

The Tidings

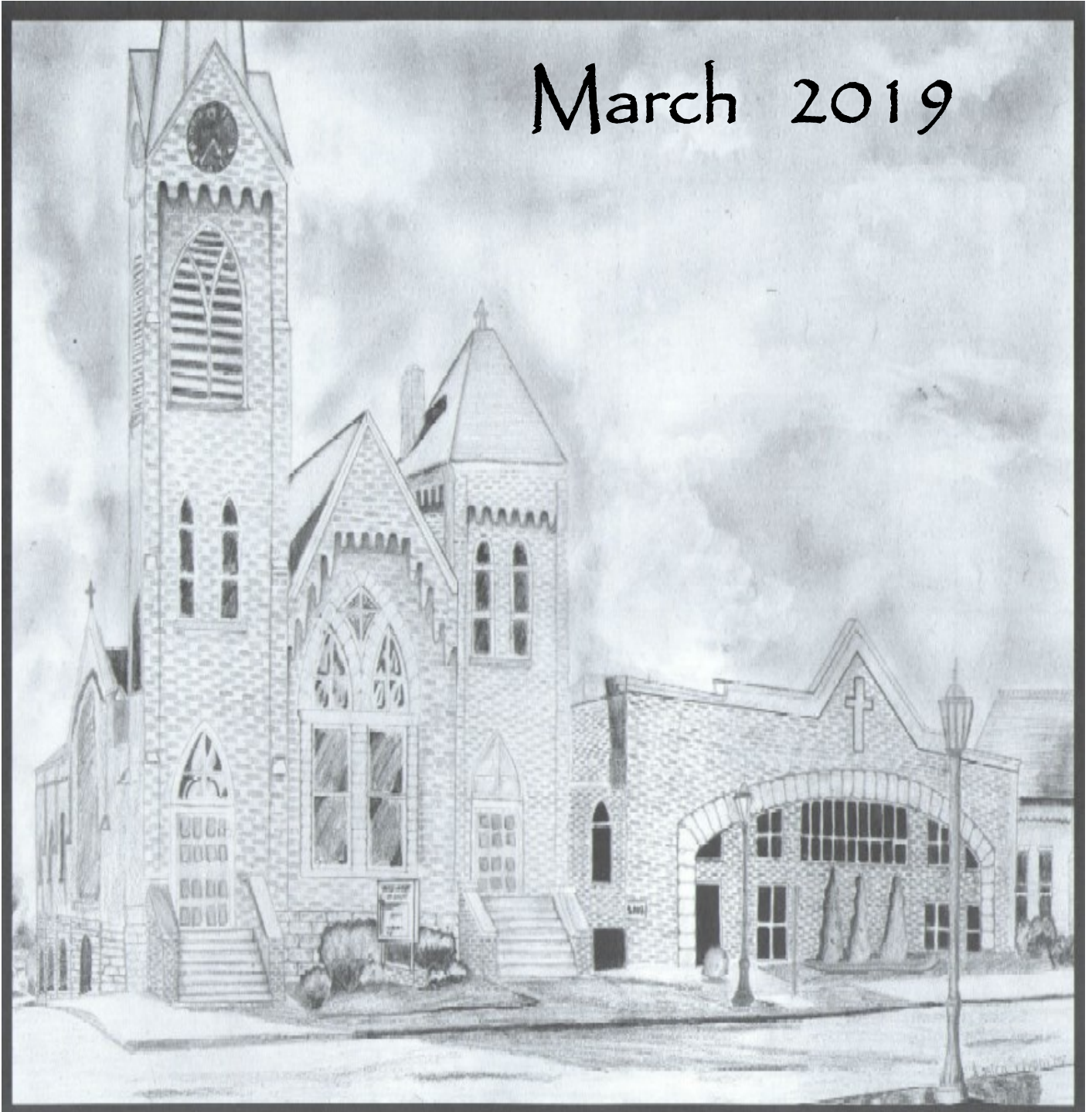
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 2019



I am.... Jesus

Who is Jesus to you? When you read the gospels we get so many different impressions of who Jesus is. We see him heal the paralyzed man, cast demons into a herd of pigs, overturn money changing tables at the temple, feed the five thousand, walk on water, raise Lazarus from the dead, wash his disciples feet, die on the cross, resurrect from the dead, and ascend to heaven. In the writings of John, mostly in the gospel of John, Jesus tells us who he is. He makes it very clear by his definitive “I am” statements. I’m so glad John included these statements in his writings.

