

# THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The newsletter of 1st Congregational United Church of Christ  
of Rapid City, South Dakota

March, 2016



## Holy Week is a Sacred Journey

We live busy lives with incredibly complex schedules. There are many demands on our time and energy. There are, however, certain things that cannot be avoided. Death and grief are part of every human life. Holy Week is an opportunity each year to practice real life skills that we all need. Our week of liturgy is designed for worshipers to participate in one, several, or all of our special services according to the individual needs of each person.

**Palm Sunday on March 20 features worship and a community parade.** Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem was a bittersweet moment for his followers. Our 9:30 am Liturgy of the Palms will be filled with surprises as we wave our palm branches and shout our hosannas knowing fully that there is far more to the story than just a moment of celebration. After worship everyone is invited to join with other congregations in a community Palm Parade from Emmanuel Episcopal Church to Trinity Eco Prayer Park. We'll carpool from our church, departing at 11:45 am.

**The Liturgy of the Passion—March 21, 7 pm** Hear the description of the last week of Jesus' life from the Gospel of Luke in a dramatic service with

solemn story and powerful depth.

**Sittin' with the Blues—Tuesday, March 22, 7 pm** James Van Nuys, Bob Fahey, Jami Lynn and other friends will highlight our annual blues concert. No sermon. No formal liturgy—just an evening to sit with the blues.

**A Christian Wake Service—Wednesday, March 23, 6 pm** A meal, a time for stories, an opportunity to share with all ages. Communion offered in the context of a family meal for everyone who wishes to share.

**Maundy Thursday—March 24** In the intimacy of the church parlor, the pastors will offer the gift of footwashing for all who wish to participate beginning at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 pm, our choir will be featured in a powerful liturgy in the sanctuary with Holy Communion and a concluding service of tenebrae and the stripping of the altar.

**Good Friday—March 25** The traditions of Holy Week are for children as well as adults. At 11:00 am, we will share a liturgy suitable for preschool and elementary children. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. At noon our annual "Journey to the Cross" is a 30-minute liturgy exploring the depth of the sacrifice and the pain of loss as we move toward the cross.

**The Great Vigil—March 26, 6:30 pm** The first alleluias after a somber season ring with special joy as we kindle new fire for a service of light, share the Word, re-experience baptism and join in communion.

# Pastor's Ponderings

By Ted Huffman

Researchers tell us that an increasing portion of the population has little or no experience with the church. I frequently work with people in planning weddings or funerals who don't know the basics of church life. In addition to helping plan their occasion, I need to teach them a bit about how a church works, how we are funded, what behaviors are and are not acceptable, and much more. When we make a positive connection, such a time can be an opening that welcomes those persons into the wider life of the church. As we welcome new persons, we need to remind ourselves that things we take for granted might be unfamiliar or unusual to those who have little or no experience with the ways of the church. Remember our visitors need more than just a hearty welcome. They need to be invited into the fullness of church life.

—Pastor Ted



## Easter is Sunday, March 27

Easter is always a special time for worship and celebration. It is an excellent opportunity to invite your family and friends to share in the blessings of Christian community.

**Our Easter Celebration begins with a Sunrise Service at Main Street Square at 6:00 a.m.** Since the opening of Main Street Square, congregations of downtown Rapid City have joined together for an ecumenical Easter Celebration each year. This year's festival will include both traditional and contemporary hymns, a celebration of light, and participation of pastors from several area congregations.

**Join us for a light breakfast at the church with serving beginning at 8:00 a.m.** As has been our tradition in recent years, we will have hot cross buns, juice, coffee and plenty of good conversation and fellowship at the church. There is no charge to share in this celebration meal.

**Our Resurrection Celebration at 9:30 a.m. will feature choirs, pageantry and a powerful message.** After six weeks of reflection, confession and contemplation, the alleluias of Easter will ring out with special joy. Plan now to make worship a part of your Easter celebrations.

