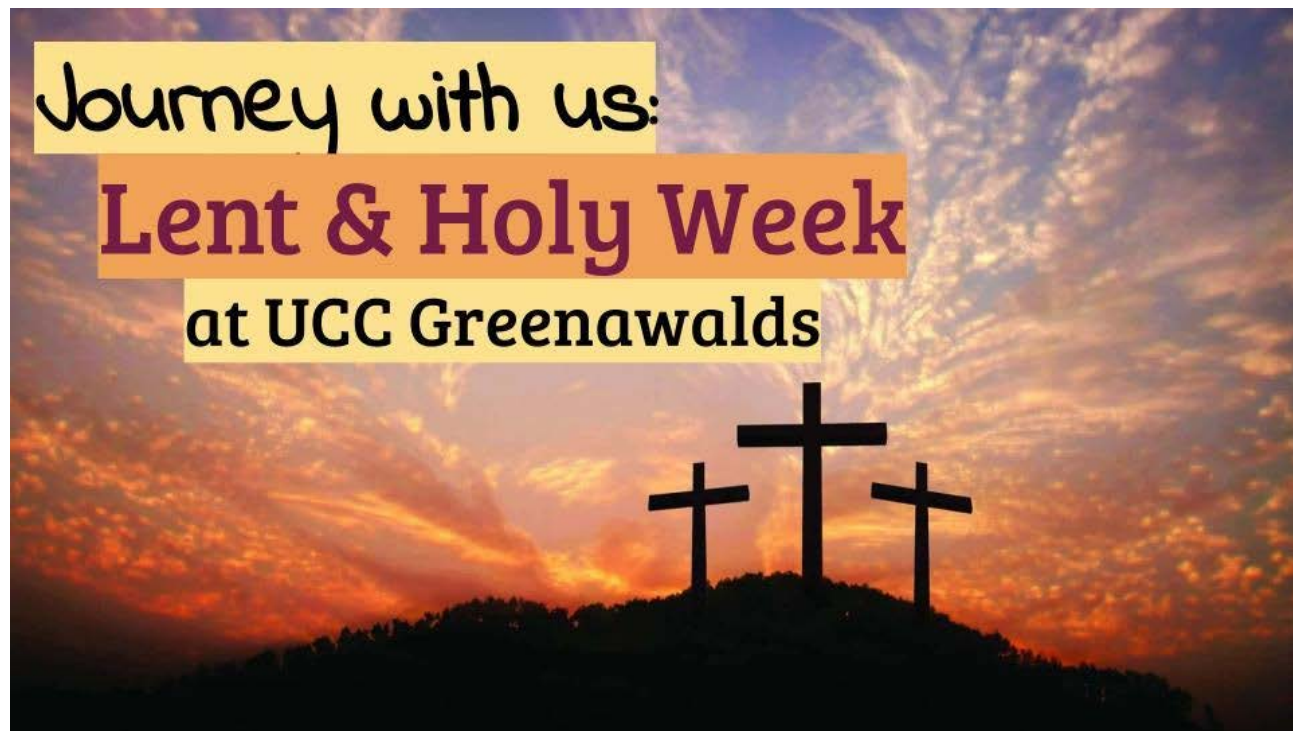





ECHOES

March 2024

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
GREENAWALDS



<p>PALM SUNDAY March 24</p> <p>10am Worship</p> 	<p>Maundy Thursday March 28</p> <p>6:00pm Light Supper & Worship with Holy Communion</p> 	<p>Good Friday March 29</p> <p>7:00pm Worship</p> 	<p>EASTER SUNDAY! March 31</p> <p>9:00am Fellowship <i>BYO</i> Breakfast items to share; 10am Worship</p>
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**** Please note: Our Maundy Thursday service will take place in Fellowship Hall and will not be streamed or recorded. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 23, 2024 @ 1:00 pm
(rain date Sunday, March 24, 2024 @ 3:00 pm)
Infants thru 5th Grade

Come early and join in the fun!
The Easter Bunny will arrive on a fire truck,
and a clown will be here too!
Serving hot dogs and drinks!

United Church of Christ Greenawalds
2325 Albright Avenue, Allentown, PA 18104

Questions on the Egg Hunt?? Contact Sheri Stephens at 610-442-3176.

Together we can make this a great EVENT!

