

# *The Tidings*

*March 2024*



## **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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## **Getting into See the Doctor**

*“Then the master told his servant, “Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.” Luke 14:23*

We all make excuses not to see the doctor. It costs too much. Don't have the time. Don't like needles. Don't like taking more medicine. Sometimes people wait too long before seeing the doctor and it's too late to do anything for their condition. I don't like going to doctors as well, but when I had splotches all over my chest, arm and back appear one night, I called the doctor first thing the next morning so she could confirm I had shingles and give me medicine to start drying it up. I'm still dealing with the nerve pain but the medicine has done its job by clearing up most of my splotches. In Luke 14 Jesus tells the story about a man who prepared a great banquet and invited many guests. But all of them made excuses to not come and eat with their host. They were too busy. Are we too busy to see the great physician and spend time in his presence? If we ignore invitation too long, we may not get another.

We continue our sermon series on the Gospel of Luke in March. We'll look at a few of Jesus' parables, celebrate Palm Sunday, and join two disciples on the road to Emmaus on Easter morning. I encourage you to continue reading through the Gospel of Luke as we approach Easter. It's great to refresh our minds with the words, stories, and miracles of Jesus. That is why I always preach a series on Jesus the two months before Easter. This year we will give out to every family the book by Lee Strobel, "The Case for Easter." It talks about the proof for the resurrection of Jesus. It's a reassuring book that confirms what we already know as Christians, "Jesus is Alive!"

I look forward to Easter morning to celebrate with all of you the resurrection of Jesus. Be thinking about who you would like to invite for one of our Easter services. It's a great time to invite a friend or family member to church.

We continue our Lent services in March as well. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the First Christian Church will host our Lent Service. Their pastor Kevin and I have talked about this for several months, both church boards gave their approval before Christmas. Both churches are excited about this combined worship experience. Pastor Kevin will speak on the story of the Apostle Paul. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship for both churches. Mark it on your calendar. Khloe Mortenson and Brooks Nichols will give their Statements of Faith in March and we will celebrate confirmation on Palm Sunday. We'll have our traditional Maundy Thursday Service on March 28<sup>th</sup> and Salem will host a Good Friday Service on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We'll have our Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, followed by a delicious breakfast, Sunday School, and our regular service on Easter morning. Last year we had close to 400 people combined between the Sunrise Service and the regular service. Let's see if we can go over 400 this year. I'll have cards for you to pick up after Sunday worship to give out to a friend or family for our Easter service.

Hope you are enjoying the nice warm weather the last few days. My tulips and daffodils are popping up. It won't be long until Spring makes its arrival. See you at church.

Serving Christ Together,  
Russ





## California United Church of Christ February 12, 2024 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

At 6:00pm the Consistory gathered in the Sanctuary for a review/practice session on the art of serving Communion, the responsibilities of an usher, and operating the elevator.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-president VanDee Miller at 6:22pm. Reverend Cobb opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was established with Ellen Ash, Carole Barbour, Jay Bestgen, Holly Bieri, Jim Deeken, VanDee Miller, and Larry Schoeneberg present. Alan Chambers was absent.

Minutes of the January Meeting, the Treasurer's Report, the Financial Secretary's Report, and the Stewardship Snapshot were approved.

Two Thank you notes were received: one from Reverend Cobb and one from Laura Burger. Building Use Requests were reviewed and approved.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Building and Grounds/Safe Church-Jay Bestgen/Jim Deeken**

There was an explanation of responsibilities of the Chairs of Building and Grounds and Safe Church. The work is different, but often overlaps so they are complementary jobs.

#### **SWC (South Western Communications)**

Contract signed, 30% of total bill paid, work has begun on a limited basis

Committee looking ahead to Policy and Procedures for new system

Reiterated broad plan of key fobs, cameras, buzz-in, and the possibilities available with the mag doors for the benefit of new Consistory members.

#### **Gas Stove control knob clips**

Clips were purchased with the hope that they would prevent the burners being turned on by accident. They would not work, and Jay has not found any that will.

