

Burlington Zion Express

March 2014



“Preparing for New Life”

One of the key Bible verses we encounter during the season of Lent is from John’s Gospel. *“For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved.”*

Jesus claims for himself that his mission from God is to rescue the whole of creation. Toward that end, he hangs out with the outcasts, the vulnerable, and the unlovely. There is room in his embrace for all of creation. Even for us. Even for you and me; as ragged and cracked and frustrated as we are. We are priceless to God. Having learned that we are wanted, Lent offers us a chance to prepare.

On Wednesday, March 5, our season of preparation for the Resurrection begins. Wednesday, March 5 begins the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of getting ready. Of clearing away what has become stagnant and stale and routine in our lives; preparing our spiritual selves for new life.

For almost two millennia, the Church has begun this season of preparation by reminding us to realign our priorities. A bold touch of ashes on the forehead reminds us that even in the midst of life, the end of this life is never far away. We are reminded of a more important priority: life eternal.

Some face this time of preparation with dread - trying to avoid thought and self-examination—misunderstanding Lent as being about giving up things. Instead, Lent is about taking on more important pursuits, sorting out what is most important and giving ourselves permission to drop whatever might have become a focus.

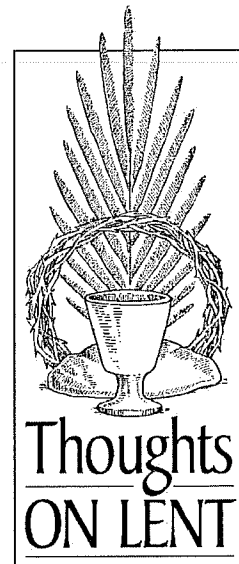
Lent is not about making yourself miserable by giving up anything you might enjoy. Lent is about clearing the decks, getting spiritually ready for the Resurrection; straightening up the clutter, organizing our priorities, and receiving permission to jettison anything that interferes with the growth and health of your own faith in God.

What if we gave ourselves permission to get rid of anything that is dragging us down? Sweep out the negative self-talk, dump the simmering anger over past hurts, prune away any habits that have grown to create distance between ourselves and God.

And in that newly swept, newly opened ground, we can take on more time for prayer, quiet meditation, time spent reading the Bible. With that new cleared space, we can spend some of our energy lifting up others, encouraging those around us, offering the love of Christ to someone who has never heard his Good News.

In Christ,

Pastor Brice





Worship

Sunday, March 2 – Communion Service

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Ash Wednesday, March 5

7:00 pm: Service
Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, March 9 – First Sunday in Lent

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 16 – Second Sunday in Lent

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scripture: John 3:1-17
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 23 – Third Sunday in Lent

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scripture: John 4:5-42
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scripture: John 9:1-41
11:00 am: Coffee Hour



Pastor Brice will be away on Sunday, March 2. Jim Ritters will be our guest preacher.

Worship Helpers

Audio/visual: Jim Levins
Church closer: Judy Taylor

Sunday, March 2 – Communion

Communion preparers: Darrell Eden and Bob Parmeter
Greeters: Marvin and Marcia Fraise; Craig, Lisa, and Will Neises
Reader: Carol Goddard
Tower Bell: Emery Kerr
Valet: Rich Goble

Sunday, March 9

Greeters: Dennis and Dyan Dietzman, Jeanette Fisher, Judy Tomkins
Reader: Jim Ritters
Tower Bell: Pam Daws
Valet: Bill Daws

Sunday, March 16

Greeters: Teresa and Matthew Heitmeier, Bill and Ann Hummel, Janet McCannon
Reader: DiAnne Lerud-Chubb
Tower Bell: Jeff Graham
Valet: Tony White

Sunday, March 23

Greeters: Charles Brissey, Pauline Kuster, Bob Parmeter, _____
Reader: Rodney Botts
Tower Bell: Jakob Welch & Marlis Robberts
Valet: Tom Ralston

Sunday, March 30

Greeters: Joanne Mauer, Marlis Robberts & Jakob, Deb Ruble, Sharon Thye
Reader: Pam Daws
Tower Bell: Bob Parmeter
Valet: Bill Hummel

Church School News

by Janice Gibson

NOIZ Nites for Families - An All-Church Event!

