

The Tidings

April 2024



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Great Questions of Life

*“Meaningless! Meaningless! Says the Teacher. Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”
Ecclesiastes 1:2*

April is my favorite month. Turkey hunting season starts, crappie fishing really heats up, and several special birthdays for my family are in April, like my dad’s, my two grandkids, one of my son-in-laws and of course mine to finish off the month. It is also a time I start getting my garden ready for planting, watch the tulips bloom, and plant flowers to enjoy for the rest of the spring, summer, and fall. April is a great month. We see God’s creation in all its beauty. It’s a time we get outdoors and enjoy some of the best temperatures for the whole year. I encourage you to build off of the excitement of Easter and the resurrection, to strengthen your faith by regularly reading his word, finding quality time to pray, and enjoying fellowship with other believers on Sunday morning.

In April, I will start a series called “The Great Questions of Life.” I thought about this series a few years ago when Betty and I visited the Creation Museum in Indiana. Christianity helps us answer the deep questions of life. Where do we come from? What happens after we die? Is there right and wrong? What’s the meaning of life? Solomon in Ecclesiastes struggled with these questions.

His original conclusion was that everything is meaningless, a chasing after the wind (Eccl 2:11). The rock group Kansas said we are all “Dust in the Wind.” Forrest Gump likened our lives to a feather floating on the wind. When we study scripture and put our faith in Jesus, our lives take on a definite structure and path. (Check out Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 to get Solomon’s final conclusion about life.) I look forward to exploring these questions together in April and May.

I’m very proud of how our church supports our youth in all their activities. When I go to a ballgame or play, I will see several other people from church there to encourage and cheer for our youth. If you haven’t attended a baseball game, track meet, golf match, women’s soccer game, or a school play or concert, I encourage you to do so this spring. It means a lot to the students and their families. You also get to visit with other people from the community that see are commitment and love for our youth. I might even buy you a bag of popcorn or a hotdog if I see you.

Serving the Risen Lord Together,
Russ

**The Book Of
Ecclesiastes**



California United Church of Christ

March 11, 2024 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The March meeting of the California UCC Consistory was called to order at 6:02 pm by Consistory President Alan Chambers. Reverend Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was established with Ellen Ash, Carole Barbour, Jay Bestgen, Holly Bieri, Alan Chambers, Jim Deeken, VanDee Miller, and Larry Schoeneberg present.

Minutes of the February meeting, the Treasurer's Report, the Financial Secretary's Report, and the Stewardship Snapshot were approved. Reporting on CD activity, Financial Secretary, Larry Schoeneberg, said that in accordance with the Congregational vote a CD had been purchased through Edward Jones with \$46,000.00 from the Lebeck Bequest.

Worship statistics, with the exception of the bad weather Sunday in January, show that attendance is consistently between the 150's and 170's.

Building Use Requests were approved. On April 7, 2024, Cabinet meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall as there is a request for the Friendship Hall on that date.

Committee Reports

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

*Oak and North Street Window Covers -Tentative start date of 3/25/2024 depending on the weather and the painting (Imhoff) and the repairs that need to be made (Brady) being completed.

*SWC (Security System)-Most of the wiring is completed--cameras in gym area and outdoor pedestal camera included. Time to start thinking of next phase which is programming and a meeting with SWC. This phase fits the program specifically to our Church needs and deals with everything from remote viewing to timing of doors.

*Elevator Valve/Head Space Signs -These items are still on the list. Of immediate concern is the leaking hydraulic pump which will be dealt with in house.

*Light Switches in Sound Room off gym-These are the original switches and some do not work, All will be replaced.

*Gas Stove Burner Knob Protection- A work in progress as nothing is commercially available. Something will need to be designed to meet the Church needs.

*Foyer Carpets - The corners are starting to curl and some areas do not lay flat if people drag their feet. Solutions to both issues will be pursued.

*The light in the attic has been changed.

*Communion holders on pews have been repaired.

*LED Lighting- As the ballasts go out there will be a switch to LED lighting.

