

## EVENTS

- 3/3 - Communion Sunday
- 3/10 - Virtual/Hybrid  
Worship Service
- 3/11 - Church Council  
Meeting, 7 PM
- 3/17 - New Member  
Meeting, 11 AM
- 3/24 - Palm Sunday  
Worship
- 3/28 - Maundy Thursday  
Service, 7 PM
- 3/29 - Good Friday  
Worship, 7 PM
- 3/31 - Easter Sunday  
Worship

*Worship with us Sundays at 10 AM*

## LITURGISTS

- 3/3 - Julie Norland
- 3/10 - Connie Wiersma
- 3/17 - Norma Thompson
- 3/24 - Tammy Campbell
- 3/31 - Holly Gould

## BIRTHDAYS

- 3/5 - Eric Kim
- 3/5 - David Kim
- 3/12 - Mary Hays
- 3/15 - Drake Smerchek
- 3/16 - Adley Tronnes
- 3/19 - Ruth Webb
- 3/22 - Cammi Gould
- 3/23 - Andres Dominguez
- 3/27 - Linda Cutting

*From the desk of Reverend Tiff*

Yes, Easter is only a few weeks away. The Easter Service is the high point of the Christian year as we celebrate the empty tomb and Jesus rising from the dead. The Holy Week schedule is as follows:

**Sunday, March 24 - 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service**

**Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with communion**

**Friday, March 29 - 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service with Edgerton United Methodist** (Rev. Dan Witford preaching and reading of the scriptures)

**Sunday, March 31st - 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service**

I would like to gather the choir to sing during Holy Week. We may have a soloist, duet, or a group of singers for any particular service. It would be great to have a choir sing on Easter Service! Whether you sang for the Metropolitan Choir or sing in the shower you are invited to come and join the group. Please bring along ideas for Holy Week music.

I would also like to invite anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our church to a short meeting after worship on March 17th. We will have a conversation about church membership and plan for a Membership Sunday. One possibility would be the following Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday. Second choice would be Sunday, April 7th. Please let me know if you are interested in joining but can't attend on March 17.

I was contacted recently by an elderly woman in town who would like to attend our church once or twice a month. There doesn't appear to be any public transportation or taxi service on Sundays. We are looking for an individual or couple who would be willing to be a point of contact and serve as one of the drivers. We hope to have several additional backup drivers as well. Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer to help.

See you in church.

*-Reverend Tiff*



## From the Search and Call Team

- The search and call team has been notified that Pastor Shawn Stapleton has taken another position with a hospice organization to supplement his income and is no longer a candidate for ministry with ECUCC. As disappointed as we might be, we are now positioned to have a better understanding of how this process would work (Shared Ministry) as well as how creative we might need to get in a time of changing church life.
- Many steps forward have been taken since the Spring of 2023 - a team was formed, church profile created, and feedback gathered from the congregation. 6 profiles were received, and conversations began about the idea of shared ministry. A "coffee and conversations" listening session was held, and potential worship models were explored. The conversation will continue on March 10, after the demonstration of a virtual service concluding with a feedback session with church leadership.
- Please contact a member of church leadership or the FIO team with any questions about the path ahead. We look forward to continuing to "figure it out" in faith.

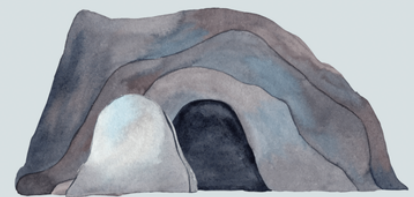
## Notes From The Office

- The Church Council is still collecting funds for new Bibles for the sanctuary and the exterior door project. You may turn your contribution into the office with "Bible fundraiser" or "door project" in the memo line.
- Meals on Wheels delivery will take place April 8 - 24. Delivery takes less than an hour, and is a vital community service - please contact the office if you'd like to volunteer your time.
- Sunday, March 17 the church will collect the UCC "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering. OGHs carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour of Sharing also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. We ask that you prayerfully consider your contribution to this important fund. If you are unable to be with us in church, you may send your offering to the church office.

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who assisted with church activities and functions last month! We appreciate everyone who lends their time, talent, and ideas to our church.

A special note of thanks to Hillary Reilly, who spoke to the congregation about UCC summer camps. There are three locations available, and scholarship options to explore. For more information on UCC summer camps, reach out to Reverend Tiff.







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## CHURCH COUNCIL

January 8, 2024

**PRESENT:** Connie Wiersma, Bruce Morris, Tracy Tronnes, Kathleen Matson, Mary Lou Behring and Jill Sanderson via video conference. Connie called the meeting to order. Kathleen shared an Epiphany devotional. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes. Bruce seconded it. Motion carried.

**MINISTERS REPORT:** We need a list of possible folks that are interested in joining the church, or to learn more about us! Rev. Tiff is hoping to meet Tue. Jan 16 to gather names and set an agenda. Feb. 18 we are planning a homecoming Sunday! We would like to invite friends and members that have not been around for a while. A fellowship can follow service. Tiff shared a bible that would be appropriate to replace all the ones in the pews in the sanctuary. The price will reflect the number of bibles purchased. Mary Lou shared that there are around 40 bibles in the pews now. Tracy felt there are some areas we may not need them. After a discussion a decision was made to start this Sunday encouraging people to donate for the purchase of new ones. Kathleen will announce it in the weekly email and Tiff will announce it in worship. The monies can be put in the offering noting that it is for bibles. Tiff shared that he is interested in doing some visiting of shut-ins and will need names of folks that are interested. Lent is around the corner and we will need to decide what to do for a study and special services.

**KATHLEEN/COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR:** Kathleen stated that she is asking for more liturgists and ushers and greeters to sign up. We may have to approach people as no one is coming forward. We have our meals on wheels dates for the year. Kathleen will be the lead on this. We need to address the anniversary and birthday list. An absentee ballot will be printed for the votes on the annual report and will be handed out upon request. The annual reports are due now! The meeting will be held January 28th following worship, followed by a potluck in fellowship hall.

**SEARCH AND CALL TEAM:** A coffee and conversation time with Rev. Shawn Stapleton (a perspective shared ministry candidate) will be held in fellowship hall on Saturday Jan. 13th. On Sunday the 14th Rev. Shawn will preach the sermon as Rev. Tiff will be leading worship. We are hoping this will give folks a better feel of what a shared ministry will look like.

**BUSINESS:** It was brought to attention that the signage in the parking lot is very hard to read and needs replacing. Bruce will check into it.

**WORSHIP LIFE TEAM:** Communion is being served the first Sunday of each month. Baked goods and cards from the church were taken to 3 shut ins for Christmas.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Jill stated that the new CE team will be meeting the last Sunday of the month following worship.

**TRUSTEES:** Bruce shared that all but 2 very small windows have been replaced. All new exterior doors are planning to be replaced and due to cost will be voted on at the annual meeting for approval.

**TREASURES REPORT:** Tracy was very happy to announce that for the first time in awhile we ended up in the black!

Mary Lou made a motion to adjourn. Bruce seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Behring.