Starting in March we will look at many of the “I am” statements that Jesus made about himself. You might start reading the gospel of John where most of those statements reside. “I am the bread of life”, “I am the light of the world”, “I am the good shepherd”, “I am the way, the truth, and the life”, “I am the true vine”, “I’m the Alpha and Omega”, and finally “I am the resurrection and the life” will be our Easter morning message. I love this series. My prayer as I preach this series is that all of us get a deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

Also during March we will start the Lenten season. Wednesday, March 6th, is our Ash Wednesday service. The following Wednesdays we will have Lenten services where our confirmands will deliver their statements of faith concerning the Apostles Creed. They all have worked extremely hard and I’m very excited for everyone to hear them. Please mark on your calendars the dates and times of our Lenten services in March and April. During our Wednesday Lenten services, I hope to have a couple of different speakers along with myself. Allan Mortensen will speak on March 27th concerning Judas. I’ll be taking a look at the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross during the Lenten services.

I want to spotlight Kathy Grant's Sunday School class this month. They meet in the "Meeting Room" right across from library every Sunday morning. They are going through a video series called Acts through Revelation. The narrator takes you in the footsteps of the apostles as he tours the places you read about in scripture. I have attended the class and enjoyed it a great deal. If you are looking for more in depth scripture teaching, this class is for you. Enjoy some donuts and juice in the gym at 9:30 before heading to class at 9:45.

I know the winter has been pretty rough but spring is right around the corner. Soon we will see green grass, the tulips blooming, and trees leafing out. Be praying as we head into the Easter season for ways to reach out to people around you that don't have a church home. May God bless each one of you with his peace and power.

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Russ

**Get Involved &
Help Make God's Light Shine!**

Volunteers are a vital part of our UCC family. Please complete the enclosed area of interest survey. If there are special talents or interests that you would like to share with our church family, please let us know!

Special Benevolence— March

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Since 1989, this church has provided a scholarship to high school graduates who plan to further their education in a college or vocational school. All such graduates who are members of the United Church of Christ of California are eligible for a scholarship. Through the generosity of donors, the church has established the Edward C. Kaiser fund and the UCC Scholarship Fund and distributes the income earned from these funds each year. You may also donate to this worthy cause and supplement the funds available for distribution. Any funds not distributed this year will be held over until next year. An envelope is attached for your gift. **Please make checks payable to the UCC of California and write *Scholarship Fund* on the memo line.** Thank you for your support of our young people!

Special Benevolence— Lenten Services

California Ministerial Alliance

Offering received during our Lenten Services will be directed to the **California Ministerial Alliance**.



Camp Aurora and Camp MoVal

If you, your child (children) and a friend, or your family is interested in attending Church Camp this summer please take a look at the Summer Church Camp brochures or websites. Camps are available for all ages! Sunday School will pay ½ the early registration fee for Camp Mo-Val and Camp Aurora for Sunday School members and their friend.

www.campaurora.org and www.campmoval.org

*For more information, contact Cinda Scheidt at 573-230-8458
or cinda@spielersinc.com*

**STATEMENTS OF FAITH
BY THE CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**March 13 – Jackson Cassil &
Martin Kilmer**

March 20 – Lauren Friedrich

March 27 – Peter Dampf & Grace Dampf

April 3 – D.J. Schneider

April 10 – Macie Trimble



New Life Christian Center

Free One Hour Presentation with

Q&A for all Youth Friday Night,

March 15 at 7 pm.

Return Registration ASAP

TRUTH FOR YOUTH!

The Creation Truth Foundation from Noble, Oklahoma is bringing their trailer full of fossils as seen on this flyer! They will be answering your questions about dinosaurs, creation and evolution!

United Church of Christ California

February 11, 2019 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting on February 11, 2019. Rev. Cobb opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

We reviewed and approved the normal reports: Treasurer's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, and Local Benevolence Report. We had a building use request from 3MT for July 13th-20th, 2019. The consistory approved the request.

It was announced that our next Communion date is Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Allison and Lexi will set up. There will be a gluten-free option available.

We heard reports from several committees. The Evangelism Committee reported their next meeting is February 26. The Memorial Committee reported they approved funds to purchase a new Bunn coffeemaker for the kitchen. The Safe Church Committee reported contact information has been updated and they will be scheduling a walk-through soon. The Building & Grounds Committee reported several repair/replacement projects have been completed.

