



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
United Church of Christ  
MARCH 2016



Friends in Christ:

Not just at the end of Lent, but every day the Easter message comes to us: “He is risen; he is not here.”

Not just in late March, but every day we hear the good news: “Jesus has been raised from the dead and is going on before you.”

Not where we once were

Not even where we now are

But before us—farther down the road

We might yet encounter the risen Christ.

We are invited to journey out of the predictable, dying world of anger, resentment, and bitterness. We are invited to journey toward possibility, miracle, and wonder, knowing that Christ is going on before us.

When we refuse to give in to evil,

When we will not give in to the cycle of violence,

When we seek to love one another,

Then we discover that the risen Christ is always going ahead of us.

Jesus is not in the tomb where they put him. God is not confined in the places where we try to put God. Thomas Cahill, reflecting on Jesus’ story of the great judgment in Matthew 25, says after the resurrection, Jesus is “incarnated in the person of anyone and everyone who needs our help.”

The edges of God show much that is tragic. We cannot be callous toward the suffering around us. Our response to a world in pain is neither a flippant optimism that things must be fine if Christ is risen nor a dejected pessimism that evil has been victorious. The hope of the resurrection is the hope that God is still at work in us and through us transforming the world, bringing life out of death.

Peace,

Bill

P.S.—I want to say a word of the thanks to all of you. As most of you know, my mother died on February 17. Although she had been in poor health since a stroke in 2012, her 95 years were filled with much that was good—“No regrets,” she would say. Your thoughts and prayers have been of great support to me during this time. My whole family and I appreciated the flowers that you sent for the funeral. They were beautiful and a wonderful sign of the special caring of this congregation. Thank you. And I am especially grateful to Ryan Downing for graciously agreeing to preach on short notice and to new member, the Rev. Jeff Barton, for his willingness to be available for any pastoral emergencies that might have come up in my absence.

## NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY

During worship in February we welcomed seven men and women as members of our congregation. They are:

**Jeff Barton:** Jeff moved to Iowa City from Portland, OR, in 2013 to join Marilyn Van Roekel (the organist at Coralville United Methodist Church) in life and love. A retired UCC minister, Jeff worked with the bereavement and chaplain programs of the Iowa City Hospice on a part time basis. He loves alpine skiing in the mountains, but settles for sailing at Lake McBride more often. His background includes time as a wilderness, river, and mountain guide and instructor, as a UCC pastor, and a coach and consultant. Jeff has two adult children: a son in Montana and a daughter in Vermont. Marilyn also has adult children: a son in Colorado and a daughter in Arizona. Jeff is a native of Minneapolis and remains a Golden Gopher fan.

**Steve and Jo Bowers:** Steve and Jo are longtime Iowa City residents. Steve says that they moved to Iowa City expecting to be here about 4-5 years and are still here 49 years later. Steve was the Director of Food Services at UI and in retirement enjoys golf, yard work, and autos. He is now a member of our Board of Trustees. Jo has been an elementary school teacher, a stay-at-home mom, and a Continuous Care Manager in Child Psychology and Family Medicine at UIHC for the past 20 years. She is involved with the COMPEER program.

**Donna Janes:** Donna was born in Cape Girardeau, MO, and moved to Iowa City with her family when she was 11. She attended S.E. Junior High, and City High, where she met her husband, the late Gilbert Janes, whose parents were members of our congregation. Donna and Gil worshipped here while they were students at UI and several times over the years while they lived in Cedar Rapids for 40 years. Donna has a Master's in Reading Disability. Donna and Gil moved here before his death in 2013 and she has worshipped here since early 2014. Her interests include reading, theater, music, camping, hiking, and biking.

**Bill and Jan Williams:** Bill and Jan have been married for almost 48 years and have lived in Iowa City since 1970. They both graduated from UI and were away while Bill was in the Army. Jan is a Professor of Nursing and Chair of the Social Science/Behavioral IRB. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. She enjoys her work, reading, gardening, and knitting for a group that donates blankets. When she retires, Jan plans to spend more time with her family and returning to being a volunteer for hospice. Bill is a retired audiovisual specialist. For the 22 years before his retirement, he was a sales manager for a commercial audiovisual company serving the Midwest. Prior to that, he worked in the medical audiovisual area. He volunteers as a ranger at a local golf course. With their children living in large cities, Bill and Jan frequently visit Minneapolis, Chicago, and Minnesota.