Stewardship- Larry Schoeneberg

*The Stewardship Committee met and discussed present and future needs with an eye on the needs list from Building and Grounds.

Worship-VanDee Miller

*Special music is going well for Lenten Services and plans are complete for Lenten services and Tenebrae.

Sound/Video - Ronnie Kissick (former Consistory Member)

*No need for purchases at this time.

Pastor Parish Relations - Larry Schoeneberg

*Allan Mortenson and Reverend Cobb meet every Monday and make a list of individuals to contact/visit. Currently they are the only team, but would like to expand that ministry.

Old Business

Easter Breakfast

*Budget approved, helpers recruited, menu planned. Plan to attend for good food and great fellowship.

Cabinet Meeting Questions

*Questions sent out to all groups, three responses to date--a good start!

New Business

Gutter Covers Discussion

*New covers were waiting for pick-up at Trachels and have been for three years! (Sounds like they might have been another victim of the Covid experience.) Important part--New covers installed!!!

Scholarships for Seniors

*After discussion, it was decided that the amount of the scholarship would remain at \$500.00 per recipient. The recipients will be approved at the April Consistory meeting in plenty of time for school Scholarship Night on May 9, 2024.

New Member Approval

*New Member Sunday is March 17, 2024. At that time it is with Consistory approval and joy that we welcome Cindy Ash, Taylor Ratcliff, and Kevin and Julie Steinhauer into membership in the California United Church of Christ.

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

*Confirmands will be welcomed into full membership of the Church by Consistory President, Alan Chambers.

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae, March 28, 2024

Wednesday Night Activities Cancelled March 27, 2024

Upcoming Communion Dates

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunrise Service, Communion by Intinction 7:00am
Traditional Easter Worship, Full Communion, 10:30 am

Stewardship Snapshot

	<u>February 2024</u>	<u>February 2023</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$151,839.56	\$ 86,375.62
Receipts	+ 23,757.27	+ 29,888.23
Disbursements	<u>- 84,566.80</u>	<u>- 41,197.43</u>
Balance – February 29, 2024	\$ 91,030.03	\$ 75,066.42

As of February 29, 2024

Building Fund Balance	\$ 58,863.26	\$ 3,835.44
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$10,989.77	\$ 8,961.88
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 8,615.06	\$ 3,797.91
Schnuck Endowment Fund	* \$ 35,795.28 **	\$ 29,959.55
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 12,003.06	\$ 10,488.32
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 5,872.00	\$ 3,941.67
Total OCWM Received	\$ 440.00	\$ 800.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 1,322.70	\$ 1,771.80

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.*

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.*

California UCC Historical Highlight

Although most folks are probably aware of the roots and history of our Church, we thought it may be a good idea to provide a very short overview of the life and denominational changes of the Church for those who may not know.

It all started in May of 1866 when the German Evangelical Church of California was organized and the constitution and bylaws were established. The first Church service was held on July 8th of that year. A few years prior to the 75th anniversary of the Church, in 1935, the Church changed its name to the Evangelical and Reformed Church of California after conforming to decisions by the synods of both the Evangelical and the Reformed Churches. Years later, in 1957, we then became the California United Church of Christ due to the merger of the synods of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church. What's also very interesting, and kind of amazing when you think about it, is that in our 158 years of existence, we've had just 10 full-time senior pastors. It's also noteworthy that two of our earliest pastors were father and son.



Brought to you by your

California UCC Historical Committee

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 2024 Dates

- Senior High Camp (grades 9-12) July 7-13**
- Junior High Camp (grades 6-8) July 14-19**
- Junior Camp (grades 4-5) July 21-26**
- Primary Camp (grades 1-3) July 28-31**

**Sunday School will pay 1/2 of EARLY
registration Fee for Member and One Friend.
Sign up before May 26th!**

Easter Envelope (found in your offering envelope box)

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 20, 2024

Opening Procedures Lexi H. opened the meeting with prayer from "Sabbath and Celebration", Lesson 2. Carole B. reminded us to stop, rest, and celebrate on the Sabbath. Our Sabbath will make space for God, for community, and space to enjoy God's creation. Thank you, Carole. Judy Burger offered the thought for the day, "The Jelly Beans" which reminds us of the gifts of Easter. Benevolence opportunities this month include World Day of Prayer, UCC Scholarship Fund, and California Nutrition Center. Members also had opportunity to contribute to Women's Guild. Seventeen members were in attendance.

