

THE CHURCH WINDOW



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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Hi Friends,

Here we are in the bleak midwinter! It's a good thing we are still in the season of Epiphany, the season of light. Jesus is full of Good News (since he is THE Good News) and people are enlightened over and over again in our gospel stories this month.

Some people are blessed by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Healing of physical, emotional, and spiritual ills brings joy and hope. The disciples are called into action and leave everything behind to follow Jesus. The beatitudes are preached and people are comforted.

Sometimes the enlightenment causes people to be upset with Jesus. When he preaches in his home church, his neighbors are not happy about his claim to be the Messiah. They are not only unhappy, they are enraged. They chase him out of town.

As the people of God, we are called to live in the Good News. We are called to help the poor and the sick. We are called to help the helpless and give voice to the voiceless. We are called to speak truth to power when the powerful are harming those at risk.

Some people will be blessed by our actions. Some people will be angry when we call them out for their bad behavior and hurtful activities.

Being children of the Light means we are relentless in our work to bring equity to the world, even if we anger some folks. We don't bury our heads or smile politely when suffering is all around us. We don't respect leaders who intentionally hurt people of our country and other countries.

(Thank you, Charlene Avery, for bringing to our attention the issue of a possible detention center for immigrants in Ionia. In my opinion, this is an abomination. We don't need more detention centers, we need more resources at our borders for asylum seekers.)

Perhaps we won't be invited to Thanksgiving dinner if we speak up about inequities. We may lose some so-called friends. Maybe we will be chased out of town. But our consciences will be clear. We will have eyes to see and ears to hear. Our hearts will remain open.

In this bleak midwinter may the Light of Jesus Christ shine brightly through us and warm the corners of the world we inhabit.

Peace and joy,

Pastor Barb



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SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The pastoral search process is moving along. The committee has been in conversation with candidates, both on the phone and in person. The committee appreciates your prayers as we all discern who is being called to be our next settled pastor.

Karen Holcomb-Merrill



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Just as individual prayer time is very important to each of us, so is **prayer as a faith community**. We invite you to use the **prayer cards in the pews** or call the **church office at 627-2336** to notify the pastor of any prayer concerns you would like to share. If no one is available to speak with you, you may leave a voicemail.

Health concerns: Pray for family and friends with health concerns

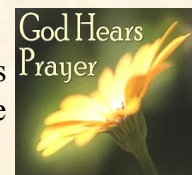
Those who are struggling be it: financially, mentally, spiritually, individually, or collectively.

Those in a time of transition or turmoil.

Those who serve: soldiers, teachers, police officers, firefighters, counselors, activists, public servants, our congregational leaders, politicians, and many more.

Prayer request: Please pray for those rallying for peace and justice, as well as, Lili B., Kathy H., Debbie M., Cindy G., Carole S., Barbara N., Geri L. and Robert E. and all who are recovering from hurricanes, earthquake and recent fires.

In being consistent with the HIPAA Law and people's privacy, we will only list individuals with their explicit permission and not use last names. During worship, please do not use personal identifiable information for others when asking for prayers.



Ash Wednesday, March 6: 7:00 p.m. Worship at FCUCC, led by Rev. Virginia Schiefelbein

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Palm & Passion Sunday, April 14: 10:30 a.m. Worship, led by Rev. Ruth Fitzgerald

Maundy Thursday, April 18: 6:00 p.m. Lite Soup Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Taizé Candle Light Worship

Good Friday Ecumenical Service, April 19: Mulliken United Methodist Church at 400 Charlotte St., Mulliken, MI (7.9 miles from FCUCC)

Easter Services:

Service of Water and Light, April 21: 8:30–9:00 a.m.—TBD

Easter Breakfast: 9:00–10:00 a.m. - TBD

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00 a.m.

