

THE CHURCH WINDOW



APRIL 2019



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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Dear Friends,

The month of April continues to lead us through the season of Lent, through Holy Week, then bursts us into Easter. Stories will be remembered of the last days of Jesus on earth, his horrifying last week, his last supper with his disciples, and the long pause we all take as his body is crucified and laid in the tomb on Good Friday.

After the quiet of Holy Saturday, Sunday comes again and the organ soars, the bells ring out, and the choir sings, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" The resurrection of Christ is why we call ourselves by his name. We are Christians because we follow the one who destroyed death and brought new life to the world. God's promise kept. Hope for all. Hallelujah!

First Congregational UCC has a lot to celebrate, "Hallelujah!" A new chapter in the story of this church is going to be written. Fortunately, I know the main characters. You are the ones who make this church open, friendly, and welcoming to all. You are the ones who will go over and above to make the world better for those who have experienced the worst. You are the ones who want justice to flow down, and love to flow out. I am honored to know you and to have been part of this church family for the past seven months.



You are Easter people and will continue to be so. New life, new stories, and new vision will pulsate from your dreams, conversations, and regularly scheduled church meetings. This is who you are. Thank you for the way you allow Jesus Christ to be present in the world.

New people will walk through the doors. A new pastor will settle into the office. Fresh plans will be made. Other churches could learn from you and grow with hope and joy.

I have grown in hope and joy by serving with you. You have brought me, "Hallelujah!" I am grateful. Thank you for your goodness and kindness. Thank you for caring about our family. It is mutual. Doug and I look forward to hearing more good news stories from you. Jesus Christ makes us family.

I say, "Hallelujah!" to that.

With a full heart, I wish you every blessing.

Peace and joy,

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends,

We are very excited to let you know that after much prayerful consideration, the Search Committee has unanimously selected a candidate to be our next settled pastor. You will soon receive a letter with more information on the candidate and plans to have her lead worship and preach on **Sunday, May 19th**, before an official vote by the congregation to extend a call to her.



We have appreciated all of your prayers and are excited to share this candidate with you!

Peace,
Your Search Committee



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

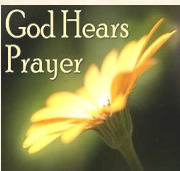
Those who are struggling be it: financially, mentally, spiritually, individually, or collectively.

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., Larry and Carol S., Ben B., and all who are still recovering from hurricanes, earthquake and 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.



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 - Chancel Choir

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

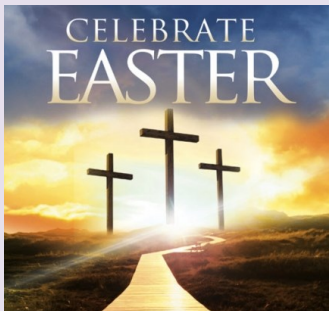
Easter Services:

Early Easter Service, April 21: 9:00 a.m., led by Rev. Virginia Schiefelbein

NO EASTER BREAKFAST


Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00 a.m. led by Marcia Kent and Leah Horn

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



INCOME & EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

	Actual February 2019	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year-to-Date	Actual Budget
Income	\$ 10,934.80	\$ 21,580.67	\$ 20,918.06	\$129,484.00
Expenses	<u>8,909.48</u>	<u>21,312.50</u>	<u>18,808.93</u>	<u>127,875.00</u>
Balance	\$ 2,025.32	\$ 268.17	\$ 2,109.13	\$ 1,609.00



We are progressing with a proposed positive budget. Even though our donations are not quite up to the expected giving, our expenses are down. We do have some insurance payments due this month, which currently is our highest expense. Our hope for this is to increase our giving and reduce our expenses so that we will be able to have a full-time pastor. With the positive outlook that this church is giving in 2019, we will soon be able to reach our goal.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

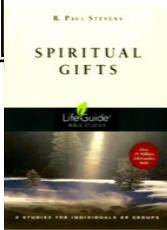
“Sharing Brings Joy to God.” Through One Great Hour of Sharing, lives are literally changed in 138 countries daily. Your support provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare and education as well as responds to disasters in both the US and Internationally.