PENNY PARTY 2024!
SATURDAY, MARCH 9
4:45 pm - Doors Open
5:00 pm - Light Supper Available to Purchase
6:00 pm - Games Begin

- 1. Plan to attend and bring some friends!**
- 2. Sign up to Volunteer!**
(sign up sheet in lobby)
- 3. Donate items**

If you have any questions on the Penny Party, contact Mark or Michelle Adams at 610-295-7193 or booschick@yahoo.com

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR



Friends,
So, how are you doing?
How is your Lenten journey going?
Have you taken on a new task like journaling or listening to a special devotional?
Or perhaps you decided to give up your daily Dunkin' or Starbucks Macchiato or Latte in order to donate those funds to Family Promise or the church?

Did you contemplate God's Love as I suggested in last month's Echoes?

Why am I asking this stuff? Because it's Lent! And this is a time to focus on spiritual growth and personal development. Some say, this is about the three R's of Lent: **Reflection, Repentance, and Reconciliation.**

Those may be big scary words to some so I'll share what I did in the Children's Message a few weeks ago... The goal of Lent is to **get closer to God** because life closer to God is better than life away from God! Since that is easier said than done, we have a little work to do.

(PS they don't call this stuff Spiritual "Discipline" or "Practice" for no reason!)

So, the acronym I shared was this:

Let's
Eliminate
Negative
Thinking

And this is one thing you can work on during Lent as a SPIRITUAL PRACTICE to help you feel closer to God. Thinking bad thoughts about ourselves or other people can take us down a dark and scary road and who wants to go there??

So, try downloading a positive affirmation app on your phone or if you are "low tech," each morning or evening just write down something positive about yourself, your day and whatever you are going through. This may be harder for some of you, depending on how much negative thinking you are used to doing.

Bottom line is that the more positive you keep your thoughts and your actions, the closer to God you will begin to feel- *not just in LENT but in LIFE too.*

Peace and blessings on your Journey.
Love, Pastor Janet



Ant's Corner

The Long ~~Goodbye~~ So Long



This feels a bit anticlimactic, but I'm genuinely thrilled to be writing for you once more, just before embarking on my journey into the unknown.

Interestingly, it occurs to me that there's no reason why I can't continue writing for you from the confines of the luxurious Montgomery County Correctional Facility. Although, I must say, "Ant's Corner" now takes on a whole new meaning. But, let's not dwell on that for now. Instead, let's indulge in my favorite coping mechanism: *frivolity!*

For those unfamiliar, I possess a talent known as "Perfect Pitch." You've probably heard of it but might have assumed, like most, that it simply means one can sing perfectly in tune. This assumption is incorrect. Perfect pitch actually refers to the ability to hear a pitch in isolation, without any context, and accurately identify its letter name.

In my June 2023 article, I delved into the concept of "relative pitch," which enables one to identify the distance between two pitches, known as an "interval." For instance, if I played middle C for someone with relative pitch and then played a pitch two half-steps above, they could identify it as a D based on the context of the previous pitch. However, someone with perfect pitch would identify the second pitch as a D without hesitation.

It's important to note that having perfect pitch doesn't mean one can always sing with perfect intonation. Just recall early episodes of "American Idol" when Randy would critique contestants for being "pitchy, dog." He was essentially pointing out their poor intonation.

According to the University of Chicago News, it's commonly believed that only about one in 10,000 people, or 0.01% of the population, have perfect pitch. However, recent research suggests that this ability might be more common, with around 4% of music students exhibiting it. Moreover, individuals with perfect pitch can be found in the general population if you know how to identify them, as noted by Nusbaum, an expert in auditory learning.

It's worth mentioning that possessing perfect pitch doesn't necessarily make one a better musician. My dad, Jim (or "Jimbo," as he preferred), was a fantastic musician who taught me nearly everything I know, despite not having this skill himself. He was amazed by my ability to identify pitches randomly, often testing me on the pitch of passing car horns or overhead jets during our walks to elementary school... "Hey Ant, what's this pitch... Hey, Ant, what's that pitch?" I miss him dearly!

Understanding how my overall musicianship relates to perfect pitch is challenging. I view it as a convenient skill that helps me learn things more quickly, as I can accurately perceive what's happening aurally.

To put it into perspective, having perfect pitch is akin to instantly recognizing the colors green or red, much like most people do. Relative pitch, on the other hand, is comparable to being unable to identify gray at first glance, but if you show them a swatch of blue, they'll see the difference clearly. Being "tone deaf" is akin to being completely color blind.