Regular Worship Service: 10:30 a.m., led by Rev. Ruth Fitzgerald

INCOME & EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

	Actual January 2019	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year-to-Date	Actual Budget
Income	\$ 9,983.16	\$ 10,790.33	\$ 9,983.16	\$129,484.00
Expenses	<u>8,706.95</u>	<u>10,656.25</u>	<u>8,706.95</u>	<u>127,875.00</u>
Balance	\$ 1,276.21	\$ 134.08	\$ 1,276.21	\$ 1609.00



Our new year looks like we took off on the right front. With a proposed positive budget, we can succeed and become a very sustainable church. Our hope for this year is to increase our giving and reduce our expenses so that we will be able to have a full-time pastor. If members and friends of our church keep up with their pledges and donations, we will have a positive year and succeed in increasing our income so that we can support a full-time pastor soon. Treasurer, Fay Schroeder

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

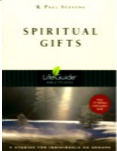
“Sharing Brings Joy to God.” Through One Great Hour of Sharing, lives are literally changed in 138 countries daily. Your support provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare and education as well as responds to disasters in both the US and Internationally.

Sunday, March 31 FCUCC will join other UCC Churches in collecting for OGHS, bringing joy to God.



You can find more information regarding OGHS by visiting www.ucc.org/oghs

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY



The Thursday afternoon Bible Study will begin on **April 11th at 3:00 p.m.** in the Choir Room. Our study is called ‘Spiritual Gifts’. Books are already here and the cost is \$10.50, as usual scholarships are available. It is an 8-week study and will go to the end of May. If you are interested in the study contact Judy at 882-0608 or judithnielsen37@gmail.com to reserve a book.

WHAT IS TAIZÉ WORSHIP

This year FCUCC will observe Maundy Thursday with a special Taizé Worship Service. Taizé (pronounced “Ta-zay”) is an ecumenical community located near the small town of Taizé, France, founded in 1940 by Brother Roger. The community has long been committed to promoting and praying for reconciliation, peace and unity. Our worship takes the elements of the traditional Taizé style worship and continues the custom of fostering both a sense of community in Christ and quiet individual interaction with the Holy Spirit. There are candles, easy to learn songs, Scripture read in a variety of languages, and periods of silence. This style has been used across denominations and in various parts of the world. This is the Thursday before Easter Day. You don’t want to miss this special service.

Thursday, **April 18th** / 6:00 p.m. lite soup dinner, 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service.

GUSTAFSON ENDOWMENT

The Gustafson Endowment Scholarship is to provide funds for educational opportunities for the children and youth of First Congregational United Church of Christ. This may include, but is not limited to, the following: curriculum materials for Sunday school, materials for special events and programs, camp and special trip scholarships, educational workshops for teachers, tapes, music, and book supplies, or materials to provide a pleasant educational setting for the classrooms.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund of First Congregational United Church of Christ was established to create a gift that continues to support programs which are beyond the capabilities of our annual budget.

Endowment applications are available in the church office.



WORSHIP

For those of you who currently provide worship support as greeters/ushers, liturgists, crucifers, or coffee hour hosts/hostesses, I wanted to touch base about how that scheduling happens. Scheduling usually takes place about two months in advance so that there is time to get the schedules in the newsletter. I am happy to have folks give me specific dates they would like to serve, and also to give me specific dates/times of year to avoid (no summer, no January or February, no first Sunday of the month, etc.) If you end up scheduled for an inconvenient date, you can first, try to trade with someone. Second, if you have not found a replacement, notify the church office to send out an appeal for help with that date. People are always willing to lend a hand when needed! If you would like to hand-pick your dates, or update the scheduling preferences I have on hand, please feel free to give me a call at 517-627-3835 or email at thehornfamily@ymail.com. For anyone who would like more information about the various worship support positions or would like to be added to the list of volunteers, please feel free to contact me or catch me at church. Thanks!! Leah Horn

PAPERGATOR



The PaperGator® is a unique fundraiser where our church is paid to collect paper products and place them in a bin for recycling. For more information please visit

