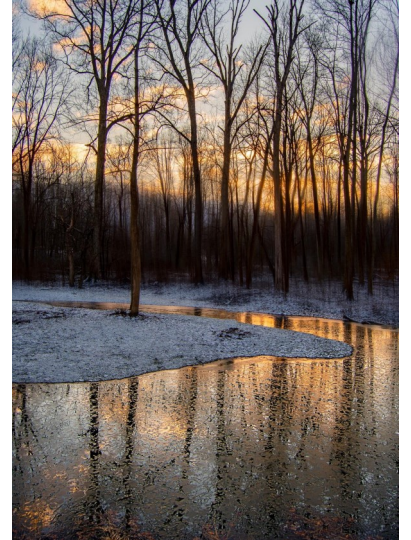


## Community Coordinator's Corner

~ by Terri Blanken



A time of new growth surrounds us as we put away our Winter clothes and look forward to new adventures outside our cozy homes. After two years of COVID and the current environment in Ukraine, for a moment I hope that we can feel the sun on our faces and appreciate the blessings we have.

Even though illness and suffering are never far away, I hope that each of us find moments of peace and joy whenever possible to sustain us for the journey. My 'zen' moments are when I visit my five new chicks and take care of my greenhouse plants awaiting new vegetables and flowers. This year, I also started growing Portabella mushrooms. Of course, I could go to the store to buy all of these things and spend a lot less money than on my projects. But somehow, it reminds me of a time that I imagine was less complicated and hectic. Getting in touch with nature quiets my soul.

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**After all, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul."  
~ Psalm 23**

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Kevin and Linda Murnane

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Our Lenten journey, preparing us spiritually for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Savior, continues. Like farmers and gardeners, we've taken the steps to be ready to plant for a bountiful harvest in our spiritual lives. Depending upon many different factors, some have begun to plant their seeds and some have plants sprouting through the ground. Hopefully this is true both for the gardener and farmer, and in our spiritual life.

In March, Linda attended a meeting at which she heard a compelling presentation by Julia Olson, Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel for "Our Children's Trust" <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/>. In addition to that work, Linda has been working to assist Afghan women judges, interpreters and those who supported the U.S. during our nation's 20-year engagement there in relocating and settling in other countries. Many of these individuals have been targeted for execution and have been labeled as traitors in their home country. When the fighting began in Ukraine, Linda became engaged in work related to the needs of the refugees there. As she focused on this work, she told me that the song that runs through her head is "Here at the Table of Plenty."

She told me that song is embedded in her head as she sits at the computer or on the phone during the day or in the middle of the night, because it eloquently encapsulates what's going on in our spiritual lives right now.

*"Come to the feast of heaven and earth  
Come to the table of plenty  
God will provide for all that we need  
Here at the table of plenty"*

(from Table of Plenty by Dan Schutte)

Linda said she can't quit singing this particular song because it reminds her of God's love for us and God's promises.

We approach the Eucharist of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, already having a seat at the "Table of Plenty." Jesus has borne the pain of betrayal by Judas; been denied by Peter three times; endured the scourging and merciless beatings; seen His mother's pain at His suffering; and ultimately surrendered His very life. But that isn't the end! Just as Jesus had promised, on the third day, Jesus rises from the grave and in so doing, opens the opportunity for all of us to join in His Resurrection—now and forever.

Like many of you, our family's celebration of Easter involved gathering at my grandmother's house transforming a 4x8 sheet of plywood into a table top to accommodate the crowd which is always present when you are one of ten children in a farming family. Easter was always a feast! There was ham and mashed potatoes, and green beans, and beef, and sweet potatoes with marshmallows, and vegetable salad, and jello salad, and ambrosia, and I can't even remember all the rest.

And yet, even while we are blessed with elegant sufficiency here in the Miami Valley, we have neighbors living in food deserts where it is impossible to access healthy foods. They too deserve a place at the Table of Plenty.

Jesus told us to "love thy neighbor as thyself." As one measure to help bring our neighbors to the Table of Plenty, we applied for funds through the Marianist Endowment Fund to support two local community farms that aid in providing healthy foods in the greater Dayton area food deserts. The grant request was to assist urban farming efforts at Homefull (Montgomery County) and Simon Kenton Bridges of Hope (Greene County).

Originally called The Other Place, Homefull was founded in 1988 by Sister Dorothy Kammerer, CSP, and other committed volunteers as the community's response to needing another place for homeless to go during the day. After changing its name to Homefull in 2010, the organization has grown significantly and takes a comprehensive approach to addressing poverty in general, which is the root cause of

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homelessness. For more information, see the related article in this issue or their web page at <https://www.homefull.org/>.

Simon Kenton Bridges of Hope is owned by a group of Greene County churches and is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Bridges of Hope works to transform lives and give hope by breaking the cycles of poverty, homelessness, and addiction. Having moved into the old Simon Kenton Elementary School building, Bridges of Hope provides an emergency overnight homeless shelter and sustains a garden with which they feed the homeless and share with other service ministries in the community. For more information, see the related article in this issue or their web page at <https://www.skbridgesofhope.org/>.

While we have not yet heard whether we will benefit from the grant for a third year, you can help now with your time or your treasure. Each organization has many opportunities for us to work with them in helping solve the Miami Valley food deserts. Each of these organizations has provided an article which is included below and on the following pages. I thank the authors for sharing the information about their work. I ask you to read these articles and decide if you and your family are able to find a way to assist in their work providing fresh food for our neighbors with less. Even if these two urban farms are not the right tool for you to assist, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our hope is that you will find a way to bring our sisters, and our brothers, along with us to the Table of Plenty.