**Mary Winkelpleck:** Mary has 1 partner and 4 cats. Mary works as a chaplain for Genesis Health Systems. She enjoys a number of activities, including writing, reading, and Doctor Who, and never has enough time for them all. Mary says, "Bringing a touch of the ridiculous to daily life is a special skill of mine, which is, in equal portions, both entertaining and annoying to all who know me."

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### LENTEN MUSICAL MEDITATIONS CONTINUE THIS MONTH

2016 will mark the eighth year of our popular Lenten Musical Meditations series. The musical meditations will begin at 12:30 and last for approximately 25 minutes. These midday recitals are free and open to the public. Please join us and bring a friend.

#### 2016 MARCH SCHEDULE

March 2	-	The LIROS Quintet
March 9	-	Taizé Meditation led by Patrick Zubiato
March 16	-	Dalaie Choi, Organ
March 23	-	Richard Bloesch, Piano Marie Von Behren, Soprano

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES Continued

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT CONGREGATIONAL UCC

March 20 - Palm Sunday: Worship with Distribution of Palms, 10:15

March 24 - Maundy Thursday: Congregational meal in Rockwood Hall at 5:30 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.; Communion and Service of Tenebrae

March 25 - Good Friday: Worship in the Sanctuary at noon.

March 27 - Easter Sunday: Easter Breakfast at 8:30; Festival Easter Service with Brass and Choir at 10:15

### THE SHELTER HOUSE BOOK SALE HAS ARRIVED!

The annual Shelter House Book Sale will be held March 5 & 6 at the TMOne Building, 1925 Boyrum St. (across from Shelter House). If you are interested in helping, please talk with Donna Hirst or contact the church office. Hours for the sale are 10:30 am to 4 pm on Saturday and noon to 4 pm on Sunday.

### RIPON COLLEGE CHAMBER SINGERS TO PERFORM IN MARCH

On March 13, 2016 there will be a special edition of Sundays at Four featuring a concert by Ripon College Chamber Singers directed by Dr. John C. Hughes. As you may remember, John was the choir director for three years at our church following the retirement of Dr. Richard Bloesch. He received his DMA in choral conducting from the University of Iowa and was appointed as director of choral activities at Ripon College in Ripon, WI. Now in his second year at Ripon he will be touring with his premier group this spring and will include Iowa City on the schedule. Thank you to those of you who have offered housing. We now have housing for everyone. We will provide the Sunday evening pizza meal for the choir. If you would like to contribute a vegetable or fruit tray, please let us know. If you would like to join us, let us know so we have a head count and enough food for all. Contact Marie Von Behren for questions. Thank you for welcoming John and family back to Iowa City.

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On **Palm Sunday, March 20**, we will dedicate our **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering**. This offering has long been an important part of the life of our congregation—so much so that in 2015 we were recognized as one of the Top 100 OGHS giving churches in the UCC!

One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. It began in the Episcopal Church in 1946 when a goal of one million dollars per year was set for World Relief. That year members were challenged to raise “one million dollars in one hour.” Since 1949 this offering has united Christians of many denominations, including the UCC, in a common cause.

In a world where communities are being displaced by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disaster, our congregation joins with many others in standing in solidarity with those who seek to move beyond the trauma of displacement toward the promise of healing and peace. Your generous gift will support the relief work of not only the UCC but also many other denominations united in caring for refugees, in providing medical care, and in disaster recovery efforts. You can watch videos about the work that OGHS makes possible here: [http://www.ucc.org/oghs\\_oghs-videos](http://www.ucc.org/oghs_oghs-videos).