**Easter is a season.** Our Easter celebrations don't end when the day of Easter has passed. In the church, we celebrate Easter for a full 50 days with special worship services, sermons, and Bible readings. This year we have several special musical events to enhance our Easter celebrations including a concert on April 8 and a Jazz Hymn festival on April 10. Celebrate the season with your church family. There are new and exciting opportunities throughout the season.

A banner with a green background. The top part features a close-up of hands holding a coin, with the text "WILL YOU GIVE TO" in large white letters. Below this, the text "One Great Hour OF SHARING" is displayed in black. At the bottom left, it says "2 Corinthians 8:13-15" and "www.onegreathourofsharing.org". At the bottom right, there is a logo for the United Church of Christ with the text "God is still speaking, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST" and a circular emblem containing a cross and a chalice.

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# Board and Departments

## Moderator's Musings By Sheila Long

Trying to decide what to write for the newsletter, I began to think about all the volunteers we have in our congregation. Not just volunteering for UCC, but for the whole community. According to Wikipedia, volunteering is intended to promote goodness and improve human quality of life, for both the recipient and the volunteer. I would say improving quality of life for all God's children is exactly why we are here.

The ministries department is one example in our church of improving quality of life for others. I had the pleasure of joining their meeting last Sunday and hearing them share what they love about being on the ministries department. I heard how a volunteer's car is recognized at the mission and as soon as they arrive help is available to unload whatever treasure is being delivered. Treasure? Yes, treasure. I truly believe they feel it's treasure, for when we are missing the most basic of needs, the smallest thing like a pillow or a bottle of shampoo can make you feel like a rich man. I heard stories of how people serving in the mission line have been shocked to see people they know from their everyday lives, reminding us that hard times come to all. I would like to take this moment to thank all the volunteers in our church who make all God's children feel "rich." There is no greater love than that which you give away, as taught to us by Christ himself.

## Department of Ministries by Pat Wheaton

Beginning in April, we will sell grocery cards just two times a month, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. We will ask you to plan ahead and purchase enough cards to handle a longer time between sales. Five percent of the sales amount goes for feeding the needy--three percent to Church Response and two percent to our church to pay for the Cornerstone Mission meals. For the month of March, we will continue selling every Sunday.

Church Response appreciates the food our congregation donates each month. The requested food for March is CANNED FRUIT. In addition to food, toiletries can be donated to help with daily expenses for those with limited funds.

Speaking of toiletries, Patsy Parkin-Valandra from our department learned that Days Inn Motel discards any unopened small bottles of shampoo and lotion each time a guest vacates a room. Patsy asked staff if she could gather the toiletries to donate to Cornerstone Mission. She was given permission to

## Church Board

By Dona Leavens

The UCC Church Board met on February 16, 2016 with Moderator, Shelia Long, leading the meeting. The financial report for January 2016 was presented by Mark Ortega. Ben Anderson reported that the Transportation Program has been having a hard time finding volunteers. If you have any ideas for the program please contact Ben.

The Bobby Jo Valentine concert will be held at 7:00pm on April 8. It will last about ninety minutes and refreshments will be served. He will be paid through donations.

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 15.

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# Boards and Departments

## Why Do We Do That?

### From the Department of Worship

Regular worshipers will have noticed that during Lent our choir is not singing their usual introit in worship. Instead they are singing a Kyrie during the prayer of confession. Public confession has a long tradition in Christian Worship and our services feature a variety of different ways of engaging in confession. Asking God for forgiveness can be a meaningful spiritual discipline. The ancient prayer, "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy," has been formalized. It is traditional to sing it in Greek, the language of the New Testament, but our choir is singing in English to make the prayer more accessible to those who are not familiar with this part of the liturgy. You can expect the introits to return with the Easter Season.

### Department of Ministries, continued from page 3:

collect the items, and she has plans to see if other motels might also help. In the next months, we plan to feature various local agencies that help people in need. You know already about the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, but you may not know that Cornerstone also sponsors several other agencies. In addition to the Men's Mission at 30 Main Street, there is a special section named the Veteran's Wing. Other locations include the Cornerstone Apartments, the Dear Ones Child Care Center, the Women and Children's Home, and the Thrift Store. Each of these locations receives donations and a list of needed items appears each month in the newsletter on the website at [www.cornerstonemission.org](http://www.cornerstonemission.org).