Sunday, April 7th 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, singing, scripture read in a variety of languages, and periods of silence reflection. This style has been used across denominations and in various parts of the world. This is the Thursday before Easter Sunday. **Please plan to share this extraordinary service and soup dinner with at least one guest.**

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

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<div> <div>UNSCENTED CANDLES</div> </div>		<div> <div>EASTER FLOWERS</div> </div>
<div> <div> <p>We are looking for unscented candles any size, color, shape, in a container or not, new or used. We will be using them during the Taizé Service on Thursday, April 18th. More details on the Taizé service can be found on the next page.</p> </div> <div>  <p>If you have unscented candled that we can have or borrow please drop them off at the church before April 18th. There is a box in the narthex for them. Thank you.</p> </div> </div>		<div> <div> <p>Congregational Life and Church Growth are selling Easter flowers. You can purchase Easter lilies for \$14.00, tulips and daffodils are \$12.50. 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 your order(s) is Friday, April 5th)</p> </div> <div>  </div> </div>
<div> <div>ALTAR FLOWERS</div> </div>		<div> <div>COFFEE HOUR FUND</div> </div>
<div> <div> <p>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.</p> </div> </div>		<div> <div> <p>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!</p> </div> <div> <div>PAPERGATOR</div> </div> </div>
<div> <div> <div>GUSTAFSON ENDOWMENT</div> </div> <div> <p>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.</p> <p>Gustafson Endowment Scholarship Application are available in the church office.</p> </div> </div>		<div> <div> <p>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/</p> <p>Our bin is located in our back parking lot and it's hungry!</p> </div> <div>  </div> <div> <div>ENDOWMENT FUND</div> </div> <div> <p>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.</p> <p>Endowment applications are available in the church office.</p> </div> </div>

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 **March** First Congregational UCC delivered **141 food items, 17 non-food items, 10 household items** to the Grand Ledge food bank.

STOCK THE SHELVES

HABITAT FOR HUMANTY

Habitat for Humanity Capital Region is a grassroots, community-based organization that relies on local volunteers to build homes, community, and hope in



Ingham and Eaton counties. There are many ways to become involved in Habitat's work. New volunteers need to attend a brief volunteer orientation at Habitat's main office, located at

1941 Benjamin Drive in Lansing. Orientations are offered every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. – the next two dates are April 16 and May 21. You can sign up at <https://www.habitatcr.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Please let me know if you have questions about Habitat projects. We had great fun building a park fence for our Habitat Rock the Block project in south Lansing last September. Plans are to do another project in 2019. We would love to have you join us! ..Charlene Avery (averyc@provide.net)

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Chili beans
- Kidney beans
- Refried beans
- Rice mixes
- Hamburger/tuna helper
- Flour
- Sugar
- Pancake mix
- Jell-O



CLOTHING ROOM SUGGESTIONS

- Men's jeans waist sizes 34 to 38
- baby clothes and new accessories

GIFT SHOP SUGGESTIONS

Due to limited space and in an effort to meet the true needs of our clients, we are changing the focus in the gift shop. Our clients are in need of the basics. We just don't have the space for decorative items. Volunteers of America is a great place to go with decorative item.

EARTH DAY SUNDAY

Christian Outreach has plans underway for a special Earth Day service and coffee hour on **Sunday, April 28!** Look for details coming soon in the Thursday Pause and the announcements in the Sunday bulletin.

- Cleaning products (cleaners, scrub brushes, buckets, laundry baskets)
- New socks and underwear in all sizes
- Light bulbs
- Pots, pans, skillets
- Kitchen utensils
- Inspirational books

BIRTHDAY'S

SISTERS OF RUTH (SOR)

Jackson Lipsey
Ben Sackett
Sue Lawens
Bonnie Thompson
Church Thompson
Rich Brown
Daniell Gooley
Brian Curran
Lynn Hart
Tina Erskine
Jim Kent
Tony Ramos
Bil Turner
Bruce Ramthun



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

Sisters of Ruth met on Monday, March 11, 2019, at Aggie Mae’s 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 all personal care items (such as: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, etc.) in the trial size containers. What we need most are towels and washcloths. It is nice to have your own instead of sharing with someone. Then at our May meeting we will put together the packets and deliver them to S.I.R.E.N. Sisters of Ruth have 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. Our next meeting will be on **April 8, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.** We will meet for lunch at a restaurant to be determined.

