

The Messenger

March 2017

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

SUPPER AND SERVICE

Our Lenten Suppers are at 6 pm and service at 7 pm. If you would like to prepare a light supper, please choose a date on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will begin on March 1 with our Ash Wednesday Service. We will enjoy a light supper at 6 pm and then gather in the church for service at 7 pm. If you cannot meet for supper, please still come for this very special service beginning this season of reflection and anticipation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

COMMUNION

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on March 5. After worship, come on back to the Fellowship Hall for some delicious desserts and a cup of hot coffee or cool tea.

OGHS SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

We will gather our offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 5. Envelopes can be found where you pick up your bulletins.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on March 8 at 12:00 pm for their monthly meeting. "Admission" is one pot-luck dish to share. We welcome you to come and join us for lunch.

MARCH 12

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

It's time to turn those clocks ahead. So be sure you do and get up bright and early for service!



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We are approaching a time in our liturgical calendar that is going to prepare us for that wonderful day of resurrection we will celebrate at Easter!

My friends, Lent begins on March 1st! We of course will begin that Wednesday evening with the distribution of ashes. Our ashes are a sign and symbol of who and whose we are. We are Christians that embrace the words, "Remember you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

As we journey through Lent together, we will be celebrating every Wednesday evening with a light fare and an abbreviated worship service. I am going to be preaching a first person sermon for every one of these services. This means I will become the person I am preaching about. So, gather up friends and family and come out to worship with us!

Allow me now to bring you up to speed on a committed and great group of young people right here at Emmanuel UCC. That is this year's confirmation class. We have been studying the mission statement of our church, and the class has explored writing their own mission statement. We are now tracing the history of the Bible, which is no small feat, through all of this, our class has shown interest and excitement in their studies. What great Emmanuel UCC members they are already, and will be ready to share their intelligence and energy with our church.



Thank You

We received thank you letters for some recent benevolence donations. On the bulletin board in the bell tower are letters from:

The Veterans and staff of the VA Medical Center truly appreciated the Valentines for Vets which were distributed to them. Their letter thanking us is on the bulletin board.

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, March 8, for a pot-luck lunch at 12:00 pm. Bring a dish and enjoy a good meal and great company. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

LENTEN SUPPERS AND SERVICES

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. We will again prepare Lenten suppers prior to our services on the Wednesday evenings during Lent. These light meals will be shared in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. We will then gather at 7:00 pm in the church for service. A sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who will volunteer to prepare meals. Our Lenten meals and services are open to everyone and we welcome you to come and join us. Whether you can come for supper or not, you are welcome to gather with us for worship.

MISSION OFFERINGS

The envelopes for the annual OGHS offering are on the tables where you retrieve the bulletins. We will collect this offering through Easter Sunday.

Our Sunday School is also participating in the OGHS offering and the kids will bring their donations and we will put them in the “refugee tent” collection box.

During the year, there will also be envelopes for Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church and the Christmas Fund (for retired pastors and their families on very limited pensions). We also give to Our Churches Wider Mission through our fundraisers. That’s 5 UCC missions each year. In addition to those, we can give to VBS Mission, McKinney Clinic, CROP Walk and, in past years, Disaster Relief (which we hope won’t be needed this year). All these opportunities to give to these missions are provided because members have a “soft spot” for one or another, or perhaps all of them. We are encouraged to give to the ones that move our hearts and that we feel strongly about. These offerings are given “above and beyond” our regular envelope and plate offerings that are needed to support our church at Emmanuel and continue our local presence in our own back yards. Your generosity is appreciated here at home and around the wider world. May God bless you as much as you bless others.

MEETINGS

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

March 12	Daylight Savings Time
April 9	Palm Sunday
April 13	Maundy Thursday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter
May 20	Spring Turkey Supper
June 17	300 Club
October 21	Fall Turkey Supper
November 18	Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the March Messenger is Monday, March 27. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Penny

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Pastor Lou is shown with the Scouts from Troop 434 and Pack 433 were they recently celebrated Scout Sunday at Emmanuel UCC in Dorrance.

Pastor Lou is Welcomed as new pastor of Emmanuel United Church of Christ.

Sabian Bunnell is recognized with Principal Meg Foster. The students and staff of Fairview Elementary celebrated the OnTrack character trait of Respect through November and December 2016.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Mar. 5

Greeters: Gloria Scheyer & Judy Cybulski
Reader: Jim Stewart

Mar. 12

Greeters: Carol Duffy & Ruth Polashenski
Reader: Deb Dietrich

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Greeters: Barb DeLuca & Diana Decker
Reader: Lynne Stewart

Mar. 26

Greeters: Mary Eroh and Lois Eigenbrod
Reader: Chris Dietrich

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers
Jim Rinehimer



2	Jane Rinehimer	14	Devin Stein	27	Grayson Bunnell
3	Carey Hoffman	16	David DeLuca	28	Brian Heller
4	Mikayla Walck	18	Chelsea Lenahan	28	Samantha Kotarsky
7	Cindy Heller	21	Lisa Caffrey	29	Joe Huntzinger
7	Dorothy Hoyt	22	Garrett Chalker	29	Lois Huntzinger
9	Gloria Schreyer	24	Deven Kamat	31	Michael Supkowski
		27	Connie Miller		



March 20, 1982 Bob and Helen Heller

March 31, 1996 Sandy and Brent Kleger

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