Church Mutual Insurance and their apparent inability to come and evaluate the church campus continues to be an issue. There are questions about cemetery coverage as well. Jay and Jim will work on this. The quarterly bill of \$4,206.50 has been paid.

#### **Stewardship-Larry Schoeneberg**

There is a meeting scheduled for February 13, 2024

#### **Worship-VanDee Miller**

Committee met January 11, 2024 and noted that poinsettias would be in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Cantata; heard the desire of several members for a short service of some sort in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve in addition to the Christmas production; Planned special music for Lenten Services; scheduled two middle school students to extinguish the candles at Tenebrae; selected Connie Bestgen to represent the Worship Committee at the Cabinet meeting

#### **Sound/ Video-Ronnie Kissick (not a Consistory member but a willing talent)**

Somehow repaired or worked around the problem of the problem amplifier.

#### **Pastor Parish-Larry Schoeneberg**

Reverend Cobb and Allan Mortenson try to contact (via phone or actual visit) several members each week who for various reasons are unable to attend worship regularly.

This is a meaningful activity and hopefully will expand in the future.

Reverend Cobb will have Lee Strobel's book The Case for Easter available for Easter giving to the families of the Salem and California Churches.

## **Old Business**

Consistory Installation Date - February 4, 2024

Consistory Appreciation Meal at VanDee Miller's home, 6:00 pm—February 25, 2024

Lenten Service Elevator/Usher Duties

A list was circulated with dates to usher and run the elevator. Only two spots were left to fill at the end of the meeting

## **New Business**

Signature Cards at Financial Institutions all completed.

All committees are to review their job descriptions and update if needed.

Cabinet Meeting Date and Agenda-Cabinet Meeting is April 7, 2024 beginning at 2:00pm

Each entity is being requested to bring written answers to two questions to the cabinet and to have those turned into the Church Office by March 31, 2024

The questions are: "How did my group fulfill the mission of the church in 2023?"

(Mission of the Church: Love God. Love people. Make disciples.)

"What can the other groups do to support my group's efforts in 2024?"

Easter Breakfast—It is happening!!! Plan to attend for the best of food and fellowship!

The date of the last Wednesday meal for the season will be April 24, 2024. Put a sad face on your calendar. We will all miss the good food (thank you Letha Peck) and the good company (we are a great Church family).

Pinto Baseball/Softball games will have a Church presence with a banner advertising the California UCC on the fence. Several of our youth participate in this program. .

Bueker's Cool Season Grass and Lawn Mowing Contract—Bueker's Lawn Service will be taking care of the Church's cool season grass needs and mowing.

Church Offering Envelopes-

If you don't have your Church envelopes yet, please pick them up! The envelopes for 2025 will be delivered in December 2024. (Talk about planning ahead.)

Billboard Biennial Permit Renewals-

A MODot procedure that assures that the Church signs along MODot right of ways are properly maintained and placed.

Project Graduation-

Information was received from Dyan Ingram requesting financial support for Project Graduation. This is a good program but after discussion the Consistory did not feel that it was within the scope of the Church's mission.

Lebeck Bequest Beyond Local Church Portion-

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the amount be split between the MCMC Cargill Cares Food Pantry and the California Nutrition Center.

## **Upcoming Communion Dates**

Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024 and Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

## **Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Consistory, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

The evening ended with the Lord's Prayer prayed in unison.





