

# THE CHURCH WINDOW



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Beloved Ones,

These past few Sundays, our Fresh Perspectives lessons have been themed around a journey "into the unknown"—an idea I got from watching Disney's *Frozen II*. We have been using this journey to learn new things about our world, our sanctuary, and ourselves. We started this theme to get us ready for Lent. As you know, Lent is the 40 day season before Easter where Christians take a good hard look at their lives and their communities, exploring who we are and who we wish to be. So, starting with our Ash Wednesday service, the adults will join the children on this metaphorical journey into the wilderness.

The wilderness can be a frightening place, sometimes. We might imagine it as empty, or as a desert with little water and food. We might imagine that it is unreasonably hot during the day and cold at night - that the winds blow grit in our eyes, the sun bakes our skin, and that the hot ground burns our feet. We might imagine it as being terribly lonely. Sometimes, we find ourselves in a metaphorical wilderness like this, especially if we have lost loved ones, or lost jobs, or lost our health, or made significant changes in our lives. Some of us currently feel lost in the political climate of our country, feeling that this is not the place we thought it was. Sometimes, we purposefully put ourselves in a different kind of wilderness, believing that we can find answers there or believing that we need to face inner demons. Lent is a time when we can discuss these things openly, knowing that the Christian church is a place that doesn't shy away from hard topics. Because no matter the reason we go into that wilderness - whether it is on purpose or very much by accident—just like the Israelites who wandered in their wilderness, we will find that God does not abandon us there. Particularly at those worst moments when we feel most afraid, or most lost, or most confused, God will show up. Sometimes, God might shine as brightly as the fiery pillar that the Israelites saw. More often, God appears in the little miracles of nature. We will look around that desert and see beauty and life: small colorful plants that push their way through the parched land; colorful strata on ridges or waves of sand, making patterns in the distance; sunrises and sunsets of red and orange; a night sky entirely full of stars that we didn't even know were there. So as we journey into the unknown wilderness this Lent or even at other times in our lives, let us also look for the ways that God shows up. Amen.

## PASTOR LAURA ON VACATION

Pastor Laura will be on vacation from **March 1 - March 7**. Pastor Miller will be providing emergency pastoral coverage during her absence. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact **Pastor Liz Miller** at: Edgewood United Church, UCC, 469 N Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI / [www.edgewooducc.org](http://www.edgewooducc.org) / work: 517-332-8693 or cell: 517-295-1667



## SISTERS OF RUTH (SOR)

Sisters of Ruth will meet on **March 10, 2020** at Cuginos at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. We will be discussing our Spring community service project - S.I.R.E.N. Shelter personal care packets. If you already have items, please bring a list of those items so we will know what it needed the most.

## WGOD

There were five individuals who met on February 18 for WGod to continue our discussion of the book, "Girlfriends" by Barbara J. Essex.

Karen lead us in the opening prayer, which was followed with dinner consisting of individual chicken pot pies, salad and cherry crisp and ice cream for dessert furnished by Karen and Mary Lou.

Following dinner, we focused on the stories of Shiphrah and Puah, found in Exodus 1: 8-22 and Jephthah's daughter and her companions as found in Judges 11: 34-40.

The next WGod meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 17 at 6 p.m.** Dinner will be provided by Freida who will make Chinese chicken salad, Jane will provide rolls and Karen will bring fruit. We will continue learning about some of the women in the Bible through the eyes of our book by reading chapters 5, 6 and 7.

## CONGREGATORS

The Congregators were to meet for lunch February 14 at the LogJam. Unfortunately, it was canceled due to the Arctic Blast and accompanying snow. Although it was a pretty day, it was bitterly cold.



We're looking forward to seeing each other again on **Friday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m.** at the LogJam. **Please be sure to get in touch with Jim Johnson (517-627-7968) or Charlene Avery (517-281-5019) to reserve your spot.**

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DEAR GOD, I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE MY EARLIER PRAYER FROM "SOME SICK AIR" TO "SURVIVE THE LANDING"

## BIRTHDAYS

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

If your birthday has been inadvertently missed, please contact the church office at 627-2336 or [office@grandledgeucc.org](mailto:office@grandledgeucc.org)

## SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

### 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

**Russ Marshall's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday is Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.** Let surprise him with a birthday card shower! He is currently living with his daughter in Pennsylvania and loves to receive mail.

