

# *The Tidings*

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 1, 2020

United Church of Christ of California Family,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

We continue to monitor the latest guidelines from the state as well as from the federal government concerning the sizes of groups that can meet during this time. On Sunday the President extended these guidelines till April 30<sup>th</sup>. That makes it very unlikely we will meet in person for worship until early May. That is disappointing of course but I'm so thankful for the adjustments that have been made that have allowed both churches to still worship online together. These services are on the first page of the website, [www.calmo-ucc.org](http://www.calmo-ucc.org). Just click on "Online Worship Services." The bulletin is even listed there, so you can follow and sing along. I've heard so many encouraging words from people that have been blessed by this. Thanks to Ronnie Kissick, Mary Beth Deeken, and Andy Burger for making this happen.

We have been able to make DVD copies of the services for those that can't view online. We distribute copies each week to all three nursing homes as well as a few individuals in town. If you would like a copy or know someone that would like a copy, please contact our office and we will get one to you. We can mail it, drop it off in your mailbox, or you can pick it up here at the office.

We want to make sure to stay in contact with everyone. Some have been using Facebook to check the well-being of our fellow members. I encourage you to contact each other by phone, text, Facebook, or other means. I'd love to hear from everyone via letter, text, call, or Facebook. I know we are missing the fellowship of believers right now so use every mode of communication to help us stay connected.

Some of you might not be part of our church group e-mail list. If you would like to be part of that group, please contact me or the office to get added to the list. I'm trying to communicate via Facebook and mass e-mail each week. I want to make sure everyone is getting the latest info. Also take advantage of Right Now Media and all of its resources for you and your family.

Since we will be unable to meet in person for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, we are making arrangements for everyone to participate in communion. The church has purchased individual communion packets that contain juice and a wafer. We are going to make these packets available Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 in the parking lot for pick-up at the church. We can deliver them to you or you can choose to provide your own juice and wafer (cracker). We plan to include communion in those online services so we all can take communion together. We will be sure to handle those packets in the safest manner possible. Just contact the office, if you would like us to deliver these packets to you.

The Consistory and I want everyone to know we are praying for our church family and want to assist in any way possible. I've had various people ask how they can help. I have posted various opportunities to help in our community as I become aware of them. I feel the need will continue to grow this month. The church has the ability to assist our own church family in their times of need. Please make us aware of those needs. Together with God's help we will make it through this very difficult time.

I've been encouraged by everyone mailing in their offerings, dropping off their offerings, or setting up their online giving thru Easy Tithe. Thank you for your faithfulness in this area.

I want to conclude with this passage from Psalm 62:5-8:

*"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."*

I encourage you to rest in God, depend on him, and pour out your hearts to him. He is our refuge. He was there before this all happened. He is here now and he will be there when this all ends. My prayer is of course for healing of this virus, protection for our people, but also that our faith grows deeper and stronger during this painful time.

May God bless you all with his strength and his comfort.

Pastor Russ & the Consistory

**United Church of Christ California**  
**March 9, 2020 – Consistory Meeting Highlights**

The UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting on March 9, 2020. Pastor Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

We reviewed and approved the regular reports: Treasurer's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Stewardship Snapshot and Local Benevolence Report.

It was announced our next communion dates are April 9, Maundy Thursday and April 12, Easter Sunrise (by intinction) and Easter regular service.

Reports and updates were given by several committees.

We reviewed activities of various organizations of our congregation. The Brotherhood program was presented by Rob and Lynne Branham from Australian Christian Mission. Vacation Bible School will be co-directed by JoAnn Cantriel and Judy Burger. Youth Fellowship hosted a pitch tournament with 20 teams. Isaac Ash and Trystan Hees were the tourney winners. Women's Guild hosted the World Day of Prayer March 6 with 50 attendees and 11 churches represented.