We also reviewed activities of various organizations of our congregation. The Brotherhood program was presented by Rev. Russ and Betty Cobb on their faith journey. The Women's Guild will be hosting the World Day of Prayer, March 1. The Sunday School has approved curriculum and vacation bible school dates have been set. The Youth Fellowship will be holding a pitch tournament February 24.

Rev. Cobb reported on all the activities and duties he performed in the month of January: 4 Worship Services-California; 4 Worship Services-Salem; 4 hospital calls; 2 home visits with communion; 19 days at office; 1 consistory meeting;

Pastor's report—continued: 3 confirmation classes; 1 group communion; 2 annual meetings; 1 brotherhood meeting; 3 Wednesday night dinners; 1 Ministerial Alliance meeting; 1 youth group activity; 4 recordings of Time of Hope; 4 youth/MS/HS basketball games; 1 wedding planner; 1 church newsletter article; 1 start-up of signing and sending birthday cards with Kathy Grant; 2 funerals/visitations; 3 nursing home visits; various letters written, phone calls, Facebook messages, emails and home visits.

In old business, status reports were given on e-giving, the gluten-free communion option, retention of Time of Hope CDs and birthday cards sent to members. In new business, we discussed the distribution of the area of interest survey, the Financial Review Committee's report and recommendations, Rev. Cobb's installation with the Western Association Conference, the approval of the lawn care contract for this year and consistory goals for 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Lexi Hall

Stewardship Snapshot

	<u>January 2019</u>	<u>January 2018</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 81,327.38	\$ 49,611.54
Receipts	+ 15,946.13	+ 15,912.46
Disbursements	<u>- 24,661.42</u>	<u>- 18,851.95</u>
Balance – January 31	\$ 72,612.09	\$ 46,672.05
<i>As of January 31, 2019</i>		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 18,856.99	\$ 26,096.62
Local Benevolence Fund	\$ 14,653.33	\$ 14,494.65
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 13,775.85	\$ 7,640.23
Schnuck Endowment Fund	\$ 2,193.47	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 4,270.06	\$ 4,233.27
Undesignated Bequest Fund	\$ 4.24	\$ 49,814.80
Youth Fellowship Fund	\$ 1,317.74	\$ 2,585.37
Total OCWM Received	\$ 374.17	\$ 347.67
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 996.80	\$ 1,191.12

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & OFFICERS MEETING SUMMARY ~ Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The Sunday School Teachers and Officers meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by VanDee Miller. VanDee gave the opening prayer. Others present were Brett Hall, Steve Burger, Laura Burger, Rhonda Mortenson, Judy Burger, Pastor Russ, Courtney Cassil, and Lanny Ash.

The January minutes and the Treasurer's Report of the January meeting were approved.

New Business

Courtney Cassil will get with Pastor Russ and work out details for the parade of palms on Palm Sunday. Camp brochures are ready. Carole Barbour will help Cinda promote the camps.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 8-12 and end with a fish fry on Friday evening. The theme is "*To Mars and Beyond.*" Courtney Cassil and Becky Schneider are the coordinators for bible school.

Other scheduled Sunday School events are as follows:

Rally Day – August 18

Fall party - October 6

Confirmation Reception - April 7

Easter morning breakfast - April 21 A committee is being formed for this.

Other Business

Pastor Russ discussed starting a Young Adult Parenting class down the road. He also discussed the possibility of meeting with the high school students for youth meetings on Wednesday nights.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lanny Ash

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN THE
MINISTRY OF
TRANSFORMING LIVES**



~ NO ROK BEGINNING ASH WEDNESDAY ~

GOD'S SINGERS SCHEDULE

March 6th	ASH WEDNESDAY: God's Singers 6:30 to 6:50
March 13th	LENT: God's Singers 6:30 to 6:50
March 20th	LENT: God's Singers 6:30 to 6:50
March 24th	God's Singers sing during Worship 10:30 a.m.
March 27th	NO GOD'S SINGERS - SPRING BREAK
April 3rd	LENT: God's Singers 6:30 to 6:50
April 10th	LENT: God's Singers 6:30 to 6:50
April 14th	God's Singers sing during Worship 10:30 a.m.
April 17th	NO GOD'S SINGERS - HOLY WEEK
April 24th	God's Singers 6:30 to 6:50
May 1st	God's Singers 6:30 to 6:50
May 8th	God's Singers 6:30 to 6:50
May 12th	God's Singers sing during Worship 10:30 a.m.

