# U-C-C See What's Up

# Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ February – 2016

February 7



10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School

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February 10	7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
February 14	10:30 AM Worship Service <u>Conference Minister</u> <u>Franz Rigert</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School
February 21	10:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School
February 28	10:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Worship Service



January 3-39
January 10-49
January 17-35
January 24-66
January 31-will be
listed next month





Dave and Jane Nelson-February 3
Eric and Krista Kim-February 10

Best Wishes!

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!



Logan Campbell-February 7 Gordon Morris-February 8 Cindy Richardson-February 13 Lynn St. John-February 14 Gracey Ninmer-February 15 Charlotte Hartzell-February 16 Lizzy Gould-February 21

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 Peanut Processing 8:30 AM	4	5	6	
7 Scrip card orders due  Confirmation class 6:00pm-8:00pm Logan Campbell	8 Gordon Morris	9	Ash Wednesday Service-7:00 PM	11	12	13 Cindy Richardson	
Conference Minister Franz Rigert at Worship  Scrip Cards can be picked up  Lynn St. John	15 Gracey Ninmer	16 Charlotte Hartzell	17	18	19	20	
<b>21</b> Lizzy Gould	22	23	David and Calvin's Fish Fry 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM FISH Fry Lent Study 6:30 PM-7:30 PM	25	26 Ski Trip to Cascade Please sign up!	27	
Confirmation class 6:00pm-8:00pm	29	Notes: February is a busy month for UCC. February 3 is the last peanut processing day. February 7 Confirmation class from 6pm-8pm and Scrip orders are due. February 10 is Ash Wednesday with a 7:00pm worship service. February 14, Conference Minister Franz Rigert will be at Sunday Worship. Let's give him a nice welcome. February 24, Fish Fry 4:30pm-6:00pm, Lent Study 6:30pm-7:30pm. February 26, Cascade Ski Trip-please remember to sign up. February 28, Confirmation Class 6pm-8pm.					

## **UCC ACTIVITIES**

### **LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY-2016**

February 7<sup>th</sup> - - - - - - - - Mary Lou Behring February 14<sup>th</sup> - - - - - - Julie Norland February 21<sup>st</sup> - - - - - - Holly Gould February 28<sup>th</sup> - - - - - Larry Beck

#### Thank you!

Financial Fact – February 2016

I am Tracy Tronnes, your church Treasurer. If you have something you would like to know, please contact me. My email address is <a href="mailto:tntronnes@charter.net">tntronnes@charter.net</a> and my cell phone number is 608 774 6150.

As we move into 2016, please take a moment to look at our 2015 annual report. The income and expenses for the year are included as well as the 2016 budget. We work diligently to control our expenses and are good stewards of your contributions. If you have any questions about our 2015 or 2016 financial status, please don't hesitate to ask.



Tracy Tronnes has graciously taken over the job of receiving the Scrip Cards from Fed Ex and delivering the cards to church so there will be no more delays.

Very easy to do and help the church while shopping for your daily needs and/or gifts. Go on the website and check it out.

Enrollment Code: 9CA8985339399

Go to shopwithscrip.com Click on Family Sign Up Enter account info Review and Accept SHOP!

# PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>. Cards will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### One more time this season-PEANUTS TO PROCESS.

Last scheduled date for processing: Wednesday, February 3rd 8:30am

# THANK YOU HELPERS! YOU DO EXCELLENT WORK AND MAY WE SAY LOTS OF IT.

## **LENT IS HERE**



#### Lent begins February 10, 2016

So does Heart Soul Mind Strength: 2016 Lent Devotional from the Stillspeaking Writers' Group. This fresh collection of unique Lenten devotions includes a scripture verse and prayer for each day of Lent. Can be used in individual or group settings.

The title, Heart Soul Mind Strength, comes from Jesus' answer to the question: "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mark 12:29-30)

Devotional titles include:

- Chicks in Danger
- •Hateful Christians and Certain Love
- •Religion without the Rules
- Making Toast

Lent Soup & Study at ECUCC using the above book as a guide...

Wednesdays: February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> Soup From 6:00 – 6:30pm and Devotional Discussion 6:30 – 7:30pm. Books are \$3.50 each and can be picked up from Rev. Lora. To Register for this Event please e-mail Rev. Lora at revedgeong@yahoo.com. Since we have 10 books, the event will be limited to a maximum of 10 people.

## **DAVID AND CALVIN'S FISH FRY**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> 4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM

There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary. It is always a delicious and fun time!



# **CASCADE SKI TRIP**

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>-PLEASE SIGN UP AT CHURCH



## **WANTED-BOOKKEEPER**

UCC is currently looking for a bookkeeper.

The position pays \$100.00 a month.

Receives and deposits all monies, keeps financial records and pays all bills.