Business Meeting

Motion by Linda S., second by Phyllis M. to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Linda S., second by Phyllis M. to deposit both the donations from the Rohrbach families and the Coale families into the Guild Memorial fund. Motion Carried.

Judy B. reported the total offering from the World Day of Prayer event was \$11,065 and suggested that the Guild increase the total to \$12,000. Motion by Phyllis M., second by Barb W. to approve the increase. Motion Carried.

Motion by Phyllis M., second by Linda S. to approve the financial report.

Motion Carried.

Lexi reported that the Coale family members were very appreciative of the Celebration of Life meal. Committee #2 also appreciated the extra help from Pamela and Laura with clean-up that day. Committee # 1 will serve the next meal.

Mary B. updated the Best Choice labels total: 1475

Judy B. had 30 cards for signatures today and went over the names on the mailing list.

Correspondence included thank you notes from Every Child's Hope and the Coale family.

Old Business

World Day of Prayer recap: Members felt that this was the best event ever due to an excellent program (Brenda O.), a most effective sermon (Carole B.), beautifully simple and appropriate decorations (Linda S.), and thoughtful, delicious refreshments (Clarice N., food committee and members). The group recommended more emphasis on outreach next year by personal contact with community church women and church groups rather than relying on the forwarding of written invitations.

Confirmation reception plans were finalized. Members provided cookies, Carla will prepare and serve punch, name tents are ready to place on head table. Word has been spread about expectations that confirmands and family will attend.

New Business

Laura B. mentioned the need to find or purchase more dinner forks for meals and to put the salad forks away until they are specifically wanted.

Members also discussed the need for a recessed can light over the drinks serving window. The under counter lights are not enough.

Barbara Weis and Peggy Liebi were congratulated on celebrating another magnificent birthday!

Members had a lively discussion regarding joys and concerns ranging from a distinguished essay award for a grandson to appropriately significant health concerns and signals.

Lexi H. offered the closing prayer and members enjoyed another special time of fellowship and smorgasbord provided by Mary Ann K. and Carmen F. Thanks, ladies – it was so nice!

UCC Women's Guild will meet again April 17.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary



You're invited to the wedding of Ginnie Medlin and John Dudley on Saturday, April 27th at 3:00 PM here in our church.

We appreciate your prayers, love, and support of our union in holy matrimony.

Please RSVP by visiting our website or via text/call to Ginnie: (573) 301-3296 by April 12th.

With Love,
The Future Mr. and Mrs. John Medlin



**Dear United Church of Christ,
Thank you for the lovely plant you sent for Nanette's
visitation/funeral. It was very thoughtful. You have a
wonderful church with good people in it.**

**Blessings,
The Ellis Family**

Deaths

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of
Jerry Lee Coale, who passed away March 1, 2024



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of
Betty Sue Kirchoff, who passed away March 13, 2024.



May God bless those who mourn in these days.

Welcome New Members

The following joined the California UCC on March 17th

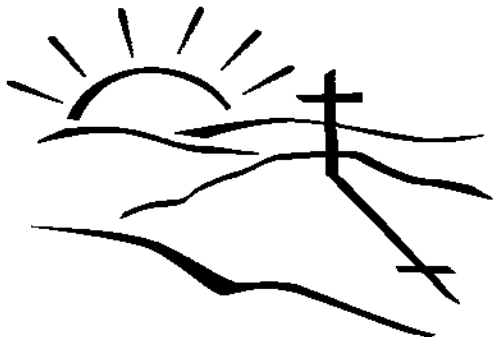


**Kevin and Julie Steinhauer
Cindy Ash
Taylor (Geiser) Ratcliff**



Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent for Jerry's celebration of life service. We appreciated your prayers and concern during this difficult time. Jerry loved his church family.