## Stewardship Snapshot

	<u>January 2024</u>	<u>January 2023</u>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Balance Brought Forward	\$136,260.44	\$ 87,215.62
Receipts	+ 41,422.52	+ 27,434.71
Disbursements	<u>- 25,843.40</u>	<u>- 28,274.71</u>
Balance – January 31	* \$ 151,839.56	\$ 86,375.62
 <b>As of January 31, 2024</b>		
Building Fund	\$ 58,307.40	\$ 6,558.90
Local Benevolence Fund	\$ 8,401.90	\$ 9,466.87
Memorial Fund	\$ 8,479.21	\$ 3,797.59
Schnuck Endowment Fund	**\$ 35,795.28	***\$ 29,959.55
Scholarship Fund	\$ 13,755.73	\$ 10,217.74
Youth Fellowship Fund	\$ 5,772.00	\$ 3,941.67
 Total OCWM Received	 \$ 295.00	 \$ 435.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 504.95	\$ 940.80

\* **Note**— Includes \$51,757.45 from Lebeck Estate

### Note on 2024 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

*\*\*The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$35,795.28 includes \$166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$35,628.79 of the fund balance may be expended.*

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## *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.**



### **Thank you**

***The family of Harley B. McDaniel would like to express our sincere thanks to Russ Cobb, the Women's Guild, and all of you for being there for us in every way! We appreciate it more than you know.***

***God Bless!***

***Steve, Barb, Deb, Billy, Kris, Ciarra,  
Clint and Angie***

**Lenten Services 2024—Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**March 6**

Speaker—Kevin King  
At First Christian Church

**March 13**

Speaker—Rev. Cobb  
Special Music – Emma Kissick  
Statement of Faith— Khloe Mortenson

**March 20**

Speaker—Lina Eddy  
Special Music—Rohrbach Siblings  
Statement of Faith—Brooks Nichols

**Confirmation Reception**

March 20, 2024 ~ following the Lenten Service  
hosted by the Women's Guild  
All are welcome!

*Thank you for the beautiful flower you sent for  
Carol's funeral. We appreciate your kindness  
during this difficult time.*

*The family of Carol Sue Wolfrum*



# VeggieTales Matinee



Saturday, March 16th 9:30 to 11:00am  
UCC Friendship Hall

Bring a Blankie & Come Join Us For

Featured Presentation: "Twas the Night Before Easter"

Snacks - Games- Crafts

Closing Prayer

Take Home: Special Easter Basket

Please sign up for the Matinee Event below so that we are sure to have enough snacks, and Special Easter Basket made up for each child in attendance. You may return the form to church office, or contact Ronda Mortenson by email [rkmort60@gmail.com](mailto:rkmort60@gmail.com) or call 573-694-3933

Childs Name Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## February 5, 2024 Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting

Carla Clennin called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Pastor Russell Cobb opened the meeting with prayer. Those present were Cressida Gattermeir, Ronda Mortenson, Peggy Liebi, Carole Barbour, Steven Burger, Dyan Ingram, Beth Chambers, and Austin Chambers.

Ronda made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, Cressida seconded, motion approved.

Steven made a motion to approve the January treasurer's report, Beth seconded, motion approved.

### **Old Business:**

Family game night is February 18<sup>th</sup> and Carla placed the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Winners will be awarded a prize for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place of either oven mitts, apron, kitchen towels, or potholders. Help is wanted for drinks and clean up afterwards.

Veggie Tales is still on schedule for March 16 from 9:30 to 11 am. Ronda and Beth cleaned the craft closet to make room for new supplies.

Cradle roll discussion continued with a discussion of the history of cradle roll and the purpose. Carla was planning on meeting with Alan Chambers, Gerri Howard, and Pastor Cobb to discuss the matter further.

Pastor Cobb is delivering the Valentine's cards to Valley Park and California Care this week. Carla thanked the Sunday School teachers and students who helped put together all the creative cards.

### **New Business:**

It was suggested that Sunday School continue to pay half of church camp fees for Sunday School students and one friend. Steven made a motion to continue paying half the early registration fee, Carole seconded, motion approved.

Camp Aurora dates: Senior High – July 7-13; Jr. High – July 14-19; Jr. camp – July 21-26; Primary camp – July 28-31; Family camp – August 2-4

Turkey Hill Ranch Bible Camp – Vienna; please check dates on website, if attending this camp.

Dyan will be taking the senior high group to “Young Christian Weekend” at Silver Dollar City during the weekend of the April 5-7.