One final thought. Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. In the past, QAC has recognized Earth Day with an event or observance of some type on a particular day. Within the philosophy of the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative and Pope Francis' Laudato Si, I suggest that this year, QAC's recognition of Earth Day be a growing season-long observance through assisting with any urban garden helping to fight food insecurity. A few gardens have articles in this issue of the Spirit, there are others, such as Mission of Mary Cooperative (<https://www.missionofmary.org/>). This doesn't sentence you to stooping to either plant, harvest or pull weeds! They each also need other things – like customers for their excess fresh produce from time to time.

**Garden at Simon Kenton  
Located at Bridges of Hope Shelter  
1087 W. 2nd St., Xenia, OH**



**Determined to feed the community and engage people in gardening for food.**

This 5-acre volunteer run garden is unique in that it is located on-site at the Simon Kenton Bridges of Hope Homeless Shelter in Xenia. Bridges Of Hope/Hub of Hope assists those experiencing homelessness, poverty and the consequences of addictive behavior ([skbridgesofhope.org](http://skbridgesofhope.org)). This is the only homeless shelter for adult men and women in Greene County. We serve a population located in an USDA Economic Research Service designated food desert. For reference, the population of Xenia is 27,000, the per capita income \$24,297; and 20% live in poverty. Greene County has a population of 168,900; per capita income \$36,386 and 9% live in poverty.

Produce grown in our garden is used for shelter meals, shared through the local food pantry, and is used at several restaurants and bakeries in town. We also offer "pay what you can" produce directly from the garden on Thursday evenings during the growing season.

This year we expect to enjoy our first significant harvest from our fruit trees. The apple, pear and peach trees were planted our first fall (Oct. 2018) and funded by donations.

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**Goals for the Garden 2022 (5th year):**

- Expand our volunteer base. Coming out of COVID, it's a great time to restart volunteering outside. We will continue our routine Thursday work night (5:00 PM until dark) and one Saturday a month. We encourage groups to plan time in the garden.
- Erect 2 Hoop houses and install watering system (Detailed below)
- Wednesday night farm market held in conjunction with One Bistro's community meal
- Expanding our opportunities and varieties to supply produce to a larger section of the community
- Install a pollinator garden
- Expand sales onsite and explore additional farm market possibilities
- Offer entry/re-entry jobs for our shelter guests and former guests

In cooperation with our partners, begin a learning hub for gardening skills, work habits and life skills. We currently partner with Central State on several projects, including a honeybee research project.

We have been approved for an Environmental Quality Incentives Program USDA grant for two 30' X 96' (6000 sq. ft.) high tunnel greenhouses. These grants are designed and funded to cover only 80% of typical project costs on a pre-prepped site. Unfortunately, at the time of submission, we could not have foreseen the economic effects of COVID or the subsequent inflation, and thus, prices have risen significantly since our application was submitted. Additionally, as a precaution against potential wind damage, we will construct hoop houses that are heavier gauge. As a precaution against the increased risk of vandalism in our urban environment versus a rural location, we are installing additional fencing and security measures. As a result, the grant that was awarded covers even less of our project's total costs. Therefore, we are seeking donations to cover this shortfall.

**Spring garden or garage cleaning on your list?**

As we are a volunteer garden funded mainly by donations and any sales of our excess produce, please keep us in mind as you clean up your garden beds or garage. We gladly accept plants that are in good condition or used garden tools:

- Perennial herbs and edible flowers
- Starts of berry plants
- Seeds & extra starter plants for transplanting (can't fit in your garden? We'll find space.)
- Tools - both hand and stand-up tools
- Plant support cages, straw
- Dream list: Donations toward installation of our watering system and/or gas cards for our tractor.

For more information, you can follow us on Facebook @GardensatSK (work times are listed as events), or contact us at [office@skbridgesofhope.org](mailto:office@skbridgesofhope.org) or the shelter's phone at 937-708-8053.





Homefull has a mission to work to end homelessness by providing housing, services, advocacy, and education. We create partnerships and solutions in the communities we serve in western Ohio to address the complex issues surrounding homelessness such as housing retention and stabilization, barriers to employment, and food insecurity. In

Montgomery County, over 20% of the population lives in a food desert where there is limited access to a variety of healthy foods. As a result, those in a food desert have higher rates of diet-related diseases. Homefull recognized the need for affordable, nutritious food which led to the creation of our Urban Agriculture Farm located at Main and Helena just north of downtown Dayton.

Homefull not only grows fresh produce on our Urban Agriculture Farm, but it also partners with other non-profits and neighborhoods to create urban growing spaces. These Urban Agriculture Farms provide jobs and affordable fruits and vegetables to those that live in the area.

In an effort to increase access, Homefull proudly operates the SNAP/EBT Exchange Center at the Five Rivers Metroparks 2nd Street Market in Dayton. As a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/EBT Exchange Center, Homefull staff offer customers the opportunity to use their nutrition benefits to shop with a variety of vendors to purchase fresh produce. Homefull also offers shoppers the ability to purchase locally grown vegetables from our own market stand. We also sell our produce at farmers' markets throughout our community. In 2020, Homefull launched our full-service Mobile Grocery. This innovative 42' truck expands and houses a full-service grocery store that features fresh, healthy produce and quality, staple grocery items such as meat, dairy, household items, and cleaning supplies. We are able to offer multiple incentive programs to help low-income customers stretch their buying dollars. One program is the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program which offers free fruits and vegetables to low-income seniors living in Montgomery, Greene, and 7 other counties in Southwest Ohio.