Our department welcomes others from the congregation to assist us in special projects or to attend our meetings. We invite you to join us at one of the dinners we provide at the mission or college. Our next meeting will be on March 20th at 8:30am in room 24 at church.

## Department of Hospitality by Ben Anderson

Thank you to everyone who provided table decorations and cakes for the Annual All Birthday Sunday this past February 14th.

We look forward to having our live Irish Music during Fellowship coffee on **Sunday, March 13th**. Please come and join in.

## News from Church

### Woodchuck Society News

It has been a short hibernation season for the Woodchucks. Because all of our dry wood has been delivered, we will need to split at least 2 days a week in order to build our inventory for next winter's deliveries.

Our **March schedule** has splitting days on **Tuesdays and Saturdays, nine to noon, EXCEPT** during rummage sale week, which is March 7 - 12. Most of the Woodchucks will be involved in the sale that week, so if you find time on your hands please join us in that activity.

If you are new to the church and want to find out more about this wonderful group, show up on Tuesday or Saturday and be prepared for some **FUN!** We recommend long sleeves and work gloves and a desire to help our partners at various delivery sites. Pretty simple ... It's great to be back at the woodpile!

# News from the Church

## Women's Fellowship March Rummage and Bake Sale

The spring rummage sale is fast approaching.

Sale dates are **Friday, March 11** from **8:00am to 3:00pm** and **Saturday, March 12** from **8:00am to noon**, with a **bake sale on Friday only**.

To insure that we have everything ready, work days will start after fellowship time on **Sunday, March 6**. With enough help, Fellowship Hall becomes the Sale Hall in less than an hour and a half. Please consider helping with this change-over; it's quite amazing to watch.

Rummage can be brought to the church after worship on **Sunday, March 6** or any time the church is open on **Monday through Wednesday afternoon, March 9**. Weekday set up hours are from **9:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Thursday**. Pricing takes place on **Thursday** and we especially appreciate help that day.

There are many wonderful opportunities for fun and fellowship during this week. There are jobs for everyone and we welcome helpers of all ages. The only requirement is a cheerful attitude and the desire to form closer relationships with other women and men.

Yes, men! Women's Fellowship greatly appreciates the men who do the heavy work, testing electrical appliances, moving and toting box after box. Much manly conversation goes on that week and we invite all willing men to participate. If you want to **Be** involved, remember to **Bake** something, or **Bring** something, or **Buy** something! Profits from the sale benefit the church as well as local, national and international groups chosen by the Women's Fellowship Board. We look forward to another successful sale, and hope to see many of you at the church that week.

## Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will perform on **Palm Sunday, March 20** and will present two pieces: "Fantasy on Kingsfold" arranged by H. D. Wagner and "Palm Sunday Prelude" which features several traditional hymns arranged by Michael Helman.

The Bell Choir has positions for additional ringers. Anyone interested in joining the Bell Choir, please come to a Wednesday night rehearsal at 6:00pm or telephone the director Michael Bossen at 605-343-5514 for more information.



## Altar Guild News

### Easter Lilies

The Altar Guild will be offering Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. They may be purchased for \$15.00 per plant as a memorial for loved ones or as a donation to beautify the church.

A member of the Altar Guild will take orders for the lilies in Fellowship Hall following church on **March 6, 13 and 20**. The deadline for orders is **Monday, March 21**.

Please take your lily home after church on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for sharing your plant with us.

### Scrapbook

The Altar Guild members would like you to stop by our table in the Fellowship Hall after worship to take a walk down memory lane. We will have scrapbooks available the **third Sunday of each month** for folks to view! Stop by and help us rekindle and refresh those memories!

# Education News

## Family First

The next Family First night will be held on Wednesday, April 6, beginning at **5:30 pm**. The Department of Education members voted to move the starting time of Family First nights to 5:30, in order to better serve families with preschool children. Dinner will be served at 5:30, with some combination of crafts, games, stories, and worship experiences after the meal.

