



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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WORSHIP WITH US EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

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Event Calendar

- 3/6 - Search and Call Committee Meeting
- 3/12 Lenten Book Study
- 3/3 - Search and Call Committee Meeting
- 3/13 - Council Meeting - 7 PM
- 3/19 - Lenten Book Study
- 3/20 - Search and Call Committee Meeting
- 3/26 - Lenten Book Study

Birthdays 🎂

- 3/5 - Eric Kim
- 3/12 - Mary Hays
- 3/15 - Drake Smerchek
- 3/16 - Adley Tronnes
- 3/19 - Ruth Webb
- 3/22 - Cami Gould
- 3/23 - Andres Dominguez

Liturgists

- 3/5 - Krista Kim
- 3/12 - Tracy Tronnes
- 3/19 - Julie Norland
- 3/26 - George Lynts

Easter Flowers 2023

If you'd like to order an Easter flower to adorn our worship space in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact office@cucc@gmail.com with the name, quantity and type of flower.

- 6" Lily - \$17
- 8" Double Lily - \$38
- 6" Bulb (Assorted) - \$12

Thank you to all our Sunday School helpers and kids who helped bring Valentines to folks at Swifthaven!



Thank you for being a part of our church community!

Your Church Council is here for you! We encourage the congregation to reach out to leadership with any feedback, questions, joys or concerns.

- Interim Pastor Rev. Kendall Nordstrom
- Moderator - Connie Wiersma
- Treasurer - Tracy Tronnes
- Finance - Bruce Morris
- Trustees - Todd Campbell
- Diaconate - Mary Lou Behring
- Education - Jill Sanderson



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It Seems to Me

Two Sundays ago I was talking with a couple of members after church and they started to tell me about a program in which they are involved. It is an organization that provides beds and bedding for people who need a place to sleep. I was surprised that I had never heard of that organization and I was further surprised to find out that the people running it (or at least, very involved), are members of this church.

That got me thinking about what I call the "hidden ministries" of the church. Hidden ministries are those charitable, not-for-profit groups benefitting the community, in which our members are involved. They may be service club, or a task force working on a specific issue like drug addiction. While not officially church related, they are fulfilling the call of Jesus to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and heal the sick.

As the Call Committee works on the church profile, I hope they recognize and emphasize the considerable outreach of the church through the work of its members in the many hidden ministries in which they are involved.

It seems to me that while the official statistics say that the Edgerton Congregational UCC is a small church, those statistics in no way measure the length, breadth and depth of the ministry of its members.

See you in church,

Kendell

Dear Edgerton Congregational UCC

My name is Joyvilia Achieng Dmondr from Rarieda constituency in Siaya county. I learned at Sangla Primary School where I managed to score three hundred and fifty seven marks. I stay with both of my parents. Life has been very difficult and I could not attend school frequently. Most of the times I stayed home. My parents could not raise enough money to educate me. All the money they got was used in meeting our basic needs. My goals is always to be a doctor. I always promote myself that I will work as hard as I can to achieve it.

Jane Adeny Memorial School is such a nice place. It has a cool and peaceful environment that allows learning. The laboratories are so nice. The library has all sorts of books that are suitable for learning. The buildings are beautiful. In exams, the school passes very well. The school also has a greenhouse and dairy farm that helps us in learning.

I really thank you for the support you gave me and I promise I will always work hard to maintain my scholarship and also I will strive hard to (make) my goal. Thank you very much, and I am waiting for your feedback.

Yours sincerely,
Joyvilia Achieng

Thank you to all our members and friends who made Joyvilia's scholarship possible!



Lent
ASH WEDNESDAY—Feb. 22
7 PM
Service at Edgerton United Methodist Church with The Edgerton Congregational UCC

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT—Feb. 26
seeking: Who will you listen to?
Book Study, 29 Gifts, following worship.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT—March 5 (Communion)
seeking: How do we begin again?
Book Study, 29 Gifts, following worship.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT—March 12 (Baptism)
seeking: Will you give me a drink?
Book Study, 29 Gifts, following worship.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT—March 19 (One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)
seeking: Who sinned?
Book Study, 29 Gifts, following worship.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT—March 26
seeking: Can these bones live?
Book Study, 29 Gifts, following worship.

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29 Gifts
How a Month of Giving Can Change Your Life
ECUCC LENTEN STUDY 2023

Our Lenten book study has begun. The group will meet Sundays after worship, and there is an online discussion on our Facebook page. Our Sunday School kids will continue to focus on the "Fruits of the Spirit" and learning about the season of Lent.

"When I am in service to another person, I am moving from a place of self-centeredness to selflessness. The act of giving inherently carries gratitude in it. For me, it is impossible to give without feeling grateful."
—Cora Walker

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CHURCH COUNCIL

JANUARY 9, 2023

PRESENT: Rev. Kendell, Connie Wiersma, Todd Campbell, Tracy Tronnes, Jill Sanderson, Bruce Morris, Mary Lou Behring and Kathleen Matson via zoom.

Rev. Kendell led us in thought with Psalm 105, followed with prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Jill made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tracy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINISTERS REOPORT: Kendell shared some thoughts that he included in his Annual report. He spoke of many strengths along with some challenges that he has witnessed while he has been with us. The details will be in the Annual report. Kendell mentioned that we will have an Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 22 and a Maundy Thursday service on April 6, both to begin at 7:00 p.m. A Sunday morning Lenten study is also being planned.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: Kathleen created a Google doc to sign up for meals on wheels. She stated that it would be really nice for someone to take over the challenge of leading the MOW outreach. A discussion was had about the recital that was going to be held Sunday the 15th of January. We will postpone that for now because we haven't had time to promote it to the community. We will talk with Josephine about a future date.

Jill Sanderson will have a representative from Outreach come to talk on a Sunday morning about how outreach affects the community. A benefit concert for the new women's veterans' facility is being planned at a later date. Jill also volunteered to take minutes for council during Mary Lou's absence. Connie mentioned that we need to update our membership list again.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Jill mentioned that she is having more children for Sunday school. Her son Erra is our nursery attendant. Her older son will be on call if Erra can't make it.

TRUSTEES: Bruce says all things are going well.

TREASURES REPORT: Tracy stated that we did better than budgeted. We budgeted \$27,800 from investments and only basically used \$7000.

Mary Lou made a motion to adjourn, Tracy seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Behring