The family of Jerry Lee Coale



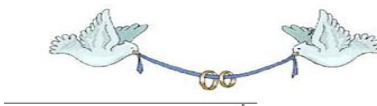
John 11:25: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

The family of Carol S. Wolfrum would like to thank Pastor Russ Cobb for his invaluable support and heartfelt words, the Rohrbach Family for their inspirational music, and the Women's Guild for the luncheon. We would also like to thank all of Carol's church family for your prayers and support.

United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	<p>1</p>  <p>7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers and Officer Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 PM Cabinet Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 PM Consistory</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 PM Family Night sponsored by Brotherhood</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>

April 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">3</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">6:00 PM Wed. Night Meal 6:30 PM Bells Practice 6:30 PM God's Singers 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">4</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">5</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Young Christians Weekend</p>
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<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">17</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">1:00 PM Women's Guild 6:00 PM Wed. Night Meal 6:30 PM Bells Practice 6:30 PM God's Singers 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">18</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">19</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">20</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">24</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">6:00 PM Wed. Night Meal 6:30 PM Bells Practice 6:30 PM God's Singers 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">25</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Medlin/Dudley Rehearsal</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Medlin/Dudley Wedding</p>

April Showers





Rite of Confirmation

March 24, 2024

Confirmation Class

Kalyn Carlock

Daughter of Elisha and James Carlock

Aubrey Davis

Daughter of Krystal Davis and Josh Davis

Emma Kissick

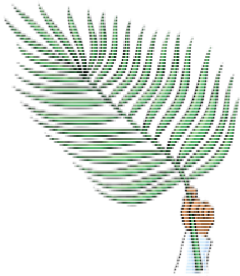
Daughter of Ronnie and Michelle Kissick

Khloe Mortenson

Daughter of Chad and Nicole Mortenson

Brooks Nichols

Son of Mike and Staci Nichols



Baptism

We rejoice with Khloe Mortenson as she was Baptized on March 17, 2024 at the New Life Christian Center.

2024 GOD'S SINGERS SPRING SCHEDULE

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

April 3: God's Singers practice

April 10: God's Singers practice

April 17: God's Singers practice

April 24: God's Singers practice

April 26: God's Singers practice

April 28: Sing in Worship

May 1: God's Singers practice

May 8: God's Singers practice

May 12: Sing in Worship

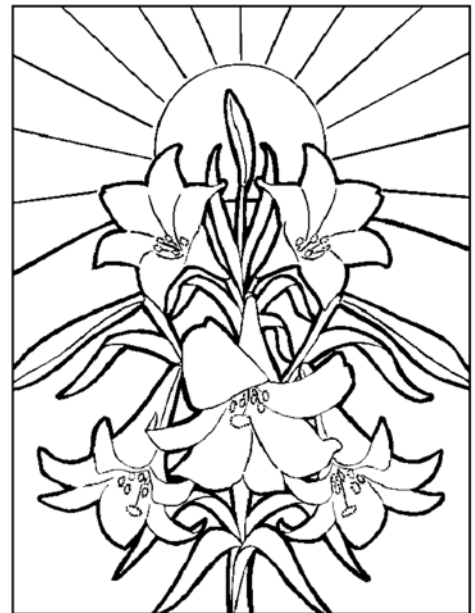
Happy Summer Break!

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

Matthew 28:5-6



HE IS RISEN!



Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting

March 4, 2024

Carla Clennin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pastor Russell Cobb opened the meeting with prayer. Those present were Cressida Gattermeir, Ronda Mortenson, Peggy Liebi, Courtney Cassil, Steven Burger, Kris Ingram, Beth Chambers, Brett Hall and Kendra Hall.

Steven made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Beth seconded, motion approved. Cressida made a motion to approve the February Treasurer's report. Ronda seconded, motion approved.

