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The Messenger April 2019

*No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On
Life's Journey You Are Welcome Here!*

Words from the Pastor

April has arrived and with it the work of Spring cleaning our domiciles and yards, ready for new plantings, I am sure others besides myself have weeded out areas in life that were distracting from a deeper prayer ritual and time for reflection. During Lent I gave up some habits, found new opportunities for community service, and along with the congregation became more intentional in communal prayer and support.

The precepts of Lent not only provide fertile ground for 40 days, but ready us for growth beyond our wildest imagination. This is the promise of the Easter morn.

Holy Week begins April 14th with Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. And it was triumphant! The people and children singing and dancing and waving branches from palm trees celebrating their King of Israel. As Church we enter these acclamations, knowing the power and presence of God in the lives of everyone.

But we must also reflect on the remaining days- Holy Thursday when Jesus overwhelmed his disciples before, during and after their supper together. Overwhelmed in ordinary actions- washing their feet, sharing food, yet words of foreboding on betrayal and death. Later Jesus was left alone to pray, and then arrested and tried publicly- before equally large crowds who now criticized him. And then killed him.

We know the story, we know he rose from the tomb. As Easter people we can only acknowledge the magnitude of his resurrection by reflecting on each day of Holy Week. Jesus was with his disciples each day- in their support, their questioning, their betrayal, their refusing to acknowledge him, and their abandonment. His relationship did not change with the twelve and it does not change with us. He remains with us.

Are we ready, have we prepared our hearts and our Church during Lent to allow the message of the resurrection to take deeper root in our lives? To move towards that new life in Christ? In these remaining weeks may we prosper in our preparation.

Be encouraged!

Pastor Marie

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
		6PM "Still Speaking Scripture" Bible Study				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
• Food Pantry Giving	• 11:45AM Retired Group meets at Pizza Hut	• 6PM Elders Sunday	• 7PM Council			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
• Christian Education Giving	• Palm Sunday	6PM "Still Speaking Scripture" Bible Study	Maundy Thursday - Meal 6PM Service 7PM	Good Friday Services at St. Thomas 12PM & 7PM		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
• Building Fund Giving	• Easter	6PM "Still Speaking Scripture" Bible Study		Messenger items due to the church office	Youth Group 12PM-2PM	
28	29	30				
	• Radio Mission Giving					

April

2019

Monthly Emphases

First Sundays (April 7th) is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring canned goods and other food for the needy of our community.

Second Sundays (April 14th) is Christian Education Sunday; special support for the educational ministry of our congregation.

Third Sundays (April 21st) is Building Fund Sunday; continued support for the vision of our congregation, past, present and future.

Fourth Sundays (April 28th) is Radio Mission Sunday; support for our weekly radio broadcast on WTCA.

Fifth Sundays (n/a) is for Scholarship Sundays as support for our graduates.

First UCC Mission Projects & Going-ons

March/April Mission Project: As a church, as a community, God calls on us to protect and care for those in need. Our mission is to donate new tennis shoes for the Boys & Girls Club of Marshall County. If we all donate just one pair of shoes, imagine how many children can be provided with a new pair of shoes they otherwise wouldn't have. All sizes are needed.

Stamps for Living: Please put stamps in envelope on bulletin board.

Red Cross: We are an active warming/cooling shelter for those in need of safe accommodations in severe weather. We will send out an email and post on FaceBook when we are set up as a shelter.

Coffee Hosts: Please see Tina Morales to sign up to host a Sunday coffee hour. This is a fun way to meet and talk with folks. Just bring a few treats and you are good to go!

Garage Sale: Save those items for our Summer Church Garage Sale! The sale will take place in June, a date is yet to be determined. Your trash is someone else's treasure!

Chicago Bus Trip: Come join us for a one day bus trip to Chicago on May 18th. Enjoy breakfast at the church before we depart to go to Navy Pier. Spend the day the way you want! You can visit the shops at Navy Pier, Children's Museum, take an Architectural Water Tour, or hop on the free trolley to ride downtown. Price is \$45 per person. This includes bus transportation to Navy Pier, bus driver gratuity, and breakfast at the church. Reservations and payment are needed by April 15th.

