

# *The Tidings*

*March 2023*



## **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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## The Prophecies of the Cross

*“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5*

Those words from Isaiah 53 were written almost 800 years before Christ died on the cross, but the prophet accurately foretold what would bring humankind healing, the death of God’s servant. When you read the last part of Isaiah 52 and all of 53, you get the life and purpose of Jesus in a nutshell. During Lent we will preach on the prophecies about the cross. Frank Hensley from New Life Christian Center, our very own Allan Mortenson, our high school seniors, along with myself will bring messages about these prophecies. Our seven confirmands will also deliver their statements of faith on the beatitudes. I pray it is a time of spiritual growth and encouragement as we get closer to Easter.

Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Evangelism Committee will host a new member luncheon after church in the Fellowship Hall. Letters have been sent out to various individuals and families about their interest in joining the church. If you did not get letter and have questions about membership or making a personal decision of faith for Jesus, please contact me. Our church continues to grow and it is an exciting time to be part of the ministry of the UCC of California. Membership Sunday will take place on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the end of the worship service.

I have visited with the Consistory the last year about better ways to minister and pastor our congregation. With the growth we have been experiencing, it’s gotten more difficult for me to visit everyone that needs a personal contact or to be aware of people that have missed several Sundays and need to be checked on. The Consistory has encouraged me to restart the Pastor Parish Relation Committee to help me and the Consistory with the Spiritual Council aspect of our monthly meeting. I have talked to various individuals over the last several months that have shown interest in helping in this area.

They will help with greeting guests on Sundays, contacting our shut-ins, making me aware of families that have missed a few Sundays, as well as checking on my personal well-being. I'm excited about this area of ministry. It will help us better pastor and meet the needs of our growing congregation.

We'll continue our sermon series "The Case for Christ" on the Gospel of Mark, in March. I hope you are reading a chapter of the Gospel of Mark each week as well as watching the videos from Right Now Media, led by Francis Chan, on Mark. With each chapter, we see Mark building the case that Jesus is the Son of God and that we need to believe in him to have spiritual peace and eternal life.

Spring is almost here. May God bless all of you with his strength and love as we get closer to the highlight event of Christianity, the resurrection of Jesus. See you on Sunday.

Serving Christ Together,  
Russ



## **California United Church of Christ February 13, 2023 – Consistory Meeting Highlights**

The California UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting February 13, 2023. Pastor Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the January 2023 meeting, Treasurer's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Stewardship Snapshot and Local Benevolence Report were reviewed and approved.

Reports and updates were given by committees and organizations: Evangelism, Historical and Memorial-nothing new to report.

Carmen Schnuck had a CD renewal.

Building and Grounds- reviewed current list of projects with new committee members. Jay Bestgen, building and grounds consistory rep will work to prioritize.

Stewardship launched second phase of Capital Campaign with a goal set at \$100,000.

Brotherhood and Women's Guild continue with monthly meetings. Sunday school had a good meeting and attendance has been up during Sunday School.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Cobb- January 2023: 5/5 Worship Services (Salem/California). 30 DVD deliveries. 25 Days at Office. 4 Prayer Cells. 1 UCC of California Consistory Meeting. 4 Recordings of Time of Hope. 6 Office Visits. 5 Signing of Birthday Cards. 8 home/work/lunch visits. 6 High and Middle School Visits. 2 Annual Meetings. 2 Ministerial Alliance Meetings. 1 Sunday School Meeting. 1 Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding. 1 Cookie Delivery. 1 Stewardship Meeting. 1 Central Cluster Luncheon. 4 Hospital Visits. 1 Food Bank. 2 Men's Brotherhood Meeting. 1 Tidings Article. 2 Funerals and Visitations. 3 Confirmation Classes.

Additional Discussion: Lent speakers are planned. Planning for a new member Sunday in March. Worship attendance is up each week over last year.

The Consistory moved and approved a budget for Marketing in line with previous year's budget.

### **Old Business:**

Inactive Member List was discussed. It was agreed to set up the current listing of all members/friends/attendees in the Breeze Software and input searchable data to make the best determination based on query. Upstairs Classrooms were updated by removing partitions and painting, project completed in Jan. 2023.