If you are interested or have any questions regarding this position please contact Connie Wiersma.

**OTHER UCC NEEDS** 

#### Financial Secretary, Christian Education and Human Resources.

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#### Dear friends in Christ,

I am excited to introduce you to **Shift: From Maintenance to Mission**, a new conference-wide initiative designed to support your congregation in exploring fresh paradigms for ministry in the 21st Century.

Most of us assume the Christian Faith will still be around in 50 years; we just don't know what the ministry or the Church of Jesus Christ will look like! One thing is for sure - it will change. While many of us are focused on the decline of our congregations, we are also curiously aware of the rise of spirituality in our communities. This seems like a crazy contradiction, but in reality it is an exciting phenomenon. It may feel counter-intuitive, but God is calling the Church to a vision and a ministry beyond our buildings and budgets. God is calling us to the places where our Christian faith and the needs of the world intersect. At these crossroads, lives will be transformed as people from all walks of life work together for a more just and generous world.

The central idea around "Shift" is that **ministry will increasingly involve connecting, supporting and collaborating**. Imagine how many ideas we have not yet shared! Consider all the ways we could network and resource one another. Today as never before, the Spirit urges us to take thoughtful risks for the sake of bringing grace and goodness to this fragile and fearful world. This same Spirit calls all us to a Shift - from maintenance to mission - from the institutional patterns of the past to the entrepreneurial possibilities of the future.

Such a bold calling is daunting. That's why we want to invite your congregation into a conversation that will ultimately identify a particular dimension of your ministry in which you might consider making a strategic change. We are developing some areas of focus essential for 21st Century ministry: Spiritual Formation, Justice Ministries, Leadership Development, Alternative Ministry Models, and Community Engagement.

We envision this initiative as a partnership between the Wider Church and your congregation. Our Conference Board of Directors and staff are prioritizing this initiative and preparing to equip, coach and resource your congregation in a myriad of

ways over the coming months and years. Additionally, our Annual Meeting in June will focus on the Shift Initiative with special guests Cameron Trimble, from the Center for Progressive Renewal, and Mark Tidsworth, from Pinnacle Leadership Associates.

What's most important, however, is that your congregation remains true to God's unique vision and calling for your ministry. Thus, we invite your pastor and leadership team to engage in a conversation over the next few months. Tisha Brown and I have put together four brief videos for the purpose of guiding you through this conversation. We pray God's Spirit will open hearts and minds to some exciting new possibilities in your local ministry.

We anticipate each of the four videos and the ensuing discussions will take about 30 minutes (for a total of 2 hours). We encourage you to engage in this dialogue however it seems most fitting for your leadership team. Our hope is that congregations will complete these conversations by May in preparation for the annual meeting in June. Some congregations will tackle these conversations at regular meetings (once a month between February and May); others may undertake the whole process in a retreat setting or at a special meeting. Of course you are welcome to expand the invitation wider in your congregation if that appeals to you.

The conversation develops along these four themes: appreciating our beloved faith communities, discovering the unexpected blessings of change, identifying spiritual practices beyond the Church, and exploring possibilities for a shift in your ministry.

#### Follow these links to the Shift resources:

- 1) A 7-minute introductory video (to be shown when you launch the conversation)
- 2) Video #1 and Video #2
- 3) Guidelines for engaging in the Shift Conversation

The videos and guidelines are also available on the Shift Web site at wcucc.org/shift. Videos #3 and #4 will be sent to you in February.

We hope this conversation will be meaningful and fruitful for your future ministry! If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact <u>Tisha Brown</u> or <u>me</u>.

In gratitude and hope for your ministry,

Franz Rigert



# THANK YOU

We would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful poinsettia plant we received at Christmas time. Also thanks so much for the visits we had and for cookies and other goodies you brought us.

We enjoyed and appreciated it all, and are still enjoying the poinsettia.

Thanks for everything!

Duane and Elsie Arnold

Thank you to the UCC congregation for the generous Christmas gift.

The gift was very nice and a very thoughtful gesture.

Thanks again. Cal Wiersma

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I want to send a big thank you to each and every one of you at UCC for the lovely Christmas gift. My daughter and I go to Applebee's for lunch when we are on one of our fun shopping sprees. It was a perfect gift. I showed my daughter and she put a big smile on and asked "how soon can we go"?

Thanks again for your kindness. It means so much.

Thank you again to all of the UCC 2015 committee chairs for getting your annual reports in on time. I cannot say enough how nice that was. It makes the job of putting the Edgerton UCC annual report together a whole lot easier.

As I said before you are fantastic and pat yourselves on the back, or better yet tell others you are fantastic!

Linda Everson





# Conference Minister Franz Rigert is coming to our church on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

It is an honor to have him with us. Let's give him a big welcome!

# Please mark your calendar.