In the summer of 2022, Homefull will break ground on our 16-acre project that will expand food access in West Dayton by creating over 21,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor shopping by building a full-service grocery store, regional food hub, outdoor farmers' market, and large community garden. This development is designed to address the food desert in West Dayton and in partnership with Kettering Health and ZIKS Family Pharmacy, offer a healthy living community. The second phase of the project will be the construction of 144 affordable 1, 2, and 3-bedroom apartments and townhomes.

Homefull cannot do this alone, and we need volunteers and financial support to make this dream a reality. Please visit our website at [www.homefull.org](http://www.homefull.org) to become a volunteer or donate today!

Click on each of the icons below for additional information.

**Homefull Mobile Grocery**

**2022 Schedule**

<b>Monday</b>	1st & 3rd Monday of each month Omega Senior Life   1461 Cornell Drive Dayton 45406	10am - 12pm
	2nd & 4th Monday of each month Mt. Zion Baptist Church   1501 W. Third Street Dayton 45402	10am - 12pm
	Every Monday Lyons Place II   1300 Genesis Way Dayton 45417	2pm - 4pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Every Tuesday Sinclair College   1st in front of Building 14 Dayton 45402	9:30am - 11:30am
	Every Tuesday Kroc Center   1000 N. Keowee Street Dayton 45404	1pm - 3pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Closed for Special Events	
<b>Thursday</b>	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month Lyons Place II   Dayton VA, Building 415 Dayton 45428	1pm - 4pm
	2nd & 4th Thursday of each month Twin Towers Place   250 Allen Street Dayton 45410	1pm - 4pm
<b>Friday</b>	1st & 3rd Friday of each month Trotwood Church of the Brethren   208 E. Main Street Trotwood 45426	1pm - 4pm
	2nd and 4th Friday of each month MVCDC MET   2900 Shiloh Springs Road Trotwood 45426	1pm - 4pm
<b>Weekends</b>	Closed for Special Events	

**When is produce in season?**

MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT

Apple									
Asparagus									
Blackberries									
Blueberries									
Broccoli									
Cauliflower									
Carrots									
Cherries									
Corn									
Cucumbers									
Lettuces									
Onions									
Peas									
Pumpkins									
Potatoes									
Raspberries									
Rhubarb									
Spinach									
Strawberries									
Sweet Corn									
Tomatoes									
Watermelon									
Winter Squash									

Fresh fruits and vegetables add flavor and variety to meals and are key to a healthy diet!

Remember, honey and fresh, cut herbs are also eligible items.

**Over 60 Years of Age?**  
You can apply for Ohio's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

To apply in your area, contact  
**Homefull**  
HOUSING • FOOD • JOBS  
937-262-4618  
www.homefull.org

**SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET Nutrition Program**

A coupon program to help you buy Ohio-grown fresh vegetables, fruits, herbs and honey for a healthy you.

**Ohio Department of Aging**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. To file a Civil Rights discrimination complaint, call 1-866-632-9902 to request a form.

**Homefull Mobile Grocery**

**2022 Senior Grocery Program**

**Who?**

- Low-income senior citizens
- 55 years of age and older
- Residents of Montgomery County only

**What?**

- Eligible for \$100 in Grocery Gift Cards
  - 8 Gift Cards, first is \$25, second is \$15, the next 6 are \$10
  - Gift Cards will be distributed monthly
- Good for any product in the store
- Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Dairy, Dry Goods, Frozen, Household, Cleaning, etc

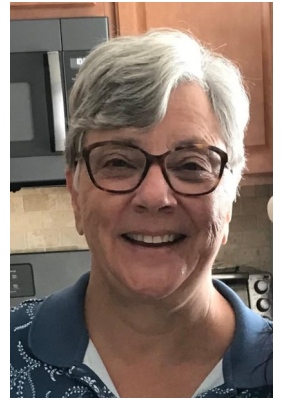
**How?**

- Apply in person at Homefull Mobile Grocery Stop or at a Senior Sign Up Event
- Please visit our host at the Welcome Table in front of the truck!
- Once enrolled in the program, participants must check in each visit with the host to receive their new gift card.
- While funding lasts.

Tyler Ackerman | (937) 262 - 4634

## SPRING INTO ACTION: INVEST IN OUR PLANET by Cathy Adler

Earth Day is coming up on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and this year the theme is to “Invest in Our Planet”, where businesses, governments and citizens together are encouraged to “preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods – a partnership for the planet.” “More than 1 billion people in 192 countries participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.” (earthday.org).



Here are a few of the present initiatives that are suggested to help reduce the effects of our carbon footprint. The first one is to **divest from unsustainable investments**. The University of Dayton has done this and has been an example for other Catholic colleges and universities to follow. The second is to **support eco-conscious brands and products**. Many stores, including big box stores, already have a lot of these products that are used in the home. Go to the Environmental Working Group to find many recommendations, including personal care products! ([EWG.org](http://EWG.org)).