**Let us join in this great tradition and give generously, not because we have to, but because we can.**



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES Continued

### FLOWERS FOR EASTER BRING COLOR TO THE SANCTUARY

Each year on Easter Sunday members and friends of Congregational UCC provide flowers for the sanctuary in memory of loved ones or to honor someone. Because so many people enjoyed the burst of color last Easter, our Diaconate invites you to bring any type of spring flower—lilies, yes, but also consider tulips, daffodils, crocuses, or any other spring flower. *If you would like to have the name(s) of those remembered in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please get that information to the church office (337-4301) by Tuesday, March 22.*

### A THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Church received a very nice, hand-colored “Thank You” from the students and staff at Mark Twain Elementary School. On the back of the thank you was the following: “Thank you so very much for the tissue and sanitizer donations! We are so lucky to have your support for our students and staff. You have no idea how needed those items are this time of year. Thank you!” Your generosity was greatly appreciated. Edie Roberts

### SOUPER BOWL UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who gave generously to the “Souper Bowl of Caring” offering after worship last Sunday. We received \$358—our largest offering for this cause since we started in 2008! All the money will go to the food pantry at the Crisis Center.

### THANKS!

Thank you so much for your faithful and generous contribution of \$10,500 to Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) in 2015. Your gifts carry the work and witness of the UCC nationwide, worldwide, and “Iowawide.” It’s my honor and delight to cheer you on in your vibrant ministries! (The Rev. Jonna Jensen, Associate Conference Minister) I am profoundly grateful for your trust and partnership. (The Rev. Rich Pleva, Conference Minister)

Ten Thousand Villages Iowa City thanks our shoppers and volunteers for helping us have another successful holiday pop-up store. Though the Iowa City store is no longer open, you can continue to purchase Ten Thousand Villages products at the Schlabaugh and Sons Woodworking showroom in Kalona at 714 14th St. Artisans around the world are able to feed and educate their families because Ten Thousand Villages brings their products to U.S. markets. Give hope to artisans by purchasing fairly-traded items at Ten Thousand Villages in Kalona.

Thank you for embracing a different—and difference-making—approach to gift-giving, by hosting your recent alternative gift fair. Through the donations you’ve gathered, you’re providing emergency assistance to people overcome by natural disasters or other crises. Church World Service Blanket Program

### MEMBER GATHERINGS

The next Men’s Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 19 at the Hamburg Inn. We will gather at 8:00 am.

The Women’s Lunch will be held at 11:45 am on Thursday, March 17 at Augusta in Iowa City (formerly the Ride Restaurant).

### THINK AHEAD FOR ANNUAL OUTERWEAR DISTRIBUTION

Each year in the fall, Congregational UCC joins with other congregations in providing winter coats for people of all ages, especially children. As winter items go on sale in the stores, now is a great time to let your dollar go further and purchase coats. Please store them at your home until the fall when they can be brought to the church and then taken to the distribution site.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES Continued

### WORK CAMP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPRING BREAK

Congregational UCC and First Christian Church are planning two week-long work camps for 2016. During the week of **March 14-18** (which is Spring Break for the University and Iowa City Schools) we will be working at the former post office in Coralville to get it ready for and to help with moving the Ecumenical Food Pantry to a new location there. We will be working mainly out-of-doors at the Village Community during the week of **June 20-24**.

#### March 14-18

The **Coralville Ecumenical Food Pantry**, CEFP, is one of the few social services located in Coralville. It was started a few years ago by six Coralville congregations including First Christian. The Coralville City Council has agreed to lease the old post office building to the Food Pantry Board for a minimum of 3 years. CEFP will need to remodel and outfit the former P.O. to be the food pantry and then prepare for another more permanent location. The roof is expected to need only minor repairs. The 2350 sq. ft. building has a concrete floor covered with tile, two restrooms, furnace and a/c, flat roof, and loading dock. It will need a new sink put in which will require cutting into a concrete floor. It needs painting and probably some floor covering repair or replacement, as well as the removal of a P.O. box wall. At this time, we have been assured that there will be work for us to do, but we do not know precisely what that work will be. Some of the final tasks will be- laying glue-down commercial carpet, assembling metal shelving, transporting food and putting it on the shelving and in the cooler/freezer.

### JOHN MCKINSTRY RETIREMENT

After over 22 years as the Pastor at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and 41 years of ordained ministry, our friend, John McKinstry, is retiring at the end of March. A reception celebrating his ministry will be held on Sunday, March 20, from 2-5 p.m., at First Christian Church, 900 Lincolnshire Pl., Coralville. Remarks at 3:00.