Wednesday, March 5

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and NOIZ Nites for Families. It will be a special All-Church NOIZ Nites—meaning everyone is invited—all ages, shapes and sizes of families, anyone and everyone, friends and neighbors, too! We will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m., and then there will be craft activities and cooking activities centered around the meaning of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. At 7:00 p.m. everyone is invited to attend the Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. It will be a meaningful conclusion to our evening!



March 5

7:00 p.m.

Please join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday worship service following the NOIZ Nites for Families activity.



Children's Church is going Buggy!



March begins the season of Lent and our time of preparation for Easter. Lent is traditionally a time to think about things we might need to change in our lives. This year during Children's Church we will be following the life cycle of Painted Lady butterflies, using a curriculum that helps us relate metamorphosis to our faith growth. Our caterpillars will arrive in a couple weeks, and we will actually be raising butterflies to be released on Easter Sunday! Help your child to be able to attend regularly!

Children's Church Mission Market

This Sunday, March 2nd, Children's Church students will be hosting our annual Mission Market. Their curriculum theme this winter has been *People Who Made a Difference*, and they will be helping to make a difference in people's lives by raising money for Zion's Love Fund. You may make a monetary donation or bring a food item for the food pantry, and the students will have thank you treats (made in Children's Church) for you!



Sunday,

March 9

Remember to set your
clocks ahead one hour!



March 2: Donna Norris, Eli Adolphson,
Steve and Cherry Klein

March 9: Heather Pope and Matt Patrick

March 16: _____

March 23: _____

March 30: Carol and Jerry Goddard

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary if you would be willing to be a host/sponsor. **As you can see, we need more volunteers for March.** Ask some friends to help you! Thank you



The handbell choir will have rehearsals on Tuesday, **March 4** and **March 11**, at 6:00 p.m.

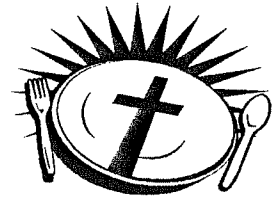
On Sunday, March 16, the handbell choir will ring in the worship service.



Lenten Cantata

Interested in joining the choir for a cantata? We will be combining with the First Presbyterian Church choir for a Lenten cantata to be performed at Zion on **Maundy Thursday, April 17**. The combined rehearsals will be from 7:00–8:30pm on April 2, 9, and 16. Contact Janice Gibson for more information if interested. Her phone number is 752-7353.

Lenten Breakfasts



**Saturday mornings
at 8:30 a.m.**

Open to Everyone!

The UCC churches in the Burlington area, along with the Disciples of Christ, are offering a series of Lenten Breakfasts. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the Saturdays in Lent, we will gather at various churches for a time of prayerful devotion and worship, food, and fellowship with others from nearby related congregations.

Please plan to attend as many as you are able. You will receive food for your spirit as well as food for your body. And as a bonus, have the opportunity to spend time with other UCC'ers (and some DOC'ers) in the area.

Zion will host on March 15. Rod Reeves is recruiting helpers and food for that date. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. He needs 5 helpers to be there at 7:45, and 4 breakfast casseroles, 1 gallon each of juice and milk, and breakfast fruit (melon, etc.) for fruit cups.

