taught social planning and health policy at the University of Maryland School of Social Work and graduated with the 2011 class of the GBC LEADERSHIP.

"I leave *Health Care for the Homeless* in extremely capable hands," said Singer. "Kevin and I have collaborated over the past 18 years. His energy, enthusiasm, and experience will serve the agency remarkably well. The search process produced the right result."

"I am honored by the Board's confidence, humbled at the thought of succeeding Jeff Singer, and confident in our collective ability to meet the challenges of health reform and end the homelessness of vulnerable individuals and families," said Lindamood. "Everyone deserves to go home."

Health Care for the Homeless provides health-related services, education, and advocacy to reduce the incidence and burdens of homelessness. As Maryland's leading provider of comprehensive health services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, HCH delivers pediatric, adolescent, and adult medical and dental care; mental health and addiction services; social work; outreach; and access to housing and employment for thousands of Marylanders each year. For more information, visit www.hchmd.org or con-tact Adam Schneider, Community Relations Coordinator at aschneider@hchmd.org or 410-215-8319.

Kevin is the son of the late Rev. Chuck Lindamood and grandson of RLC Member, Virginia Lindamood.

HIGHLIGHTS

See the **Lounge Bulletin Board** for information about more community and church wide events.

RLC ON FACEBOOK! Get together on the RLC Facebook Page. Find it at *Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brook Park OH*. When you get there, **LIKE** it!

COMMUNITY MEALS are being served at the Church of the Brethren, 16845 Holland Road, Brook Park from 4-7 pm on Saturdays February 11th, May 19th, July 21st and September 8th. Watch VoR and RLC worship pamphlet for donations and volunteer opportunities.



**FEBRUARY 2012
SUNDAY SERVERS**

ASSISTING MINISTERS Karen Rieker

5 – Mark Clark
12 – Jane Kaufman
19 – Dave Osadcuk
22 – Ash Wednesday – Dave Osadcuk
26 – Scott Kreidler

ACOLYTES

5 – Volunteers
12 – Volunteers
19 – Volunteers
26 – Volunteers

GREETERS Scott Kreidler

5 – Dan & Shirley Kish
12 – Bill & Pat McIntosh
19 – Ron & Gladys Miller
26 – Katy Murphy

ALTAR CARE Diann Long

Geri Shaffer & Ann Cassese

NURSERY CARE Scott Kreidler

During worship a nursery is available where preschool children can stretch.

REMINDER: If you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please contact your chairperson, try to find a replacement and let the church office know when there is a change.

FOOD COLLECTION

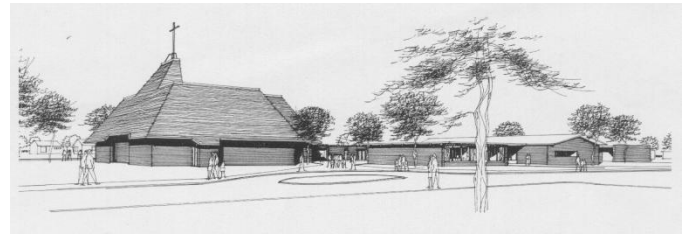
Stewardship

Karen Parker

Items needed for our food pantry:

cereal	soup
rice	pasta & sauce
crackers	noodles
Jell-O/pudding	canned fruit
cleaning supplies	paper products

Please check the expiration dates on the products you donate to ensure freshness.



Office hours: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Monday - Friday

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Pastor: The Rev. Michael D. Oakley
Friday is Pastor's day off.

**VOICE OF REDEEMER NEWSLETTER
DELIVERY**

Save a tree, save some of your offering, and save the USPS the trouble of processing and delivering your *Voice of Redeemer* (VoR) newsletter at the non-profit fourth class mail rate. By RLC Council decision, we are using the following forms of VoR delivery:

1. You may pick up your VoR from the narthex on the last Sunday of the month,
2. receive it as an attachment by private email or
3. view it at www.RLCBP.com.

Homebound RLC Members, without email access, may request first class mailing of the VoR.

Save a tree, save some of your offering! **Email your request for the electronic *Voice of Redeemer* newsletter to redemerschurch@RLCBP.com as soon as possible.** Your email address will not be shared.

If you would like to have your VoR mailed to you first class, please contribute \$10 to "VoR" at RLC.

FEBRUARY 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ukrainian Congregation Saturdays – 7:00 PM Sundays – 10:15 AM and 6:00 PM AA NASA – Wednesdays 8:00 PM Recovery – Thursdays 8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 474 - Mondays 6:30PM H.S. Polish School – Fridays 5:30 PM Kristi's Kids Child Care – 216.265.0764			1 6:00 PM Resource & Management Com 7:00 PM Choir	2 <i>The Presentation of Our Lord</i>	3 1:00 PM Marriage of Donald Leahy & Tina Lindo	4
5 5 th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 AM Adult & Youth Learning 10:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Pre & Elementary Learning 11:15 AM Education Committee (No First Sunday Learning Event)	6 11:00 AM Bible Study	7 7:00 PM Worship Committee	8 7:00 PM Choir	9 6:00 PM Stewardship, Evangelism and Public Relations Com 6:30 PM Church Council	10	11 4-7 PM Community Meal at Church of the Brethren
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26 1 st Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Adult & Youth Learning 10:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Pre & Elementary Learning 11:15 AM Fellowship Pick up your copy of the March <i>Voice of Redeemer</i> Newsletter	27 11:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM NCD Health Team	28	29 <i>Leap Day</i> 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 8:00 PM Choir	March Saturdays – Communion Preparation for Fifth Graders Wednesdays – Soup Supper and Lent Worship		6151 Smith Rd Brook Park OH 44142 216.676.5171 www.RLCBP.com