

# *The Tidings*

*April 2023*



## **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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## **Because He Lives...**

*“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” I Corinthians 15:19*

“Because He Lives” is the very well-known hymn written by Bill & Gloria Gaither. The chorus goes like this, “Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.” Yesterday that was one of the hymns we sang at the Thursday worship service at California Care Center. I looked around at faithful saints in wheel chairs, most with declining health, and not where they wanted to be. Some had a spouse with them. We weren’t the best choir for sure but I know God was pleased with the faithful worship coming from our little group. Because Jesus lives, we have hope in every circumstance that Jesus is with us and that eternity with him is waiting for us if we have proclaimed our faith and obedience in him.

This April we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The most defining moment in all of history. There will be several services to help us prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Palm Sunday, we will celebrate the confirmation of our seven confirmands. They all have completed their studies and statements of faith. This is the final step for this journey, but it is the first step of their own faith journey that will take them into adulthood and beyond. Prayers for their continued spiritual growth.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> we will have our traditional Maundy Thursday service to remember the initiation of the Lord’s Supper. It is a special time of remembrance, singing, scripture, and the Lord’s Supper. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Salem UCC will hold a Good Friday service to help us focus on the death of Jesus on the cross and the darkness that came with it. Salem invites everyone to participate in this somber service. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, will be our 7:00 Sunrise Service with a delicious breakfast and Sunday School followed by our regular 10:30 service.

This year, everyone in attendance will receive the book “More than a Carpenter” by Josh and Sean McDowell, as well as a tube of lip balm with our church’s information on it. We have invitation cards in the back of the sanctuary for you to use to invite someone to our Easter services. Last year we had over 400 in attendance for both services. Be praying about who you might invite for this special day.

In April, we will finish our look at the Gospel of Mark, The Case for Christ. I plan to start a short series on the prophet Isaiah in late April and May. Isaiah is called the fifth gospel because of all the prophecies about Jesus. Many famous scripture passages about Jesus are found in Isaiah like Isaiah chapters 7, 9 and 53. I look forward to going through this sermon series with you.

April is a special month for our family. We celebrate five different birthdays in April, my dad’s, our two grandkids, my new son-in-law and finally mine. But it is also a month we remember the deaths of three of Betty and I’s grandparents. Life is like that. Joy and sorrow, but because of the resurrection of Jesus we always have hope. See you in church.

Because He Lives,  
Russ



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

Consistory President, Laura Burger, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on March 13, 2023. Reverend Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the February meeting, the Treasurer's Report, the Financial Secretary's Report, Stewardship Snapshot, and Local Benevolence Report were reviewed and approved.

**Correspondence:** Salem will be celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 4, 2023. They requested that our Church change Worship times--California Worship at 8:30 and Salem Worship at 10:30 on that Sunday. Request granted.

The California Fire Department requested financial support for their fire and safety program in our community. While it is a worthy program, it does not meet the guidelines of the mission of our church. The request was denied.

**Building Use Requests:** Based on previous correspondence, the request from 3MT for use of Fellowship Hall cannot be granted without an adult California UCC Member sponsor. Parents of Youth Group members and Evangelism Committee members will be offered the opportunity to meet that need. All other requests are fine as scheduled.

Reports and updates were given by committees and organizations.

**Building and Grounds/Safe Church Committee**--Jay Bestgen, Consistory Representative: A motion was made and passed to accept a bid from Imhoff Painting of \$6,920.00 to do the work that must be done before the new window protection can be installed. Repairs are needed to the floor at the North and South front doors. In a motion, up to \$8000.00 was approved to cover the cost of repairs and new tile. Motion passed.