Here is the schedule:

March 8: First UCC – Burlington

March 15: Zion UCC – Burlington

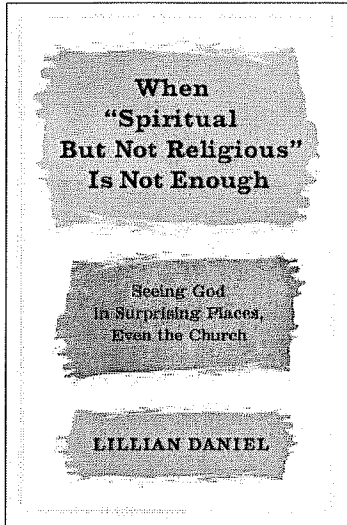
March 22: First Christian DOC – Burlington

March 29: St. Paul UCC – West Burlington

April 5: Denmark Congregational UCC -
Denmark

April 12 – St. Luke UCC – Burlington

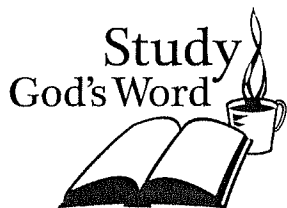
Adult Sunday School



During the month of March the adult class will continue their study of the book, When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church by Lillian Daniel.

This has been a very interesting unit, and anyone is welcome to join in at any time. A few books are still available for purchase if you'd like one for \$11.25 each.

Lillian Daniel is an ordained United Church of Christ minister and is also the author of This Odd and Wondrous Calling.



Tuesdays
7:30 a.m.
Diggers Rest
Coffeehouse

The Coffee and Scripture Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am at Diggers Rest Coffeehouse, 314 Jefferson Street. The group is currently studying the lectionary scriptures with Pastor Brice. Please join them!



A big "Thank you" goes to all the volunteers who sang at the Burlington Care Center sing-along on February 9th: **Sandy Deal, Sue Eden, Janice Gibson, Debbie Gottschalk, Cari Kraft, Gail Lawlor, Donna Norris, Milt and Laurie Paule, Rod Reeves, Rachel Rugg, and Janet Sorenson.**

There will be no monthly sing-along in March, but it will resume again in April. Details will be in the April newsletter.

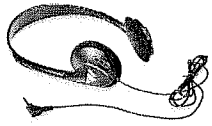
Search Committee

The new Pastoral Search Committee has been chosen and will have their first meeting this month with Reverend Rich Pleva, our Iowa Conference Minister, to begin the process of finding a new pastor for Zion. Please keep this group in your thoughts and prayers as they commit to this endeavor.

The Search Committee members are:

Rodney Botts	Sandy Levins
Paulette Cavanah	Craig Neises
Pam Daws	Lin Parks
Joe Deal	Tom Ralston
Deb Goble	Scott Wood

As they become available, updates from the committee will be shared in future newsletters.



Zion's FM Receivers



We are down to only 2 functioning FM receivers for the hearing impaired. Does everyone who needs or wants a receiver have one?

Our overall sound system has been improved since we got the FM so perhaps no more receivers are necessary and needs have been met.

Please call or email Kathy Morrish at 759-7604 or k.morrish@mchsi.com if you need one and don't have one. She will advise you about your options. There is also a flyer on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary which contains some information or you may call the church office.



Included in this newsletter is a list of all the **2014 Boards and Committees**. This covers the newly elected boards and the committees that everyone just signed up for during February.

If you weren't able to be here to sign up and want to be on a committee this year, please advise the office or someone else on the committee or just show up when they meet. All are welcome – and needed – to serve on these committees! We'll be glad to add your name to the list.



5th Sunday – March 30

We will be collecting food for our Food Pantry on March 30, the 5th Sunday of the month. Please remember to bring some non-perishable foods or paper products on that Sunday – or any other Sunday if you can't be here that day. If you prefer us to do the shopping for you, please put money in the offering plate and mark it for the Food Pantry.

