



**U-C-C WHAT'S UP: THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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*No matter who you are or where you are on your  
journey, you belong here.*

## **SEPTEMBER LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

**9/5 - LARRY BECK**

**9/12 - MARY LOU BEHRING**

**9/19 - TRACY TRONNES**

**9/26 - CONNIE WIERSMA**

*If you cannot make your date, please find a substitute  
and let the office know. Thank you!*

## Pastor's Notes

Of the many cemeteries I have visited, I find Fassett Cemetery to be particularly inviting. I love the stones that border it, the many little hills and valleys and the beautiful old trees. I have been there on cold days and on warm sunny days. I find it sacred and holy. It reminds me of how important it is to have sacred space. Space to worship our God, space to grieve the death of a loved one and space set aside from the pressure of life to feel God's presence.

James F. White says of our sacred spaces, "It is space on earth that is made holy, not because of the place itself but because of what God does for humans in that place".

Where are your sacred spaces? Where is God most present to you? Sometimes the church is this place for people, sometimes it is not. When it isn't sacred space, what work can the congregation do to reclaim the space for the purposes of God?

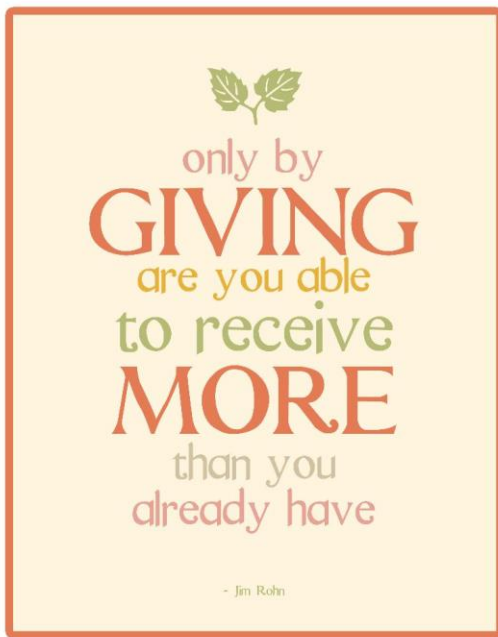
Communities that have experienced violence have developed prayer services and liturgies to help them "reclaim" their neighborhoods. Congregations can offer services of intent and healing to do the same.

When Moses first encountered the voice of God in the burning bush he heard, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground". Symbolically we do the same when in reverence and humility we enter the sanctuary prepared to worship God.

May all ground become sacred to you!

Pastor Lori





A big THANK YOU to those who have brought in food for our Blessing Box supply. We are always looking to add more to our reserve; so if you find yourself at the grocery store with a few extra dollars to spare please consider picking up a few dry pastas, cereals, and other canned goods for those in need in our community. You can drop off any goods during Sunday services or office hours on Wednesdays.

### **A Letter from Your Office and Communications Coordinator**

Dear all,

As I wind down my duties at ECUCC I wanted to extend a note of gratitude and thanks to all who have shown me and my family kindness and welcoming over the past two years, as well as support in my duties in and around the church. I have a deep affection for this congregation and it's vital community mission, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for ECUCC.

I am looking forward to spending more time with my kiddos who are growing like weeds, shuttling them to and from school and soccer practices, and hopefully developing a community yoga class to be held here in the spring. As I said last Sunday during worship, thank you all for everything - and it's not goodbye - it's see you later.

All the best,  
Kathleen Matson and the Matson family





*From all of us at ECUCC...*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 9/1 - JOAN LYNTS
- 9/5 - ELSIE ARNOLD
- 9/9 - AUSTIN TRONNES
- 9/11 - ALICE JENSEN
- 9/11 - CAL WIERSMA
- 9/14 - TYLER DAVIS
- 9/14 - ANDY WIERSMA
- 9/14 - LARRY SCHALLER
- 9/16 - EMMA DAVIS
- 9/16 - RYAN MORRIS
- 9/17 - ETHAN NORLAND
- 9/21 - DANA SEEMAN
- 9/23 - JAXON DAVIS
- 9/24 - RACHAEL LYERLA



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