Palm Sunday is March 24<sup>th</sup>, and Courtney Cassil will be ordering Palms for the parade during church.

Kendra Hall’s college class is needing suggestions for new material as they are finishing the Tim Tebow book. A discussion was made to purchase the college class with a smart TV as there is no TV in the college classroom (Library).

Jess Medlin will be playing the piano for the Sunday School opening.

Steven moved to adjourn meeting at 7:33 PM

Next meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2024, at 7 PM  
Respectfully submitted, Austin Chambers, 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 18. We had over 50 people in attendance, and those attending voted for the Best Chili and Soup.



Congratulations to our winners!

Chili winners: L to R: 3rd place Eric Lawson, 2nd place Austin Chambers and 1st place Alan Chambers

Soup winners: L to R: 1st place Mikayla Bishop, 2nd place Philip Burger, tied for 3rd place Judy Burger and Maria Perez-Barbour

Awards for:



## **UCC Brotherhood Minutes – Monday, February 26, 2024**

**Refreshments** – A delicious meal and desserts were provided by Larry Rohrbach to begin the meeting. Steven Burger prayed a blessing over the meal.

Following the meal, President Dave Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm with 23 members and guests in attendance. Larry Schoenberg gave a devotion based on Isaiah 28:20 “For the bed is shorter than a man can stretch himself and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.” He explained that the verse refers to a time when Jerusalem was besieged by the Assyrians and was about to fall because they had rejected God and were attempting to defend themselves without God’s strength. He remarked that while self-sufficiency works to a point, real comfort and security is only possible with God as one’s foundation.

**Business Meeting** – President Dave Meyer called the business meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The motion to install Rob Barbour as Brotherhood Vice President and Tony Barry to another term as Treasurer was made. Both will serve 2-year terms.

The minutes from the January 22 meeting were read and approved with the correction that the third annual church family night will be held on April 14 (not April 4 as written).

Since the fourth Monday in May falls on Memorial Day this year, the May Brotherhood meeting will be rescheduled to May 20.

President Dave Meyer will be out of town on April 7 and will find a substitute to represent the Brotherhood at the church meeting on that date.

Discussion was held about holding the fish fry on the last day of Vacation Bible School on June 27 as has been done in years past. It was generally agreed that the Brotherhood would do the fish fry, but no formal motion was made.

A discussion was held on making a contribution to the memorial of Claire Kueffer who was killed this week on a missionary trip in Africa. Discussion was tabled until it can be determined how and to whom such a donation should be made.

Steven Burger volunteered to provide the meal at the March 25 meeting and Rob Barbour will give the devotion.

**Program** – Delton Rissler gave an account of his life and the story of his commitment to serving Christ.

Delton grew up south of California and was raised as a Mennonite in a strong Christian family. His father was a truck driver and his mother worked at Burger's Smokehouse. He never felt that he fit into the Mennonite community, and while he behaved outwardly as a Christian, he was not a true believer and his life was "all about him". At age 28, he noticed an old friend had changed and found that he had chosen to follow Christ. This prompted Delton and his wife to study the Bible. They started with the Gospels, and it affected both of them profoundly. By the time they had finished all 4 Gospels, they had made the decision to follow Christ themselves. From that time forward, their lives changed positively, both personally and financially. He urges anyone that if they do not know Christ, they should make things right immediately.

Delton now lives with his wife of 22 years and 5 children near his business south of California. He now runs the Crossroads Shopping Plaza at the intersection of Highways 50 and 87, including Diesel Power Plus, Edge Graphics, and Dairy Barn. He and his family also travel extensively marketing accessories at tractor pulls nationwide.