**Evangelism**--Alan Chambers attended the New Member luncheon.

**Stewardship**--Larry Schoeneberg reported the next meeting is April 18, 2023

**Worship**--VanDee Miller said the next meeting will be April 24, 2023.

**Historical, Memorial, Schnuck Endowment, and Sound/Video** had no reports.

**Brotherhood** sang at Lenten Worship and is planning a Pot Luck meal and Bingo event.

**Women's Guild** hosted World Day of Prayer.

**Sunday School** continues to be strong.

**Pastor's Report:** 4 Sunday Worship Services at California and Salem, 28 DVD deliveries, 25 days in the office, 4 Prayer Cell gatherings, 1 California Consistory meeting, 1 Salem Consistory meeting, 4 recordings of Time of Hope, 7 office visits, 4 birthday card signings with Kathy Grant, 5 home/work/nursing home/lunch, 1 California Care Worship Service, 6 high school BB games, 3 Ministerial Alliance meetings, 1 Sunday School meeting,

2 Consistory Installations (California and Salem), hosted 1 Consistory meal, 1 baptism, 1 Family Fun Night, 6 hospital visits, 3 Living Lord's Supper practices, 2 Brotherhood meetings, 1 Tidings article, 2 funeral visitations, 3 Confirmation classes and meals, 1 Ash Wednesday service.

### **Old Business:**

There was an increase in average Sunday Worship attendance over February 2022. The potential New Member luncheon was held on March 12 followed by New Member Sunday on March 19. The membership list was distributed with discussion at a later date. Closet clean-up/straighten is complete in the Sanctuary and Friendship Hall. Offering envelopes should be here soon. Cabinet meeting is March 26 at 3:30. Easter breakfast is being planned. The motion was made and passed that \$600.00 be approved to cover breakfast expenses.

**Facility Use Policy Review** (The Facility Use Policy is included with the Facility Use Reservation Form and the Facility Use Request Form.) The following changes were made to the **Facility Use Policy**:

Change # 1 Item C "A church member must fill out a Facility Use Reservation Form or a Facility Use Request Form completely, sign it and return it to the church office. THE CHURCH MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT DURING THE REQUESTED USAGE. (The responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of these forms rests with the person making the request and is not the responsibility of the church staff or the Consistory.) Motion made. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Change # 2 Item I "Neither members nor community groups may use our facilities for personal gain or profit. A fundraiser will only be allowed when it meets the mission of the church as approved, in advance by the Consistory.

Motion was made, Motion seconded. Motion carried.

**Facility Use Reservation Form and Facility Use Request Form** have two additions:

Addition # 1 "Will money be exchanged? In what way? (Ticket sales, free will donation, auction, other)" Motion made. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Addition # 2 (Two statements each requiring a signature) "The church is not responsible for lost or stolen items" and "The church is not responsible for accidents". Motion made. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

**Facility Reservation Fee** "For a single event a \$10.00 fee is required to reserve a calendar date and time for a specific area of the church for the event. Recurring events require a \$10.00 fee per recurring event with a 2-hour time limit per event." Motion made. Motion seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

### **New Business:**

Scholarship Applications are due for graduating seniors who are church members by April 10, 2023. Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and usher schedules were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 and closed with the Lord's Prayer prayed in unison.

Respectfully submitted, E. Carole Barbour

# Stewardship Snapshot

	<u>February 2023</u>	<u>February 2022</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 86,375.62	\$ 72,245.91
Receipts	+ 29,888.23	+ 37,847.28
Disbursements	- 41,197.43	- 38,757.75
Balance – February 28, 2023	\$ 75,066.42	\$ 71,335.44

## *As of February 28, 2023*

Building Fund Balance	\$ 3,835.44	\$ 90,692.92
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 8,961.88	\$ 8,558.78
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 3,797.91	\$ 6,645.38
Schnuck Endowment Fund	* \$ 29,959.55	** \$ 26,161.80
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 10,488.32	\$ 10,101.44
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 3,941.67	\$ 4,534.35
Total OCWM Received	\$ 800.00	\$ 847.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 1,771.80	\$ 3,399.00

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

*\*The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$29,959.55 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$28,793.06 of the fund balance may be expended.*

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*\*\*The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$ 26,161.80 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$ 24,995.31 of the fund balance may be expended.*



# Facility Use

After a motion was made at the Annual Meeting in January for the Consistory to review the Facility Use Policy, the Consistory discussed in length the comments from members at the March Consistory Meeting and made the following changes to the existing policy.

## **Facility Use Policy Changes as of March 13, 2023**

Letters “C” and “I” on the Facility Use Policy have been changed to the following. Changes are in bold print and underlined.