**Russ Marshall**  
11833 Findley Lake Rd.  
North East, PA 16428

### SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

**Gerry Arnold** turned **100** on February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special coffee hour in her honor on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please plan to attend, we will have a basket for birthday cards.



## 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 mourn:** The family and friends of Fay Shane.

**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, Beth P., Darrell B., Doris B., Lili B., Kathy H., Cindy G., Carole S., Barbara N., Geri L. Robert E., Larry and Carol S., Ben B., Jim H., Janet S., and Karen W.

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.



## INCOME & EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

	Actual January 2020	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year-to-Date	Actual Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$ 9,587.99	\$ 10,854.50	\$ 9,587.99	\$130,254.00
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>11,241.46</u>	<u>11,270.00</u>	<u>11,241.46</u>	<u>135,244.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	\$ ( 1,653.47)	\$ ( 415.83)	\$ (1,653.47)	\$ ( 1,609.00)



What a difference the new year makes! With the bad weather in January cancelling one of our services, everyone still needs to remember to keep up with their pledge. Our church has operating costs even though we are not open. The actual donations for January totaled \$8,997.00. Our budget for those same donations equaled \$10,631.00. The difference is \$1,634.00. This month would have almost been covered if our donations had been met. Hoping this is not a trend but also realizing that our expenses were over the budget amount also. Stepping up by making sure that all pledges and donations are made and we try very diligently to reduce our expenses will let us have another year with a positive balance.

Our hope for the future is to increase our giving and reduce our expenses so that we will be able to support a full-time pastor. With the positive outlook that this church is giving in 2019, we will soon be able to reach our goal.



## 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.

## 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!**

## 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.

## KEN'S COAT CLOSET

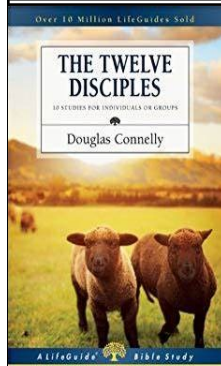
**Ken's Coat Closet, located at 501 S. Clinton Street,** is a nonprofit clothing bank. It provides an opportunity for special education students from Eaton County to work there to gain employment and transition skills. KCC also provides clothing and personal care items to hundreds of students and community members each year.



## 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.

## BIBLE STUDY



The Thursday afternoon Bible study begins at 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 2nd**. They will once again meet in the choir room. Come find out why Jesus chose such a *rag tag* bunch of followers as we study the 'Twelve Disciples'. This is a 10 week study, books are \$8.50 each. Please contact Judy Nielsen at 882-0608 to reserve a book.

## SENIOR LUNCH

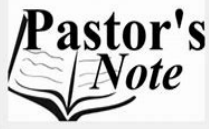
Seniors are now having lunch at City Hall on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 Noon**. The program is offered through Eaton County Meals on Wheels. The following persons may eat on a donation basis:

- 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
- 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. Those who do not meet the qualifications for a free meal may purchase a meal at the current full price of \$5.75.



## PASTOR LAURA'S DROP-IN OFFICE HOURS



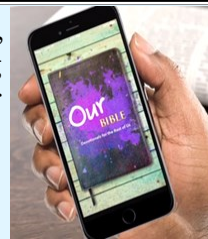
Pastor Laura's Drop-In Hours are the second, fourth and fifth Tuesdays of the month at FCUCC from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Please don't hesitate to call, email, or talk with her on Sunday to make an appointment. She would really like to get to know you all. Her email is [pastor@grandledgeucc.org](mailto:pastor@grandledgeucc.org). / phone 517-627-2336

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Our church will soon offer New Member Classes! Please contact the church office or let Pastor Laura know if you're interested. We will probably hold these after worship. Please let us know if that time won't work for you.

## DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONAL

The *Our Bible* app is a new, free to download app that features a variety of daily devotionals, podcasts, and vlogs with a progressive and LGBTQI friendly perspectives. If you are looking to explore spirituality from a new perspective, this is a good place to start. Go to the Apple or Android app store to download.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



**“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 22, 2020** 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](http://www.ucc.org/oghs)

## UNSCENTED CANDLES

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 9th**. Box for candles in narthex.



## WHAT IS TAIZE' WORSHIP

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 silent reflection. This style has been used across denominations and in various parts of the world. This is the Thursday before Easter Sunday.

**Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> / 6:00 p.m. Lite Soup Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Taizé Service.** Please plan to bring at least one guest for the soup dinner and extraordinary service.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2020!** Thanks so much for all the Souper Bowl of Caring donations. We collected **\$739 and 312 food items/44 non food items.**

The generosity of this congregation and the enthusiasm of our youth is overwhelming!

We are really working to Tackle Hunger in Grand Ledge!

## GRAND LEDGE FOOD BANK

### FOOD SUGGESTIONS

- | Ketchup, Mustard and Mayonnaise
- | Hot Cocoa Packets
- | Canned Pears, Canned Peaches and Canned Pineapple
- | Boxed Potatoes
- | Rice Mixes
- | Flour
- | Sugar
- | Cake Mixes and Frosting
- | Muffin Mixes

### PERSONAL CARE

- | Shampoo
- | Conditioner
- | Deodorant
- | Razors

### CLOTHING ROOM

- | Men's Jeans
- | Men's Shoes (especially size 11 and up)
- | Bath Towels (gently used and new)

### BABY ROOM

- | Baby Wash
- | Diaper Rash Ointment
- | Crib Sheets

### GIFT SHOP

- | Cleaning Supplies

| As always, there is never a cost to the clients. Your contributions impact the quality of life of our neighbors and serve to strengthen the community. Your support is essential to the food bank goals and we are grateful.