Family First evenings are designed for families to **SHARE TOGETHER**. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Family First nights at First Congregational Church on the first Wednesday of the month.



## Placerville Camp

With the warmer weather we are having, it is easy to think about spring and summer! That means it is time to think about camps at Placerville Church Camp! This year's schedule is:

**Women's Camp June 6-10--** Women of all ages are invited to share a time of fellowship, faith-building and fun. Enjoy crafts, spiritual renewal, singing, praying, great food, exercise, quiet time -- all in the company of some great women! Children from babies to 3rd grade are welcome to come along. Babysitting will be supplied for children up to the 1st grade.

**Shining Stars- June 6-10 --** Shining Stars is for children who have completed grades 2-3. These campers are invited to accompany their mothers or grandmothers to camp. They will have their own cabin and activities, but will be close enough to mom to transition into camping at Placerville without having to take the plunge alone. Faith stories, crafts, hikes, games, singing and helping with the daily chores are all part of the Shining Stars experience!

**Grand Camp- June 10-12 --** Do you like to spend time with your grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbor child? This camp is designed to get the non-parent adults and children out into nature to enjoy God's beauty. This weekend is full of fellowship, scripture, crafts and activities. Come and enjoy some wonderful bonding time! Children ages 3- 10 are the intended age group. Talk with Dean Becky Fleming about children of other ages or if you have questions.

**Seekers- June 12-17--** Youth who have completed grades 4-5. Celebrate faith and fun in God's creation as we come together to worship, play games, do crafts, hike, learn about Christian faith and grow in Christian community. Make new friends, strengthen your friendship with God and enjoy living in the midst of the beautiful Black Hills with others your age.

**Faith Explorers- June 19-24 --** Youth who have completed grades 6-8. As you grow older, faith in God becomes a more personal thing. Explore how God works in your life and in the world. Experience a week in Christian fellowship with talk around the campfire, hikes, games, crafts, worship and other activities. See how your relationship with God takes shape when you are an active faith explorer.

**Family Camp- June 10-16 --** Enjoy time with your family at Placerville! There will be separate learning times for adults and children and shared times for recreation, work, worship and singing. Come be a part of a wonderful week your family will always cherish, time spent together. All ages.

**Crossroads- July 17-23** --This camp is for youth who have completed 9th-12th grades. Come to Crossroads to discover how God is working in your life. Through large and small group activities, explore what it means to be a Christian teenager. Spend time hiking, crafting, worshiping, playing and just experiencing God's presence. Live for a week in Christian fellowship and see how it strengthens your relationship with God and changes your life!

## Reality, Grief, Hope: A Lenten Study

Join Pastor Ted for conversation following worship on Sunday, March 6. Grab a cup of coffee and join the discussion in the church parlor. The theme this week will be **Hope and Despair**. The session will feature a short presentation of the topic followed by an opportunity for questions, comments and discussion. Each session stands alone so those who have not attended a previous session are invited to jump right in. Come and listen; come and share. Lent gives us an opportunity to delve deeper into our faith. Come and share your faith and questions with others.

## Kerygma

The Wednesday morning Kerygma Bible study is beginning the spring study on the book of Job. Throughout the ages, we humans have pondered the meaning of suffering. Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do good things come the way of bad people? How do we respond to suffering—our own and that of others? These are not easy questions with simplistic answers. Rather, they are age-old questions that continue to be worth exploring today. Kerygma meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in Room 23. Several of our former members have moved away or are unable to attend, so it's a good time to join this group. New members are welcome! If you would like to join the fascinating discussions sparked by the book of Job, talk to Susan Huffman so that you can get a copy of the book and the schedule for the month.

## Christian Wake Service

Faith is built in community. And the Christian Wake Service is all about community! Youth and families are invited to share the meal and worship on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:00 pm. It's a time to eat, share, laugh and remember the life of Jesus. Come to the table; there's a place for you!