Persons in Nursing Homes

Catherine Kasper

Norma Jean Kuhn Room 241-B

Miller's Merry Manor

Mary Alyce Pentelow Room 70

Mason Health & Rehab

June Askins Room 404



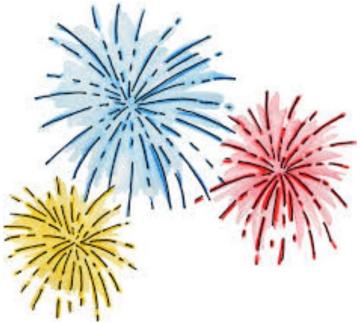
Prayer Requests

These are special people whom we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers:

»June Askins, Norma Jean Kuhn, Pat Kuskye, Edith Tucker, Suzie Servis, Dolores Gehrke, Alice Lawrence, Mary Alyce Pentelow, Jack & Pat Carpenter, Lily Myers, Janice Warren, CJ Siroky and Ken Kunze. «

Please contact Amme Girten at (574) 933-2476 to be added to the prayer chain.

First UCC Youth Group



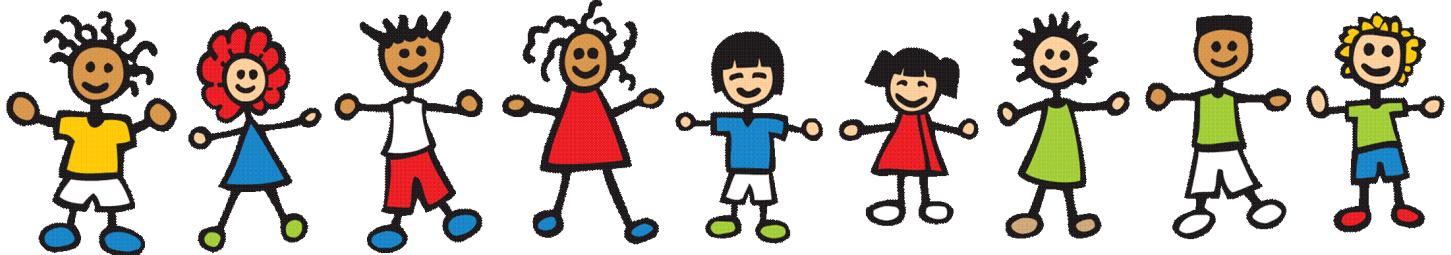
Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Youth Group in March! The kids had a blast making their own tie-dye t-shirts and doing a church scavenger hunt!

If anyone did not get the opportunity to make their t-shirts, we will be doing make-up tie-dying at our April Youth Group meet up.

The Youth Group meets every last Saturday of the month. We will meet again on April 27th, 12PM - 2PM.

This month we will have be playing Bible Jeopardy (with prizes!). We will also be watching the movie October Baby. This movie is rated PG-13 and has a powerful message of faith, healing, and forgiveness.

We have started our first fundraiser. The Youth Group is working to raise funds to take a special trip (TBD) once school is out. We are selling handcrafted notecards (seasonal and all occasion) from Usborne Books called "Cards for a Cause". Our Youth Group will receive 40% of all cards sold. For more information, please contact Christine (574) 210-3198 or the church office (574) 936-3010.



Church Blessings & Joys

- ♦ Ken Kunze & Edith Tucker are back home and on the mend.
- ♦ April 1st: Aidan Rivera's 16th Birthday!



Community

Photo: Naomi Peacock on her 9th Birthday

Written during First United Church of Christ service on the back of the lyrics of 'Do you hear what I hear'.

"Jesus didn't just rise up, he rose up and was good and he protected us and he still does and he wants us to be happy. So we should try our best to be happy for him because he does so much stuff for us. He tries his best because he loves us. And me and my family and a lot of people love him."



Attention First UCC Graduates! - Scholarships Available!

Are you are an active member (either by confirmation or letter of transfer) at First United Church of Christ, Plymouth and planning to attend a 2-4 year college, vocational school, or apprenticeship program? Please stop by the church office to pick up a scholarship application. All applications are due back to the church office before July 1st. The amount of the scholarships will be decided by the Deacons based off how many applicants there are. If you have any questions about your eligibility or your school of choice, please talk with one of the Deacons or contact the church office (574) 936-3010.

AA Meetings at First UCC

Al-Anon Hotline Phone # (574) 341-2871

Mondays - (c) 8PM, "Monday Night Candlelight" • **Tuesdays** - (c) 7:30PM, "New Life Group" • **Wednesdays** - (o) 5:30PM, "Ladies of Serenity" (women's group); (c) 8PM "Winners Group" • **Saturdays** - (os) 8PM, "Winners (w) Wheelchair Accessible, (o) Open: Open to any interested person, (os) Open Speaker: Open to any interested person, special speaker, (c) Closed: Only for alcoholics and other who have a desire to stop drinking, (s) Smoking



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