Ronnie Kissick updated the Sound / Video needs stating that Kole and Kaden Ingram are learning the sound booth and doing well. Consistory Installation Sunday was completed February 12<sup>th</sup>. There is not an update regarding Giving Envelopes at this time.

## **New Business:**

Date for Cabinet Meeting set for March 26<sup>th</sup> -Each committee and organization should plan to meet ahead of time to discuss what is planned for the new year and how it follows our church's mission. Plan to send a representative to report at the meeting.

The Consistory is asking that each committee review the committee description and compare to current and planned activities to ensure both meet the mission of the church. The Consistory member is asked to bring that back along with the next meeting dates.

The Facility Reservation/Request Forms and Fee Schedule was briefly discussed. We have had two members give feedback. This information was passed out; each member will review and be prepared for the discussion in March. The Consistory asks that any member who has ideas or feedback please provide that information to a Consistory member or to Rhonda in the church office no later than March 5<sup>th</sup>.

A request was brought to the Consistory regarding the door in the vestibule to reduce the time it remains opened when triggered by the mobility impaired button. Ronnie will time the door to ensure it stays in compliance with ADA laws. (The door has to remain open for no less than 5 seconds, this does not include the time it takes for the door to swing open and swing close.) The group does ask that you do not try to force the door closed when the button has been used, as this can burn up the motor.

Lawn mowing contract approved.

Financial Review Committee report was received and reviewed with no new requests from the 2022 year. The Consistory thanks the committee for their work and review of the church financial documents and processes.

Last Wednesday Night Meal: Wednesday April 26th  
Communion Dates – Ash Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully Submitted  
VanDee Miller



## Stewardship Snapshot

	<u>January 2023</u>	<u>January 2022</u>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 87,215.62	\$ 74,992.06
Receipts	+ 27,434.71	+ 35,285.75
Disbursements	<u>- 28,274.71</u>	<u>- 38,031.90</u>
Balance – January 31	\$ 86,375.62	\$ 72,245.91
 <b>As of January 31, 2023</b>		
Building Fund	\$ 6,558.90	\$ 35,660.29
Local Benevolence Fund	\$ 9,466.87	\$ 8,558.78
Memorial Fund	\$ 8,797.59	\$ 6,595.18
Schnuck Endowment Fund	*\$129,959.55	* \$ 26,000.43
Scholarship Fund	\$ 10,217.74	\$ 9,969.86
Youth Fellowship Fund	\$ 3,941.67	\$ 4,534.35
 Total OCWM Received	 \$ 435.00	 \$ 264.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 940.80	\$ 576.00

### **Note on 2023 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment**

*\*The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$129,959.55 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and \$100,000 CD that was reinvested and is unable to be expended. \$28,793.06 of the fund balance may be expended.*

### **Note on 2022 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment**

*\*The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$26,000.43 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$24,833.94 of the fund balance may be expended.*

## *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.**

### **Congratulations to:**

*Tyler Elliott and Renée Roberts who were married  
December 31, 2022.*



*Collin and Kelsey Mouse on the birth of their daughter  
**Hattie Elizabeth Mouse** who was born  
February 1, 2023*



*Bryce and Callie Simmons on the birth of their son  
**Kyler Allee Simmons** who was born February 14, 2023*



*Dylan and Taylor Ratcliff on the birth of their son  
**Myles Monroe Ratcliff** who was born February 16, 2023*

## **Lenten Services 2023—Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**

### **March 1**

Speaker—Frank Hensley  
Special Music—Brotherhood  
Statement of Faith— Hunter Hall

### **March 8**

Speaker—Rev. Cobb  
Special Music – Ellen Ash, Ted Rohrbach and Jesse Rohrbach  
Statement of Faith— Ella & Emily Burger

### **March 15**

Speaker—Allan Mortenson  
Special Music—Connie Bestgen, Stacy Friedrich,  
Beth Dampf and Laura Burger  
Statement of Faith—Caleb Howard

### **March 22**

Speaker—Rev. Cobb  
Special Music—Betty Cobb  
Statement of Faith– Bella Fulks & Hadley Milligan

### **March 29**

Speaker—High School Seniors  
Music—Senior High Youth  
Statement of Faith—Cooper Brandes

## **Confirmation Reception**

March 29, 2023 ~ following the Lenten Service  
hosted by the Women's Guild  
All are welcome!