I'll conclude this article with an interesting observation. There's one drawback to having perfect pitch: my fingers must always match what I'm hearing. Playing a guitar with altered pitch (either up or down using a capo) can be confusing because I hear something different from what I expect. Individuals with relative pitch wouldn't face this issue. While it can be inconvenient at times, I'm ultimately grateful to possess this skill.

So, now, what unique skill do you have?!



Our special music services are made possible through contributions to our SPECIAL MUSIC FUND.



Thank you for your continuous and generous support of the amazing music at UCCG!

Please use a pew envelope and indicate "special music." Memo all checks the same. You can donate anytime by dropping it in the offering plate but on days when we have a guest artist, there will be a basket at the entrance of the sanctuary.



The House Band

The Music & Worship Ministry Team is EXCITED to announce our new *House Band*. They will be with us for Palm Sunday and Easter! Then, beginning in April, *House Band* will be with us in worship on the 3rd Sunday each month, funded via the Special Music Fund. Look for a brief bio on each member of our *House Band* in the April Echoes!

Sharing Our Biggest Resource - Our BUILDING

Do you know that our Fellowship Hall is available for you or others to rent for your special events??

We consider this a WIN/WIN situation as you get a great space for your baby shower or birthday party for a reasonable fee and UCCG has a bit more income- yay! When planning your events in 2024, call the church first!

SPEAKING OF RENTING THE BUILDING...

As hearts were feeling wounded from the issues with South Whitehall Zoning Board ending our *extended* partnership with Family Promise, another opportunity for service to our community was made available to us.

And what do they say... When one door closes, another one will open!

A special Consistory Taskforce has been meeting with a group from a church based in Allentown called *Bethel House of God*. We are excited to share that this small non-denominational church, which has been around approximately 10 years, will be using the sanctuary 8 hours a week beginning March 15.

- **Fridays from 6-10pm** for prayer time and worship rehearsal
- **Sundays from 4-8pm** for worship

They do have their own liability insurance and will provide us a copy of their policy to have on file in the church office. Also, both organizations pledge to have open conversation to resolve any and all issues that arise as we share the space. Representatives from both organizations will meet regularly to discuss the inner workings of the relationship and ensure amicable resolution of any conflicts.

They are a spirit-filled group whose theology does not conflict with ours. They have extended a welcome for us to visit any of their Friday bible studies or Sunday worship services, and we have done the same!

If you happen to be around the church when they are, you will probably hear their enthusiastic worship music - pop in and check them out! If you have any questions about this new relationship, please speak with Consistory Moderator Karen Griffith or Pastor Janet.

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**Sunday, March 10** – Don't forget to Spring Forward.  
Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



**LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR:**

Anthony, in his difficult transition this month  
Pastor Janet and her family  
Ray Ward, as he continues to recover at home from back surgery  
Bob Thomas, who remains in LVH Cedar Crest ICU  
Althea Blose; the Adams family; Darlene, Drena and Kerry Merkel

**If you have a prayer request and any updates, please contact Sue Borger or Pastor Janet.  
ALWAYS REMEMBERING OUR HOMEBOUND FAMILY AS WELL:**

Eleanor Limpar, at home  
Mae Moyer (Fellowship Manor - Room 324A)  
Doris Shaver (Phoebe - Room T313A)  
Naomi Thomas, at home  
Lois Tice, at home

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**Our sincere thanks to Grant Field, Gary Hensinger, and Lee Stephens ...** for their hard work in scraping, painting, and sealing the walls in Fellowship Hall, as well as the door frames in Fellowship Hall and on the Nursery School level. They have been hard at work, and for that we are grateful.

**From Lois Tice ...** thank you for the cards and well wishes during her recent hospitalization. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

**From Community Bike Works ...** thank you to everyone at UCC Greenawalds for your kind support of the East Side Food Pantry of Community Bike Works. Your support of our East Allentown neighbors means the world. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and support.

**From Lehigh Conference of Churches ...** thank you for your 2023 contribution of \$802.88 to support our neighbors in need. We are so thankful for your years of support and are looking forward to our continued partnership and deepening our relationship in this ministry.

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Congratulations to Nick & Becca (Holko) Paranto on the birth of their second little boy. Grant Andrew Paranto was born on January 31, 2024. Grant weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 21-¾ inches long. He is joined by his big brother, 22-month-old Lincoln. Congratulations also to Chupp & Sharon Holko as they welcome another grandchild into their growing family.

**NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE:** \*Nursery School office can be reached at 610-435-5467. We continue with two low maintenance fundraisers - collecting used clothing, bedding, shoes, purses and towels, etc., and soft plastics to earn our own Trex bench for the playground! Collection bins are located in the Christian Ed entrance and in the narthex/lobby. To date, we have collected 783 pounds of the 1,000 pounds needed to earn a bench (this year, the Trex people have upped the amount of plastic needed to earn a bench). Please keep collecting those soft plastics.

Our next fundraiser is Mately's Pizza. This fundraiser begins on March 14 and continues thru April 4, with delivery on April 16. An order form will be available in the church lobby soon or you may contact Sue Borger or Sheri Stephens to place your orders.

Finally, we continue the Weis for Schools Rewards Program (contact Sheri Stephens for more information on this program).

As always we are truly grateful for the support to our school from our church members. ♥

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**Library Clean-Out**

The Library Clean-Out Team members are Nanci Snyder, Karen Griffith, Carla Lindenmuth, Annette Fatzinger, and Pastor Janet.

Our next team meeting is scheduled for March 5. In the meantime, Grant Field and Nanci Snyder will take 11 boxes of unwanted books to the 15th Street Recycle Center.

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Jana Lindenmuth is studying abroad at the University of Glasgow, Scotland this semester. She doesn't return home until the end of May, so if you'd like to send her a note, her address is below. FYI, the cost of a global forever postage stamp is \$1.55.



Jana E. Lindenmuth  
27 Kelvinhaugh Street  
Flat A, Room 3  
Glasgow G3 8PE  
United Kingdom

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**Life is amazing. And then it's awful. And then it's amazing again.  
And in between the amazing and the awful it's ordinary and mundane and routine.  
Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary.  
That's just living a heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing, awful, ordinary life.  
And it's breathtakingly beautiful!**

- L. R. Knost



## Outreach + Mission = GROWTH

### OMG's MISSION FOCUS FOR 2024



We hope you had the opportunity to hear Chris Stout's presentation during a Mission Moment on February 25. Chris is the Director of the Clubhouse of Lehigh County. There are brochures available on the shelf in the lobby. The Clubhouse will be the recipient of 10% of any fundraising profits during 2024.

### LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Our Little Free Pantry continues to see increased usage. We are currently in need of **JELLY (small jars)**, **CEREALS (not oatmeal)** and **SPAGHETTI SAUCE**. As always your support of this important ministry is very much appreciated by our food insecure neighbors.

### SOUP SALE

THANK YOU TO ALL who purchased soup last month. We realized a profit of approximately \$510. 10% will be donated to the Clubhouse of Lehigh County, with the balance going to our Heating Oil fund.

### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAYS

And the winner is .... The Ecumenical Food Bank! They were the recipient of the canned soups donated on SuperBowl Sunday. Thank you to everyone who voted for their team by donating soup.

### CHOW CHOW

Anyone ready for chow chow? See Order Form on Page 12 .

### SOUP KITCHEN - **Help Wanted!**

Each month, UCCG sends two teams of four volunteers to help at the Soup Kitchen. We are currently looking for a few more people who can help out - either on a regular basis or on an as-needed basis when some of our regulars are on vacation or unable to help. Pastor Janet also volunteers with either group as her schedule permits. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linda Roeder or Bonnie Marmon. Thank you!



**Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA**

**SOLD OUT**

**Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 11:00 AM**

REMINDER ... Full payment is due by Sunday, March 17. Checks should be payable to Sandy Lakatosh. **Note** that you will be responsible for your own transportation to the theater. Carpooling is encouraged.



Our first host week in 2024 is May 26 to June 2. Our other week is December 15 to 22. There are currently four families (14 people) in the program - one family with six people, one family with four people, and two families of two members each.

**Homecoming '24 – March 23, 2024 @ The Club at Twin Lakes:**

- Family Promise's main fundraiser - The Homecoming event - is on Saturday, March 23, at the Club at Twin Lakes and includes a gathering of our Family Promise community of friends, volunteers, and area businesses for an evening that features dinner, entertainment, stories of hope, and a high-end auction to support our mission.
- UCCG donated two \$100 gift cards (one from Urban Air and one from Grille 3501).
- There are still tickets available. For more information, contact Sue Roth at 610-554-2781.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 1, 2024 - Highmark Walk - details to follow

August 2024 - Wine Event - details to follow

**Bus Drivers Needed:**

Family Promise continues to be on the lookout for bus drivers to help transport our families in the 14-passenger van/bus. You do not need any special license. Families are picked up at the congregations at 6:00 am and at the Day Center at 6:00 pm, except Saturday and Sunday mornings, with pick-up at 7:00 am. Congregations are within a 30-minute drive of the Day Center ... some just minutes away. If you can sign up for one or two shifts per week, please contact Rosalyn at [director@fplehighvalley.org](mailto:director@fplehighvalley.org). Thank you.