Any questions, please contact a member of Sisters of Ruth.

CONGREGATORS

It seems we’ve cancelled more than we’ve meet this winter. But we got lucky with the weather and so enjoyed our March 8 time together. One of the specials of the day was a smelt basket, the stories about fishing for, cleaning and eating delicious freshly caught smelt in years gone by were abundant.

Gerry told us about her 99th birthday bash with all her children coming in from all over the country to celebrate with her. We’ll hope for more spring like weather as we head into April. Our next get together will be **Friday, April 12, 1 pm** at the Log Jam! **Please be sure to get in touch with 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 March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious dinner prepared by Connie Dible and Freida Schneeberger. After dinner, we discussed the book “For Richer For Poorer” by Pastor Barbara Edema. We were excited to have Pastor Barb share her experiences in Ghana and her thoughts about the book.

Next month, we plan on meeting on **April 15, 2019 AT A NEW TIME, 5:00 p.m.** Several WGod members are also choir members and will need to leave for choir practice for our Easter Service. Therefore, we are meeting earlier in the Fellowship hall for dinner and devotions. Karen Ramthun and Mary Lou Prevost have volunteered to prepare dinner and select the devotions.

If you would like to join WGod, please contact Fay S. at 627-2727. **There will be no reading this month.**

SWING YOUR PARTNER

Family fun! The Doe-Si-Doe Square Dance Club will have square dance lessons on **Friday, April 5th, and Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** Dancing with callers on **Friday, April 12th** (Wayne Pelmea) and **Friday, April 26th** (Wayne Pelmea) **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.

LET'S GO NUTS!

It's time to Go Nuts Together!

Join your church family on our annual Lugnuts Baseball outing on **Saturday, June 15, 2019**. It's Star Wars night again! So bring your light sa-bre and wear your church T-shirt! Fireworks start right after the game!

Lugnuts play Bowling Green Hot Rods that night. Game time is 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$11 each.

Get your name on the sign-up sheet as fast as you can. It's on the bulletin board by the Nursery.

GO NUTS!



OPIOID EPIDEMIC



Finding a supportive community is essential to recovery. However, old conventions, as well as misunderstandings about (substance use disorders) and the recovery process, often stand in the way of our communities providing the critical support and connections people need.

Our hope is that as addiction is understood as a treatable, chronic, medical condition — and not a personal or moral failing — prejudice and shame will be replaced by a spirit of compassion and hope that opens doors, hearts, and resources to those suffering with a substance-use disorder.

A West Virginia pastor wisely said: “Churches are not neutral bystanders: What they don’t say is just as important as what they do say.”

To help increase awareness, you can partner with local community health experts, law enforcement agencies and your partners at **Eaton County Substance Awareness Advisory Group** to help educate your community on:

Addiction as a Treatable Disease and Long Term Chronic Condition: Help community members understand the need for long term support of people in recovery. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/>

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT): Educate your community on MAT and how to offer the best support people need when they are in treatment. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/effective-treatments-opioid-addiction/effective-treatments-opioid-addiction>

Pain Management: Increase patient awareness of pain treatment and management. Learn to ask the doctor: “Is this an opioid?” / “Is an opioid necessary?” / “Are there alternatives to using opioids for pain relief?”

Publicize **Chronic Pain PATH** classes for pain self-management offered locally by the Tri-County Office on Aging: <https://www.tcoa.org/classes/evidence-based-programs/> or through the statewide network of PATH class providers: <https://mihealthyprograms.org/path-workshop-search>

You can also participate in annual “Take Back Drug Days” and Rx Recycling events hosted by: Eaton Resource Recovery: 517- 543-3686

<http://www.eatoncounty.org/index.php/departments/resource-recovery-recycling-a-reuse>



For more information about preventing prescription drug misuse and substance use disorder support, visit www.eatondrugfree.org

January 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Moderator Rich Brown.