### CROP WALK 2016 ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3

The 2016 CROP Walk for Hunger Relief will be held on April 3. The location for the beginning and the end of the walk is at Chauncey Swan Park, just north of the Robert E. Lee Rec. building and on the corner of E. Washington St. and S. Gilbert St. in Iowa City. The starting time will be at 1:30 pm. Please come a little early to sign up and enjoy the fellowship before the walk begins. We always have a good time no matter what the weather is like.

After many years as our CROP Walk coordinator, Laurie Stunz has handed over this responsibility to Mission Board member, Paula Forest. Sign up to walk by getting a sponsor sheet from Paula, Congregational UCC's new Walk Coordinator.

### SUMMER HELP NEEDED AT PILGRIM HEIGHTS

The Rev. David Mears, Director of Programs and Facilities, at the UCC camp, Pilgrim Heights, is working on the summer schedule and is recruiting deans for several weeks of camp. If you would like more information about this, please talk with Bill Lovin.

### CENTER FOR WORKER JUSTICE HIRES NEW DIRECTOR

For several years Congregational UCC has been an affiliate member of the Center for Worker Justice. We have provided significant financial support for their work to stop wage theft and other projects. Recently they have recovered more than \$23,000 in stolen wages in just over 6 weeks - click [here](#) to find out more about this week's victory - more than \$7,000 recovered for 10 workers! In late February we learned the founding Executive Director, Misty Rebik, was leaving her position. She worked closely with the Board of Directors to craft a transition plan, and though the Board has yet to hire a new Director, the CWJ is in good hands.

The Board of Directors has elected new Officers. Mazahir Salih is CWJ's new President, and Sergio Irund A-wan is CWJ's new Vice President. Mazahir and Sergio have been involved in the work founding the new Community ID program and raising the minimum wage in Johnson County.

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES Continued**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

One of the great gifts of the church is offering educational opportunities for anyone wishing to take advantage of them. I like to think of Christian education as the experience of learning why it is we gather to worship. In offering this experience to the children of the church, I like to think I'm answering Jesus' call to let the children come to him. He knew that children were so completely open to learning new ideas, as well as soaking up love, that they were the perfect present and future disciples of his teaching. What a joy it is welcoming the CUCC children each week to hearing the stories of Jesus and, I hope, feeling the love that comes from the adults teaching them.

In the coming months this Spring, and certainly coming this Fall, we will expand the Sunday School program with classes focused on specific age groups: preschool – K, first to third grade, and fourth to sixth grade. A class for junior highs is also a good possibility. We have many potential young disciples ready to participate. The key to making this plan happen will be the volunteering of adults to be teacher/leaders, sharing their faith and demonstrating the love of Christ. I invite all those reading this to consider how and when you might be one of those adults, and then be in touch with me or a member of the CE Board to share your interest. You will be welcomed and greatly appreciated!

Lovingly in Christ,  
Patte Henderson

### **HELLO FROM DIANA COBERLY**

Diana is settling into her new home in Chicago and would love to hear from her friends in Iowa City. Her address is: 4239 N Oak Park Ave #508, Chicago, IL 60634. You can also call or email her at (319) 400 - 9491 or [pastordsc@gmail.com](mailto:pastordsc@gmail.com).

**UCC VOLUNTEER ROSTER (as of Jan 1, 2016)**  
**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**If you would like to explore volunteer opportunities, below is a list of members who are currently or have been volunteers in the listed organizations and are available for consultation. If you would like your name and organization added to this list please see BOB ASHMAN.**

