

Annual Meeting 2024

--Thank you to Jeff Gilbert, Donald Paynter and Daryl Galbreath for their dedicated service on the church council. Welcome to Deb Huber, Sharon Sabatine and Adrian Maillet who were approved to join council at the annual meeting!

--Council meetings will be moving to the 4th Sunday immediately following the service in the Covenant House. All members of Christ Hamilton are welcome to attend. Visitors who want to address a specific issue will have an allotted time to share their ideas/concerns with council at the beginning of the meeting. Council meetings will end promptly at noon.

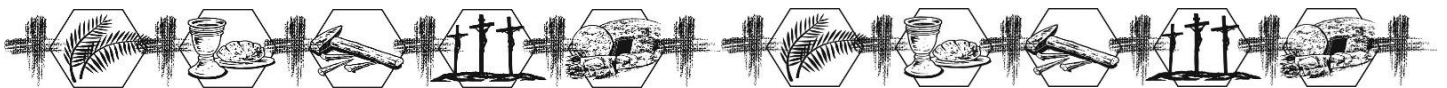
--Council members for 2024 are: Pastor Steve Claycomb, Brian Powers, Craig Cassidy, Denise DeVivo, Deb Huber, Sharon Sabatine, Adrian Maillet, Laura Young, Beth Ross, Chris Bittenbender and Logan Potochnick.

Stephen Ministry Updates

Stephen Ministry has been very active last fall as well as through the Holidays and into 2024. Our Stephen Ministry elves baked and served a smashing variety of cookies for our Dec. 3rd coffee hour. The Christmas party was held December 4th for Stephen Ministers and their families. About 20 joined us in celebrating Christmas and fellowship and celebrated the event playing games and enjoying a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Stephen Ministry continues with prayers at the rail after the church service for anyone wishing for private prayer. Stephen Ministry offered a Greif Share program last fall at Christ Hamilton. This program is offered to anyone journeying through grief and provides those who participate with a forum to share their journey with others in a Christ centered compassionate environment. Grief Share is facilitated by Debbie Kolb and Kevinn Kramer

Training for new Stephen Ministers is in progress. Stephen Ministry is proud to have Brian Powers, Cathy Peechatka, Vicky Francis, Suzanne LaBar and Paula Hallock joining the Stephen Ministry team.



Easter & Holy Week Schedule 2024

Free Community Meal

February 18th from 4:30 to 5:30pm

Pancakes and Sausage Dinner

NO TAKE-OUT THIS MONTH

NO MEAL IN March

NEXT MEAL: April 21, 4:30-5:30

Palm Sunday Service, March 24 at 9am

Maundy Thursday Service, March 28 at 7pm

Good Friday Service, March 29 at 7pm

Easter Dawn Service, March 31 at 6:30am
(This service will be outside, weather permitting)

Easter Day Service, March 31 at 9am

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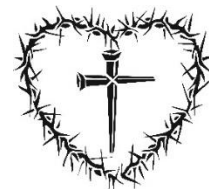
Lent 2024



Season of Lent Begins



Ash Wednesday Service February 14th at 7pm in the Lighthouse



Lenten Soup Dinners Wednesdays at 6pm: Feb. 21, 28 & March 6, 13 & 20

Lenten "Holden Evening Prayer" service Wednesdays following the meal at 6:45pm in the Lighthouse

Lenten Children's activities Wednesdays after the meal 6:45 led by Mrs. Kolb & Ms. Liz

27-Hour Famine

The 30 Hour Famine will be held on Feb. 17-18th starting at 12 p.m. with pizza and ending with our community meal of pancakes and sausage. All funds will benefit Street to Feet ministry. Youth, please let Liz Marshall know if you are coming by next Sunday as we have reserved tubing spots and bowling lanes. Cost is \$30. Bring a case of water, a baked good for the community meal, a flashlight with your name on it, tubing apparel, and overnight stuff. Talk to Pastor Steve if you have any questions. Bring some friends!

Tricky Tray, White Elephant – whatever you want to call it – in the lobby of the Lighthouse are various items to be auctioned off. Grab a ticket or 10 or 20 (\$1) from a youth outside the serving area, write your name and lot # on the item you are interested in. All proceeds go toward the 30-hour famine's beneficiary – Street to Feet.

UPDATE FROM THE VISION TEAM AT CHRIST HAMILTON

On January 14 the Vision Team hosted the third congregational gathering – The Experiential Gathering. The purpose of the gathering was to encourage our members to reflect on the positive impact that the church (not necessarily Christ Hamilton) has had on their lives.

During the service that morning Don Paynter shared in the message the strong impact that the church has had on his entire family. Steve Metzgar shared his experiences of church during the children's message. At our gathering there was a lot of discussion at the individual tables about the role of the church in our members' lives. Many of our members wrote down specific events that were particularly meaningful to them, and then shared them with the entire group. They were also encouraged to identify programs that impacted them.

We heard many stories that day of love, service, and generosity, all of which demonstrated the value and importance of a faith community. The role of the Vision Team is to sort through all the information and data that our church family has shared with us, and to create guiding statements, which consist of a vision, mission and core values that will guide the congregation in their future strategic and missional development. This may take some time to formulate, but we will keep the congregation aware of our progress.

The Vision Team is very grateful for the participation and honest sharing of our church family during all three of the Congregational Gatherings.