“C.” A church member must fill out a Facility Use Form completely, sign it and return it to the church office. **The member must be present during the requested usage.** (The responsibility for completeness and accuracy of the Facility Use Request form rests with the person making the request and is not the responsibility of the church staff or the Consistory.

“I.” Neither members nor community groups may use our facilities for personal gain or profit. **Fundraisers will only be allowed when it meets the mission of the church as approved by the Consistory.**

## **Facility Use Reservation and Request Form Additions as of March 13, 2023**

Addition #1: The following questions will be asked.

Will money be exchanged?

In what way? (Ticket sales, free will donation, auction, other)

Addition #2: You will be asked to sign that you agree to the two following statements.

The church is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

The church is not responsible for accidents.

## **Reservation Fee Policy Changes as of March 13, 2023**

Single events - \$10.00 is required to reserve a calendar date and time for a specific area of the church for your event. (Example – bridal shower, baby showers, birthday party, etc.)

Recurring events - \$10.00 is required per recurring event with a 2-hour time limit. (Example – sports practices for 4 Tuesday evenings would be a \$40.00 reservation fee - \$10.00 per Tuesday night practice.

Each practice may last no more than 2 hours.)



*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.*



### **Camp Aurora**

#### **Summer 2023 Dates**

**Senior High Camp (grades 9-12) July 2-8**

**Junior High Camp (grades 6-8) July 9-14**

**Junior Camp (grades 4-5) July 16-21**

**Primary Camp (grades 1-3) July 23-26**

**Sunday School will pay 1/2 of EARLY  
registration Fee for Member and One Friend.**

**Sign up before May 28th!**



## *Easter Envelope—Emmaus Homes*

### **Emmaus Homes - Easter Sunday Benevolence**

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.

# **UCC Women's Guild Meeting ~ March 15, 2023**



## **Opening Procedures**

President Pamela Hill opened the meeting with prayer. The Bible study lesson followed, presented by Carole B. "God with Us in Our Uncertainty" was based on passages from Exodus and Judges.

Judy B. gave us the Thought for the Day, "The Parable of the Pencil." It reminded us that, among several similarities to a pencil, we also do best when we endure painful sharpening's occasionally, correct mistakes as we go, and leave a positive mark wherever we walk.

Members had opportunity to contribute this month to World Day of Prayer, UCC Scholarship Fund, Ministerial Alliance, and California Nutrition Center. The offering was collected.

## **Business Meeting**

Motion by Linda S., second by Judy B. to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Linda S., second by Lexi H. to approve the financial report as corrected. Motion Carried. (A copy is attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes.)

Committee #2 is available for the next Celebration of Life dinner.

Mary B. reported the Best Choice label count is now at 2145.

Judy B. had cards available for signing and reported she had sent 22 cards this month. She related how important this ministry is to the recipients and how often they express their appreciation for the cards.

Pamela H. reported Thank You notes from Moniteau Christian Ministries Center and Every Child's Hope for recent contributions.



## Old Business

World Day of Prayer review. 44 people were in attendance from 11 churches. An offering in the amount of \$875 was received and a check will be forwarded to WDP. Attendees had many favorable comments regarding the program, fellowship, and refreshments. They hope the event will continue next year. Committee members reported dissatisfaction with the advertising banner (it did not stand up to the wind and weather) but Lexi H. reported the maker is willing to replace it with a better product for next year. Pamela H. congratulated the group on their great participation, imagination, and help with the event.

Confirmation Reception plans for March 29, 2023 were finalized. The event needs to be personally announced each Sunday in church from now on. Linda S. and Pamela H. will take care of drinks. Napkins only will be used to serve the cookies. Members will each provide two dozen plated cookies. They will need to be in the kitchen by 6:00 p.m. Linda S. will create a sign similar to that from last year.

Kitchen Cabinet: The cabinet/industrial can opener situation will be addressed at the April meeting.

## New Business

Church Cabinet Meeting, March 26, 2023. Pamela H. reviewed the "Activities and Services Worksheet" she had completed for presentation at the cabinet meeting. Members suggested a couple of additional activities be added to the lists. Linda S. will present the information at the Cabinet Meeting.

**Birthday Congratulations:** Barbara Weis, Peggy Liebi, and Juanita Meisenheimer were congratulated for birthday anniversaries.