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
**Friday, March 3, 2023 ~ 1:00 p.m.**  
**All women of the church are invited!**



About World Day of Prayer

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized “day of prayer for the world” was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. the United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country’s national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

World Day of Prayer is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating World Day of Prayer has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races, and faith traditions. Each country’s committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year. Offering grants are made to women and children’s groups in each country.

World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org).

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## February 6, 2023 Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting

Carla Clennin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Rev. Russell Cobb opened the meeting with prayer. Those present were Carla Clennin, Cressida Gattermeir, Roberta Spieler, Rev. Russell Cobb, Courtney Cassil, Beth Chambers, Carole Barbour, Larry Rohrbach and Cinda Scheidt.

Larry made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Carole seconded. Motion carried. Carole made a motion to approve January Treasurer's report. Cressida seconded. Motion carried.

We discussed different groups/organizations to contribute to for our March Benevolence. Roberta made a motion to add California Nutrition Center as our March Benevolence offering. Courtney seconded. Motion carried. Our February benevolence is the Moniteau Christian Ministries Center (MCMC).

**Old Business:** Judy Burger has accepted Curriculum Coordinator. Family Game night and Chili/Soup Cook-off – Sunday February 19 @ 6 PM. Discussion on the logistics of purchasing prizes, sample cups, sign-up sheet, drinks, snacks and flyer. Doors open at 5:30 PM with eating at 6:00 PM.

### **New Business:**

Church camp(s): Camp Aurora and Turkey Hill Ranch Bible Camp Registrations are coming up. Check dates for details. Larry made a motion for any youth who is wanting to attend Camp Aurora or Turkey Hill Ranch Bible Camp to pay half early registration fee. Carole seconded. Motion carried. Carole agreed to promote church camp during Sunday School opening and Church service.

Courtney agreed to get Palms for Palm Sunday on April 2, she will help the kids get lined up to parade into Church.

VBS dates have changed to July 30 – August 3. More details to come from Ronda Mortensen and VanDee Miller.

### **Other Business:**

Roberta asked for a new CD/DVD player for the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. After some discussion a new player may not be needed, Beth and Roberta will go check it out after meeting.

Beth made motion to adjourn and Roberta seconded. Motion carried at 7:59 PM

Next meeting: Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Cressida Gattermeir 3<sup>rd</sup> Superintendent



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

Thanks to all who attended Family Game Night with Chili and Soup Cookoff, sponsored by Sunday School on Sunday, February 19. We had over 50 people in attendance, and those attending voted for the Best Chili and Soup. We had people asking to do this again next year!

Congratulations to our winners!

Soup winners: L to R: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Larry Schoeneberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Dampf and 1<sup>st</sup> Betty Cobb



Chili winners: L to R: David Gattermeir, tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place Christine Huffman and Kevin Huffman

# United Church of Christ

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**



5

9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship

Sr. Choir

6

7:00 PM Sunday School  
Teachers & Officers

7

9:00 AM Prayer Cell  
6:30 PM Grief Share  
Meeting

12

Membership Luncheon after Worship  
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship



Sr. Choir

13

6:00 PM Consistory

14

9:00 AM Prayer Cell  
6:30 PM Grief Share  
Meeting

19

New Member Sunday  
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship

Bells

20



21

9:00 AM Prayer Cell  
6:30 PM Grief Share  
Meeting

26

9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship  
3:30 PM Cabinet Meeting

God's Singers

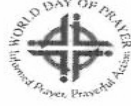

27

7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood

28

9:00 AM Prayer Cell  
6:30 PM Grief Share  
Meeting

# March 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 PM World Day of Prayer</p> 	<p>4</p>
<p>8</p> <p>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15</p> <p>1:00 PM Women's Guild 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p> <p>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p> <p>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Confirmation Reception Following Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

## **UCC Women's Guild**

### **Minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting**

President Pamela H. opened the February meeting with prayer. Carole B. presented Lesson 1 from the new Bible study series from Presbyterian Women Horizons, "Gods Promise: I Am With You." The first lesson was entitled "God with Us Wherever We Are." Members enjoyed the lesson and closing Thought for the Day from Pamela H. from Moments of Faith by Pastor Ellen Martin of the UCC in Lebanon, MO.