A brief practice was held for the Brotherhood's special singing at the Lenten service on February 28, and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted –  
Dave Gattermeir, Secretary



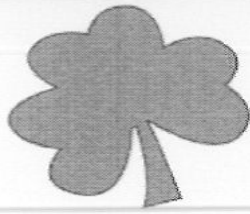


# United Church of Christ

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday



well hello,  
**march**

<p>3 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>4 7:00 PM Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>10 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> 	<p>11 6:00 PM Consistory</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>17 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p> 
<p>24 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> 	<p>25 7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>31 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> 	 <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">shutterstock.com - 75278439</p>	



# March 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 5:45 PM Wed. Night Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	7	8	9
13 5:45 PM Wed. Night Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	14	15 	16 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Veggie Tales .....
20 1:00 PM Women's Guild 5:45 PM Wed. Night Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	21	22	23 Salem Shrimp and Chicken Dinner
27 5:45 PM Wed. Night Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:20 PM God's Singers 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	28 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service 	29 Church Office Closed 	30



## **UCC Women's Guild**

### **Minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting**

**Opening Procedures** Lexi H. offered the opening prayer from "Sabbath and Celebration", Lesson 1. Carole B. led the discussion centered on Matthew 11:28 – 12:13, comparing Sabbath as "the bride – a reason for celebration and joy." Thank you, Carole. Laura B. offered the Thought for the Day, "In All Creation" based on Genesis 1:31, a reminder to stop and genuinely look at the wonderful world around us. Mary B. also offered a recommendation for Savannah Guthrie's new book and her public affirmation of her faith. Benevolence opportunities this month include Every Child's Hope, MCMC, and Local Benevolence. Members had opportunity to contribute their offering. 14 members were in attendance.

### **Business Meeting**

- Motion by Linda S., second by Judy B. to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Linda S., second by Carole B. to approve the financial report. Motion Carried.
- Committee #1 reported serving 56 people at the Celebration of Life dinner for Carole Wolfrum. It went smoothly and the family was most appreciative. Committee #2 will be up for the next dinner.
- Mary B. reported 1415 Best Choice Labels.
- Judy B. sent 30 valentine cards and had 30 more for signing for March.

Lexi H. reported correspondence (thank you note) from the Wolfrum family and newsletters from Healing House and Heifer Project.

### **Old Business**

The World Day of Prayer program, Women at War, will be held Friday, March 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow the program prepared by Brenda O. Publicity has been arranged (banner, newspaper notices, bulletin information, Tidings articles), and other churches notified. Judy B. and Phyllis M. will take care of the offering, Pamela H. will handle registration, Linda S. will take care of decorations and set/up, and Clarice N. took volunteers for food preparation/serving/cleanup. All cakes and other refreshments should be at church by 11:00 am.

## **New Business**

Confirmation reception is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 following the evening service. Each member is asked to contribute one dozen cookies and to bring them to the March 20 Guild meeting arranged on your own serving tray. Linda S. will prepare name tags for the confirmands. The only table will be the one set up for confirmands. Cookies and punch (Lexi) will be served with napkins and clear plastic cups. Rhonda will put a notice in the bulletin and in the Tidings.

Birthday congratulations were extended to Lexi Hall and Katie Schlup. Mary B. spoke of the expanded space at MCMC Thrift Store and the need for more volunteers. All help is appreciated and the biggest need is for check-out help on Thursday 10-12 and 12-2, typically their busiest day. Help is also needed Friday (same time slots) and Saturday 10-2.

**Closing Prayer** – Lexi H.

**Hostesses** Mary B. and Clarice N. provided a preview for some of the refreshments to be provided at World Day of Prayer. Mary's wonderful strawberry cake and pineapple upside down cake were the sweet treats, and Clarice provided typical breads from Ukraine/Russia, Palestine, and Israel served with appropriate spreads. (Palianytsia with honey butter, Manakish with feta or za'atar and hummus, and Bialys with seasoned cream cheese.) Our adventurous members enjoyed the "taste-tasting" party.

