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# PCC NOW

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF CHRIST-CLEVELAND

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## 3 things to know about Lent

Lent? Ash Wednesday? Ashes? Blessed oil? What do these terms mean? Read on to discover the meaning and significance behind different aspects of the Lenten season.

### 1.LENT

Lent is a period in the Christian Church's liturgical year, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on various dates, depending on the denomination. Lent is traditionally a 40-day period from Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023) to Holy Saturday (April 8, 2023), which excludes the six Sundays in this period. 'Forty' has biblical roots in the lives of Moses, Elijah, Noah, Jonah, the Hebrew people, and when Jesus fasted forty days in the desert. Christians observe this period with fasting, praying, and the giving of alms. This season culminates with the hallelujah praises on Ressurrection Sunday - Easter. Purple is the color of the altar covering.

### 2.ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes are prepoared by burning the palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. Ashes are typically placed on a believer's head in the sign of a cross, as the outward expression of the beginning of a sacred season. As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday marks a time of sobriety, humility, and repentance. Ashes, in historical biblical situations, have expressed grief. When ashes are applied to a believer's forehead, one of two expressions are often used: "Repent and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

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### 3.BLESSED OIL

Blessed Oil is based on the Holy Anointing Oil mentioned throughout the Bible. PCC has prepared Blessed Oil for decades on the Monday before Ash Wednesday. It is only prepared by the priests of the house. This oil is for ordinations, consecrations, sanctifications, and healings. It becomes a symbol of the Holy Spirit and the power of God. As this year's oil was prepared, we prayed and asked God to bless the anointing oil and that it be used for His glory. We believe by faith that God will heal, deliver, lead and guide. May you be blessed and made whole as you pray and anoint with this Holy Oil.

## 4 Ways to Give Back This Lent

During this Lenten season, Bishop Hanna has called the members of PCC to give back. While it is customary to recognize how Jesus' sacrifice and ultimate death impacts our lives today by giving something up during this time, it is important to remember how much He gave to us with His life and to pay that sacrifice forward. Here are some ideas of ways to give back this Lent:

- Join PCC's Evangelism team:
  - 2nd and 4th Fridays, meet to pack snack bags at PCC starting at 5:15 then caravan to 2100 Lakeside to first serve at the Men's Shelter, then caravan to the Women's Shelter around the corner
- Donate:
  - Donate shoes to PCC's Shoe Drive
  - Donate clothes to places such as The Salvation Army or The Red Cross, Foster Care programs, Refugee Organizations, Sober Living Houses, and Domestic Violence Shelters. Donate gently used books/toys/games to children's shelters and daycares
- Practice Empathy:
  - Find a struggling friend or family member and ask what they need (within reason), in addition to prayer. Thank someone: leave flowers on someone's doorstep, make friendly conversation with the grocery store clerk, tell your barista at Starbucks how much her/his care to getting your drink order correct means to you
- Volunteer:
  - Research local nonprofit organizations in your community that offer services you are passionate about and ask where you can use your skills to help their cause. Or, visit local schools or prisons to find outreach programs.

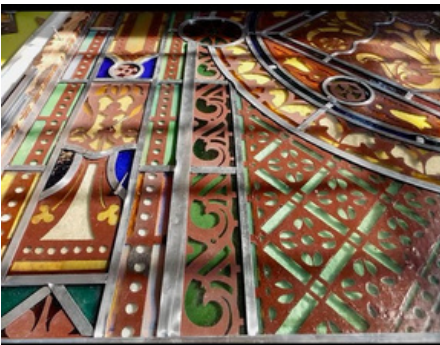
There are so many other ways to get involved and give back this Lent – what will you choose? Email Carissa Mavec at [cnmavec@gmail.com](mailto:cnmavec@gmail.com) with your Lenten stories to be featured in the April edition of our Newsletter!



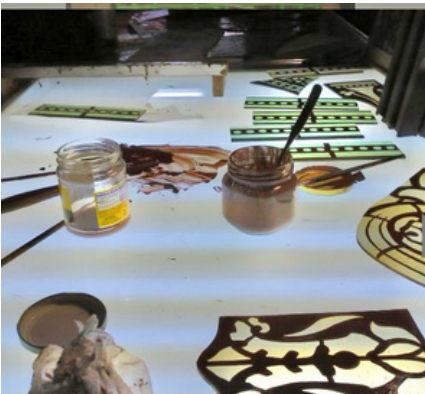
# Stepping Back in Our History: The Story of the Stained Glass Pt. 3



During the five-year restoration of our windows, the scaffolding was set up, square window sections were removed, and painted plywood was placed into the spaces where glass was removed. Huge glass panels were then taken to a studio and each section was taken apart.