Old Business:

Family game night held February 18 had over 50 in attendance and this was a totally different crowd than last year.

Veggie Tales March 16 from 9:30 to 11 am. Ronda has 25 kids registered; more Easter baskets were purchased.

Cradle Roll Policy – Approved with changes (see below)

Courtney has ordered the Palms for Palm Sunday on March 24, kids will line-up in hallway after Sunday School with a procession during the first hymn of church.

College Class – Archie from Tipton Radio Shack installed a new TV for the class before our meeting.

New Business:

Reviewed items on form sent out by Consistory for the Cabinet meeting to be held in April.

Ronda, Linda Schneiders and Clarice Nelson are working on making VBS costumes that will also be available to use for Christmas Eve program. Connie Bestgen and Ronda will start going through old costumes to see what is still in good shape or needs to be tossed. Ronda would like to have another Carnival for the younger kids this September with new games and a piñata hanging from the basketball rims. Ronda and Allan are making two new games (Leap Frog and Pig Races), she is asking for \$120 for cost of materials. Beth made a motion and Brett seconded; motion carried.

Pastor Cobb announced new member luncheon is next Sunday, Carla will be attending. He would also like to see packets of information for the different Sunday School classes to be mailed out to those who haven't attended Sunday School in a while.

Kris said, the Senior High Youth Group will be going bowling on March 24 at Strikers in JC. Asked, about transportation for Young Christian's Weekend, Courtney and Kendra told him to get in contact with Beth Dampf or Tammy Kilmer on what has taken place in years past.

Kendra brought up that the Fall Party might want to be moved due to school not being off this year on October 13, but no school on October 20, the group agreed to move the Fall Party to October 20.

Steven moved to adjourn meeting at 7:43 PM

Next meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7 PM
Respectfully submitted, Carla Clennin, Superintendent

Cradle Roll Registry Policy
United Church of Christ – California
Effective March 2024

Cradle Roll is the department of Sunday School that ministers to expectant parent(s) and parent(s) of children from birth to two years of age who are not enrolled in Sunday School.

Requirements for a child(ren) to be added to Cradle Roll Registry:

Current children on Cradle Roll registry (2023) will be sent birthday card and received gift annually until two years of age.

Parent(s) must be an active member of the United Church of Christ – California per the active membership registry held by the Consistory.

Cradle Roll coordinator and/or Church Office may start the process:

Order flower to be placed on alter in church sanctuary,

Child(ren) name added to the bulletin the same week flower is placed on alter,

Child(ren) name added to the Cradle Roll registry held in church office.

If a Grandparent(s) of a non-active or occasional member of the United Church of Christ – California per the membership registry held by Consistory wants their grandchild(ren) to have a flower placed on the alter in church sanctuary.

Responsibility of the grandparent to purchase flower.

Child(ren) name added to the bulletin the same week flower is placed on alter.

Child(ren) will not be added to Cradle Roll registry.

Notification will be given by the church secretary.

Responsibility of Cradle Roll Coordinator:

Send birth announcement card to Parent(s) of child(ren),

Send 1st year birthday card to child(ren),

Send a 2nd year birthday card to child(ren), letting them know Ronda Mortenson teaches a 2-year-old Sunday School class they are welcome to attend.

Notice of current Cradle Roll children will be added in December Tiding

Present name of child(ren) and gift during Sunday School Christmas Eve program (12/24) to those child(ren) who have been added during the current year and those already on registry until two years of age,

If Child(ren) were not present for Christmas Eve program, the gift will be held in church office until January 31 of following year.

It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to pick up gift.

If the gift is not picked up by January 31, the gift will be reused for next year.

Responsibility of Pastor/Preacher:

Notification will be mailed out to Parent(s) of those child(ren) on Cradle Roll registry that a gift will be presented during Sunday School Christmas Eve Program (12/24) annually,

Include a statement, if not present on Christmas Eve the gift will be placed in the church office until January 31 of the following year. It will be the responsibility of Parent(s) to pick-up the gift.