**Next UCC Women's Guild meeting is March 20, 2024.**

Clarice Nelson, Secretary



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The new building being added on to Project Share will soon be finished. Along with this additional space, comes the need for more volunteers to work at the counter and cash register. Project Share is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed Thursday and Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Also Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Vicky Schroeder is the person in charge of scheduling the volunteers and she usually asks you to work once a month. If you feel like you can donate a couple of hours, please contact Vicky at 913-669-2999 for information or questions. There is really nothing hard about this job.

**Salem UCC  
Annual Shrimp & Chicken  
Dinner**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

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

**Dine-in or Carry Out**

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

**An RSVP by Monday, March 18 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, April 7th at 2:00 p.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.

## 2024 Consistory of the United Church of Christ of California

**Alan Chambers**  
President  
Term: 2021-2025

**VanDee Miller**  
Vice President  
Term 2021-2025

**Jay Bestgen**  
Building & Grounds  
Term 2023-2027

**Larry Schoeneberg**  
Financial Secretary  
Term 2023-2027

**Holly Bieri**  
Local Benevolence  
Term 2024-2028

**Jim Deeken**  
Safe Church  
Term 2024-2028

**Ellen Ash**  
Treasurer  
Term 2022-2026

**Carole Barbour**  
Secretary  
Term 2022-2026



## Planning for Summer....

2024 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 on **June 23 to June 27**. Watch for more details in the coming months.



# MARCH

## Children's Time

03 Anny Roll  
10 JoAnn Cantriel  
17 Kendra Hall  
24 Holly Bieri  
31 Pastor Russ

## Lay Readers

03 Brad Friedrich  
10 Allan Mortenson  
17 Toni Kueffer  
24 Carla Clennin  
31 Kris Ingram



Nursery  
Reagan Cain

## Acolytes

03 Hazel & Meredith Wolford  
10 Emily King & Megan Carlock  
17 Lena & Lee Bieri  
24 Amelia Howard & Jess Medlin  
31 Brenyn Robertson & Royce Everett

## March Music

03 Sr. Choir  
10 Sr. Choir  
13 Emma Kissick  
(Wednesday Evening)  
17 Bell Choir  
20 Rohrbach Siblings  
(Wednesday Evening)  
24 God's Singers— Palm Sunday  
28 Sr. Choir— Maundy Thursday  
31 Sr. Choir— Easter

WE LOVE  
OUR  
VOLUNTEERS

A decorative graphic featuring the text 'WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS' in a blue, stylized font, surrounded by several green shamrocks and stems.



# 2024 GOD'S SINGERS SPRING SCHEDULE

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

## GOD'S SINGERS ONLY SPRING SCHEDULE

March 6: God's Singers

March 13: God's Singers

March 20: God's Singers

**March 24th: Sing in Worship (Palm Sunday)**

March 27: God's Singers

April 3: God's Singers

April 10: God's Singers

April 17: God's Singers

April 24: God's Singers

April 28: **Sing in Worship**

May 1: God's Singers

May 8: God's Singers

May 12: **Sing in Worship**

**Daylight Saving  
Time begins  
Sunday,  
March 10, 2024**



# rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family  
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Text Registration Code – UCOC to 49775

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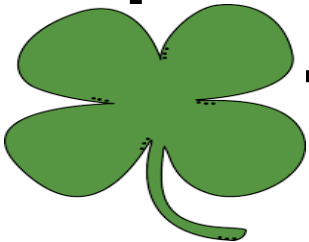


*There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meeting at the  
Annunciation Catholic Church, 414 Patrick St., on Mondays at 8  
p.m. Contact number: 660-621-2271.*

## **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)



### MONTEAU CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CENTER

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

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

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# March Birthdays



02 Brett Hall  
02 Kim Spieler  
03 Ava Motley  
04 Nora Wolford  
06 Sydney Gratz  
07 Sue Latham  
07 Lauren Lawson  
08 Kaitlyn Mouse  
10 Addison Carr  
10 Sonny Howard  
10 Carol Ratcliff  
11 Laura Schoeneberg  
11 Grace Fennewald  
12 Eva Rohrbach  
13 Barbara Weis