Some *suggested* items are:

Cans of fruit, vegetables, tuna, and soup

Saltine crackers

Tuna Helper

Applesauce

Peanut butter

Jelly

Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce

Cereal

Juice

Paper products – toilet tissue, paper towels, Kleenex

Toothpaste

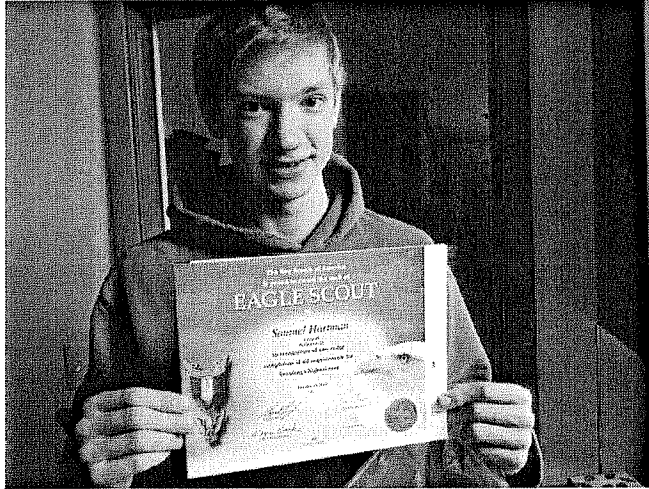
Detergent

Dish soap

Anything you can contribute will be very much appreciated. Zion's Food Pantry is an important ministry as part of our Bridging the Gap Program. Many people are helped through it each month, and they thank you!

--Deb Ruble, Director

Congratulations!



Samuel Hartman has achieved the **Eagle Scout Rank**, which is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Samuel is in Boy Scout Troop 40 in Burlington. In addition to earning the necessary badges and requirements and attending two high adventure scout camps (Sea Base in the Florida Keys and Northern Tier in the Boundary Waters), his Eagle project was landscaping at the Girl Scout office. His role was project manager which involved planning meetings with the manager of the girl Scout office to replace edging, and he was responsible for a crew of scouts who worked together with him to complete the project. He was required to document it for submission to the scout office for approval. The project took a month to complete in the fall of 2012.

He will have his official celebration – the Eagle Scout Court of Honor – in the near future. Samuel is the son of Steve and Rita Hartman.

We congratulate you, Samuel, on a job well done!!



Sunday, May 4

4:30 p.m.

Since last year's All-Church Progressive Dinner was such a success, Zion's Fellowship Committee is planning another one for Sunday, May 4th.

In a couple weeks there will be a signup sheet posted to find out who is willing to be a host for the event. **Four hosts will be needed.** There will be a house for the appetizers, the salad, the main course, and the dessert. So be thinking about it and be ready to sign up!

Then early in April we will have a signup sheet for those planning to attend the dinner. Mark this date on your calendar!

★ Thank You! ★
THANK YOU!



We are very thankful to have been the recipients of soups collected by First United Methodist Church. What a wonderful and timely addition to our food pantry ministry!

Bridging the Gap

God's World of Abundance



A shoe company sends two traveling sales people into a new territory, deep in the Ozark Mountains. After thirty days, one of the sales people shows up at the home office, dumps his sample case on the floor and says, *"I quit! Not a single one of those people in my territory ever wears shoes! This is impossible."* And off he stomps, destroyed by the scarcity of his territory.

No one in the home office hears a word from the second sales person for thirty days, forty-five days. Finally, after two months, the second sales person shows up in the home office.

"Wow!" he says, *"This is the best territory that has ever been! No one here has shoes. Every person in my territory is a customer!"* Practically dancing with joy, he celebrates the overflowing abundance.

A soft drink bottling company sells out every bottle it produces, and makes a profit on every bottle it sells.

But somehow fear is instilled in the leaders. Perhaps there will be a scarcity of soft drinkers next year, and since they are such a small producer, they are more vulnerable than the better known giants. There might not be enough business to go around. Acting out of a fear of scarcity, production is scaled back, long-time employees are forced into retirement, distribution networks are abandoned.

Their fear of scarcity becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Fewer bottles produced, fewer retail outlets serviced, fewer experienced employees leads to fewer sales, which leads to an economic scarcity. No profits made on falling sales accelerates the decline of a once solid company. Until scarcity destroys their business.