Pastor Cobb reported on the activities and duties he performed in the month of February: 4 worship services – California; 4 worship services – Salem; 1 Sunday School meeting; 8 home visits/communion; 27 days at office; 1 UCC of California consistory meeting; 2 group Communion (California Care Center & Moniteau Care); 4 recordings of Time of Hope; 4 high school basketball games attended; 3 office visits; 4 funerals/visitations (Dale Kuhn & Virginia Kirchhoff); 4 high school youth group meetings; 4 prayer cell meetings; 4 signing birthday cards with Kathy Grant; 1 Ministerial Alliance meeting/our month to handle community requests; 1 Martha Decker birthday party; 1 Evangelism Committee meeting ; 1 Ash Wednesday service; 1 pitch tourney; 1 dinner with Burger's, Rohrbach's and Branham's; 1 Brotherhood meeting; 4 confirmation studies (Layne Brandes); 1 UCC Anti-Racism Training workshop in Jefferson City; 1 Friends of Music BBQ; 1 lunch with Steven Burger about men's Bible study; 2 Tuesday night community Bible studies.

In ongoing projects and old business, status reports were given on e-giving, church roof issues, organist position and accompanist for the senior choir, new hearing devices, handicap accessible door entry, updating the website and the need for elevator operators. New business discussed was setting the date of April 29 for the last Wednesday night meal and May 10 for Senior Recognition Sunday, Easter breakfast plans, additional outside signage, LED light fixtures in the Fellowship Hall and possible contingency plans due to the coronavirus concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lexi Hall, Secretary

## Stewardship Snapshot

	<u>February 2020</u>	<u>February 2019</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 63,534.12	\$ 72,660.09
Receipts	+ 23,596.87	+ 25,389.98
Disbursements	<u>- 27,094.19</u>	<u>- 29,940.79</u>
Balance – February 29	\$ 60,036.80	\$ 68,109.28

### ***As of February 29, 2020***

Building Fund Balance	\$ 9,619.96	\$ 15,689.67
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 11,835.13	\$ 14,653.33
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 11,277.39	\$ 12,553.23
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 6,966.28	\$ 4,596.98
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 3,618.33	\$ 2,854.74
 Total OCWM Received	 \$ 883.51	 \$ 930.70
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 1,483.00	\$ 5,936.80

## **To Watch the California UCC Worship Services Online:**

**Go to <http://www.calmo-ucc.org>. Scroll  
down and click on the  
“Online Services” link.  
(The bulletin is also available)**

**Or:**

**Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search  
California United Church of Christ.**

### ***Special Benevolence— April***

#### ***River City Habitat for Humanity***

Our special stewardship offering for April is the River City Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Jefferson City, which is one of over forty affiliates in Missouri. Funds and building materials are donated by individuals, churches, businesses and other organizations. Construction labor and support of the organization is provided by volunteers. Upon completion of a house, a percentage of the cost of each house is sent to Habitat for Humanity International as a tithe to be used to help build houses in another country. No government funds are used to build the houses. *If you would like to contribute to this important mission, make checks payable to the UCC of California and write Habitat for Humanity on the memo line. Thank you for your support.*



## *Easter Envelope—Emmaus Homes*

### **Emmaus Homes - Easter Sunday Mission Envelope**

Emmaus Homes was founded in 1893 in Marthasville, Missouri, by our antecedent denomination (The Evangelical Synod) when they decided to use their vacated seminary buildings to serve individuals with developmental disabilities. As a reflection of their Christian faith, the founders of Emmaus attempted to care for those in need, while recognizing each person's worth and unique qualities and by creating a spirit of community. In 1901, Emmaus opened its St Charles campus to meet the vast need for services to people with developmental disabilities closer to St. Louis. Today, while some individuals still reside on the Emmaus campuses, many now live in homes in the community. Emmaus serves clients in nearly 50 homes throughout the St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren and Franklin counties and St. Louis City. Emmaus works with each client to help them live as independently as possible.