14 Dwight Nelson  
14 Aaron Spillars  
15 Peggy Liebi  
15 Dale Ratcliff  
17 Regina Pruitt  
17 Rachelle Thompson  
17 Devyn Robertson  
18 Staci Nichols  
19 Bob Kueffer  
19 Roberta Pate  
19 Brock Wilson  
21 Bruce Volkart

22 Aubrey Davis  
22 John Osborn  
27 Norah Everett  
28 Elisha Carlock  
30 Georgie Peck  
31 Charla Hess



# March Baptisms

Brett Adams—March, 1986  
Wyatt Bestgen—March 21, 1999  
Adley Baker—March 7, 2021  
Ashton Bolinger—March 1, 2009  
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  
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  
David Hall—March 29, 1959  
Lexi Hall—March 20, 1960  
Caleb Howard—March 15, 2023  
Kent Howard—March 25, 1985  
Philip Howard—March 25, 1985  
Christine Huffman—March 27, 1988  
Madison Imhoff—March 12, 2000  
Dorothy Kirchoff—March 21, 1937

Debra McDaniel—March 23, 1964  
Chad Mortenson—March 2, 1994  
Sonja Nelson—March 31, 1985  
Morgan Opie—March 10, 1996  
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  
Julie Thomas—March 31, 1985  
Alex Tuttle—March 2, 1994  
Brooks Volkart—March 14, 2021

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

**Brooks Nichols** was Baptized on February 4th, 2024 at the First Christian Church. Brooks is the son of Staci and Mike Nichols. Brook's sponsors are Gary and Maggie Morris and Dan and Diane Kemna



**Lincoln James Gratz**, was Baptized on February 11th, 2024. Lincoln is the son of Logan and Sydney (Deeken) Gratz. Lincoln's sponsors are Tyler Gratz and Spenser Deeken



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
**At California UCC**  
**Friday, March 1, 2024 ~ 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.

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## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **March 24—Palm Sunday**

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

### **March 28—Maundy Thursday**

Worship 7 p.m.—Holy Communion

### **March 29—Good Friday**

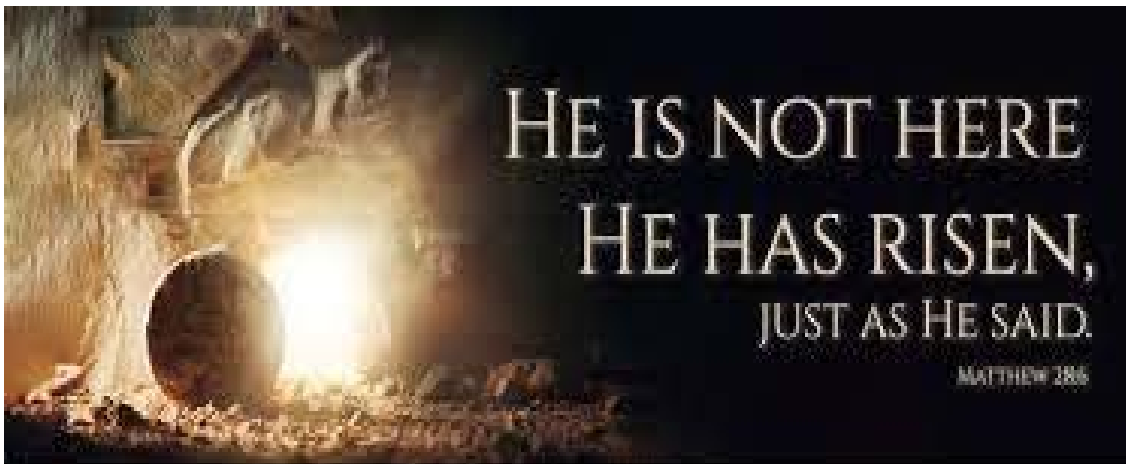
Worship at Salem UCC 7 p.m.

Church Office Closed

### **March 31—Easter**

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

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion



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