## A WISE Beginning for UCCG



Dear UCC Greenawalds Family and Friends:

**WE ARE OFFICIAL!!** We are recognized by the National United Church of Christ as a WISE congregation!! Our certificate has been received, is being framed and will be proudly displayed in our lobby shortly.

### **DID YOU KNOW... Our Mental Health Ministry Team**

- is NOT made up of counselors or mental health professionals
- Members do NOT have all the information, knowledge and experience to teach the congregation about maintaining a healthy mental and spiritual well-being or to educate you about mental illness or substance abuse disorder, either!

### **So what do the people on the Mental Health Ministry team “have??”**

An interest in helping, loving and learning.

Here is what our WAYS OF WORK document says:

*Our Team consists of individuals interested in helping, educating, and breaking the stigma and stereotypes for mental health challenges such as, but not limited to, mental illnesses, brain disorders, addictions, and trauma.*

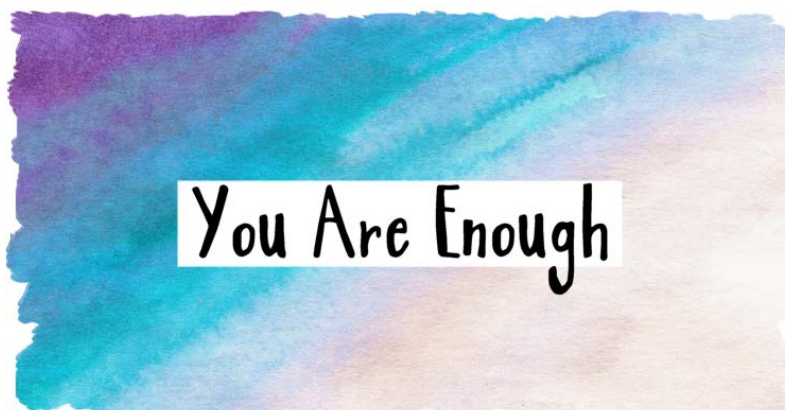
*The purpose of this team is to EDUCATE OURSELVES SO WE CAN EDUCATE OTHERS.*

**Bottom line** is that if you believe UCCG should be a safe and welcoming place for all people, and you are willing to help bring in trained professionals, seek out published resources, plan events or even bake desserts, maybe this team is for you!?

Let us know if you are interested and available! We would love to have a few more passionate people on board.

Sincerely, Your Mental Health Team

Christy Dunbar, Colleen Horlacher, Sue Sawyer and Pastor Janet



**Your 2024 Consistory      *THANK YOU FOR SERVING!!***

Officers:

Moderator - Karen Griffith  
Vice Moderator - Larry Christman  
Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary - Sue Borger  
Treasurer - Bonnie Marmon

Members-at-Large:

Mark Adams  
Linda Altrichter  
Jayne Christman  
Nanci Snyder  
Matt Stalter

Delegate to PNEC Annual Meeting – Jayne Christman

Our Consistory met on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Karen Griffith, Moderator, led us in the Leadership Prayer. Devotions were offered by Bonnie Marmon. She read from the UCC God is Still Speaking devotional entitled, *Following the Light*, by Emily Heath.

Consent Agenda Reports were reviewed by Consistory prior to this meeting, and a few were moved to the Discussion Agenda portion of our meeting for more discussion.

We reviewed and approved all reports on the Discussion Agenda - Financial Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports, and Secretary’s Minutes of the January 14 Special Consistory Meeting, and the January 18 regular Consistory Meeting. The Discovery Team will now be disbanded, but Kerry Merkel will continue to work on the rezoning of a piece of our property and report to Consistory as needed.

The Pastor’s Report was reviewed and accepted by Consistory. In her report, Pastor Janet informed us there is the possibility of a Confirmation Class this year.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 21 at 4:00 pm.