March Choir Schedule

03 Sr. Choir
06 Sr. Choir (Ash Wednesday)
10 Sr. Choir
17 Bell Choir
24 God's Singers
31 Sr. Choir



United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	4	5 9:00 AM Prayer Cell 7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers & Officers
10 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	11 6:00 PM Consistory	12 9:00 AM Prayer Cell
17 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	18	19 9:00 AM Prayer Cell 10:30 AM Communion at California Care Center
24 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	25 7:30 PM Brotherhood	26 9:00 AM Prayer Cell
31 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship		

March 2019

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00 PM World Day of Prayer - Friendship Hall	2
6 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:20 PM Bell Choir / 6:30 God's Singers 7:00 PM Worship - Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion (Sr. Choir following worship service)	7	8	9	
13 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:20 PM Bell Choir / 6:30 God's Singers 7:00 PM Worship (Sr. Choir following worship service)	14	15	16	
20 1:00 PM Women's Guild 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:20 PM Bell Choir / 6:30 God's Singers 7:00 PM Worship (Sr. Choir following worship service)	21	22	23	
27 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:20 PM Bell Choir / 6:30 God's Singers 7:00 PM Worship (Sr. Choir following worship service)	28	29	30	

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild met February 22, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, due to a weather postponement from our regular Wednesday meeting date. There were 17 ladies present and we welcomed Mary Oesterly, Ruth Coale, Margaret Oesterly, and Eileen Crawford to our group.

Joyce Rohrbach opened the meeting with our Bible verse: "But strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well." *Matthew 6:33* This verse led us into our study of the Evangelical Catechism conducted by Carole Barbour. We looked at 5 questions. The first question, "What should be our chief concern in life?" is a general statement and the other questions provide "how to" answers or expand the meaning of the first question. The other four are "How do we obtain this kingdom?; In our seeking the kingdom of God, in our longing for his righteousness, and in our hope of inheriting external life, what must we do?; Where are we told about the promises of God, the joyous fact of our salvation and God's astonishing love for the whole creation?; and In what ways do Scriptures reveal to us the purposes of God for our lives and for the life of the world around us?" We looked at both Old and New Testament scriptures that support the questions and answers. During the 40 days of Lent, our mission is to use a gratitude chart to note the times we show gratitude. Gratitude is the quality of being thankful and readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Committee #1 will serve the next Celebration of Life meal.

Our church is hosting the World Day of Prayer Program on March 1 at 1:00 p.m. Slovenia is the country to be studied. Plans and responsibilities were finalized for the day. Everyone is welcome.

The Guild will provide 4 cakes and a gallon of ice cream for the birthday party at the California Care Center on March 26 at 2:00 p.m.

We are going to assist the Sunday School with the Confirmation Reception again this year.

We have 1,735 Best Choice labels toward our goal of 5,000. A few kitchen needs were expressed and the Women's Guild voted to purchase 3 drink dispensers and 5 scrapers.

A UCC Women's Retreat will be held April 26-28 if anyone is interested.

Joyce closed the meeting with prayer before dismissing for refreshments and fellowship. Hostesses were Carole Barbour and Bonnie Wolfrum. Clarice Nelson shared with us some olive bread and potica from Slovenia, to be served at World Day of Prayer. Birthdays are: Lexi Hall—February 2; Kris Bieri—Feb. 15; and Katie Schlup—Feb. 24.

Submitted by Mary Burger

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The UCC Brotherhood met at 7:30 p.m. February 25, 2019 at the church for our .monthly meeting.. The meeting was started by Larry Rohrbach who presented the devotion. The devotion started as a reminder of how great our God is. Larry asked us to consider our God as our Father and would that make a difference in our lives.

Abe then opened the meeting for business. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

The first item to come up was the election of a President and secretary for a 2 year term. Abe Rohrbach was elected by acclamation to continue serving as President, Norman Rohrbach volunteered to serve as secretary and he was approved by acclamation also.

Larry Rohrbach announced that the Worship Committee had asked the Brotherhood to sing at the Lenten service .on March 27. There were no objectives to this request.

There was considerable amount of discussion on how elaborate the refreshments should be. At one time it was just a cake and ice cream deal and it has grown to a full meal.