**DO a household energy audit**; replace old bulbs with LED's, turn off lights and electronic devices when not in use, turn down the heat in winter and turn up the AC temperature in summer. **Go clean energy**, you can choose renewable energy to turn ON your lights too! Call your utility company to choose clean power - we did! Outside the home use motion-sensor solar lights, start a compost pile for your garden, and use solar panels for water heaters too. Mount Saint John will be installing solar panels to go to green energy within the next few years too. The costs to do so are becoming more affordable and the positive effects will be a step forward to helping our planet, the only home we have!

### 7 TIPS TO RECYCLE BETTER: (earthday.org) Fun facts to keep us on track!

- 1. No bags, like really, no bags!** Remember those green reusable QAC grocery bags? Use them again and go plastic bag free! Plastic bags are the number one contaminant in recycling loads! If you have any, drop them off at special bins in grocery stores and not your bin at the curb.
- 2. Small things are big problems.** Don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card (news to me too!) Like straws, bottle caps, coffee pods, paperclips, etc., as these are too small to be sorted and will jam recycling equipment. If you put the plastic cap back on a plastic bottle it becomes part of the size of the bottle! (now I get it!), and when plastics are grinded into pellets the different numbered weights can be easily separated afterwards.
- 3. Make sure it's clean, empty, and dry.** The container should be clean enough to use again. It will only take a minute to do so and it will save tons of recyclables from going to the landfill because they were dirty!
- 4. Combined materials are trash.** Unfortunately, items like plastic-coated coffee cups and laminated paper and other materials like bubble coated envelopes can't be separated, which means they are trash. Best bet is to avoid buying nonrecyclable materials that can't be separated.
- 5. Know your plastics.** Plastics are labeled by resin codes 1 through 7, with the higher numbers generally less recyclable. Most recycling centers will take number 1 and 2 without a problem. Check with your recyclables collector to find out which plastics you can put at your curbside.
- 6. Stop wishcycling.** A lot of people (and I am guilty of this too) wish that a certain material can be recycled, but sometimes it can't, but it ends up in the recycling bin anyways. If there's too much wrong stuff mixed into the recycling load the entire load could end up in the landfill. Stuff like clamshell plastic containers that fresh fruits and salads come in are an example.
- 7. Teach yourself.** Hit up your local recycling website and teach yourself what you need to know! And start with reducing the amount of waste you create. Remember the mantra: **REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE!**

Thanks for reading this and don't forget to recycle any paper copies of this!



## Ohio Death Penalty Awareness

*Submitted by Chris Sitko*

Many QAC members were privileged to meet and talk with Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* a few years ago. Reading and reflecting on her book and what the consistent ethic of life really means as a social justice and pro-life imperative, we became aware of the retributive nature of the death penalty and were convinced that continued violence is not the answer and that executions in our own state of Ohio should be abolished.

The Marianist Social Justice Collaborative (MSJC) Death Penalty Abolition and Restorative Justice Issue Team recently released a reflection by Sr. Grace Walle, F.M.I, called *From the Womb to the Tomb*. In her words: *The consistent ethic of life recognizes the interrelatedness of all threats to human life and teaches that all human life must be protected, however repugnant some lives may seem. For Catholics, being pro-life means protecting from womb to tomb. We support pro-life, pro-family, pro-environment, pro-poor, pro-justice, pro-peace, pro-wholeness and oppose structures and behaviors that discriminate or block access to or eliminate the essentials of human life.* She also writes: *The death penalty unjustly targets people of color, those with intellectual disability and mental illness; it affects those living in poverty and risks killing innocent life. We also support restorative practices that seek to repair harm through transformative encounters that model Jesus' reconciling way.*

Ohioans To Stop Executions (OTSE.org) gave this information:

Ohio has not carried out an execution in over two years. Throughout this moratorium there has been unprecedented bipartisan support in Ohio's legislature and among Ohio voters to repeal Ohio's death penalty (59%).

Individuals with serious mental health illness are exempt from receiving a death sentence (Gov DeWine signed into law House Bill 136 in January 2021). Conversations about the many irreparable problems with the death penalty include: arbitrary application based on geography and race, massive cost to taxpayers, lack of deterrence to violent crime, wrongful convictions and the growing number of murder victim family members who do not believe the death penalty helps them heal.

In February 2021, two identical death penalty repeal bills, Senate Bill 103 and House Bill 183 were introduced with bipartisan support. The momentum to repeal the death penalty in Ohio is at an all-time high, making Ohio the 24<sup>th</sup> state to put an end to capital punishment.

Please contact our lawmakers to support the repeal in Ohio. The MSJC website ([msjc.net](http://msjc.net)) as well as the Catholic Mobilizing Network ([catholicmobilizing.org](http://catholicmobilizing.org)) have information on contacting your elected official, letter writing help and prayers. Please consider putting faith into action especially during this Holy Season of Lent.



### LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

Have you recently moved, have a new phone number or email address? Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If yes, please send a notice to the office at [qacohio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:qacohio@sbcglobal.net) (or call, or send via snail mail) so we can keep you up-to-date on all the fantastic things happening at Queen of Apostles!