<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Member Volunteer(s):</b>
Adult Literacy, Kirkwood	Edie Roberts, Pat Goeldner, Pam Willard
CASA	Mary Lea Kruse
Center for Worker Justice	Donna Hirst
Compeer	Jo Bowers
Crisis Center Food Bank	Claire Ashman
Dances for Universal Peace	Donna Hirst
Free Lunch	Donna Hirst, Edie Roberts, Bryan Clemons (baker), Vicki Thomae and Sharyn Reitz, Treasurer
Friends of University Libraries	Donna Hirst
Gifts for Parents	Edie Roberts, Donna Hirst
Habitat for Humanity	Bryan Clemons
Hardin Rare Book Room, U of I	Donna Hirst
Iowa City Learning Foundation	Donna Hirst
International Women's Club	Claire Ashman
International Women's Foundation	Mary Lea Kruse, Pam Willard
Johnson County Community Foundation	Ginny Clemons
Johnson County Livable Communities (Fall prevention)	Pam Willard
Medical Library Association	Donna Hirst
Meals on Wheels	Bryan Clemons
National Association for the Mentally Ill	Patte Henderson, Marnie Campbell
Oaknoll Retirement Association	Ginny Clemons
PEO	Mary Lea Kruse
Pride Festival	Donna Hirst, Courtney and Raven Rowe
Project Green	Ginny Clemons
Raphael Club (Art Study)	Mary Lea Kruse
Rock and Read (1 <sup>st</sup> Graders)	Edie Roberts, Pam Willard
Rotary Club	Bryan Clemons
Senior Center Friends	Mary Lea Kruse, Bob and Claire Ashman
Senior House (Book Sale)	Donna Hirst
Southeast Junior High (Reading and Homework Tutoring)	Claire Ashman, Jerry Walker
UCC: Promotion/Delivery of donations For OGHS, Food Bank, UNICEF and Children's Library	Edie Roberts
UI Leap	Mary Lea Kruse
Veterans for Peace	Donna Hirst
Visiting Nurse Association	Ginny Clemons
Winter Clothing Distribution	Edie Roberts

# OUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

## "Just Like I Wanted"

By Elinoar Keller and Naama Peleg Segal

Did you ever think that "perfection" is overrated? Our children begin to feel pressure to succeed at a very young age. But, sometimes, our mistakes—if we can embrace them—turn out to be the very thing that we wanted.

If you have a child who is a perfectionist and you want to open up a discussion about perfectionism, this might be a good book to share.

*Just Like I Wanted* by Elinoar Keller and Naama Peleg Segal

"The story begins with a girl sitting at her table, wanting to make a beautiful picture. She starts by drawing a girl playing a piano, but when she accidentally scribbles outside the lines, she wonders what else the line could be. Her frustration mounts as more mistakes cause the picture to turn into a horse that gallops through a land of candy, then an airplane, followed by an eagle, and then a pirate ship. Eventually, the girl cuts out the pieces of the drawings that she likes, eventually completing a self-portrait of her swinging. The story largely consists of the girl thinking about how she plans to transform both the intentionally drawn objects and the scribbles in her picture, and eventually the girl learns the benefits of persistence and creativity."—School Library Journal, K–2nd grade

In this picture book, originally written in Hebrew, a young girl is determined to make a perfect picture that will earn the praise of her teacher and classmates.

Instead of being discouraged and starting over when she makes what might be viewed as mistakes, she adapts, transforming the picture into something new. Told through collage and rhyming text, *Just Like I Wanted* is a celebration of imagination and perspective. It presents a great concept and a lesson we all need to take to heart.

Look for this book (and others) on the library shelves in Rockwood Hall. And explore the rest of our library for more leisurely cold weather reading.

Edie Roberts  
Children's Librarian



# Our Adult Library

## "Live Like Line, Love Like Ellyn"

By Bill Hoeft

Quoted from Book Jacket: "During August, 2011, Ernie, Ellyn, Gregg, and Caroline Found are hit by heartbreak and tragedy. Seventeen-year-old Caroline Found (also known as Line) doesn't survive a moped accident. Twelve days later Ellyn Found loses her battle with cancer."

"It is difficult to comprehend how heartbreaking the story of the Found family is - a loving mother, Ellyn diagnosed with a terminal cancer, a beautiful teen-age daughter, Caroline, killed in a freakish moped accident - both buried within a fortnight. That the father, Ernie, somehow managed to courageously rise above this devastating calamity, to carry on with grace, and that the town (Iowa City) and Caroline's school (West High) and the volleyball team came together to cherish the memory of the two women, is the story of unbounded love. That there is a victory in sports, as well, is but a glorious bonus."

In the words of Frank Deford, Senior Contributing Writer for Sports Illustrated and NPR commentator, "nothing can cure the sadness, nothing can undo the horror, but what Bill Hoeft's book tells us is that even the worst tragedy can uplift us if we care enough and are unafraid to bare our hearts. 'Live Like Line' explores the full powers of community, family, team, love, faith, friendship, and life."