## Good Friday Children's Worship

A special service of worship for children and their families will be held on Good Friday, **March 25 at 11:00 am** in the sanctuary. In order to learn to worship, children need to experience worship. This Holy Week service will include stories of Jesus and a simple celebration of the Lord's Supper. Although the worship is aimed at preschool and younger elementary children along with their parents or other adults, people of all ages are welcome to participate. Invite your friends who have young children to come, too. Everyone is welcome! For more information, talk to Susan Huffman.

# News from the Church

## Church Chat

Church Chat will meet at **noon** on **Tuesday, March 15** in the Fireside Room. We will continue our discussion of Kent Nerburn's book, *The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo*. For more information, contact **Kathleen Batchelder**.

## Birthday Celebration

To our Church Family:  
You are invited to a celebration for **Ed Boyd's 100th Birthday** on **Saturday March 19 from 2:00 to 4:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall.



## 4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch

The 4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch group will gather at **Minerva's** on **March 22** at **11:30pm**. Any questions, call **Maureen Dymock** at 343-5532.

## Memoir Writing Group

The Memoir Writing Group will meet on the fifth Thursday this month, since the fourth Thursday is Maundy Thursday. Join us at **1:30pm on March 31** in the church parlor. For more information, contact **Mary Keithahn**.

## Library News

When looking for reading material, don't forget our own UCC Library. We are constantly trying to upgrade and improve our service with YOU, our readers, in mind. We have changed the books on some of the shelves so you can find a special section that will help you with medical and mental issues. The library also has 104 biographies, 51 books exploring world religions and 47 books written by local authors. REMEMBER to take advantage of our UCC Library—a perk which is absolutely free.

## Member News and Notes

### Happy Birthday

The following members and friends have **March** birthdays:

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| <b>March 1:</b> Monica Darrow                                    | <b>March 19:</b> Terry Brouillette, Chance Lester, Jim Wosepka                           |
| <b>March 7:</b> Marvin Bitterman                                 | <b>March 21:</b> Laura Bareis  |
| <b>March 9:</b> Coen Grauman<br>Bob Moore                        | <b>March 22:</b> Ryan Long, Scott Nielsen  |
| <b>March 10:</b> Jordan Lapoint<br>Mindy Nickel                  | <b>March 23:</b> Del Maynard   |
| <b>March 12:</b> Ella Anderson<br>Diana Koehn<br>Dwight Schnabel | <b>March 25:</b> Ethan Thompson  |
| <b>March 13:</b> Todd Eddy                                       | <b>March 28:</b> Donna Danielson   |
| <b>March 17:</b> Ed Boyd   | <b>March 29:</b> Anna Benusis, Jodi Burke  |
| <b>March 18:</b> Isaac Knight                                    | <b>March 30:</b> Helen Snyder  |
|  | <b>March 31:</b> Kain Cruz, Hallie Downs,<br>Sue Maynard, Layne Putnam, Dorothy Slingsby |



# Member News and Notes

## Prayers Concerns

Our sympathy goes out to **Julie and Jack LaCroix**, following the death of Jack's mother, **June M. LaCroix**, on February 18.

Please hold the following in your prayers as they battle cancer:

**Laura Boyd's** brother, **John Winder**; **Carol Boyles' brother, Terry Hammon**; **Jill Kundtz's** sister-in-law, **Mindy**; and **Sheila Long's** mother, **Debbie Torrey**.

Other church members are in our prayers including: **Mavis Iverson** at Clarkson Health Care; **John Arneson** at Echo Ridge; and **Ida Muree St. Pierre** and **Shirley Triggs** at Westhills South.

Our prayers are with the following members, families and friends:

**Marvin Bitterman**; **Carol Boyles' brother, Rex Hammon**; **Vivian Dittmer**; **Al Dymock**; **Rev. Ray Schatz**; **Jane Seaton's** daughter, **Gail Johnson**; **Rev. Don Stoebner** and his wife and caregiver, **Rosie**; **Deb Tompkins' nephew**; brothers, **Bob Hills** and **Joe Hills**; and friend, **Barb Reynolds**; and **Tish Wilkinson**.

In addition, **Mae Louise Zeise** has moved to a rehab facility following her hip replacement surgery.