Arising from faith in Jesus Christ, the mission of Emmaus Homes is to enhance the quality of life for adults of all beliefs who have cognitive, intellectual, and other developmental disabilities. The individual's mental, physical, and social abilities are assessed to determine the living situation best suited to their needs, including on campus housing, group homes and individual supported living residences. Some homes have 24-hour supervision, while others provide part-time supervision and assistance.

At Emmaus, an individual's spiritual life is an important part of one's journey to fulfillment and independence. Emmaus takes pride in their faith-based heritage, and strives to help each of their clients participate in the faith community of their choice. Ordained ministers and seminary students help guide and encourage their clients of all beliefs in their spiritual pursuits. A variety of spiritual care services are provided to clients, family members, and staff.



# **Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting**

## **March 3, 2020**

The Sunday School Teachers & officers meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Those present were Brett Hall, Pastor Russ, Lanny Ash, Courtney Cassil, Laura Burger, Beth Chambers, Steven Burger, & Judy Burger.

Steven opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Minutes of the February meeting & the Treasurer's report were approved.

The March Benevolence project is Moniteau County Ministries Center

### **Old Business**

\*The Young Adult class has begun with Larry Rohrbach & Travis Koestner teaching the class. The curriculum is videos from the Right Now Media and Bible based interpretation. Please take advantage of the Nursery if you have small children so you can enjoy the class!

\*We approved an expenditure for a large cabinet for the PreK/K class for storage.

\* Discussion centered around the purchase of a laptop for use in the Sunday School program. We will seek information from the Consistory concerning the purchase. Motions were made to fund one-half of the purchase.

### **New Business**

\*A budget was approved for Vacation Bible School. The possible dates are July 13-17 or July 20-24. Contacts will be made concerning leadership & curriculum.

\*A decision was made to use The Story curriculum for this summer.

\*A Church congregation photo was moved to April 5th, Palm Sunday, for promotion on the Church's website, & for military & college student mailings

\*An Easter Breakfast will be served after the Sunrise Service on Easter morning.

Our next meeting will be on April 7th

Respectfully submitted, Judy Burger

<p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSFORMING LIVES</b></p>
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*There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meeting at the Annunciation Catholic Church, 414 Patrick St., on Mondays at 8 p.m. Contact number: 660-621-2271.*

# rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family  
use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link - <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Do you need help with Medicare / Medicaid forms?

Darrell Hendrickson works with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program CLAIM. He can be reached at 573-690-4987. You can also call 800-390-3330

Darrell would also be willing to help with any other questions about government assistance. Please give him a call..

## **Gaining Experience**

The best way to move mountains is to begin with molehills and work your way up.

**Corrected Directory Information for  
Russ & Betty Cobb -  
Betty: 573-489-7890; Russ: 573-489-7891**

## **NOTE:**

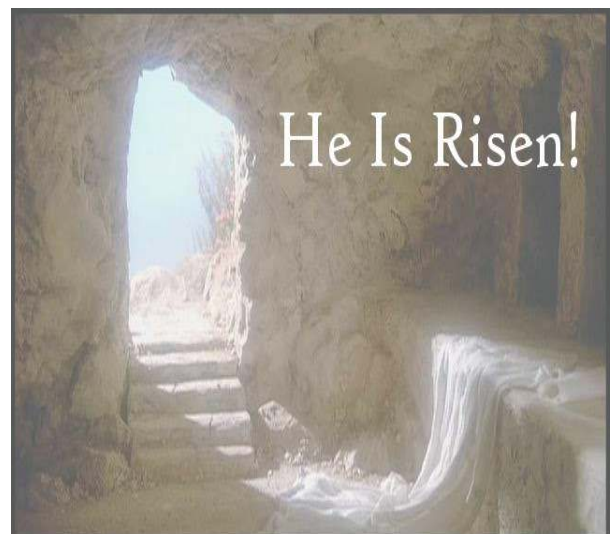
**Please check your address listing & phone numbers in the new pictorial directory. If any corrections need to be made, please contact the office. We will compile a list of corrections at a later date for everyone to add to their directories.**