| Peace,

| Cheryl Mulder

**Grand Ledge Food Bank**  
4980 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. - 5:00 p.m.



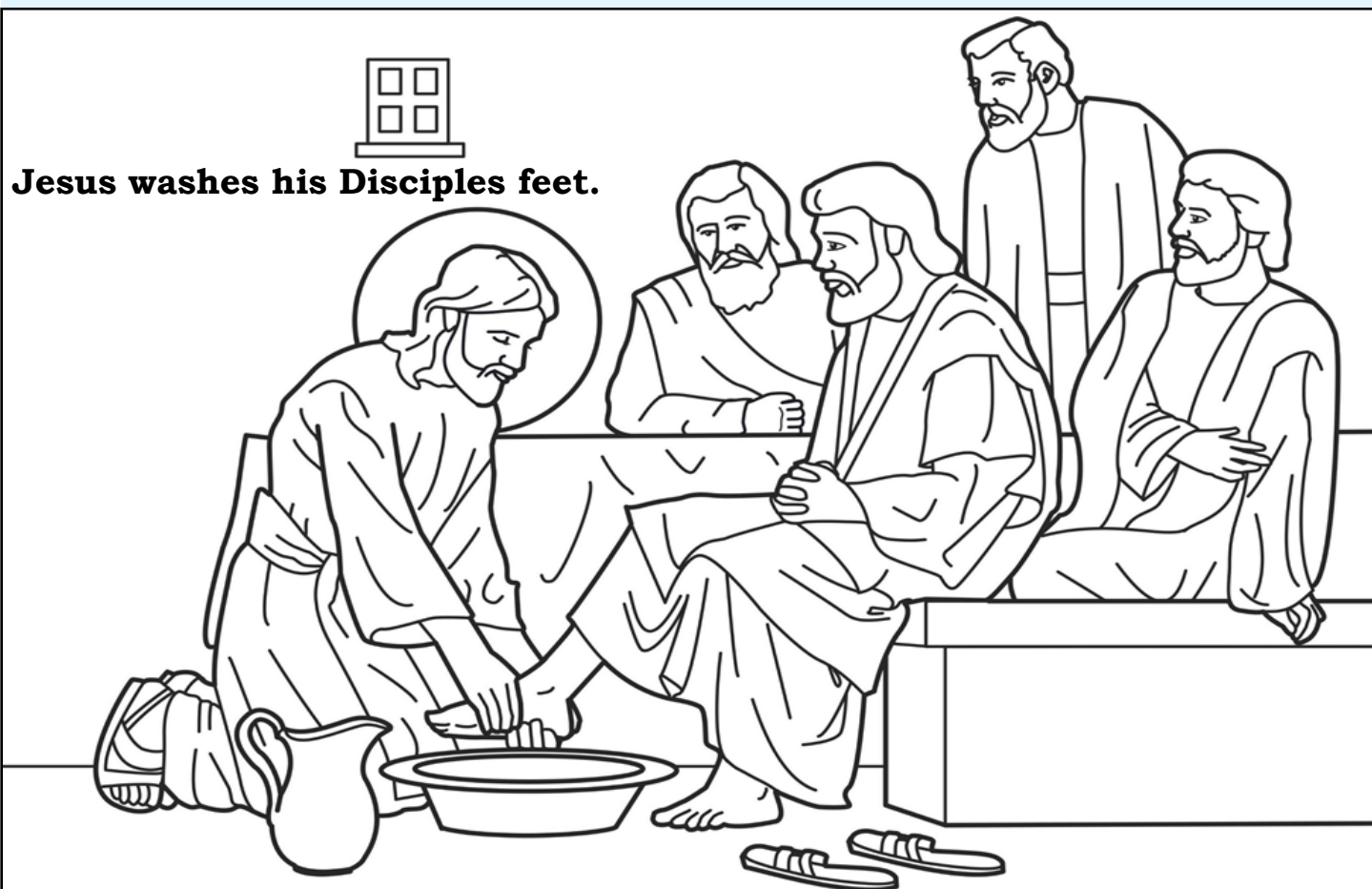


## OGLALA LAKOTA RESERVATION



It's official! We have a trip on the calendar for Pastor Laura to lead a group (Charlene Avery, Sarah Robinson, Sandy Sipes, Charlynn and Karen Walker) to Pine Ridge for nine days in September! Pastor Laura has travelled to Pine Ridge several times, and we are looking forward to sharing the journey with her! The trip will be an intercultural immersion experience meant to teach us about Lakota culture, history, and spirituality, as well as to help us form relationships with the Lakota people. We will also be involved in hands on building and/or repair projects with some of the housing there or whatever is needed. We will come back to share our experience with you and hope to inspire another group from our church families to go to Pine Ridge in 2021! Over the next few months, our team is looking forward to reading and discussing the book Cultural Intelligence by David Livermore, having team building sessions, and also doing some major fundraising. We will be seeking your help with that last item...fundraising! We will have a fundraising plan to share with you soon. In the meantime, we seek your prayers of love and support as we contemplate this journey!

**NEWS FLASH!!** Pastor Laura just discovered there are a few more openings at Pine Ridge!! If you want to go, **the deadline to let her know is Sunday, March 8th**. Each person will need to pay their own **\$599.00** cost for the days at Pine Ridge. The fee includes the services of Re-Member, the registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which works to improve the quality of reservation life through relationships, shared resources and volunteer services. The fee also covers on-reservation housing, food, and transportation. A down payment of **\$200.00** is required on sign-up. We plan to fund raise the remaining expenses of van rental, gasoline, hotel rooms and food enroute to Pine Ridge and back home. We leave on **Friday, September 4th and return on Saturday, September 12th**. Please get in touch with Pastor Laura with questions. We hope to have a couple more of you join us!



### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Palm & Passion Sunday, April 5:** 10:30 a.m. Worship, led by Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Maundy Thursday, April 9:** 6:00 p.m. Lite Soup Dinner, 7:00 p.m. **Taizé Candle Light Worship** - Chancel Choir

**Good Friday Ecumenical Service, April 10:** 7:00 p.m. **Trinity Episcopal Church** at 201 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge) **Pastor Laura will be preaching.**

#### **Easter Services:**

**Early Easter Service, April 12:** 9:00 a.m., led by Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Light Easter Breakfast** - served by Lon and Sheila Wilkinson

**Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:00 a.m. led by Marcia Kent

**Regular Easter Service:** 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage



### **EASTER FLOWERS**

The Congregational Life and Church Growth Committee will be selling Easter flowers on the following **Sundays, March 8th, 15th, and 22nd**. You can purchase Easter lilies, tulips, or daffodils for **\$13.00 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.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**

**December 17, 2019**

#### **Call to Order**

Moderator Rich Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Members present: Rich Brown, Charlene Avery, Fay Schroeder, Anita Calcagno, Kim Dible-Glasser, Julie Wilkinson, Bruce Ramthun, Karen Holcomb-Merrill, and Bil Turner. Pastor Laura, Virginia Schiefelbein, and Thea Oatman were also present.

#### **Spiritual Reflection**

Pastor Laura opened the meeting with a prayer

#### **Open Forum**

No items were brought forth.

#### **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was accepted.

#### **Action and Discussion Items**



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES (continued)

### Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura reported that during the last month she has helped plan and conduct several special worship services with more to come, and has provided pastoral care, including planning a wedding. She also reported that this has been a very busy season for Jeanette. Pastor Laura mentioned that it appears that our Facebook page and our web page are not as well maintained as we might like, and that we need to pay more attention to our policy of not using photo images of those who have not granted permission for that use. We need someone to take on these responsibilities.

Direct deposit Fay reported that the process is improving.

Stewardship drive This year's effort is essentially complete and we remain about \$7400 short of where we hoped to be.

Christian Education Proposal Virginia and Thea were present to explain a proposal from the Board of Christian Education. There has been a problem finding a time for Sunday school that is acceptable to both students and teachers. The proposal is to return to holding SS during Worship Service hours and to hire a teacher. The proposal also includes purchasing a new curriculum. The proposed cost would be \$1600 per year for the teacher and \$1000 for the curriculum. After discussion, moved by Fay, seconded by Bruce to add a line item for Sunday school Teacher at \$1600 and to increase the line item for Education Supplies to \$1000. Motion passed.

2020 Proposed Budget Fay explained that she has received a bill for our property insurance that is about \$8100. This is an increase of \$500 over what we had budgeted for 2020. The Board agreed to increase that line item by \$500. Moved by Karen, seconded by Anita to recommend the proposed Budget to the Congregation. Motion passed. With the Education increases and this insurance increase, the budget will show a deficit of about \$10,000.

Internet issues Jeannette has discussed with Rich that our internet connection has had issues lately. Rich will follow up on this item.

Boiler update There were boiler problems (plural) last week. They are fixed for now, but we need to be alert to the possibility that the boiler will need to be replaced. Gary Burt is studying what a replacement boiler might cost. Possible methods of financing were discussed.

### New Business

Cosecha Michigan Charlene relayed the thanks of the Cosecha Michigan Board of Directors for allowing them to use our Fellowship Hall for a recent meeting. They have inquired about the possibility of using our facilities on a regular basis, since we are centrally located in the state. After discussion, this inquiry was referred to the Outreach Board for their study and recommendation.

Sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities Kim explained that sign-up sheets will soon appear for worship service volunteer opportunities. This will be similar to Time and Talent sign-up sheets in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

The next Executive Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bil Turner, Church Clerk



# MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<b>MARCH 1 1st Sunday of Lent</b> 10:30 am Worship / message by Virginia Schiefelbein / Communion & Food Drive / Choir Sing	2	3	4 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	5 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	6 World Day of Prayer <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	7
<b>PASTOR LAURA ON VACATION MARCH 1-7</b>						
8 <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 10:30 am Worship / Bells Play	9 12:15 pm SOR 7:00 pm Bell Practice	10 9-11 am Pastor Laura's Drop-In Hours at FCUCC 12:30 pm Sisters of Ruth 6 pm Congregational Life	11 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	12 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	13 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 1:00 pm Congregators Lunch at LogJam 6:00 pm Square Dance Caller Wayne Pelmeear	14
15 <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 10:30 am Worship / Choir Sing 4:00 p.m. Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage	16 7:00 pm Bell Practice	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:00 pm WGOD	18 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	19 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	20 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Newsletter Items Due	21 10-4 p.m. Cosecha Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
22 <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> 10:30 am Worship / Choir Sing 100th Birthday Celebration for Gerry Arnold in Fellowship Hall following worship service OGHS Collection	23 7:00 pm Bell Practice	24 9-11 am Pastor Laura's Drop-In Hours at FCUCC 10:15 am Southside Comm. Kitchen 6:30 p.m. Executive Board	25 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	26 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	27 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:00 pm Square Dance Caller Wayne Pelmeear	28
29 <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> 10:30 am Worship / message by Joe Gilson / Choir Sing Newsletter Available	30 7:00 pm Bell Practice	31 9-11 am Pastor Laura's Drop-In Hours at FCUCC	<b>APRIL 1</b> 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	2 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4