The Moderator opened the meeting in prayer.

Executive Board Members Present: Rich Brown, Anita Calcagno, Fay Schroeder, Bruce Ramthun, Kim Dible, Lynn Hart, Julie Wilkinson, Tony Bray, Charlene Avery and Karen Holcomb-Merrill

Memorial Observances: Kathy Burt remembered those who had passed in the last year.

Presentation: Tamara Lipsey joined with some of the children to present Lynn Hart with a thank you gift for all of Lynn’s work on Christian education.

Elections: The Executive Board slate was presented:

Moderator: Rich Brown

Vice Moderator: Anita Calcagno

Clerk: Bil Turner

Treasurer: Fay Schroeder

Financial Secretary: Lynn Hart

Members-at-Large: Karen Holcomb-Merrill, Bruce Ramthun, Julie Wilkinson

Joe Gilson moved the slate and Jim Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

The Board of Congregational Life & Church Growth slate was presented. Members: Gary Burt, Kathy Burt, Chris Cypher, Kim Dible, Jane Gilson, Leah Horn, Lisa Reed. Bruce Rathum moved the slate and Fay Schroeder seconded. Motion passed.

The Board of Christian Education slate was presented. Members: Leah Horn, Marcia Kent, Thea Oatman. Lynn Hart nominated Virginia Schiefelbein. Motion to adopt the slate and the other nomination made by Anita Calcagno and seconded by Kathy Burt. Motion passed.

The Board of Christian Outreach slate was presented. Members: Charlene Avery, Tony Bray, Sarah Robinson and Sandy Sipes. Fay Schroeder moved the slate and Karen Walker seconded. Motion passed.

Proposed 2019 Budget: The budget had been presented at an earlier meeting. The budget reflects funding for a part-time minister and ends with a positive balance. Budget moved by Bruce Ramthun and seconded by Freida Schneeberger. Motion passed.

Remarks from Moderator: Rich Brown thanked all of the people who have served in many different ways in the church in the last year, particularly during this time of transition. He noted that as we move into a new model of ministry that we will be relying on folks to step up in new ways, and that we are already seeing some of that happen. Rich gave a special thanks to all who bring wonderful music to the church.

Adoption of Reports: Bruce Ramthun moved and Fay Schroeder seconded that all reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Speak Outs:

Lynn Hart thanked all of the teachers. She noted that there are still openings on the Board of Christian Education. It is not a requirement of the Board that you must teach Sunday School to be on the Board.

Marcia Kent thanked everyone who has supported her and her boys. She really appreciates her church family.

Virginia Schiefelbein thanked the Search Committee for their work. She also said she hopes to be able to offer an Ash Wednesday service for the church.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm., Respectfully submitted by Karen Holcomb-Merrill



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

HOLA!

As many of you may remember, my husband, Doug, daughter, Hannah and I went on a mission trip to **Chichicastenango, Guatemala** in 2016. It was a wonderful life changing experience for each of us. Since that time God has been tugging at our heart strings to lead a mission team from our church, St. Michael Parish, back to Guatemala.

After many prayers and words of encouragement we have organized a mission team of 11. We will be traveling to Guatemala **August 10 – 17 of 2019**. Each team member is covering their cost of airfare, food and lodging. We have been very blessed by our Parish with donations to cover two complete house builds, including water filtrations systems, new stoves and modern toilets. Each family will also be given a solar Bible in their native language of Quiché, and a large basket of food. Most importantly, our team members will be sharing the word of God with the families before we leave.



Doug, Thomasa, Flat Jesus, Jeannette, and Hannah

Our team is filling a large suitcase with items to donate to the children and families. If you would like to be a small part of this mission trip you can donate any of the below items.