Policy as of March 2024

UCC Brotherhood Minutes – March 25, 2024

Refreshments –Steven Burger provided a delicious meal and desserts to begin the meeting and prayed a blessing over the meal.

Following refreshments, Rob Barbour gave a devotion on Jeremiah 29:11 remarking that as our high school graduates move forward with their lives that God has a plan for all of us, but we must be willing to seek it out. He also remarked on Proverbs 3:6, advising that when troubles come in life that we must pray and trust in God and not lean not our own understanding.

Business Meeting –President Dave Myer called the business meeting to order at 7:45 PM with 25 members and guests present. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Discussions were held to further organize the planned family night and pot-luck supper, scheduled for April 14. God’s Singers will again provide entertainment for the event. Volunteers were arranged for table and chair setup, drinks, and plates, cups, etc. Bingo games will be held. Two \$50 and two \$25 cash prizes and one \$50 prize were approved. 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 church bulletins and Pastor Cobb will mention it in the announcements before church services.

Discussion was continued on making a contribution to the memorial of Claire Kueffer who was killed on a missionary trip in Africa. It was moved and approved to give a \$500 donation to Claire’s family for them to distribute as they feel appropriate.

President Dave Meyer will be out of town on April 7 and Rob Barbour has volunteered to represent the Brotherhood at the church meeting on that date.

The Treasurer’s report was approved with a current balance of \$3,711.35 following an approved donation of \$500 to Toys for Tots and collections of \$125 and \$214 at the January and February 2024 meetings. Sixty dollars was collected from Best Choice labels, which was forwarded on to Moniteau Christian Ministries Center.

Steven Burger volunteered to provide the devotion for the April 22 meeting and Alan Chambers volunteered to provide refreshments. The business meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Program – Two of the church’s high school seniors discussed their high school activities and future plans.

Macie Trimble participated in high school volleyball and will continue her volleyball career in the Fall at Stephens College in Columbia, majoring in psychology. She plans a career in psychiatry or forensic psychology. She looks forward to moving forward in life and is very thankful to all those who have supported and mentored her.

Kole Ingram played football and helps running the church sound booth. He completed his high school career in December. He currently works at MFA in California and serves as a volunteer for the California Volunteer Fire Department while he attends the Holt’s Summit Fire Academy pursuing his Fire 1 and Fire 2 accreditation. He plans to join the Jefferson City Fire Department as a firefighter and emergency medical technician early next year while continuing to volunteer in California. He is very passionate about firefighting and was very proud to complete the 911 Stair Climb where he climbed 110 flights of stairs at Mizzou Memorial Stadium in full firefighting gear, representing 10 firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Dave Gattermeir, Secretary

Each month the Ministerial Alliance has a suggested food item. There will be a box at the California UCC downstairs foyer to place your food items each month.

Food Suggestions for the Food Pantry 2024

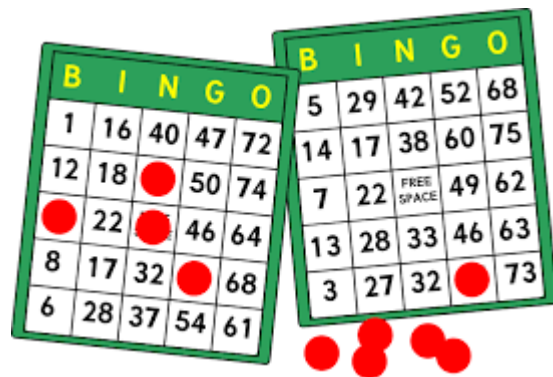
<u>Month</u>	<u>Food Item</u>
April	Tuna/Canned Meat
May	Mac & Cheese
June	Cereal
July	Pasta
August	Corn
September	Green Beans
October	Peas
November	Soup
December	To be announced

ALL CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT – Sunday evening, April 14th

Potluck supper.
Come any time after 5:30,
eat at 6:00,
followed by entertainment and
bingo (prizes for the winners).

Bring your favorite dishes to share. Drinks and
table service provided by the Brotherhood.