The final decision was that the refreshments should be scaled back some but each provider could make their own decision.

It was noted that Bob Kueffer would furnish the refreshments for the March meeting and Mark Rohrbach would have the devotion.

The business meeting was then adjourned..

Our guests for the program were Patrick and Van Dee Miller. They gave us a summary of their Life's Journey and how they ended up in California, Missouri. There were several questions about their new catering business. The Brotherhood appreciated their sharing of life experiences.

Dale and Carol Ratcliff furnished the refreshments that were served after the program.

Submitted by Robert Barbour

Salem UCC

Annual Shrimp & Chicken Dinner

Friday, April 12 ~ Dining begins 6:30 p.m.



Everyone is invited to come and share in an evening of delicious food and lively fellowship. Boiled shrimp, fried chicken, bread, potatoes, and drinks are provided.

Everyone is asked to bring their favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert to go along with the meal.

Reserve your spot for this fun evening
by calling

Brenda Oesterly—573-796-3013
or email oesterlyb@yahoo.com
RSVP by Monday, April 7



A VISIT

(from Church Bulletin Bits)

*One day I rang a doorbell, in a casual sort of way;
'Twas not a formal visit, and there wasn't much to say.
I don't remember what I said—It matters not, I guess,
But I found a heart in hunger, a soul in deep distress.
He said I came from heaven, and I've often wondered why;
He said I came to see him, when no other help was nigh.
It meant so little to me, to knock at a stranger's door.
But it meant heaven to him, and God's peace forevermore.*

Notes & News

A Time of Hope
8:15 a.m. Sunday
KRLR Radio ~1420 AM



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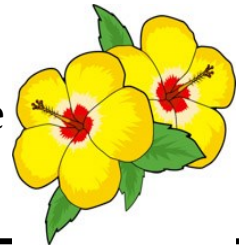


Prayer Cell meets
to pray together every
Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.



Please continue to save
the Best Choice
label bar codes for the
SHAREFEST Gathering
in September

If you would like to place
flowers in the sanctuary on
a particular Sunday during
2019, please
notify Renée in
the church office
(796-4885).



USED TONER/INK CARTRIDGES

Please save all of your used toner and ink cartridges! The church office collects used toner and ink cartridges in order to get a \$2 in-store credit per cartridge at Staples toward purchases of office supplies. Please turn in your cartridges to the church office. Thanks!

Upper Room Devotionals

We have volunteers that record the Upper Room devotionals for church members who have difficulty reading because of limited eyesight. If there are other church members or friends of the congregation that would enjoy having a cd with a devotion for each day of the month, please call the church office and let Renée know.

March Birthdays

02 Hayden Green
02 Brett Hall
02 Kim Spieler
03 Ava Motley
04 Nora Wolford
05 Brooke Bell
06 Sydney Deeken
06 Christine Meyer
07 Sue Latham
07 Lauren Lawson
08 Kaitlyn Zamzow
09 Emma Cashion
09 Atley Howard
09 Evan Martin
10 Sonny Howard
10 Ayden Howard
10 Marty Ramsdell
10 Carol Ratcliff
11 Laura Schoeneberg
11 Grace Fennewald
12 Eva Rohrbach
13 David Cook
13 Ryan Gerhart
13 Michelle Sontag
13 Barbara Weis

14 Dwight Nelson
14 Aaron Spillars
15 Peggy Liebi
15 Dale Ratcliff
16 Stuart Stauffer
17 Doug Cantriel
17 Regina Pruitt
17 Devyn Robertson
17 Rachelle Thompson
18 Hunter Kueffer
18 Staci Nichols
19 Janet Gerhart
19 Bob Kueffer
19 Roberta Pate
19 Terry Spieler
19 Brock Wilson
20 Bill Crane
20 Chris Lewis
21 Bruce Volkart

22 Aubrey Davis
22 Travis Gerlach
22 John Osborn
22 Alexis Saldana
23 Samantha Gerhart
23 Juanita Meisenheimer
27 Norah Everett
28 Elisha Carlock
29 Charlie Gabert
30 Cheryl Grazier
30 Harold Howard
31 Charla Hess

Happy Birthday



*How old was the cave man
on his birthday?
Stone Age !*



March Baptisms

*Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we have been received into the family of Jesus Christ through
the sacrament of Baptism.*