<http://papergatorrecycling.com/>

Our bin is located in our back parking lot and **it's hungry!**

COFFEE HOUR FUND

The coffee hour/hospitality fund buys the supplies for our coffee hours such as coffee, juice, paper plates, cups, napkins, etc. It also is used for special occasions. It recently was used to help pay for the hot dogs served at our fun and amazing Trunk or Treat event. A dollar or even loose change placed in the donation basket helps offset the cost of providing a coffee hour. Thank you for your donations!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are used throughout the year to enhance the worship experience in the church Sanctuary. Individuals or families may sign up for any given week to provide altar flowers. These flowers are provided by congregation members and friends. They are a wonderful way to honor a special occasion (birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, baptisms, holidays, etc.) or remember loved ones and friends who have passed away. Altar flowers can be cut flowers from your garden or a houseplant. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the main hallway or contact the church office at 517-627-2336.

EASTER FLOWERS

Congregational Life and Church Growth will be selling Easter flowers on the following Sundays, **March 17th, 24th and March 31st** You can purchase **Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils**. The price for the Easter flowers will be **\$12.50 each**. The plants will be dressed in assorted pastel foil including a bow. Plants can be in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The plants will be used as part of the decorations in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Plants can be taken home after the Easter Service. (last date to place an order is Friday, April 5th)

SENIOR LUNCH

Seniors are now having lunch at City Hall on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 Noon**. The program is offered through Eaton County Meals on Wheels. The following persons may eat on a donation basis:

- All persons 60 years of age and older and/ or the spouses of a person 60 years of age or older;
- Individuals under 60 years of age with disabilities who live with a senior over 60;
- Grandchildren under 17 years of age; or
- A non-paid caregiver for a program participant.

Notice of participation is encouraged. Meals on Wheels prefers to have a 24-hour notice if you are planning to attend. Please call the Tri-County Office on Aging at [517-887-1393](tel:517-887-1393). Those who do not meet the qualifications for a free meal may purchase a meal at the current full price of \$5.75.

FOOD BANK

Grand Ledge Food Bank
4934 Burt Ave. Grand Ledge, MI 48837
517-627-4348

Open for donations:
Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In **February** First Congregational UCC delivered **606 food items, 11 non-food items, 8 household items and a cash donation of \$833.00** to the Grand Ledge food bank.

STOCK THE SHELVES

FOOD BANK SUGGESTIONS

Chili Beans, Refried Beans, and Kidney Beans
 Mayonnaise, Mustard and Ketchup
 Rice Mixes
 Boxed Potatoes
 Chicken, Tuna and Hamburger Helper
 Ranch, French and Italian Dressing

CLOTHING ROOM IDEAS

Boy's and Men's Jeans in all sizes
 New socks in all sizes

GIFT SHOP/BABY BOUTIQUE

Inspiration Books and Bibles
 Kitchen Utensils
 Dishcloths
 Any new baby item
 Toys (no used stuffed animals, please)



CAMPANOLOGIST??

WANT TO BE A CAMPANOLOGIST?

This is your chance to learn the basics of bell ringing and have some fun! A group of people interested in learning more about the bells will participate in **six introductory sessions**. If you would like to join them, contact Darlene B. at 627-8712 or enerad@comcast.net. Sessions will begin **later in February**. Anyone 3rd grade and up are eligible to ring. Bring a friend along, any church affiliation or none at all. Sign up **TODAY**.



YOGA

Yoga in the Sanctuary will be held on **Thursday, March 7th and 21st from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.** Bring your mat a towel and a bottle of water. All are welcome to join. There is a **\$5.00** charge to participate.

SPONSORED CHILD

Reconnect with Godwin Muponda! Please take a minute and look at the Outreach bulletin board next to the church office the next time you come to church! There's a beautiful new photo of Godwin, age 16, who we support through World Vision with the change placed in each Sunday's offering plate. Feel free to take down each of the two folders to read more about his dreams for his family and village, school activities, and much more.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We still have Sunday school dates to fill. (**May 12th and May 19th**) If you are available to teach on any of these dates, please sign up on the sheet located on the Christian Education board in the classroom hallway. If you would like to teach yet have not been cleared through ICHAT, please fill out the form located on the Christian Education board in the classroom hallway. Please return the completed form to the church office. All Sunday school curriculum is provided for you.