- **Spanish Bibles for children and adults**
- **School supplies, flashcards, pencils, notebooks, etc.**
- **Easy to read Spanish children books**
- **Daily practical items; socks, underwear, feminine products, hair brushes, hair bands, toothbrushes, toothpaste, solar lights, mini umbrellas**
- **Shoes:**
 - children sizes**
 - women's - size 7 or below**
 - men's - size 9 or below**
- **Fun things to interact with the family during our time with them; deflated soccer balls, coloring books, crayons, jump ropes, trail mix, peanut butter crackers**
- **NO CANDY PLEASE**

We are excited to do God's work once again in Guatemala. A suitcase for donations will be in the Narthex the month of **April**.

Thank you and God Bless you,

Jeannette Len
Office Administrator, FCUCC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
MARCH 31 Order Easter Flowers 10:30 am Worship / Pastor Barb's last Sunday with FCUCC Sunday School—Paul & Thea Oatman	1 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	2 1:30-4pm Meals on Wheels Volunteers Meeting in Fellowship Hall	3 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	4 6:30 –7:45 pm Yoga in Sanctuary 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	5 Last Day to order Easter Flowers Office Closed 7:00 pm Square Dance Lessons—All Welcome	6
7 OGHS Special Collection 10:30 am Worship /Rev. Schiefelbein presiding over worship Family Service Communion or Food Drive Choir	8 12:30 pm SOR 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	9 6 pm Congregational Life	10 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	11 3:00 pm Bible Study Begins “Spiritual Gifts” in Choir Room 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	12 Office Closed 1:00 pm Congregator's Lunch @ LogJam 6:00 p.m. Square Dance	13
14 Palm / Passion Sunday 10:30 am Worship / Rev. Fitzgerald presiding over worship Sunday School—Paul & Thea Oatman Bells & Choir 12 - 4 pm Mudge's Follies Practice in F.H. and Choir Room	15 6:00 pm WGOD 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	16	17 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	18 3:00 pm Bible Study “Spiritual Gifts” in Choir Room 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Soup Dinner @ FCUCC 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday—Taizé Candle Light Service @ FCUCC 8:00 pm AA	19 Office Closed 7:00 pm Good Friday Ecumenical Service - United Methodist Church in Mulliken Newsletter Items Due	20
21 Easter Sunday 10:30 am Worship / Rev. Fitzgerald presiding over worship No Sunday School Bells & Choir	22 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	23 10:15 am Southside Comm. Kitchen 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting	24 6:00 pm AA 800 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	25 3:00 pm Bible Study “Spiritual Gifts” in Choir Room 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 –7:45 pm Yoga in Sanctuary 8:00 pm AA	26 Office Closed 6:00 p.m. Square Dance	27
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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	Psalm 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	Ron Erskine	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	Paul &Thea Oatman	No Sunday School	Paul &Thea Oatman
Fresh Perspective	Virginia Schiefelbein	Rev. Fitzgerald	Rev. Fitzgerald	Karen Holcomb Merrill
Sunday Schedule for MAY 2019				
Date	May 5th 3rd Sunday of Easter White	May 12th 4th Sunday of Easter White	May 19th 5th Sunday of Easter White	May 26th 6th Sunday of Easter White
Text	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29
Head Usher	Emily Mai or Leah Horn	Tina Lamer	Kim Dible	Lisa Reed
Greeters	Bil Turner and Ron Erskine	Joy Leonard and Sue Sackett	Jim and Sarah Robinson	TBD
Ushers	Anna Miller and Kim Dible	Rich Brown and Tony Bray	Gary and Kathy Burt	TBD
Crucifer	Bruce Ramthun			
Liturgist	Ron Erskine	Rich Brown	Freida Schneeberger	Lisa Reed
Soundboard	Charlynn Walker	Julie Wilkinson	Charlynn Walker	Karen Walker
Coffee Hour	Chad Frost and Chuck Byam	Gla' Spayde and Leah Horn	John and Freida Schneeberger	TBD
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	Family Service		Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	No Sunday School until Fall
Fresh Perspective	Tamara Lipsey	Marcia Kent	Laura Miller-Purrenhage	Marcia Kent



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