## Sunday Schedule for MARCH 2020

Date	March 1st 1st Sunday of Lent Violet	March 8th 2nd Sunday of Lent Violet	March 15th 3rd Sunday of Lent Violet <b>INSTALLATION</b>	March 22nd 4th Sunday of Lent Violet	March 29th 5th Sunday of Lent Violet
<b>Text</b>	Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7 <b>Matt 4:1-11</b>	Gen 12:1-4 <b>John 3:1-17</b>	Ex 17:1-7 <b>John 4:5-42</b>	1 Sam 16:1-13 <b>John 9:1-41</b>	Ezek 37:1-14 <b>John 11:1-45</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Lisa Reed</b>	<b>Kathy Burt</b>	<b>Leah Horn and Kathy Burt</b>	<b>Chris Cypher</b>	<b>Tina Lamer</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Joe and Jane Gilson	Fay Schroeder and Mae Clark	Joy Leonard and Ron Erskine	John and Freida Schneeberger	Sue Sackett and Bruce Ramthun
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim and Sarah Robinson	Terry Bouck and Elva Maguire	Sue Sackett and Anna Miller	Ben Banks and Kim Dible	Rich Brown and Tony Bray
<b>Crucifer</b>	Karen Walker				
<b>Liturgist</b>	Nate Oliver	Lily Wilson	Lisa Reed	Freida Schneeberger	Marcia Kent
<b>Soundboard</b>	Mae Clark	Charlynn Walker	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Julie Wilkinson
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Gary and Chris Cypher	Gla' Spayde and Charlene Avery	Pat and Lisa Reed	Marcia Kent and Sarah Robinson	Bruce and Karen Ramthun
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY</b>				
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney
<b>Sunday School</b>	Marcia Kent	Paul Oatman	Paul Oatman	Paul Oatman	Paul Oatman

## Sunday Schedule for APRIL 2020

Date	April 5th 6th Sunday of Lent Violet or Red	April 12th Easter White	April 19th 2nd Sunday of Easter White	April 26th 3rd Sunday of Easter White
<b>Text</b>	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 <b>Matt 26:14-27:66</b>	Acts 10:34-43 <b>John 20:1-18</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-32 <b>John 20:19-31</b>	Acts 2:14, 36-41 <b>Luke 24:13-35</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Leah Horn</b>	<b>Nate Oliver</b>	<b>Chris Cypher</b>	<b>Kathy Burt</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Bil Turner and Ron Erskine	<b>TBD</b>	Cheryl Mattson and Charlene Avery	Bruce and Karen Ramthun
<b>Ushers</b>	Kim Dible and Sarah Robinson	<b>TBD</b>	Ben Banks and Leah Horn	Gary and Chris Cypher
<b>Liturgist</b>	Anita Calcagno	<b>TBD</b>	Jim Hart	Mary Lou Prevost
<b>Crucifer</b>	Bruce Ramthun			
<b>Soundboard</b>	Charlynn Walker	Mae Clark	Charlynn Walker	Karen Walker
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Mae Clark and Fay Schroeder	Light Sunrise Breakfast - Lon and Sheila Wilkinson <b>(no coffee hour)</b>	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson	Chris and Kelly Clark
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY</b>			
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney
<b>Sunday School</b>	Reflection—Bil Turner	Sarah Robinson	Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	<b>TBD</b>





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