## *Morning Has Broken!*

*Calvary....the Cross upon the hill.  
A reminder of what has transpired here.  
Blood soaked ground.  
A flower springs forth from the earth  
At the foot of the Cross,  
Nourished by the blood of the Crucified One.*

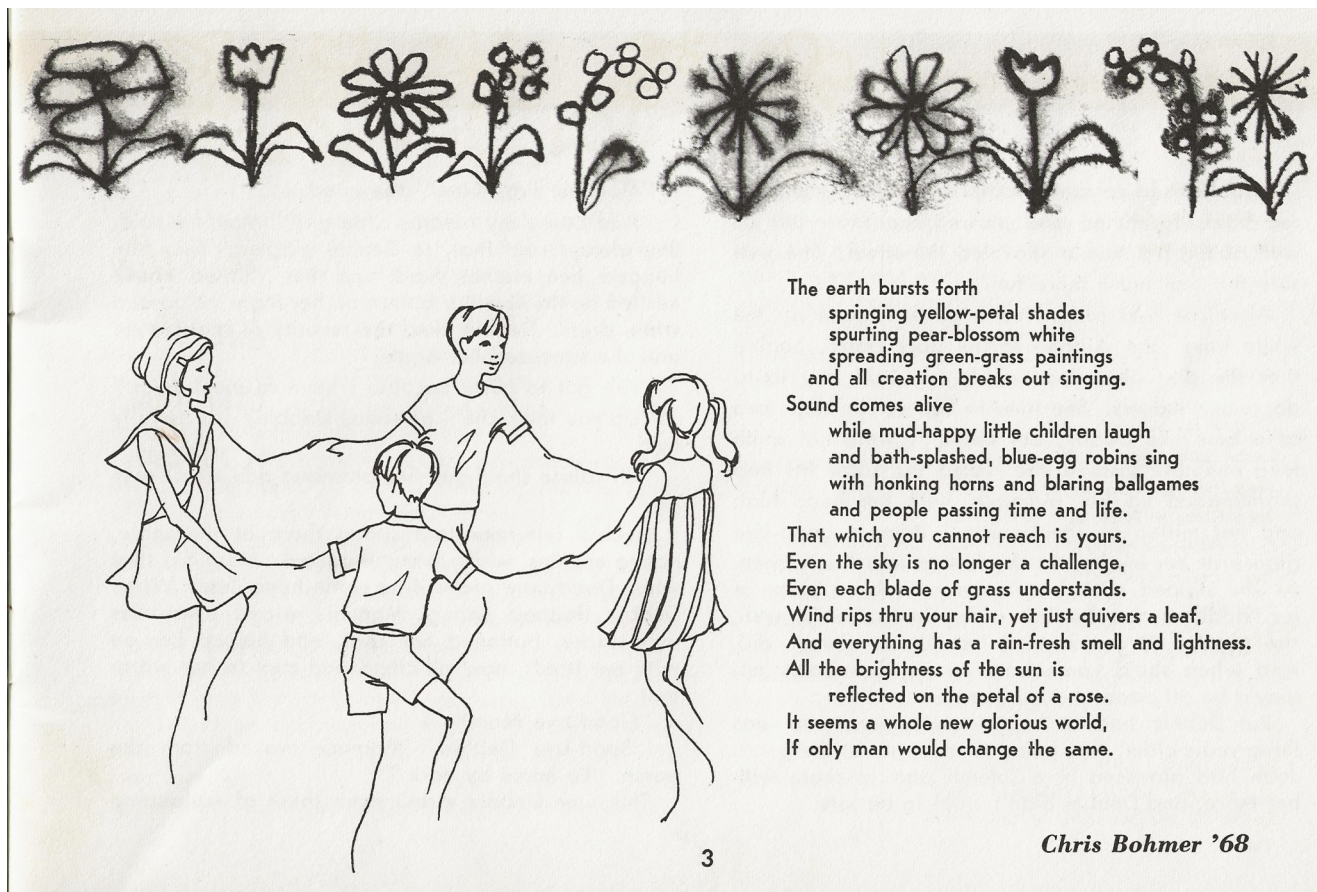
*Sunrise...the ground trembles.  
Within the darkness of the tomb—new Life.  
Blinding Light!  
And suddenly, all is still once more.  
The place where they laid Him—  
He is not there.*

*Risen! Christ is Risen!  
The Light of the World.  
Free from the grip of death.  
Morning has broken.  
Christ is Risen!  
The world is reborn.*

*Written by  
Deacon Greg Cecere - 1980*

## *The Earth Bursts Forth* by Chris Bohmer-Stewart

As I was searching through the bin of my daughters' old art and writing projects recently, I came across this old literary magazine from my high school days, just in time for Linda and Kevin's request for spring inspiration in *The Spirit*. A bit is dated - after all, it was written just after the age of the dinosaurs and before the electronic revolution. Life is faster paced now and who listens to ballgames on transistor radios while relaxing outside? The notes from nature still feel true, despite the scourge of climate change. Unfortunately, so does my last line about the state of humanity...Let us pray that mankind can burst forth in peace and love as does God's Earth.



The earth bursts forth  
springing yellow-petal shades  
spurting pear-blossom white  
spreading green-grass paintings  
and all creation breaks out singing.  
Sound comes alive  
while mud-happy little children laugh  
and bath-splashed, blue-egg robins sing  
with honking horns and blaring ballgames  
and people passing time and life.  
That which you cannot reach is yours.  
Even the sky is no longer a challenge,  
Even each blade of grass understands.  
Wind rips thru your hair, yet just quivers a leaf,  
And everything has a rain-fresh smell and lightness.  
All the brightness of the sun is  
reflected on the petal of a rose.  
It seems a whole new glorious world,  
If only man would change the same.