Broken pieces were cut and paint colors were mixed to match the exact color of the original. The paint was then applied to the new section of glass to match the pattern and design of the original. Firing the glass bonded the paint to the glass.



Then, each section was laid out on a table and new coming (lead) was placed between each small piece, and the entire panel was then bonded.



After approximately a month, the repaired glass panel was reinstalled, and the next set of square panels were removed to repeat the process.



# The Chest and The Need

During offering times, the Chest is opened. All money dropped into the chest are used in restoration projects in the temple. In March, planning for large scale updates and restoration will be prioritized. The money in the Restoration Fund make these plans a reality. Every donation matters. Every donation adds up.



**The total collected for November:** \$1,270.00

**The total collected for December:** \$1,376.26

**The total collected for January:** \$3,630.36 (\$1,515.15 from the Shoe Drive)

**The total collected for February:** \$2,223.83

As seen above, the Chest giving is increasing every month. Since the Chest collections have started in November, \$8,500.45 has been donated. Thank You! Declare and Decree that Pentecostal Church of Christ will continue the restoration of God's Temple.

## SHOE DRIVE

Pentecostal Church of Church has been collecting shoes for years. From 2015 to 2022, the church has been reimbursed \$7,766.05 for its collections. This represents roughly 20,000 pounds (10 tons) of shoes that did not reach landfills. These shoes, instead, were shipped to Miami and then transported to third world countries. There, family businesses sold the shoes as income.

The Pentecostal Church of Christ Shoe Drives have accomplished a few goals.

- We provide a product to help families lift themselves out of poverty.
- We have kept 10 tons of shoe waste out of landfills.
- We have raised badly needed funds for church restoration.



Since our last shipment, the shoe drive at PCC has collected another 241 pairs of shoes. Please continue to bring in footwear for men, women, boys, and girls. Donations can be brought to the Mezzanine-level for procession. Thank you.



# TEMPLE OBSERVATIONS

Upcoming Events and Important Announcements- March 2023



## NOW HIRING A CUSTODIAN

Pentecostal Church of Christ is looking for a custodian. If you are interested in applying for this position, please go to the church website to apply. You can also call the office at (216) 721-5934 with questions.



## PCC NEXT GEN: MONTHLY YOUTH TALK

The first PCC youth and young adult discussion group (ages 13+) will be on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Please see Youth Pastor Devaros Burks or Sister Brianna Smith to sign up and get more information.



## WOMEN OF GRACE MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Ladies,  
Friday, March 17 at 7 p.m. will be our next Women of GRACE fellowship. This month's focus in Financial Freedom for Women: "Securing My Present While Planning My Future." Please don't forget your journal exercise: "What is your experience with faith and finance?"

[MORE EVENTS -->](#)

# TEMPLE OBSERVATIONS (CONT.)

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## MEN OF VALOR FELLOWSHIP

Calling all men of PCC,

Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10 a.m. will be the next meeting/fellowship for the Men of Valor in the lower auditorium.



## MOTHER'S BOARD MEETING

The Mother's Board meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in the Hall of Pastors.



## PCC NEXT GEN: CHILDREN'S CHURCH

On Sunday, March 26, the children's ministry will be in service in the lower auditorium for our children ages 3 to 13 during Morning Worship.



## LIKE AND FOLLOW PCC ON FACEBOOK

Don't forget to check out the PCC Facebook Page! You can go to [pcccleveland.org](http://pcccleveland.org) and click on the Facebook icon; or you can go to Facebook and type Pentecostal Church of Christ Cleveland. Like the page and follow PCC today! And, check out the PCC Next Gen Facebook page for PCC Youth Ministry updates.





## 7 Reflective Scriptures for the Lenten Season

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

**~1 Peter 5:6 KJV**

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

**~Lamentations 4:25**

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

**~Isaiah 30:18**

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

**~Pslam 27:14**

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**~Isaiah 40:31**

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me.

**~Micah 7:7**

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**~Matthews 6:33**

## Prayer Corner

Sister Clarice Craig-Mavec

**God, please forgive me of my wrongdoings and selfish ways.**

**I mess up time and time again; yet, You still love me!**

**Thank You for Your constant presence and undeserved grace.**

**Create in me a clean heart and willingness to be obedient to You.**

**In Jesus' name,  
Amen.**



# Business Corner

At Pentecostal Church of Christ, there are members with businesses in a variety of fields as well as business professionals that can help build professional connections. Whether simply spreading the word, giving a financial contribution, or any other method of support, we encourage you to do so in any way that you are able. Here are a few businesses that we'd like to highlight:

**Pampered Chef- Rumae Watkins-Clark**

Independent Consultant

Phone: 216.256.3610

Email: roomawe@gmail.com

**ACN- Lila Starr Gordon**

Residential & Business Services

Phone: 216.401.9783

Email: lilasgordon1@gmail.com

**Be Your Own Bank- Lila Starr Gordon**

The greatest economic empowerment in the world.