Cob webs on the closed factory door whisper, "Scarcity said it would be like this."

Ice-water fear flows down the back of the neck, freezing us in place, causing us to instinctively pull back, withhold, hoard precious resources in short supply.

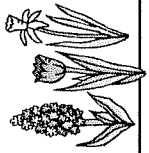
Side by side, one of us will live in a world of scarcity--paralyzed by the fear that there will never be enough. The other baskets in a world of abundance, celebrating the love which God pours out upon all creation. There is plenty and enough to share, because God has made an abundant world for us to enjoy.

The spiritual discipline of Stewardship is the process of recognizing the truth that God has made for us a world of overflowing abundance, cultivating faith enough to receive it and to share the abundance with others. Stewardship means repudiating the lie that the world is a place of scarcity, where we must hoard all we can for ourselves because there is not enough to share with others. The more we learn the lessons of God's abundance, the more generous we are in sharing what we have for the sake of ministering to others, and the more abundance we see from God's grace toward all.

Jesus said he came so that *"we might have life, and have it abundantly."* [John 10:10]

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.... Then all nations will count you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts." [Malachi 3:10,12]

---Pastor Brice



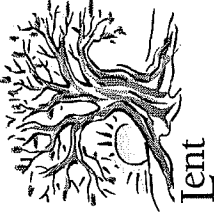
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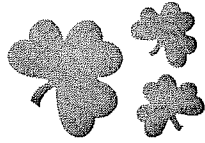


LENT BEGINS



<p>8:45 am: Adult 2 Sunday School 10:00 am: Worship & Children's Church 11:00am: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest 6:00 pm: Handbells</p>	<p>5 5:30-7pm: NOIZ Nites for Families <i>Ash X Wednesday</i> 7:00 pm: Service 7:45 pm: Choir</p>	<p>6 WELCOME * SPRING *</p>	<p>7 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Pastor Brice's day off</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>8:45 am: Adult S.S.9 10am: Worship & C.C. 11:00am: Coffee Hour Daylight Saving Time begins</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest 6:00 pm: Handbells 7:30 pm: Treble Clef Club Meeting</p>	<p>12 No Choir this Week</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm: Elders 7:00 pm: Consistory</p>	<p>14 Marilyn - vacation Pastor Brice's day off</p>	<p>15 8:30 am: Lenten Breakfast @Zion UCC</p>
<p>8:45 am: Adult 16 Sunday School 10:00 am: Worship & Children's Church 11:00am: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>17 Shrove Tuesday</p>	<p>18 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest</p>	<p>19 7:00 pm: Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Marilyn - vacation Pastor Brice's day off</p>	<p>22 8:30 am: Lenten Breakfast @1st Christian DOC - Burlington</p>
<p>8:45 am: Adult 23 Sunday School 10:00 am: Worship & Children's Church 11:00am: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>24 NewsLetter DEADLINE 4:00 pm</p>	<p>25 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest 6:00 pm: Social Justice Committee</p>	<p>26 7:00 pm: Choir</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Pastor Brice's day off</p>	<p>29 8:30 am: Lenten Breakfast @St. Paul UCC - West Burlington</p>
<p>8:45 am: Adult 30 Sunday School 10:00 am: Worship & Children's Church 11:00am: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>31</p>					





BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

- 1 ---- **Melissa Boeset**, 1217 S. 3rd St.
Velma Johnson, 10574 Rolling Hills Dr.
Will Neises (11), 2033 Osborn St.
Courtney Salek, 1921 River St.
- 2 ---- **Harold Schnicker**, 1710 Jackson St.
Glen Gottschalk, 829 N. 5th St.
- 3 ---- **Audrey Klein**, 2720 Bittersweet Place
- 7 ---- **Trey Thye** (17), 10284 155th St.
- 9 ---- **Ashlie Graham**, 321 Summer St.
West Burlington, IA 52655
- 10 --- **Bill Hummel**, 111 Golf Lane
- 11 --- **Jason Workman** (12), 2613 Evergreen
- 13 --- **Wayne Smith**, 1116 Hagemann Ave.
- 14 --- **Marlis Robberts**, 2515 Steuben
- 15 --- **Cari Kraft**, Burl. Care, 2610 S. 5th St.
- 17 --- **Kirk VanScoy**, 705 Louisa St.
- 18 --- **Bill Krieger**, 12396 Y Camp Road
- 19 --- **Megan Agnew**, 502 N. Poplar St.
New London, IA 52645
Shirley Almendinger, 2001 Wesley
Ave. Apt. 110, Janesville, WI 53545
Derek Elmore, 900 Canterbury Dr.
- 21 --- **Jessica Johnson**, 10574 Rolling Hills Dr
- 22 --- **Jeff Graham**, 111 N. Leebrick St.
- 24 --- **Jim Levins**, 714 Whitewood St.
- 26 --- **Steve Klein**, 720 Harrison Avenue
Andrew Wachter, 1028 Short Ave.
- 27 --- **Ali Whisenant** (17), 2622 Florence Ave.
- 28 --- **Nathan Chapman**, 505 Conrad Ct.
- 30 --- **Theresa Ritters**, 2736 Meadowbrook
Allie Houston, R.R.1, Box 55
Gladstone, IL 61437

March Anniversaries

- 2 --- **John and Diana Jay** (29)
13524 65th Ave.
- 13 --- **Debbie and Jim Ritters** (38)
209 Curran St.
- 29 --- **Bill and Ann Hummel** (57)
111 Golf Lane
Genevieve and Don Thie (61)
14048 155th St.



Early April Birthday

- 2 ---- **Joanne Oetken**, 2608 Subilbe Ave.

Early April Anniversaries

- 2 --- **Christina Cowles and Mike Collentine**
(31) 5236 Ferres Lane
- 5 ---- **Pat and Bob Parmeter** (34)
2636 Northwood

2014 Zion UCC Committees

Archives Committee

- Paulette Cavanah
- Ann Hummel
- Vivian Kellar

Bridging the Gap

- Deb Ruble, Coordinator
- Pastor

Building & Grounds Committee

- Earnest Turner
- Rodney Botts
- Barb Nelson-Botts
- Rich Goble
- John Jay
- Steve Klein
- Jim Levins
- Judy Taylor

Board of Christian Education

- Janice Gibson, Director
- Sandy Levins, Chair (1)
- Lisa Neises, Secretary (1)
- Sandy Deal, Treasurer (1)
- Melissa Boeset (2)
- Paula Mehaffy (2)
- Peggy Wilkinson (2)
- Scott Wood (3)
- Renee Workman (3)

Chancel Arts Team

- Dyan Dietzman
- Vivian Kellar
- Peggy Wilkinson

Consistory Board

- Bill Daws, Elder, President (3)
- Laurie Paule, Elder, Vice President (1)
- Jerry Goddard, Treasurer (2)
- Sandra Deal, Elder, Financial Secretary (3)
- Judy Taylor, Secretary (2)
- Barbara Nelson-Botts (1)
- Rich Goble (1)
- Stacey Kerr (2)
- Cherry Klein (3)
- Matthew Patrick (3)
- John Riessen (2)
- Judy Tomkins (1)

Cradle Roll/Nursery

- Paula Mehaffy
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Board of Elders

- Cathy Boeset
- Bill Daws
- Sandy Deal
- Darrell Eden
- Lyle Gibson
- Donald Kellar
- Vivian Kellar
- Martha Landstrom
- Kathleen Morrish
- Robert Parmeter
- Laurine Paule
- Milton Paule
- Philip Paule
- Jim Ritters
- Sharon Thye