**Joys and Concerns:** Members shared their recent travels, adventures, and visits/visitors. We do enjoy this time so much.

**Fellowship:** Judy B. closed with prayer and we enjoyed bountiful, delicious refreshments by Mary Ann Kueffer and Carmen Ferris. Thank you, ladies.

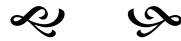
California UCC Women's Guild will meet again on April 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary





Caleb Howard was baptized on March 15th  
at the First Baptist Church



Jim Rohrbach was baptized on March 19th  
at the First Baptist Church

## Death

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of  
**Bill John Crane**, who passed away February 25, 2023.



*May God bless those who mourn in these days.*

## Welcome New Members

The following joined the California UCC on March 19th



Judy and Harvey Kilmer  
Jim Rohrbach  
Kristen Nelson



## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **April 2—Palm Sunday**

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Rite of Confirmation

### **April 6—Maundy Thursday**

Worship 7 p.m.—Holy Communion

### **April 7—Good Friday**

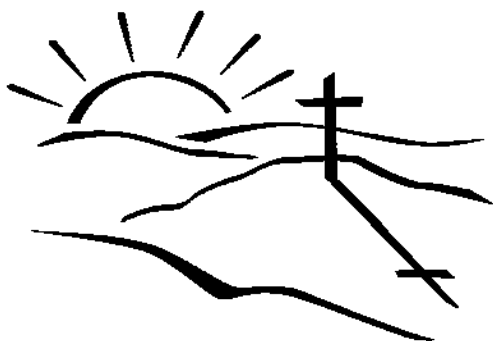
Worship at Salem UCC 7 p.m.

Church Office Closed

### **April 9—Easter**

Worship 7 a.m.—Holy Communion (Breakfast following)

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion



*John 11:25: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."*

*We rejoice with Jim Rohrbach and Kristen Nelson on the dedication of their daughter, **Isabelle Grace Rohrbach***

*March 19, 2023*

*Isabelle's sponsors are Andrew & Martha Sommerer*


# United Church of Christ

**Sunday**

**Monday**



**Tuesday**



<p>2</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY-RITE OF CONFIRMATION</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers &amp; Officers</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p> <p>6:30 PM Grief Share Meeting</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Sunrise Service-7 am Breakfast- 8:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Church- 10:30 am</p> <p>EASTER</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM Consistory</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p> <p>6:30 PM Grief Share Meeting</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> <p>5:30 PM Family Night (Potluck/Bingo) sponsored by Brotherhood</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p> <p>6:30 PM Grief Share Meeting</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p> <p>6:30 PM Grief Share Meeting</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>		



# April 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>  5:30 PM Salem's Shrimp and Chicken Dinner
<b>5</b> Tenebrae Practice and Sr. Choir Practice - All other activities cancelled including Meal	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Maudy Thursday/Tenebrae Service	<b>7</b> Church Office Closed 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at Salem UCC	<b>8</b>
<b>12</b> 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM God's Singers 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>19</b> 1:00 PM Women's Guild 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM God's Singers 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 
<b>26</b> 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM God's Singers 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>