BIRTHDAY'S

Sara Gooley
 John Campe
 Sue Mills
 Matilda Oatman
 Jim Hart
 Sandy Horn
 Katy Ramos
 Maxwell Bouck
 Elliott Bouck
 Oscar Bouck
 Gary Cypher
 Hayden Nelson- Barnett
 Russ Marshall
 Josie Tanasse
 Lon Wilkinson
 Emily Mai
 Allie Ramos
 Jack Kent
 Darlene Banks



If your birthday has been inadvertently missed, please contact the church office at 627-2336 or office@grandledgeucc.org

SISTERS OF RUTH (SOR)

Sisters of Ruth (SOR) met on Monday, February 11, 2019, at Cancun for lunch. We discussed our spring community service project. We are going to collect the personal care items to make the packets for S.I.R.E.N. again this year during the month of April. We are asking the congregation to bring in personal care items (such as: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, etc.) in the trial size containers. What we need most are the hand towels and washcloths. It is nice to have your own instead of sharing with someone. During our May meeting we will put together the packets and deliver them to S.I.R.E.N. Eaton Shelter. SOR has been successful in doing this for quite a number of years due to the great generosity of the congregation. We could not support so many of the people at S.I.R.E.N. without your help.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact a member of Sisters of Ruth: Chris C., Mae C., Cheryl M. RoAnne B. and Fay S.

CONGREGATORS



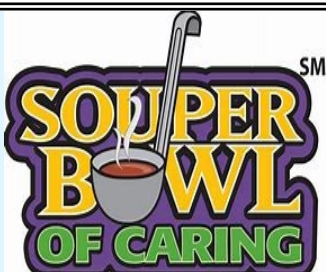
Congregators were snowed out again in February! Very disappointing! So we are hoping that by **Friday, March 8th**, winter will have loosened her hold and we can meet for lunch at **1:00 p.m.** at the **LogJam** in Grand Ledge. Be sure to contact Jim (517-627-7968), Sandy (517-420-2121) or Charlene (517-281-5019) to reserve your spot.

WGOD

Women Gathering Over Devotions met on Monday, February 18, 2019 for a delicious dinner prepared by Kathy Burt and Jane Gilson. We welcomed Pastor Barbara Edema to our group as she is the author of the book we discussed "To Have and To Hold." She has agreed to join us on **March 18, 2019**, as we discuss her next book "For Richer For Poorer." Freida Schneeberger and Connie Dible have volunteered to prepare the meal for our meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to join us for these discussions which are inspiring and interesting.

SUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you to our youth and all who donated to Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected **606 food items**, **11 non-food items** and **8 household items**. A total of **\$833.00** was donated for supplies that the food bank may be short on. This collection helps tackle hunger in Grand Ledge.



SWING YOUR PARTNER

Winter family fun! The Doe-Si-Doe Square Dance Club will have square dance lessons on **Friday, March 1, and Friday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.** Dancing with callers on **Friday, March 8th** (Wayne Pelmeare), **Friday, March 22** (Wayne Pelmeare) and **Friday, March 29 (Chuch Novak) at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** The first night of lessons will be free. Additional lessons will be \$7.00 each. If you would like to participate, please contact Louis at 517-322-2571.

COSECHA ALLY TRAINING



Movimiento Cosecha is a non-violent immigrant-led movement to win dignity, respect, and permanent protection for all 11 million under-documented immigrants in the U.S.
Please join us to learn more and to see how you can get involved!

Cosecha Ally Training

Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019

Time: Check-in - 10:15 a.m. – coffee and other beverages will be provided
Training - 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. - there will be a lunch break at 12:30 p.m.

Cost: There is **no cost** for the training and lunch. There will be an opportunity to give a donation to Cosecha for those who wish to do so.