Members have opportunity to participate in the following Mission/Benevolence entities this month: Every Child's Hope (Evangelical Children's Home), Local Benevolence Fund, and Moniteau Christian Ministries Center. Members also had opportunity to make an offering to Women's Guild.

#### **Business Meeting:**

Motion by Laura B., second by Barb W. to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Linda S., second by Carole B. to approve the financial report as presented. Motion Carried. Judy B. noted we have a new on-line accounting system, so the financial report appears in different form this time.

Celebration of Life Team #2 will be up for the next dinner.

Mary Burger reported we are in good shape with 2080 Best Choice Labels collected so far.

Judy B. reported that she had sent 26 Valentine cards this month for the card ministry. Members sign cards each month to be used for the Guild's Card Ministry efforts.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **World Day of Prayer**

Linda S. reported the following preparations for World Day of Prayer plans for Friday, March 3 at UCC.

Pamela H. and Carmen F. will handle registration and name tags on March 3 at 12:15.

Pastor Cobb will be asked to open with prayer.

Linda S. is preparing the program. Hymns will be printed in the bulletin.

Meditation – Carole B. Volunteers for readers – Mary B., Carole B.

Clarice N. will provide a separate sheet with Taiwanese refreshment information.

Table decorations have been planned and Lexi H. and Pamela H. will be in charge.

Lexi H. and Linda S. ordered and received a 4' x 8' banner from Crossroads to advertise World Day of Prayer. It is generic, stating only "World Day of Prayer", "1<sup>st</sup> Friday of March", "1:00 P.M." so that it can be reused each year outside the church. Motion by Laura B., second by Mary Ann K. to pay for the banner. Motion Carried. It will be displayed immediately.

Letters have already gone out to community church organizations and pastors inviting them to attend.

Rhonda has information to field questions that may come in the next two weeks. Linda S. will share information with Rhonda so that a World Day of Prayer file can be set up in the office.

Clarice N. explained the Taiwanese food menu and described the tasting samples prepared for Guild refreshments today by Mary B. and Clarice. Volunteers for refreshment duties for March 3 are as follows:

Bahn Mi and Rice Pudding Prep – Mary Ann K., Barb W., Clarice 11:00 a.m.

Drinks – Judy B., Carole B.

Fruit plates – Pamela H.

Birds Nests – Mary B., Carole B, Mary Ann K.

Rice Krispy Bars - Laura B. and Barb W.

**Cabinet for Can Opener** Discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

### **New Business:**

**Plans for Confirmation Reception** (Easter is April 9, 2023) Confirmation reception will be Wednesday, March 29. It will consist of cookies and punch (same as 2022) with table and name tents for confirmands as well as some tables for parents and other attendees. The parents, confirmands, and pastor need to be aware of the format and expectations well ahead of the date. This information needs to be in the March bulletins and Tidings. Guild members will be responsible for homemade cookies and punch. Plans will be finalized at the March Guild meeting.

**Celebration of Life dinner/luncheon policy.** Members discussed the circumstances under which Celebration of Life dinner services are currently offered and found no problem with current practices as long as the services are not offered to the bereaved without checking with Guild leadership first. Presently, services are offered to present church members and their close, extended family.

Birthday Greetings were extended to Lexi Hall and Katie Schlup. Joys and concerns were offered and shared. Carole B. gave the closing prayer and members enjoyed a preview of the refreshment menu proposed for World Day of Prayer in March. Mary B. and Clarice N. served items inspired by the country being emphasized, Taiwan. Char Siu Bahn Mi, rice pudding, Bird's Nests, and Rice Krispy desserts inspired much conversation!

Women's Guild will meet again March 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary

**Salem UCC  
Annual Shrimp & Chicken  
Dinner**

**April 1, 2023**

**5:30-7:00 pm**

**Dine-in or Carry Out**

Shrimp or chicken, cheesy potatoes, slaw, dessert & drink provided.

**An RSVP by Monday, March 27 to Brenda Oesterly  
at [oesterlyb@yahoo.com](mailto:oesterlyb@yahoo.com) or  
call 573-796-3013(home) or 573-291-7165 (cell).**

Freewill donations for the meal.

Look forward to seeing our friends and family on this special night!