### **A Definition of Grace**

God's  
Riches  
At  
Christ's  
Expense

*(from  
Church Bulletin Bits 3)*

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said." ~ *Matthew 28: 5-6*



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**WEBSITE: [calmo-ucc.org](http://calmo-ucc.org)**

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

## *God's Promises*

God has not promised skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways all our life through;  
God has not promised sun without rain,  
Day without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God has promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way;  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

*(from Church Bulletin Bits 3)*

*Read the Bible on your phone.  
YouVersion Bible app. You can  
download this app for free at the  
app store*

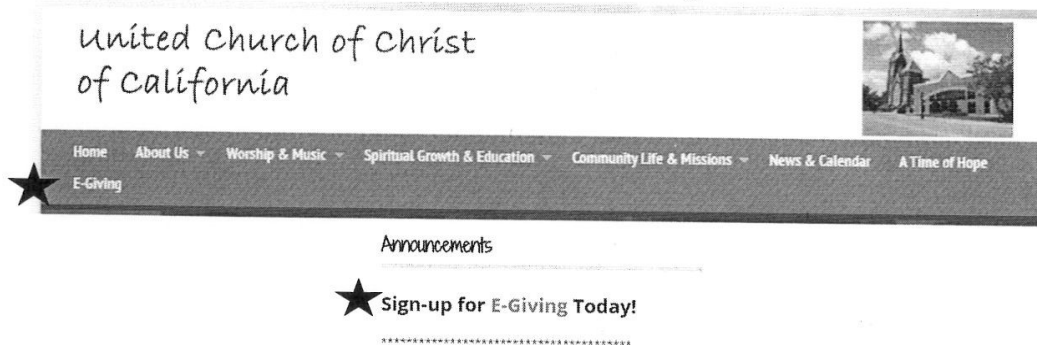


# easyTithe

Online giving option for your convenience

*It's as easy as...*

- 1) Follow the link(s) from our website: calmo-ucc.org



- 2) Register and then sign into your account

A screenshot of the United Church of Christ of California website registration page. The page has a header with the church's name and logo. Below the header are two buttons: 'GIVE NOW' and 'SIGN IN'. The main content area contains a registration form with fields for 'EMAIL ADDRESS' (containing 'ginmed22@gmail.com') and 'PASSWORD'. There is a 'Forgot Password?' link next to the password field. Below the form is a 'SIGN IN' button. At the bottom, there is a link that says 'New? REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT >'. A star icon is visible in the top right corner of the page.

Have questions or need some assistance?

Please call/text  
Ginnie Medlin, (573) 301-3296.

- 3) Enter your donation information and submit

A screenshot of the United Church of Christ of California website donation page. The page has a header with the church's name and logo. Below the header are three buttons: 'GIVE NOW', 'SCHEDULED', and 'HISTORY'. The main content area is titled 'My Donation' and contains a form with two columns: 'FUND' and 'AMOUNT'. The 'FUND' column has a dropdown menu with 'Choose a Fund' selected. The 'AMOUNT' column has a text input field with '\$' and a plus sign. Below the form is a '+ ADD DONATION' button. At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled 'MAKE THIS GIFT RECURRING' and a 'SUBMIT!' button.

\*You can even set your donation to be a recurring gift - making it even more *Easy*.

# Notes & News

## A Time of Hope

8:15 a.m. Sunday  
KRLL Radio ~1420 AM

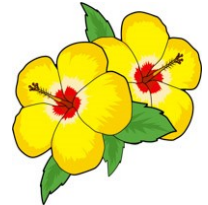


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Please continue to save  
the Best Choice  
label bar codes for the  
SHAREFEST Gathering  
in September

If you would like to place  
flowers in the sanctuary on  
a particular Sunday during  
2020, please  
notify Renée in  
the church office  
(796-4885).



## USED TONER/INK CARTRIDGES

Because of the great response we've had from folks turning in their used toner cartridges, the supply on hand is pretty huge. Only 20 cartridges per month can be turned in to Staples for credit. Due to limited storage, the office will not be accepting used cartridges for a few months. There will be an announcement in The Tidings when the cartridges can be dropped off here again.