*Chris Bohmer '68*

**QAC STEWARDSHIP**  
*A Way of Life*

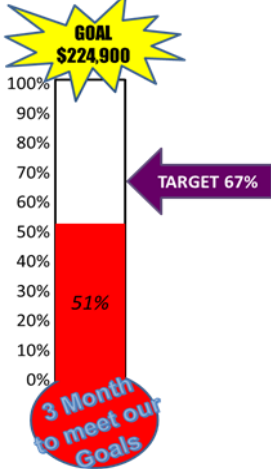
**Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!** On April 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Easter, and the Easter season continues for seven weeks, until the fires of Pentecost once again ignite our hearts in May. As

we enter this time of joy, remember that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a victory of life over death, light over darkness, and good over evil. Easter reveals to us the power of God which is the source of our faith and hope. Saying “yes” means responding joyfully to a new life.



*Kevin Skinner*

QAC Stewardship  
Treasure Pledges



The Easter Season is also a time where we delve more deeply into the mystery of our faith and a time to recommit ourselves to being Disciples of Christ. As Christian stewards, we should re-evaluate how our faith affects every aspect of our lives – how we work, how we play, the way we pray, how we use our gifts, where we spend our time, how we love, how we are compassionate to each other. Those who embrace stewardship are Easter people who live in the light of Christ’s resurrection. During this Easter season, consider the ways you can proclaim Christ’s victory as your own.

Happy Easter Season!

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*This scale shows our weekly offering (Sunday collections) and our planned budget (target) for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, which started July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember that 10% our weekly offering goes to our Social Justice Ministry. Thank you for your support!*

**QAC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 2022**

	Monthly	Year to Date	Year to Date (Budget)
Collections	\$ 9,652	\$114,914	\$ 149,933
Other Income	\$ 1,065	\$ 3,893	
Total Operating Income	\$ 10,717	\$118,807	
Operating Expense	\$ 18,434	\$129,238	
Income Expense	\$ (7,717)	\$ (10,431)	
Excluded Income		\$ 8,208	

Note: Excluded income and expenses are one-time items, not expected to repeat  
Thank you for your generosity!

*For those unable to attend Sunday Liturgy, please don't forget that we still need your financial support. Please mail in your weekly donations (address on front cover) or better yet, set up Online giving.*

*View the instructions to setting up online giving at*  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRMfgKncvhM&feature=youtu.be>



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# April Birthdays



## Happy Birthday to...

- 1 PATTI ROSNER
- 1 TERI SAND
- 4 JODY PARIS
- 5 EVELYN PARIS
- 5 FAITH TAKACS
- 6 MARILYN MCCRATE
- 6 LINDSEY WEISBECKER
- 8 SHARON HERBERT
- 8 MATT WEISBECKER
- 10 JONATHAN BOHRER
- 11 SYDNEY ATKINSON
- 11 KELLY BOHRER
- 14 MARIA RIVERA
- 15 ERIC GROFF
- 16 BEN BOCHENEK
- 17 PATRICIA ACKER
- 17 EMILY BOCHENEK
- 21 ELEANOR HALL
- 21 KENNETH MORAN
- 21 JERRY REICHARD
- 22 GABE PARIS
- 23 JOHN ANDREWS
- 24 MARY HALLINAN
- 28 STEPHANIE SEIBERT
- 28 PAUL WEISBECKER
- 29 LISA GALE-BERRY

Blessings to all those celebrating a Birthday this month!

Our prayers are offered on your birthday that God will bless you with infinite peace, love, prosperity and happiness.

Please let us know if we missed your birthday! And if we did, we sincerely apologize!



## Seniors' Corner by Chuck Bauer

There is an old Spring saying "April Showers Brings May Flowers." As I am writing this, on the first day of Spring (March 20<sup>th</sup>), my flowers are already blooming. I provided a few pictures that are shown on page 16 of this month's newsletter. I am just thankful and looking forward to an early Spring. Of course, the Washington technocrats are spreading glum and despair about global warming and how we have to stop all use of fossil fuels. I don't think the Amish farmer could plant a 1000-acre field with old Dobbin.

This last Thursday was a true prelude to Spring - sunny and in the mid-seventies. A group from QACers hit the golf course; and it is reported that they had a great time. Another, this writer included, partook in the Fairborn, *Rocking the Shamrock* with the Group Dulahan and green beer, soda bread, coffee and Irish creamer on the side. Also, a great time. My corned beef and cabbage turned out great.

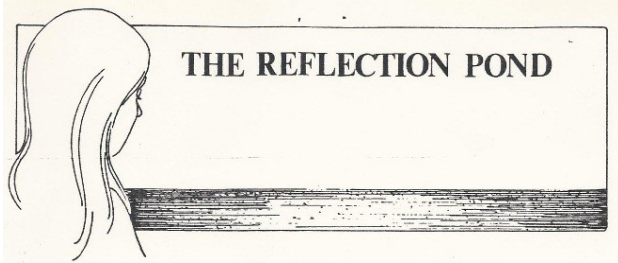
This year, how early is Spring? I have a perfect measuring stick. When Ruby and I got married (April 24<sup>th</sup>) my mother-in-law decorated the reception tables with Red Bud bows. Every year Ruby and I go for a drive to observe the blossoming Red Buds. Most of the time they are in good bloom on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This is my perfect barometer for an early or late spring. I will report next month on how it turns out.

Woolly Bear Caterpillar is forecasting a mild or harsh winter. Last Fall, I found two nearly all black Woolly Bear Caterpillars, which indicated a cold severe winter. I call it an average to slightly milder winter. My Red Buds are actually a real time observational measurement.