# **Rite of Confirmation**

## **April 2, 2023**

### **Confirmation Class**

**Cooper Brandes**

Son of Bobby and Tammy Brandes

**Ella Burger**

Daughter of Andy and Mandy Burger

**Emily Burger**

Daughter of Andy and Mandy Burger

**Bella Fulks**

Daughter of Lance and Morgan Fulks

**Hunter Hall**

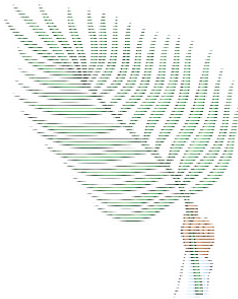
Son of Brett and Kendra Hall

**Caleb Howard**

Son of Kent and Gerri Howard

**Hadley Milligan**

Daughter of James and Lisa Milligan



## 2023 GOD'S SINGERS SPRING SCHEDULE

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

April 5: No School— No God's Singers

April 12: God's Singers practice

April 16: Sing at Family Night

April 19: God's Singers practice

April 26: God's Singers practice

**April 30: Sing in Worship**

May 3: God's Singers practice

May 10: God's Singers practice

**May 14: Sing in Worship**

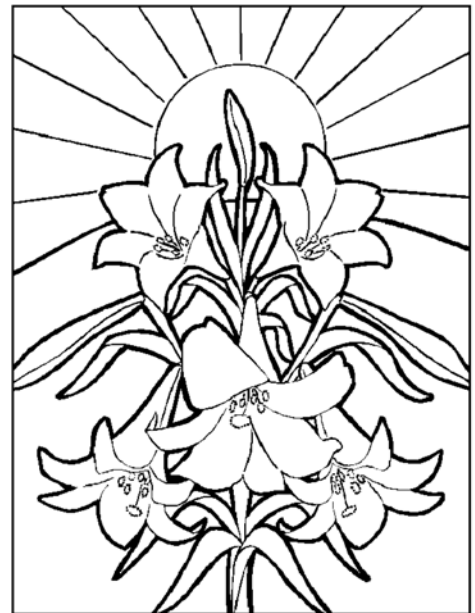
**Happy Summer Break!**

“He is not here; he has  
risen, just as he said.”

Matthew 28:5-6



HE IS RISEN!





## **Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting March 6, 2023**

Carla Clennin called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Rev. Russell Cobb opened the meeting with prayer. Those present were Carla Clennin, Cressida Gattermeir, Dave Gattermeir, Lauren Lawson, Rev. Russell Cobb, Carole Barbour, Steven Burger, Larry Rohrbach and Mollie Spencer.

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

Our March benevolence is the California Nutrition Center, which is a hometown non-profit organization, providing a variety of social, educational, health education and recreational activities for seniors, aged 60 and older. They also serve a noon-time meal Monday – Friday from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

### **Old Business:**

Discussion of the success of the Chili cook off Family Night. All the reviews have been positive.

Courtney will be getting the palms and Carla will check on the progress.

### **New Business:**

Steven's classroom needs new chairs, they are wondering what needs to happen to the current chairs. A discussion was held to add to "Spring Clean-up week" sponsored by the City of California. Need to get dates for our location. It was decided we have suitable chairs to be utilized from the church. Lauren also noted she has issues with a cabinet in her classroom. Lauren will add to the "Spring Clean-Up" project. Carla noted, if any of the other teacher's need to get rid of broken or unused items, please add.

Discussion of a quarterly schedule for pianists to sign up for Sunday School Opening. All agreed it is a good idea and will be posted next month. Carla will be contacting the current list of piano players to get this availability.

Thanks to Carla for mostly filling out the Sunday Schools response for Activities and Service worksheet for the upcoming Cabinet meeting that will be held on March 26. Russ added, that the Consistory is looking at how much money is spent on Mission work through the various church groups. He would like to expend 10% of the church's income to missions. During the exercise it was noted that another Mission we could give to is Camp Aurora as we have several members of our church that attend various camps each year.

Carla Clennin made motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM

Next meeting will be Monday April 3, 2023 at 7 PM

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

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



**Congratulations to our Sunday School 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance**

Carole Barbour, Tony Barry, Connie Bestgen, Jay Bestgen, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Judy Burger, Courtney Cassil, Carla Clennin, Beth Dampf, Doug Dampf, Brynna Hall, Justin Kilmer, Tammy Kilmer, Lola McCarty, Sophie Miller and Ronda Mortenson

**Please join us for Sunday School** – will your name be added for 2nd quarter??  
(April – June)

## **UCC Brotherhood Minutes – February 27, 2023**

**Refreshments** – A delicious meal and desserts was provided by Steven and Laura Burger to begin the meeting.

**Business Meeting** – Vice-President Jerry Wolfrum called the meeting to order with 20 members and guests present. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was approved with a current balance of \$2219.35. In new business, Reverend Cobb mentioned that the activity director at Valley Park West had asked if the Brotherhood could come and sing some hymns for their residents sometime. The group agreed to participate as it could be scheduled. The group discussed sponsoring a family night with a pot-luck supper and bingo like we did last year. If it can be worked out with other church groups, we will coordinate a family night the Sunday after Easter (April 16, 2023)

The nominating committee submitted the names of David Meyer for Brotherhood president and David Gattermeir for secretary, both for 2-year terms. It was moved, seconded that nominations be closed and both men be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned until after the program.