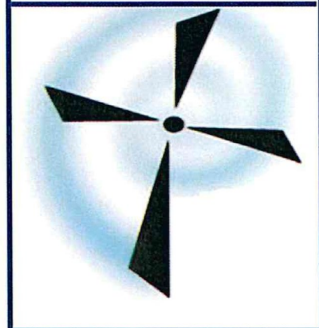
Location: First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W Saginaw Hwy, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Preregistration is required and limited to 25 people.

Registration deadline is **Wednesday, March 20**. Please fill out the below registration form and send it to **Charlene Avery, FCUCC, Board of Christian Outreach, 210 W. Saginaw Hwy., Grand Ledge MI 48837**. You can also register by e-mail at averyc@provide.net. If you have questions, please contact Charlene by e-mail or 517-281-5019. Please provide the information requested below.

Training will cover:

1. What is Movimiento Cosecha? Who they are and what they do.
2. Resonance Activity: Movement organizing is relational organizing - we will all participate in sharing stories and listening closely to each other.
3. Immigration Timeline: What the struggle has looked like to the affected community since 1986.
4. Pyramid of Power: How a community of individuals who are not allowed to vote can still win permanent protection for all immigrants.
5. Cosecha Principles: We'll select a few of our favorites.
6. What is Allyship? Using scenarios, we will talk about our role as allies to this movement.
7. What now? Next steps.



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Yes, I plan to attend the Cosecha Ally Training!

Name: _____

Organization (if any): _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Lunch Request: ___ gluten free, ___ dairy free, ___ vegan, ___ vegetarian

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

December 18, 2018

Call to Order

Vice Moderator Anita Calcagno called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Board Members present: Bruce Ramthun, Lynn Hart, Fay Schroeder, Anita Calcagno, Kim Dible, Bil Turner, and Julie Wilkinson.

Spiritual Reflection

Lynn read from the UCC Daily Devotional regarding star gazing, facts vs. wisdom and lead the group in a prayer.

Open Forum

No one was present for this item

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

Action and Discussion Items

2019 Church Budget. The 2019 budget as presented at the November Executive Board meeting was passed out. After discussion, moved by Bil seconded by Bruce to approve the Proposed 2019 Church Budget. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee update. The Committee is composed of Karen Ramthun, Linda Gooley, Joe Gilson and Anita Calcagno. Anita explained that the Committee continues to work on Position Descriptions. Following a discussion on vacation and sick leave policies, the Committee will also look into creating/updating an Employee Policy Manual. Fay may have a copy of the existing one.

Chimney Repair update. Kim told the Board that the chimney repair is essentially done. The only remaining item is to install a metal cap as the top piece.

New Lock Box for the Office. It was discussed again that the newly purchased lock box does not meet the needs for temporary storage of church funds. The opening is too small and the storage capacity of the box does not seem adequate. Charlynn has offered to fabricate a new box, but needs a plan for the desired box. Bil offered to prepare a plan, but not until Spring. This item was tabled.

Search Committee update. Bil explained that the Committee continues to review the applications of candidates.

New Business

Hand held microphone. Those who work on the sound board have indicated that a new hand held mic is needed. Lynn said that memorial Funds are available. Charlynn and Mae will act on this item.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

The next Executive Board Meeting will be January 22nd at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Bil Turner, Church Clerk



DETENTION CENTER

Update on Immigration Detention Center Proposed for Ionia

Governor Whitmer has put a halt on plans to sell state land in Ionia to a company in Virginia that wanted to build an immigration detention center on that land. Plans for this detention center had caused quite a bit of concern. Some members of our congregation reached out to city officials in Ionia expressing their opposition to the planned detention center. The governor decided to freeze plans for selling the land after talking with elected officials, community members and civil rights activists. As noted in [Michigan Advance](#) and according to the governor's spokesperson, "The governor believes that building more detention facilities won't solve our immigration crisis, and she also believes that separating families doesn't reflect our Michigan values," "Therefore, the governor has decided that the sale of state property in Deerfield to ICA will not move forward." Karen Holcomb-Merrill