Endowment Committee

- Rodney Botts (1)
- John Riessen (1)
- Keith Schulz (2)

Fellowship Committee

- Joy Anderson
- Barb Nelson-Botts
- Paulette Cavanah
- Pam Daws
- Sandy Deal
- Sue Eden
- Deb Goble
- Carol Goddard
- Judy Nesius
- Rod Reeves
- John Riessen
- Theresa Ritters
- Deb Ruble

Kitchen Committee

- Carol Goddard, Chair
- Pam Daws
- Sandy Deal
- Darlene Pruet
- Connie Ralston
- Paula Renard
- Cathy Schnicker
- Judy Tomkins

Memorial Committee

- Laurie Paule, Chair
- Paulette Cavanah
- Pam Daws
- Sue Eden
- Jeanette Fisher
- Martha Landstrom
- Bob Parmeter
- Connie Ralston

Pastor Parish Relations

- Paulette Cavanah
- Bill Daws
- Kaye Hanna
- Jim Levins
- Judy Nesius
- Theresa Ritters
- Deb Ruble

Social Justice Committee

- Bill Daws, Chair
- Barb Nelson-Botts
- Rod Botts
- David Ekman
- Deb Goble
- Rich Goble
- Sandy Krell-Andre
- Gail Lawlor
- Kathy Morrish
- Donna Norris
- Tom Ralston
- John Riessen
- Deb Ruble
- Scott Wood

Stewardship Committee

- Joe Deal
- Jerry Goddard
- Kay Jacobs
- John Riessen
- Marlis Robberts

Supper and Prayer Project

- Pam Daws
- Carol Goddard
- Paula Renard
- Cathy Schnicker
- Theresa Ritters

Technology & Marketing Committee

- Rodney Botts
- Sandy Levins
- Craig Neises
- John Riessen

Welcoming Committee

- Barb Nelson-Botts
- Kaye Hanna
- Ann Hummel
- Bill Hummel
- Matthew Patrick
- Laurie Paule
- Milt Paule
- Judy Taylor



Special Missions Offering Sunday, March 30

We will be receiving the annual One Great Hour of Sharing missions offering on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, which is Sunday, March 30.

“Through One Great Hour of Sharing, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to:

- Build sustainable communities. OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.
- Respond to disaster. OGHS provides emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, storms, floods, tidal waves, fires, explosions, technological disasters, civil strife, war, or other natural or human-caused events. On average, OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days.
- Minister to refugees. OGHS responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin. More than 30 million of the world's people are uprooted at any given time.

In cooperation with Global Ministries, Church World Service, Action by Churches Together, Interchurch Medical Assistance, Foods Resource Bank, Oikocredit, Freedom from Hunger and hundreds of local partners around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing is part of a remarkable network of service and caring that is efficient, effective and faithful. Administrative costs are typically less than eight percent annually.

The United Church of Christ unites with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over.

The partnership we share with nearly 6,000 United Church of Christ congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico is where this remarkable miracle connecting UCC members to the world truly begins. The UCC annually channels more than \$3 million dollars through One Great Hour of Sharing to humanitarian needs in the world.” (from www.ucc.org/oghs/about)

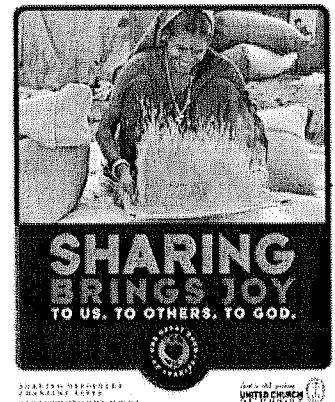
The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is administered through Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) ministries of the United Church of Christ and is one of the four special mission offerings of the UCC. Working in more than 138 countries, this offering provides hope to people 365 days each year.

Offering envelopes will be in the bulletins and in the backs of the pews. Please give generously.

Have more questions?

Go to:

www.ucc.org/oghs





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