

North Riverdale Lutheran Church

Weekly Update

*Where we seek to do justice, love with compassion, and
walk humbly with our God.*

March 24, 2023

Friday, March 24 @ 6:00 PM – Third and Final Fish Fry

Irish Club's Fish Fry and Monte Carlo

6555 Dog Leg Road, 45414

All-you-can-eat fish, sausage, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, slaw, and draft beer.

\$18 at the door – CASH only

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister:

The Rev. Susan Masters, Interim Pastor

Musician:

Dana Peters

Altar Guild:

Donna Alexander and Karen Kurtz

Assisting Minister:

Sarah Fletcher

Lay Reader:

RJ Zarndt

Greeters:

Just show up and greet if you can!

Usher:

Denny Wegley

Communion Assistant:

Minott Gaillard

Sound Board:

Please let Tim Roberts know if you can cover this.

Livestream:

Carolina Van Luvender

Altar Flowers:

Given by Mel and Sondra Elliott in honor of Mel's
birthday

Money Counters:

Ron Marsh and Amy Banks

After Worship: Property Committee will meet in the conference room.

Monday, March 27 – Deadline to Order Easter Lilies

Easter lilies can be ordered and paid for with the special envelopes in the pew rack in front of you. Price is \$11.50 per plant.

Wednesday, March 29 (ignore in-person bulletin that has March 28)

- 6:00 PM: Soup Supper – prepared and served by Church Council
- 7:00 PM: Evening Prayer service: A discipline of service

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for: Jane, Marielle, Laura, Lauren, Jess, Haley, Marianne, Tom, Kristi, Kim, Karen Fox, Zayn Van Luvender, Tim Roberts, Janice Griffin, Scott and Barb Davis, Jim and Margie Stamper, all who are grieving, all who have COVID or long COVID, and our members who are homebound or in care centers.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, March 28 @ 11:30-1:00 PM: Fourth Tuesday Ministry @ St. Paul's UMC
- Wednesday, March 29 @ 6:00 PM: Lenten Midweek Soup and Service of Healing
- Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM: Maundy Thursday
- Friday, April 7 @ 7:00 PM: Good Friday
- Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday
- Tuesday, April 11 @ 7:00 PM: Rebekah Care Circle
- Saturday, April 15 @ 6:00 PM: Euchre Night
- Wednesday, April 19 @ 5:30-7:00 PM: Food Pantry
- Tuesday, April 24 @ 11:30-1:00 PM: Fourth Tuesday Ministry @ St. Paul's UMC

From Minott:

Members and Friends of North Riverdale Lutheran Church---

My neighbor is part of a grass-roots movement to have Ms. Jeraldyn Blunden, founder of the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company (DCDC), honored on a USPS stamp. I have offered to help her collect signed copies of the letter prepared by DCDC. I know many of you are familiar with DCDC—have attended their performances—have had family members participate/train with DCDC. This would be an amazing honor for the city of Dayton and its art community.

I will have copies of the letter at the back of the church if you would be interested in supporting this effort. The letter is also attached to this weekly update.

If you want, you can return the letters to me, and I'll give them to my neighbor. Or you can mail the signed letters directly to:

Patricia Allen Day
2255 Settlers Trail
Vandalia, OH 45377

The letters do require wet signatures and only one signature per letter.

Although I think this is a wonderful opportunity to recognize Dayton's role in promoting the performing arts, please don't feel any obligation to participate in this drive.

Thank you!

Minott

Stamp Development

Attn: Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300
Washington, DC 20260-3501

Dear Members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

I request that you consider the late Jeraldyn Blunden be honored on an USPS postage stamp.

"Man has created boundaries for race, religion, and culture. If we can get past that, we can realize that there is much more in life which connects us."— JERALDYNE BLUNDEN (1940–1999) founder and artistic director of the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company

Jeraldyn Blunden left a permanent mark on the field of contemporary dance by founding the oldest modern dance company in Ohio and inspiring generations of choreographers, teachers, and dancers. Her company, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, has grown to be one of the largest companies of its kind, proudly boasting the largest repertoire of modern dance works by African-American choreographers in the world. The company she created continues to reach over 10,000 audiences annually through national, international touring; online platforms; and serves over 25,000 students, k-college, with its education programming.

At age eight Jeraldyn began studying dance with Josephine and Hermene Schwarz. The Schwarz's, recognizing her talent, made Jeraldyn director of the Linden Center dance school at age 19, which eventually became Jeraldyn's School of Dance (1963) and Dayton Contemporary Dance Company (1968). She envisioned an institution where great dance could happen, where young African American children could grow into accomplished artists. Jeraldyn built a competitive dance company that is welcomed not only at home, but in New York, Washington DC, Los Angeles, Europe, South America and Asia performing on many of the pre-eminent world dance stages: Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, The Bolshoi Theatre, Jacob's Pillow and the renowned American Dance Festival. In 2001 The company was prominently featured in the PBS Great Performances documentary, *Free to Dance*.

Throughout her brief life, Jeraldyn received numerous awards and commendations including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award, The Katherine Dunham Achievement Award, the Dance Magazine Award, the National Black Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Dance/USA 2000 Honors Award (posthumously), and honorary doctorates from the University of Dayton and Wright State University.

Her life and work have had long lasting impact on the community that she loved. Although beset with the challenges of establishing a dance company at a time reeling from the effects of discrimination, she doggedly persisted in launching a school and company that would serve these communities and become the pride of Ohio and the nation.

The New York Times' Jennifer Dunning described Jeraldyn as a beloved leader in the dance world, stating, *"That no-nonsense approach to life was mixed with steely determination, a great personal warmth and humor and an unsentimental humanity that made her a much-loved figure on the national dance scene."*

Sincerely,