Judy Doorenbos, Library Committee



# Serving Our Church

In the Congregational United Church of Christ, we all share in performing duties for the worship service. A list is provided each month for the assignments of Greeters, Ushers and Hospitality. Please arrive one-half hour before the service, which begins at 10:15 am.

If you cannot serve on the assigned date, please call someone else on the list to arrange a trade with them. Please let the Deacon of the Month, Vicki Thomae, know of any changes. She can be reached at [vickithomae@gmail.com](mailto:vickithomae@gmail.com) or 541-8774

MARCH	GREETERS	USHERS	HOSPITALITY
6	Gloria Lacina Betty Mather	Dwight, Connie, Mittke and Temesgen Schumm	Bob and Gloria Hanson
13	Carroll Hanson Anna Mary Mueller	Eugene Buck Elizabeth Oakes Emily and Ethan	Courtney and Todd Nelson
20	Amy and Chris Lewis	John Fuller Jeff Schabilion Dean Logan Mary Shepherd	Edie Roberts Vicki Thomae
27	John and Randee Fieselmann	Ed and Jody Murph Jane Murphy Doug Parsons	Bryan and Ginny Clemons

# MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> - Christian Ed Board 6:30pm - Diaconate 6:30 pm - Mission Board 7pm	<b>2</b> - Lenten Meditations featuring The LIROS Quintet 12:30pm	<b>3</b> - FRC Lunch Noon - Literacy Class 6:30pm -Voices of Soul 6:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> -Citizenship Class 9am - Altmaier Recital Rental 4pm
<b>6</b> - Choir 9am - Church School for All Ages 9:15 -Communion Worship - 10:15 -EE Coffee Sales -Chinese School 1:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> - Lenten Meditations featuring— Taizé Meditation led by Patrick Zubiate 12:30pm	<b>10</b> -FRC Lunch Noon - Literacy Class 6:30pm - Voices of Soul 6:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> - Citizenship Class 9am
<b>13</b> - Choir 9 am - Worship 10:15 - John Hughes and Ripon concert 4pm <b>Daylight Savings Time begins</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> - Stewardship 4pm - Membership 5:30pm - Trustees 7pm	<b>16</b> - Lenten Meditations featuring Dalaie Choi, Organist 12:30pm	<b>17</b> - Women's Lunch at Augusta 11:45am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> - Men's Breakfast 8 am at Hamburg Inn - Citizenship Class 9am
						
<b>20</b>   First Day of Spring <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> - Choir 9 am - Church School for All Ages 9:15 - Worship 10:15 am - OGHS Offering - CROP Walk	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> - FRC Lunch Noon - Church Council 7 pm	<b>23</b> - Lenten Meditation featuring Richard Bloesch and Marie Von Behren 12:30pm	<b>24</b> - Maundy Thursday Dinner 5:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Communion and Tenebrae 7pm	<b>25</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Worship Service Noon	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> - Breakfast 8:30 am - Choir 9 am - Church School for All Ages 9:15 -Worship 10:15 am Chinese School 1:30 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> - FRC Lunch Noon	<b>30</b> -Midday Prayer/ Meditation Noon	<b>31</b> - Literacy Class - 6:30pm - Voices of Soul 6:30pm		

SPRING BREAK



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/1 Sandra Lacina  
Benjamin Barker

3/4 Barb Hanson

3/5 Lyle Tonne

3/6 Melissa Reynolds

3/10 James Jetter

3/13 Joan Buxton

3/14 Diana Baculis

3/21 Tim Barker

3/22 Nathaniel Savage

3/23 Justine Barker

3/24 Carrie Whittaker  
Jack Garten

3/29 Rachel Anderson  
Rebecca Keogh

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MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

**PARKING INFORMATION**

Parking is available evenings and all day Sunday at the IMU or North Hall Parking Ramps.

Ask your usher for a voucher (or get one from the church office).

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

10:15 a.m.      Worship  
11:15 a.m.      Fellowship

Church Office is open Monday - Friday 9-3pm

**OUR CHURCH STAFF**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>The Rev. William Lovin</b>
Music Director:	Patrick Zubiate
Organist:	Bill Crouch
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