Thanks again to everyone who  
has helped with this project in recent years!

# *April Birthdays*

# Happy Birthday

01 Jason Gatlin  
01 Andrew Graves  
01 Drew Robertson  
02 Melissa Draffen  
02 Michelle Sedgwick  
03 Walter Bieri  
03 Christopher Draffen  
05 Tammy Kilmer  
05 Abigail Kiesling  
05 Charles Goode  
06 Adam Burger  
06 Leslie Peck  
07 Charlene Ford  
07 David Stock  
09 Jane Robertson  
09 Devon Bueker  
09 Cooper Brandes  
10 Stacey Bolinger  
11 Christopher Cassil  
11 Kueffer Koestner  
11 Alexandria Larson  
11 Hunter Hall  
11 Richard Meisenheimer  
12 Brittany Kendrick  
12 Jess Medlin  
13 Kristen Ashley  
13 Elizabeth Ash  
13 Walker Cary

14 Kimberly Keil  
14 Ally Meisenheimer  
15 Judy Bochard  
15 Carole Barbour  
16 Mary Burger  
16 Scott Robertson  
17 Jon Roberts  
20 Janette Moore  
20 Sonja Nelson  
22 John Kiesling  
22 Aaron Chambers  
23 Ann Fletcher  
23 Preston Peters  
23 August Chambers  
24 Rhonda Meyer  
25 Kaitlyn Adams

26 Cynthia Hall  
26 Chase Ramsdell  
27 Alex Tuttle  
28 Joan Scrivner  
29 Norris Gerhart  
29 Kati Pugh  
29 Allan Burger  
30 Gladys Stauffer  
30 Linda Schnieders  
30 Leah Meyer  
30 Russell Cobb





Sean Ajtaji—April 13, 2014  
Aidan Bolinger—April 10, 2005  
Walker Borghardt—April 17, 2011  
Bobby Bryant—April 30, 2000  
Kenny Bryant—April 22, 1979  
Wilma Bryant—April 26, 1970  
Kevin Bueker—April 14, 1984  
Steven Burger—April 15, 1962  
Jo Ann Cantriel—April 7, 1968  
Harold Cashion—April 23, 1995  
Jerry Coale—April 7, 1946  
Doug Dampf—April 17, 1966  
Lois Daniel—April 14, 1935  
Aubrey Davis—April 25, 2010  
Betty Dummermuth—April 7, 1954  
Clyde Dummermuth—April 12, 1936  
Elmer Gates—April 25, 1943  
Jeffery Hammonds—April 15, 1956  
PJ Hanauer—April 18, 1993  
Brooke Hickman—April 25, 1999  
Blake Howard—April 10, 1994  
Harold Howard—April 1951  
Jackie Howard—April 19, 1987  
Martin Kilmer—April 3, 2005  
Ronnie Kissick—April 14, 1991  
Evan Martin—April 28, 1985  
Olivia Meisenheimer—April 6, 2008

## *April Baptisms*

John Overbey—April 1961  
Roberta Pate—April 10, 1966  
Alberta Rich—April 12, 1936  
Renee Roberts—April 1, 2012  
Kelly Sedgwick—April 11, 1982  
Justin Selk—April 23, 1988  
Barbara Shaw—April 12, 2000  
Michelle Sontag—April 14, 1968  
Abby Spieler—April 10, 1993  
Ann Spillars—April 12, 1992  
Cara Stassel—April 28, 1985  
Amanda Trimble—April 29, 2001  
Chase Trimble—April 20, 2008  
Justin Trimble—April 29, 2001  
Macie Trimble—April 2, 2006  
Barbara Weis—April 30, 1944  
Katie Young—April 27, 2003  
Terry Yu—April 12, 2000  
Robert Zuidervaat—April, 1963  
Rebecca Zuidervaat—April, 1965

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





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