Per the California United Church of Christ Constitution  
the Consistory will hold a **Cabinet Meeting:**

**Sunday, March 26th at 3:30p.m. in Friendship Hall**

A representative of each organization and committee will be invited to attend to share plans and goals and how they fit into the overall vision and mission to coordinate and promote the entire program of the church.



## 2023 Consistory of the United Church of Christ of California

**Laura Burger**

President

Term: 2020-2024

**Ronnie Kissick**

Vice President

Term 2020-2024

**Jay Bestgen**

Building & Grounds

Term 2023-2027

**Larry Schoeneberg**

Financial Secretary

Term 2023-2027

**Alan Chambers**

Local Benevolence

Term 2021-2025

**VanDee Miller**

Term 2021-2025

**Ellen Ash**

Treasurer

Term 2022-2026

**Carole Barbour**

Secretary

Term 2022-2026



## Planning for Summer....

2023 Camp Aurora dates and information are available on their website at [www.campaurora.org](http://www.campaurora.org), see the flyers posted or contact Cinda Scheidt. Keep in mind, Sunday School will pay ½ of early registration fee for church member and one friend.

Mark your calendars for Bible School for **July 30th to August 3rd**. Watch for more details in the coming months.



# MARCH

## Lay Readers

05 Brad Friedrich  
12 Allan Mortenson  
19 Kathy Grant  
26 Carla Clennin



## Children's Time

05 Anny Roll  
12 JoAnn Cantriel  
19 Kendra Hall  
26 Holly Bieri

## Nursery Volunteers

05 Julie Medlin  
12 Callie Simmons  
19 Holly Bieri  
26 Courtney Cassil

## Acolytes

05 Lena & Lee Bieri  
12 Logan Milligan & Grayden Gatlin  
19 Hazel & Meredith Wolford  
26 Brenyn Robertson & Emily King

## March Music

01 Brotherhood  
(Wednesday Evening)  
05 Sr. Choir  
08 Ellen Ash, Ted and Jesse Rohrbach  
(Wednesday Evening)  
12 Sr. Choir  
15 Connie Bestgen, Stacy Friedrich,  
Beth Dampf, Laura Burger  
(Wednesday Evening)  
19 Bell Choir  
22 Betty Cobb  
(Wednesday Evening)  
26 God's Singers  
29 Senior High Youth  
(Wednesday Evening)



WE LOVE  
OUR  
VOLUNTEERS



# 2023 GOD'S SINGERS SPRING SCHEDULE

6:20 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

## GOD'S SINGERS ONLY SPRING SCHEDULE

March 1: God's Singers

March 8: God's Singers

March 15: God's Singers

March 22: God's Singers

***March 26th: Sing in Worship***

March 29: God's Singers

***April 2: Sing in Worship - Palm Sunday***

April 5: No School— No God's Singers

April 12: God's Singers

April 19: God's Singers

April 26: God's Singers

April 30: ***Sing in Worship***

May 3: God's Singers

May 10: God's Singers

May 14: ***Sing in Worship***

**Daylight Saving  
Time begins  
Sunday,  
March 12, 2023**



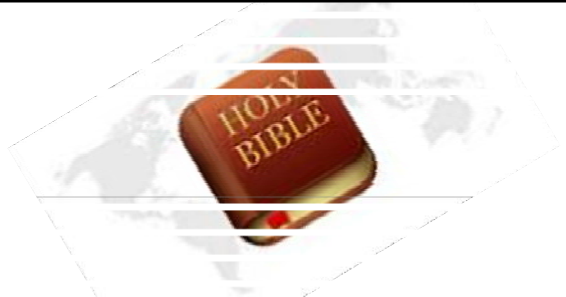
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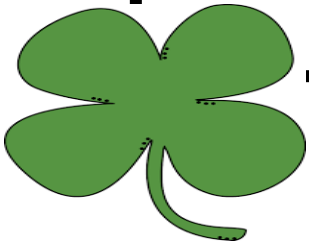


*There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meeting at the  
Annunciation Catholic Church, 414 Patrick St., on Mondays at 8  
p.m. Contact number: 660-621-2271.*

## **Giving Made Easy**

Online giving is available!

Follow the E-Giving link on our website:  
[calmo-ucc.org](http://calmo-ucc.org) to give today or set recurring gifts



Note: Sunday School offering can now  
be done through EasyTithe.