Cards and letters may be sent to:  
Mae Louise Zeise  
c/o The Club Health and  
Rehabilitation Center at the Villages  
16529 SE 86th Belle Meade Circle  
The Villages FL 32162

### In Military Service:

**Ed and Ginny Ensz's** grandson, **Kyle Kloeckl**; **Melanie Moore, Johnathan Nickel** and all serving our country.

**Johnathan Nickel** has returned to California to begin the next step of his Marine Corps training and would like to hear from people in our church.

Correspondence may be sent to:  
PFC NICKEL JOHNATHATHAN  
ALPHA CO SOI (W)  
ITB Bn BOX 555081  
CAMP PENDLETON CA 92055

## Thank you

Break Through Inc. wants to thank you for your continued support. Your gifts will help bring awareness about disabilities to our communities here and throughout the U.S.

*Ben and Dee Anderson*

Words cannot describe how thankful we are to all of you! Thank you for letting us be part of the beautiful baby shower. All the gifts, cards, and money are a blessing and we sure appreciate everything. Thank you for the soup, sandwiches and dessert as well. We cannot wait to meet baby girl Diedtrich! Thank you again for letting us be part of this wonderful church family. Love you all!

*The Diedtrichs*

## Directory Updates

**Stephen and Nanette Branch**  
722 5th Street  
Rapid City SD 57701

**Bobby Staton**  
2620 Holiday Ln Apt 303  
Rapid City SD 57702

**Cory and Lacey Vrooman**  
411 N Reservoir Road  
Rapid City SD 57703  
605-718-0407



# Mission and Outreach

## Our Costa Rica Sister Church

Our congregation has been in a formal partnership with the Community Christian Church in los Guido, Costa Rica since 2001. With the approval of this year's budget, our church will be sending monthly checks to the church to fully fund the feeding program that Pastor Dorotea has at the church three days a week. This is the first time that our congregation has made a substantial commitment as a part of the church's finances, and this adds a level of support to the sister church relationship that had been missing.

That is not to say that the church has not been supportive of the programs there. Through individuals' donations to the Angels of los Guido fund, there has been help for many of the activities of the church. For example, in 2015 there was \$1200 available for educational scholarships, which can provide needed materials, transportation money, or other costs associated with education in a system that requires families to purchase uniforms, books and all classroom supplies. Pastor Dorotea usually awards scholarships to 20 - 22 students, each receiving only the help that they need.

**WE NEED YOU**  
BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR



### Each One Teach One

Are you patient, persistent, and personable? Are you a good listener and a good communicator? Are you reliable and open-minded? You might make a great volunteer tutor!

Join the Literacy Council of the Black Hills ([www.literacycouncilblackhills.org](http://www.literacycouncilblackhills.org)) for a twelve-hour workshop and learn how to tutor basic reading and writing skills and English as a second language. Topics include learning styles, student goals, lesson plans, and applying skills to real-world tasks.

After you complete the training, you'll work with one of the students on our waiting list or help in our conversation classes.

The suggested donation for the workshop is \$30 to help cover the cost of materials. Food will be provided!

**When:** Saturdays, March 12 and 19, 2 - 7 p.m. plus two hours of homework

**Where:** Rapid City Public Library, 610 Quincy Street, Helen Hoyt Room

**Register:** 484.5364 or [mtn27@rap.midco.net](mailto:mtn27@rap.midco.net)

**Questions:** [litcouncilblackhills@gmail.com](mailto:litcouncilblackhills@gmail.com)

Dorotea had another \$1200 available for youth programs at the church, which are extremely important in an area of high drug, alcohol, and gang activity. This money could be used for materials, transportation costs, or food for the gatherings. Recreational scholarships amounting to \$1200 allowed students to participate in swimming lessons at an area pool, and this has been of particular benefit to children who have little way to exercise except in the streets.

Lesser amounts were also available for Pastor Dorotea to use as a discretionary fund at the church, and to pay the youth group leaders a small stipend for their leadership.