**Program** – Virginia Johnson Shetler, a representative of the VITAE Foundation, presented the program about her work and the work of the Foundation. She noted that VITAE is the Latin word for life. It is a nation-wide non-profit organization that promotes life. The VITAE Society was founded in 1992 and started conducting research in 1994 to study the process women with unexpected pregnancies go through when deciding whether to support life. The group focuses on ways to provide positive support to women struggling with decisions. Virginia noted that following the Dobbs Decision, there has been a major uptick in abortion pills, often coming from overseas, and they are seeing problems with the pills being used in later stages of pregnancy than they are designed. VITAE communicates with women through modern social media as well as in traditional ways.

Virginia grew up in California, graduated from CHS and is the daughter of the late Clayton and Ellie Johnson.

**Business Meeting, continued** – The group practiced the hymn “In the Hour of Trial” for special music for the Lenten service on Wednesday, March 1. Following a successful practice, Steven Burger volunteered to give the devotional for the March meeting and Rob Barbour volunteered to provide refreshments. A motion was made, seconded and approved to give a \$500 donation to Virginia Shetler for the VITAE Foundation.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Norman Rohrbach, Secretary



## **UCC Brotherhood Minutes – March 27, 2023**

**Refreshments** – A delicious meal and desserts were provided by Rob and Maria Barbour to begin the meeting. Robert Barbour prayed a blessing over the meal. Following refreshments, Steven Burger gave a devotion on 2 Corinthians 2:11 entitled “How Much Will This Choice Actually Cost Me?”, which cautioned about the well-crafted schemes of the devil and how Satan strives to keep the true cost of poor decisions from us. It encouraged us to always be aware of the consequences of our actions, both intended and unintended.

**Business Meeting** –President Dave Meyer called the meeting to order with 25 members and guests present. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The group formally thanked outgoing president Abe Rohrbach for his years of service in the office. A brief discussion was held concerning the continuation of the prisoner’s program, which Abe championed. It was decided to continue support of this program with further discussions and planning to be conducted later in the year.

Discussions were held to further organize the planned family night and pot-luck supper, scheduled for April 16, noting that the event has been approved by the Consistory. God’s Singers will again provide entertainment for the event, and Connie Bestgen will be contacted about possibly adding other talented young people to the program. Volunteers were arranged for table and chair setup, drinks, and plates, cups, etc. Bingo games will be held, and two \$25 cash prizes and one \$50 prize were approved in addition to pies volunteered by the Women’s Guild. Gathering for the event will begin at 5:30 PM, with the meal starting at 6:00 and games following. Details will be published in future church bulletins.

Steven Burger requested volunteers for the Parking Lot Ministry, which will occur on a Saturday morning in the near future. The ministry will include clean-up of the parking lot and trimming of nearby trees if permission can be obtained from adjoining property owners.

Pastor Cobb asked for volunteers to sing hymns for the residents of Valley Park West and will be in touch with them to set a date in the near future.

The treasurer’s report was approved with a current balance of \$1827.35 following a collection of \$108 at the February meeting and a donation of \$500 to the Vitae Foundation.

Meeting adjourned until after the program.

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## **Men's Brotherhood—Continued**

**Program** – Five of the church's high school seniors discussed their high school activities, favorite memories, and future plans.

**Peter Dampf** (son of Doug and Beth Dampf) participated in football, basketball, track, FFA, Sounds of Joy, and National Honor Society. His favorite high school memory was his trip to Texas with FFA. Peter plans to attend Mizzou in the fall, majoring in Agribusiness and minoring in Systems and Technology. He then plans to return to the family farm.

**Grace Dampf** (daughter of Doug and Beth Dampf) has participated in softball, basketball, choir, dance team and FFA. She currently works through the COE program at the Tipton Flower Shop as well as weekends at 50s Pizza. Grace plans to attend State Tech in the fall, majoring in Digital Marketing. After completing her studies there, she plans to pursue journalism at Mizzou.