KID'S CORNER



Easter Word Hunt

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MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
February 24 10:30 am Worship / Sunday School Newsletter Available Choir	25 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	26	27 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	28 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	1 Office Closed 7:00 pm Square Dance Lessons—All Welcome	2
3 10:30 am Worship / Family Service Communion & Food Drive Choir	4 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	5	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 7 PM SERVICE 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	7 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 –7:45 pm Yoga in Sanctuary 8:00 pm AA	8 Office Closed 1:00 pm Congregator's Lunch @ LogJam 6:00 p.m. Square Dance	9 Vitality Day in Ann Arbor, MI (registration required)
PASTOR BARB AWAY						
10 Linda Goodley / Leading Worship Service 10:30 am Worship / Sunday School Bells	11 1:00 pm SOR 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	12 6 pm Congregational Life	13 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	14 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	15 Office Closed 7:00 pm Square Dance Lessons—All Welcome	16
17 10:30 am Worship / Sunday School Choir Easter Flower Sale	18 6:00 pm WGOD 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	19	20 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	21 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 –7:45 pm Yoga in Sanctuary 8:00 pm AA	22 Office Closed 6:00 p.m. Square Dance	23 Newsletter Items Due
24 Judy Nielsen / Leading Worship Service 10:30 am Worship / Sunday School Choir Easter Flower Sale	25 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	26 10:15 am Southside Comm. Kitchen 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting	27 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	28 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	29 Office Closed 6:00 pm Square Dance	30 10:15 am - 2:00 pm Cosecha Ally Training at FCUCC
31 Pastor Barb's Last Sunday with FCUCC OGHS Collection Newsletter Available Easter Flower Sale						

Sunday Schedule for MARCH 2019

Date	March 3rd Transfiguration White or Green	March 10th First Sunday of Lent Violet	March 17th Second Sunday of Lent Violet	March 24th Third Sunday of Lent Violet	March 31st Fourth Sunday of Lent Violet
Text	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36	Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Head Usher	Kim Dible	Gary Burt	Leah Horn	Tina Lamer	Chris Cypher
Greeters	Patty Curtis and Charlene Avery	Elva Maguire and Terry Bouck	Tony Bray and Rich Brown	Jim and Sarah Robinson	Anna Miller and Cheryl Mattson
Ushers	Gary and Chris Cypher	Joe and Jane Gilson	Kim Dible and Sue Sackett	John and Freida Schneeberger	Fay Schroeder and Mae Clark
Crucifer	Bruce Ramthun				
Liturgist	Lisa Reed	Joe Gilson	Rich Brown	Karen Ramthun	Sue Sackett
Soundboard	Charlynn Walker	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Julie Wilkinson	Charlynn Walker
Coffee Hour	Joy Leonard and Sarah Robinson	Rich Brown and Tony Bray	Gary and Kathy Burt	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson	Fay Schroeder and Mae Clark
Altar Flowers	CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY				
Nursery Care	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier
Sunday School	Family Service	Leah Horn	Sarah Robinson	Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	Tamara Lipsey
Fresh Perspective	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Sunday Schedule for APRIL 2019

Date	April 7th Fifth Sunday of Lent Violet	April 14th Sixth Sunday of Lent Violet or Red	April 21st Easter White	April 28th Second Sunday of Easter White
Text	Isaiah 43:16-21 John 12:1-8	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40	Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-31
Head Usher	Lisa Reed	Gary Burt	Leah Horn	Chris Cypher
Greeters	Gary and Chris Cypher	Gary and Kathy Burt	Lon and Sheila Wilkinson	Nate Oliver and Erica Stoll
Ushers	Bil Turner and Anna Miller	Patty Curtis and Ron Erskine	Charlynn and Karen Walker	Charlene Avery and Cheryl Mattson
Liturgist	Marcia Kent	Anita Calcagno	Leah Horn	Nate Oliver
Crucifer	Gary Burt		Karen Walker	
Soundboard	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Charlynn Walker	Mae Clark
Coffee Hour	Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	Marcia Kent and Sarah Robinson	No Coffee Hour	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson
Altar Flowers	CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY			
Nursery Care	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier
Sunday School	Family Service		No Sunday School	
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