The generosity of this congregation has allowed Pastor Dorotea to provide a safe haven that offers healthy programs and food for children and teens. We truly are making a difference in the world. If you have questions about these programs, please visit with Chuck or Sybil Rounds.

# March Calendar

## Fri Mar 4, 2016

1pm Rescue Stained Glass  
1pm BH Watercolor Group  
7:30pm Dordt College Concert

## Sat Mar 5, 2016

9:00am Woodchuck splitting

## Sun Mar 6, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice  
9:30am Worship For All Ages  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:45am Adult Discussion  
11am Rummage Sale Set Up  
5pm The Well Service

## Mon Mar 7, 2016

9am Rummage Sale Set up  
6pm Evening Rotary Group

## Tue Mar 8, 2016

8:15am BH Ret. School Personnel  
9am Rummage Sale Set up  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

## Wed Mar 9, 2016

9am Rummage Sale Set up  
6pm Bell Choir Practice  
6pm Stewardship & Budget  
6:30pm United Church Youth  
7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Thu Mar 10, 2016

9am Rummage Sale Set up  
10am Altar Guild Meeting  
4pm Dept. of Worship

## Fri Mar 11, 2016

8am Rummage and Bake Sale  
1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Mar 12, 2016

8am Rummage Sale  
12 noon Rummage Sale clean up

## Sun Mar 13, 2016

**Daylight Saving Time starts**  
8:30am Adult Choir Practice  
8:30am Dept. of Ministries  
9:30am Worship /Sunday School  
10:30am Fellowship/Irish music  
5pm The Well Service

## Mon Mar 14, 2016

1:30pm Westhills Bible & Book  
6pm Evening Rotary Group

## Tue Mar 15, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting  
12pm Church Chat  
1pm Craft Day  
1:15pm Spiritual Practices  
7pm Church Board Meeting

## Wed Mar 16, 2016

9:30am Good Morning Circle  
6pm Bell Choir Practice  
6:30pm Good Evening Circle  
6:30pm United Church Youth  
7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Fri Mar 18, 2016

1pm Rescue Stained Glass  
1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Mar 19, 2016

9am Woodchuck Splitting  
2pm Ed Boyd-100th Birthday  
Open House

## Sun Mar 20, 2016

**Palm Sunday**  
8am Bell Choir Practice  
8:30am Adult Choir Practice  
9:30am Worship - The Liturgy  
of the Palms/Sunday School  
10:30am Fellowship  
11:45am Carpool for Down-  
town Palm Parade  
3:30pm Jail Ministry  
5pm The Well Service

## Mon Mar 21, 2016

**Holy Monday**  
7pm The Liturgy of the Passion

## Tue Mar 22, 2016

**Holy Tuesday**  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
11:30am 4th Tues. Ladies Lunch  
1pm Craft Day  
1:15pm Spiritual Practices  
7pm Sittin' with the Blues  
Concert

## Wed Mar 23, 2016

**Holy Wednesday**  
9:30am Kerygma  
6pm Bell Choir Practice  
6pm Christian Wake Service/Meal  
7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Thu Mar 24, 2016

**Maundy Thursday**  
6:30pm Footwashing  
7pm Maundy Thursday Worship

## Fri Mar 25, 2016

**Good Friday**  
11am -Good Friday Family  
Communion  
12pm Journey to the Cross  
1pm Rescue Stained Glass  
1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Mar 26, 2016

**Holy Saturday**  
10am Survivors of Suicide  
6:30pm Great Easter Vigil

## Sun Mar 27, 2016

**Easter Sunday**  
6am Sunrise Service at Main  
Street Square  
8am Breakfast  
8:30am Adult Choir Practice  
9:30am Resurrection Celebration  
10:30am Fellowship  
3:30pm Jail Ministry  
5pm The Well Service

## Mon Mar 28, 2016

1:30pm Westhills Bible & Book

## Tue Mar 29, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting  
1pm Craft Day  
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

## Wed Mar 30, 2016

9:30am Kerygma  
6pm Bell Choir Practice  
6:30pm United Church Youth  
7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Thu Mar 31, 2016

1:30pm Memoir Writing Group



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