**Emma Russell** (daughter of Jim and Sarah Russell) is the CHS student body vice president, has participated in softball, student council, National Honor Society, Sounds of Joy, and FFA (serving as Chaplain and Historian). She currently works at Grace Print House and as a youth softball umpire. Her favorite high school memory was her trip to Nashville with the CHS choir. Emma plans to attend State Tech in the fall, majoring in Nursing. After completing her studies there, she plans to attend a 4-year college to continue her Nursing studies as well as an advanced degree in Family Medicine in pursuit of a career as a traveling nurse.

**D.J. Schneider** (son of John and Becky Schneider) has participated in football, baseball, track, was a founding member of the CHS wrestling team (in which he qualified for the state tournament), trap shooting, 4H (serving as vice president and president), Sounds of Joy, and National Honor Society. His favorite high school memory was his trip to Nashville with the CHS choir. D.J. has committed to play football at Westminster College in the fall and major in biology. Following his studies there, he plans to attend veterinary school with a specialty in animal orthopedics.

**Jackson Cassil** (son of John and Courtney Cassil) has participated in football, golf (a member of the 2022 state championship team), trap shooting, and National Honor Society. Jackson will attend Mizzou in the fall taking courses in Agricultural Systems and Technology, Mechanical Engineering, and Plant Science, but plans to transfer to Iowa State University to pursue a degree in Agricultural Engineering. He then plans a career in farming.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Dave Gattermeir, Secretary



### Acolytes

02 Jess Medlin & Megan Carlock  
 09 Royce Everett & Amelia Howard  
 16 Camden Lawson & Brynna Hall  
 23 Sophie Miller & Rylan Robertson  
 30 Carson Kruger & Conner Brockes

### Lay Readers

02 Judy Burger  
 09 Susan Burger  
 16 David Gattermeir  
 23 Beth Dampf  
 30 Alan Chambers

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### April Choirs

02 **Palm Sunday** God's Singers  
 06 **Maundy Thursday** Sr. Choir  
 09 **Easter**  
     (7:00 AM)—Special Music  
     (10:30 AM)—Sr. Choir  
 16 Sr. Choir  
 23 Bells  
 30 God's Singers



### Children's Time

02 Puppets  
 09 Ginnie Medlin  
 16 Carla Clennin  
 23 Anny Roll  
 30 Holly Bieri

### Nursery Volunteers

02 Betty Cobb  
 09 Julie Medlin  
 16 Callie Simmons  
 23 Holly Bieri  
 30 Courtney Cassil

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



# April Birthdays

01 Jason Gatlin  
01 Andrew Graves  
01 Drew Robertson  
02 Melissa Draffen  
02 Michelle Sedgwick  
03 Dorothy Sleper  
03 Walter Bieri  
03 Christopher Draffen  
04 Patrick Miller  
04 Amy Howard  
05 Tammy Kilmer  
05 Charles Goode  
06 Adam Burger  
06 Leslie Peck  
07 David Stock  
09 Jane Robertson  
09 Cooper Brandes  
10 Stacey Bolinger  
11 Christopher Cassil  
11 Kueffer Koestner  
11 Hunter Hall  
11 Richard Meisenheimer  
12 Brittany Kendrick  
12 Jess Medlin  
13 Kristen Ashley  
13 Elizabeth Ash

14 Kimberly Keil  
15 Carole Barbour  
15 Adley Baker  
16 Mary Burger  
16 Scott Robertson  
17 Jon Roberts  
17 Kaden Ingram  
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 Linda Schnieders  
30 Russell Cobb





# April Baptisms

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 Dietz—April 25, 1999  
Blake Howard—April 10, 1994  
Harold Howard—April 1951  
Jackie Howard—April 19, 1987  
Dyan Ingram—April, 2017  
Martin Kilmer—April 3, 2005  
Ronnie Kissick—April 14, 1991  
Suzanne Latham—April 27, 2003  
Olivia Meisenheimer—April 6, 2008  
McKenzie Lohse—April, 2011

John Overbey—April 1961  
Roberta Pate—April 10, 1966  
Renee Elliott—April 1, 2012  
Kelly Sedgwick—April 11, 1982  
Justin Selk—April 23, 1988  
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  
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



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