Looking forward to Spring: Keep Happy, Healthy and Strong!

Chuck

*P.S. If I can get some fish this year, we will have a summer fish fry.*



## *The Tree*

*by Steve Guilfoos*

*When I was younger  
Oh, how wonderful to be a tree  
With drops of rain I grew stronger  
And with the sun's warmth, my limbs grew longer  
When I was younger,  
I dreamt of how I would serve mankind  
Surely me keeper would have me be  
A boat to help catch the fish of the sea  
Or farm tools to grow their food  
Or a roof to protect from the weather's mood  
When I was younger,  
I grew tall and straight  
And fame would surely be my fate*

*But now I'm older and my time has come  
With saw and ax, my roots I'm separated from  
They have cut me down in pieces two not three  
And now they lay this stranger on top of me  
It's not the rain I feel, but his salty tears  
It's not the sun that warms, but his body near  
The their nails make us one  
And I feel the suffering of God's only Son*

*When I was younger,  
Oh who would have guessed my fate  
For the Lord has chosen me  
To say "Yes" on this holy date*



The Spring issue of ALIVE Magazine is now available. ALIVE magazine offers inspiring stories about the Marianists and their ministries, and is published three times each year. The Spring issue contains numerous articles, including one that shows how students at St. John Vianney in St Louis, along with others, pause at the end of their school day to recite the Three O'Clock Prayer, which is awe-inspiring. Another article introduces us to Brother Dennis Bautista, Director of Novices and Fr. Tim Eden, Assistant Director of Novices, who are part of the Dayton Novitiate Community. Click on the magazine to the left to read the online version. To subscribe to ALIVE Magazine or Family Online, the Marianist monthly newsletter, go to <https://www.marianist.com/subscribe>.



**BOB VOLK**  
 FEBRUARY 2, 1934  
 TO  
 FEBRUARY 27, 2022

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you who are reviled and insulted and persecuted and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”



**BOB FOUND HIS TRUE CALLING AS A CARETAKER FOR ELDERLY MEN  
 BOB IS A MAN WITH THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND A KIND SPIRIT**

**A WALK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, IN DAYTON**

The Walk for Peace and Justice starts at the Old Courthouse at Third and Main Streets at noon and ends at the river with 14 stops along the way. The walk is held rain or shine. Each year, 14 issues are chosen to correspond with the 14 Stations of the Cross. Participants reflect both on new and ongoing social justice issues such as racism, climate change, and access to health care.

The Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday is an ecumenical tradition in Dayton lasting about two hours and ending at the river by the First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument Street.

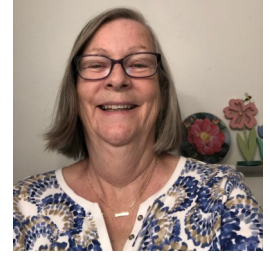
The walk is sponsored by nearly 30 churches, faith communities, and social justice organizations, which include the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office, the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative, Sisters of the Precious Blood, the UD Center for Social Concern and Greater Dayton Christian Connections.





## Easter Season New Life

by Meghann Naveau and Martie Holda



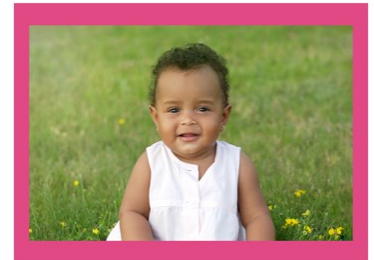
*As we celebrate spring and the promise of new life during the Easter season, join fellow QAC members in supporting two local resources for families: the Stork Nest Baby Pantry and Brigid's Path.*

### Brigid's Path

Brigid's Path is Ohio's first newborn recovery center. The organization helps women like Veronica, a new mom whose trauma-filled childhood evolved into an adulthood with violent relationships and substance use. After an unexpected pregnancy, she gave birth to a beautiful son and named him Joshua. Veronica deeply loved her new baby and wanted the absolute best for him. Along with that love, she also had deep feelings of anxiety, guilt and exhaustion.

Without a support system to help her through recovery, to help her find suitable housing, and to help provide her with reliable transportation, Veronica struggled to work through the steps she needed to achieve to keep custody of her son. Hope was hard to find, and she and Joshua remained mostly apart in the months that followed.

The team at Brigid's Path believes there is a better way to care for families than what Veronica and Joshua experienced – and they are building it. Together with community partners, lawmakers, religious organizations and lots of passionate individuals, they are making it possible to bridge the gaps in existing systems by building a new way.



### Items for Brigid's Path

- Paper Towels (rolls)
- Bottle Brushes
- Bottled Water
- Antibacterial Hand Soap
- 8 oz. Bottled Hand Sanitizer
- Aveeno Sensitive Baby Lotion
- Desitin Maximum Ointment (purple box)
- Dry Snacks (granola bars, chips, etc.)
- Sturdy paper plates
- Baby grooming sets
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Copy paper (any brand)
- Postage stamps
- RTA bus passes or tokens

### Stork Nest Baby Pantry

The Stork Nest Baby Pantry needs supplies to provide free to families throughout the Miami Valley. Mothers, fathers and grandparents seek these items.

The newest gal at the front window is Chanell. She is a delightful addition to the minimal staff at the Baby Pantry. All positions are part-time, with no benefits. They extend their skills from their hands and hearts to those seeking assistance for their little ones.