**For your viewing and listening opportunities of the weekly worship services, there are two ways of being part of the weekly services. You may request a cd or dvd from the church office. Please let Rhonda know if you are interested in obtaining one of these versions of the worship service. (796-4885)**

## Notes & News

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

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



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



### MONITEAU CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CENTER

*Please save your extra plastic shopping bags to use at the Food Bank.*

*Drop your bags off at the church. Thanks!*

## 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!

### To Watch 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](http://youtube.com) & search

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



# March Birthdays



- |                      |                      |                         |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 02 Hayden Green      | 14 Dwight Nelson     |                         |
| 02 Brett Hall        | 14 Aaron Spillars    |                         |
| 02 Kim Spieler       | 15 Peggy Liebi       |                         |
| 03 Ava Motley        | 15 Dale Ratcliff     |                         |
| 04 Nora Wolford      | 16 Stuart Stauffer   |                         |
| 04 Lauren Crider     | 17 Regina Pruitt     |                         |
| 05 Brooke Bell       | 17 Rachelle Thompson |                         |
| 06 Sydney Gratz      | 17 Devyn Robertson   |                         |
| 07 Sue Latham        | 18 Hunter Kueffer    |                         |
| 07 Lauren Lawson     | 18 Staci Nichols     |                         |
| 08 Kaitlyn Mouse     | 18 Mallory Gillilan  |                         |
| 09 Emma Cashion      | 19 Janet Gerhart     | 22 Evander Kendrick     |
| 09 Atley Howard      | 19 Bob Kueffer       | 22 Aubrey Davis         |
| 09 Evan Martin       | 19 Roberta Pate      | 22 Travis Gerlach       |
| 10 Addison Carr      | 19 Terry Spieler     | 22 John Osborn          |
| 10 Sonny Howard      | 19 Brock Wilson      | 22 Alexis Saldana       |
| 10 Ayden Howard      | 20 Bill Crane        | 23 Samantha Gerhart     |
| 10 Marty Ramsdell    | 20 Chris Lewis       | 23 Juanita Meisenheimer |
| 10 Carol Ratcliff    | 21 Bruce Volkart     | 23 Jackie Lynch         |
| 11 Laura Schoeneberg |                      | 27 Norah Everett        |
| 11 Grace Fennewald   |                      | 28 Elisha Carlock       |
| 12 Eva Rohrbach      |                      | 30 Harold Howard        |
| 13 David Cook        |                      | 30 Georgie Peck         |
| 13 Ryan Gerhart      |                      | 31 Charla Hess          |
| 13 Barbara Weis      |                      |                         |





# March Baptisms

Brett Adams—March, 1986  
Kristen Allred—March 5, 1997  
Kristen Ashley—March 20, 1996  
Wyatt Bestgen—March 21, 1999  
Adley Baker—March 7, 2021  
Ashton Bolinger—March 1, 2009  
Tanner Brancato—March 5, 2008  
Tanya Brown—March 26, 1992  
Philip Burger—March 22, 1964  
Jeremy Burger—March 23, 1994  
Emily Burger—March 22, 2009  
Ella Burger—March 22, 2009  
Andy Burger—March 23, 1994  
Nathan Cary—March 21, 2004  
Austin Chambers—March 1, 1992  
Aaron Chambers—March 1, 1992  
Beth Chambers—March 29, 1959  
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  
Lexi Hall—March 20, 1960  
Melissa Hindman—March 5, 2008  
Kent Howard—March 25, 1985  
Philip Howard—March 25, 1985  
Christine Huffman—March 27, 1988  
Madison Imhoff—March 12, 2000  
Kimberly Keil—March 12, 1991  
Dorothy Kirchoff—March 21, 1937  
Alissa Kendrick—March 2, 2003

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  
Morgan Opie—March 10, 1996  
Breanna Pruitt—March 24, 2004  
Bryce Pruitt—March 24, 2004  
David Ratcliff—March 27, 1960  
Taylor Ratcliff—March 20, 1994  
Carol Ratcliff—March 27, 1960  
Dale Ratcliff—March 27, 1960  
Kimberly Robertson—March, 1991  
Matthew Rohrbach—March 7, 1976  
Kylee Rowles—March 24, 1996  
Aaron Scrivner—March 27, 1996  
Eric Scrivner—March 23, 1994  
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  
Brooks Volkart—March 14, 2021

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