Phone: 216.401.9783

Email: lilasgordon1@gmail.com

**Now U See iT- Dante Alston**

Marketing, Branding, Consulting

Phone: 440.552.8346

Email: nowiseeit23@gmail.com

**USANA- Darran Blount**

National Supplements & Skincare Products

Phone: 216.339.1407

Website: <http://2610690.usana.com/>

**Primerica- Barbara Jackson**

Insurance, Investment, & Financial Services

Phone: 216.397. 3144

Email: bjackson.xlsa5@primerica.com

**Torre Says- Torre Escott**

Home-buying made simple

Phone: 216.200.6930

Website: [torre\\_says.com](http://torre_says.com)

**Mary Kay- Josephine Redrick**

Independent Beauty Consultant

Phone: 216.406.5488

Email: redrickjojo@gmail.com

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Style Consultant; Homemade salts & body butter

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Website: [www.diaryofqueenesther.com](http://www.diaryofqueenesther.com)

**Care After Pandemic Virus Resources LLC-**

**Danita C. Craven-Davis**

CPR & First Aid Training

Phone: 216.609.5630

Email: dirtyred07@icloud.com

**American National- Regina Lewis**

Auto, Home, Life, Business Insurance

Phone: 216.253.4879

Email: [regina.lewis@american-national.com](mailto:regina.lewis@american-national.com)

## PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

Do you have a small business that you'd like highlighted?

Contact Brianna Smith ([brianna.smith2696@gmail.com](mailto:brianna.smith2696@gmail.com)) or Carissa Mavec ([cnmavec@gmail.com](mailto:cnmavec@gmail.com)) to be included in next month's issue.



# PCC NEXT GEN: ACTIVITY PAGES

*Looking for an activity to keep your little one busy during church, but still learn God's word? Have them complete the following educational activities.*

## OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE BOOKS

Solve the Puzzle and work out the names of the books in the bible  
below



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## NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE BOOKS

Fill in the Blanks in the Bible Book Names



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\_ A \_ K

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J \_ \_ E

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# PCC NEXT GEN: ACTIVITY PAGES

Looking for an activity to keep your little one busy during church, but still learn God's word? Have them complete the following educational activities.

## Ten Commandments

Cut out the missing words and place them in the correct boxes to complete the commandments.

1. You shall have no other  before Me.
2. You shall not make .
3. You shall not take the  of the LORD your God in .
4. Remember the  day, to keep it .
5.  your  and your mother.
6. You shall not  adultery.
6. You shall not .
8. You shall not .
9. You shall not  false  against your .
10. You shall not .

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# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Wishing a special happy  
birthday to all of those  
celebrating throughout the  
month of March.**

*Have a birthday you'd like us to highlight? Please  
contact the church office or see Sister Brianna Smith.*



## Our Weekly Calendar

# Watch & Worship

Sundays at 10 AM



# WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

Starts at 7 PM



## GIVING OPTIONS

**GIVE ONLINE:** [PCCCLEVELAND.ORG](http://PCCCLEVELAND.ORG)

**GIVE BY MAIL:** 10515 CHESTER AVE.  
CLEVELAND, OH 44106

**TEXT TO GIVE:** 216-208-6880

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## Weekly Prayer Times

Monday Evenings- 7PM  
Wednesday Mornings- 7AM  
1st Saturday of each month- 12PM

Conference Call Number  
516-597-9820

For more information, contact:  
Sister Phorfina Wade (Call Moderator),  
Elder Dyna Richardson (Prayer Lead  
Scheduler), or Overseer Dennis Grant.

## Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings - 7PM  
Saints are able to return to the sanctuary.  
There is also a virtual streaming for those  
unable to attend in-person.

## Music Ministry Rehearsal

Thursday Evenings - 7PM  
We are asking for those who are  
interested in participating with the music  
ministry to join in for weekly rehearsals.  
We are hoping to rebuild the choir and  
praise team to enrich our worship  
experience on Sunday mornings.

## The Doorkeepers Ministry

Every first Saturday morning - 9:30AM  
For those who are interested in joining  
the Usher's Board, you may speak to  
Sister Sonia Stinson.