Kristina is the new Director of Operations. On her first day, she followed a phone call taken by Margie, the Executive Director, which explained how the program works to provide assistance and what documents are needed to start as a client. The mom on the call could not provide any, and she and her child were

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homeless. She was not turned away. Margie worked with her to care for the child.

It still brings Kristina to tears remembering that call, as she can imagine how scared the mother must have been for her child in trying to figure out how to meet her basic needs of food and clothing. Additional contacts were given for other resources for food and shelter.

Because of your generosity, that mom was given formula, bottles, diapers, clothing, blankets and many other items. Staff and volunteers interact with clients, make blankets, gather and organize donations.



By the numbers for 2021, here is the Baby Pantry impact:

- 14 baby showers for 81 expectant moms
- 23,673 diapers given
- 1,867 children served
- 14-72 is age range of custodial clients served
- Families from 13 different countries

We are the hands of Jesus Christ connecting the Baby Pantry to the hands of those in need. Blessed are the merciful. Thank you for your generosity.

**Items for Stork Nest Baby Pantry:**

- Enfamil baby formula, all varieties
- Diapers - Sizes newborn, 5 & 6
- Pull-Ups - Sizes 3/4 & 5/6
- Baby wipes
- Baby wash/shampoo & lotion \*
- Clothing & pajamas Size 2T - 5T
- Bibs, burp cloths, towels & washcloths \*
- Blankets-all sizes, even living room throws \*
- Gently used clothes accepted
- Lightweight jackets (all sizes)
- Socks & underwear for toddlers, sizes small & medium (not tiny ones)
- Sippy cups (the simpler, the better)\*

\*Often out of these items

Organizations like Brigid's Path and Stork Nest Baby Pantry make so much possible for families, showing them the love of Christ and providing support and hope for some of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

In this season of new life, please consider making a donation of needed items in the gathering space of the chapel; we'll collect items from after Easter until Pentecost. Bins will be available for each organization.

Contact Meghann Naveau ([meghann.naveau@gmail.com](mailto:meghann.naveau@gmail.com)) or Martie Holda (937-286-0218) with any questions or if you need help shopping. Thank you for your generosity!

*May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places  
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary*

*Marianist Doxology*



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***Donuts with the Easter Bunny,  
Easter Egg Hunt & More!***

***Join us on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>***

***at 10:00 AM in Si Lounge***

***for Donuts with the Easter Bunny, an  
Easter Egg Hunt, Cookie Decorating and  
pictures with the Easter Bunny!***

***There will be a sectioned off area  
for the little ones.***

***Remember to bring baskets or bags  
to hold all goodies!***

***(extra bags will be available)***

***Bring your children, grandchildren  
and friends!***



*Volunteers are needed to help both on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to set-up and stuff eggs and on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to set up breakfast, hide eggs, help with cookie decorating and clean-up.*

*Sign up sheets are available in the vestibule before and after Mass.*

*Contact either Maggie Atkinson ([maggie@planetatkinson.com](mailto:maggie@planetatkinson.com)),  
Linda Skinner ([klskinneroh@gmail.com](mailto:klskinneroh@gmail.com)) or Marti Quakenbush  
([administration@qac-ohio.org](mailto:administration@qac-ohio.org)) for more information!*

Donations of chocolate eggs, jelly beans and other candies that fit inside plastic Easter eggs are being collected on Sundays, April 3 and April 10 in the vestibule. If you can help by bringing a bag or two of candy, we would appreciate it!



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# QAC Spotlight



The very first spring flowers to pop up out of the ground at our house this year were under the watchful eyes of Mary. We have many other patches of daffodils, but all of the others emerged from the ground later than these. This image invites us all to consider how much better we too can grow, like these flowers, under the loving gaze of our Mother.

The Naveau Family



Spring Snow



*Congratulations*

*to Josette [D'Amato] Nanda for being selected as one of Dayton Magazine's Dayton Best Docs 2022! The Spring Issue of Dayton Magazine will feature the winners in their cover story.*



Submitted by Chuck and Ruby Bauer



Bob Brookey places the QAC sign at the entrance of Mount St. John

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS



*Pictured Left to Right: Sharie McKenny, Kevin Murnane, Kevin Skinner, and Terri Blanken*



Brad & Anita Smith

*May you always have these blessings  
A soft breeze when summer comes  
A warm fireside in winter  
and always---the warm, soft smile of a friend.*

## **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**



*Pictured left to Right Back: Susan Fraker, Dennis Hernit, Marilyn Nagle  
Front: Justin Rose and Chuck Bauer*



Dave & Janet Merrelli



Marti & Tom Quakenbush



QAC Family banner made by QAC families back in the early 1970s

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 AM Stations of the Cross—Novitiate
3 <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) 10:30AM Religious Education <b>Fresh Produce Collection Liturgy Planning after Mass</b>	4	5	6 7:00 PM Reconciliation Service	7 7:30PM Choir Practice	8	9 10:00 AM Stations of the Cross—Chapel
10 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available)	11	12	13	14 <b>7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass</b>	15 Noon Walk for Peace & Justice—Dayton Courthouse <b>7:00 PM Good Friday Service</b>	16 10:00 AM Donuts with the Easter Bunny/Easter Egg Hunt <b>8:30 PM Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil</b>
17 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available)	18	19	20	21 7:30PM Choir Practice	22	23
24 <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) 10:30AM Religious Education <b>Community Meeting following Mass in Chapel</b>	25	26	27	28 7:30PM Choir Practice	29	30