Brett Adams—March, 1986
Kristen Allred—March 5, 1997
Kristen Ashley—March 20, 1996
Morgan Bestgen—March 10, 1996
Wyatt Bestgen—March 21, 1999
Ashton Bolinger—March 1, 2009
Carole Bowlin—March, 1944
Tanya Brown—March 26, 1992
Philip Burger—March 22, 1964
Jeremy Burger—March 23, 1994
Emily Burger—March 22, 2009
Andy Burger—March 23, 1994
Ella Burger—March 22, 2009
Nathan Cary—March 21, 2004
Austin Chambers—March 1, 1992
Aaron Chambers—March 1, 1992
Carla Clennin—March 31, 1985
LeEtta Dampf—March 24, 1935
Spenser Deeken—March 1, 1992
Grace Fennewald—March 26, 1955
Lesley Gerhart—March 21, 2004
Keith Gillilan—March 19, 1978
Kevin Gillilan—March 30, 1980
Chris Graves—March 26, 1989
David Hall—March 29, 1959
Melissa Hindman—March 5, 2008
Bobby Howard—March, 1951
Kent Howard—March 25, 1985
Philip Howard—March 25, 1985
Kimberly Keil—March 12, 1991
Roger Kirchoff—March 26, 1949
Christine Koestner—March 27, 1988
Debra McDaniel—March 23, 1964
Ginna Meisenheimer—March 28, 2004
Richard Meisenheimer—March 26, 1955
Ted Meisenheimer—March 8, 1970
Chad Mortenson—March 2, 1994
Damon Mullen—March 13, 2002
Aaron Nelson—March 16, 2005
Sonja Nelson—March 31, 1985
Gary Oesterly—March 12, 1944
Breanna Pruitt—March 24, 2004
Bryce Pruitt—March 24, 2004
David Ratcliff—March 27, 1960
Taylor Ratcliff—March 20, 1994
Kylee Ratcliff—March 24, 1996
Carol Ratcliff—March 27, 1960
Dale Ratcliff—March 27, 1960
Madison Ratcliff—March 12, 2000
Tanner Roberts—March 5, 2008
Kimberly Robertson—March, 1991
Matthew Rohrbach—March 7, 1976
Aaron Scrivner—March 27, 1996
Eric Scrivner—March 23, 1994
Alissa Stauffer—March 2, 2003
David Stepp—March 26, 1992
Aaron Spillars—March 29, 2015
Julie Thomas—March 31, 1985
Hallie Thompson—March 24, 2004
Merle Thompson—March 24, 2004
Alex Tuttle—March 2, 1994
Jordan Vernon—March 18, 1990



Acolytes

03 Brooks Volkart & Cody Schneider
 10 Chase Trimble & Carson Kruger
 17 Colin Kruger & Hayden Kilmer
 24 Ashton Bolinger & Hadley Milligan
 31 Hunter Hall & Caleb Howard

Youth Ushers

03 DJ Schneider
 10 Peter Dampf
 17 Grace Dampf
 24 Macie Trimble
 31 Martin Kilmer

Greeters

Alan & Beth
 Chambers

Children's Time

03 Pastor Russ
 10 Carla Clennin
 17 Ginnie Medlin
 24 Jo Ann Cantriel
 31 Kendra Hall

Nursery

03 Amanda Trimble
 10 Julie Medlin
 17 Mary Beth Deeken
 24 Anjanette Volkart
 31 Ginnie Medlin

Lay Readers

03 Mary Burger
 10 Bob Burger
 17 Carole Barbour
 24 Becky Schneider
 31 Brad Friedrich

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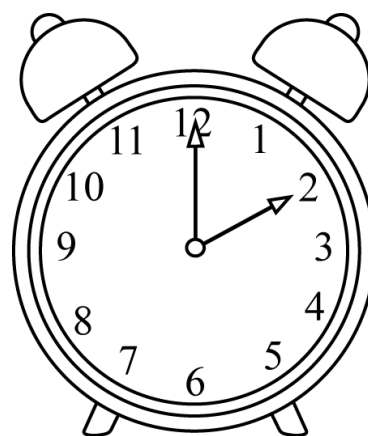
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Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

*Please save your extra plastic shopping bags to use
at the MCMC Food Bank. Drop your bags off at the
church. Thanks for your support!*

**Daylight Saving Time
Begins Sunday,
March 10, 2019**



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