***LET'S HAVE A FUN FAMILY
GET TOGETHER!***





Acolytes

07 Emily King & Brynna Hall
14 Grayden Gatlin & Rylan Robertson
21 Logan Milligan & Camden Lawson
28 Sophie Miller & Megan Carlock

Lay Readers

07 Judy Burger
14 Susan Burger
21 David Gattermeir
28 Beth Dampf

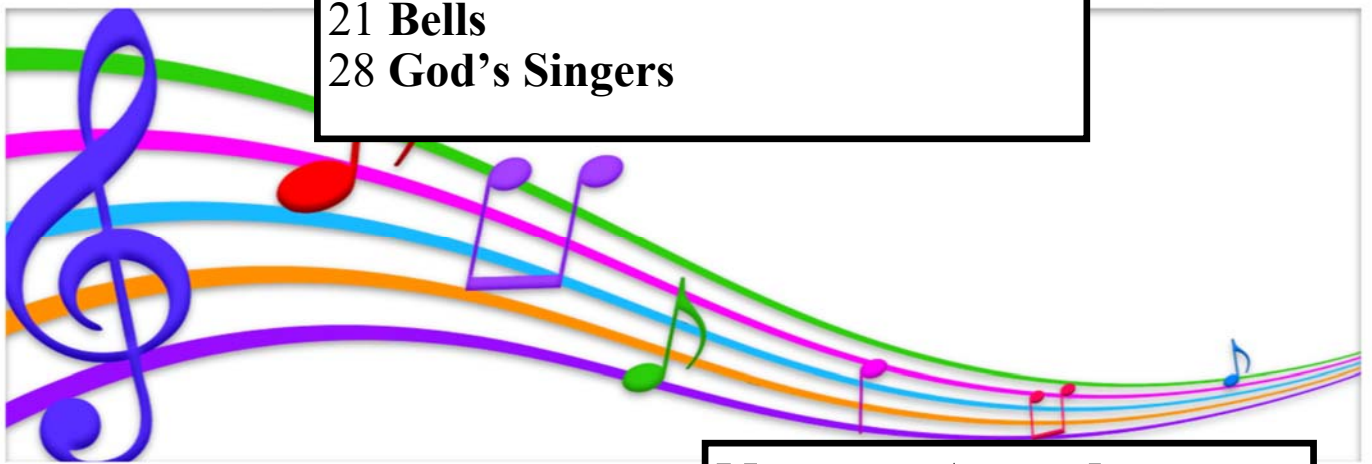


**WE LOVE
OUR
VOLUNTEERS**



April Choirs

07 Sr. Choir
14 Sr. Choir
21 Bells
28 God's Singers



Children's Time

07 JoAnn Cantriel
14 Ginnie Medlin
21 Carla Clennin
28 Puppets

Nursery Attendant

Reagan Cain

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Notes & News

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

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The Tidings

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
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April Birthdays



01 Jason Gatlin
01 Drew Robertson
01 Kaitlyn Zuidervaart
02 Michelle Sedgwick
04 Patrick Miller
04 Amy Howard
05 Tammy Kilmer
05 Charles Goode
06 Leslie Peck
09 Jane Robertson
09 Cooper Brandes
10 Stacey Bolinger
11 Christopher Cassil
11 Kueffer Koestner
11 Hunter Hall
12 Jess Medlin
12 Tripp Zuidervaart
13 Kristen Ashley
13 Elizabeth Ash

15 Carole Barbour
15 Adley Baker
16 Mary Burger
16 Scott Robertson
17 Jon Roberts
17 Kaden Ingram
20 Sonja Nelson
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 Allan Burger
30 Linda Schnieders
30 Russell Cobb



April Baptisms

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
Doug Dampf—April 17, 1966
Lois Daniel—April 14, 1935
Aubrey Davis—April 25, 2010
Clyde Dummermuth—April 12, 1936
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
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
Robert Zuidervaart—April, 1963
Rebecca Zuidervaart—April, 1965



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

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