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**Chow Chow !**

We’ll be making chow chow (using UCCG’s Women’s Guild famous recipe) next month. \$5.00 per pint

Chow chow will be available for pick up on Sunday, April 7.

Place order form in offering plate or mail to church office by Sunday, March 31.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of pints \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00/pint = \_\_\_\_\_

**A REMINDER About AUTOMATIC or RECURRING GIVING**

One of the ways YOU can easily help us meet our budget is to set up automatic giving through our electronic giving system. Auto Pay to UCCG helps your faith community because:

1. Our income is steady year-round (no more seasonal dips!)
2. Total giving increases

AND it is SUPER easy! All you need to do is scan the QR Code right here with your smartphone and sign up.

Choose how much you want to give.

Choose where the money comes from (checking or savings). Please refrain from using a credit card because of the fees involved - thank you!

Choose how often- ONE TIME, WEEKLY, OR MONTHLY!

And you can change your gifts when you need to.



*We bring nothing into this world and when we depart, we will take nothing out of it.  
All that we have is a gift from God, therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.*

***Let us increase our discipleship, increase our faith and increase the impact we have as a Body of Christ here at UCCG, all in the name of our amazing God who gave us everything.***

Here is a report of how we are starting 2024.

| Month        | Budget           | General Offering Income | *Other Income  | Total Operating Income | Operating Expense | Net Income       |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Jan-24       | \$12,859         | \$8,265                 | \$3,425        | \$11,691               | \$15,991          | (\$4,300)        |
| Feb-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Mar-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Apr-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| May-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Jun-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Jul-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Aug-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Sep-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Oct-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Nov-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| Dec-24       | \$12,859         | \$0                     | \$0            | \$0                    | \$0               | \$0              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$154,309</b> | <b>\$8,265</b>          | <b>\$3,425</b> | <b>\$11,691</b>        | <b>\$15,991</b>   | <b>(\$4,299)</b> |

\* Other income includes; Annex Rental, bulletin, flowers, bill tree and special income

**Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s race in its various forms.**

1 Peter 4:10

## March

Named for the Roman god of war, Mars. This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter.

### Why Do We Celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

**Who was the real St. Patrick? Why are shamrocks a symbol of this day? Here are a few St. Patrick's Day facts - history, legend, and lore. Enjoy!**

This year, St. Patrick's Day will be observed on Sunday, March 17. Although the holiday originally started as a Christian feast day celebrating the life of St. Patrick, and the spreading of Christianity to Ireland, today, it is a day of revelry and a celebration of all things Irish. Don't forget to wear **green!**

**Was there really a St. Patrick?** Definitely. However, there are many legends about him that mix with the truth. Did he play a large role in spreading Christianity to Ireland? Yes, absolutely. Did he really drive all the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes weren't native to Ireland to begin with! In any case, St. Patrick's impact was significant enough to warrant our modern-day celebrations.

**Why is the Shamrock associated with St. Patrick's Day?** People wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day because legend says St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity in his teachings (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.) **Note:** the symbol of St. Patrick is a three-leaf shamrock, not a four-leaf clover. However, long before the shamrock became associated with St. Patrick's Day, the four-leaf clover was regarded by ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits. In the early 1900's, an Iowa school superintendent came up with the idea of using a clover as the emblem for a newly founded agricultural club for children in his area. In 1911, the four-leaf clover was chosen as the emblem for the national club program, later named 4-H.

### **More St. Patrick's Day Facts, Fun, and Folklore:**

- Blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick, but green is now favored.
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the American colonies was held in New York City on March 17, 1762.
- St. Patrick's Day is the traditional day for planting peas, even in the snow!
- Cabbage seeds are often planted on St. Patrick's Day too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while wearing your nightclothes.

### Joke of the Month:

**Q:** Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?

**A:** See bottom of page 16 for the answer.



\*Taken from the Old Farmer's 2024 Almanac; Robert B. Thomas



# MARCH



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                                                                   | Tues                                                                                    | Wed                              | Thurs                                                                                                                                  | Fri                                                               | Sat                                                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                         |                                  |                                                                                                                                        | <b>1</b>                                                          | <b>2</b><br>5:00-8:00 pm<br>Cub Scouts (FH)                                                                   |
| <b>3 3rd Sun. in Lent</b><br>9-9:45 am Faith Formation<br>9:30 am Fellowship<br>10 am Worship w/Communion and Installation of New Leaders                                          | <b>4</b><br><br>7:00-8:30 pm<br>Boy Scouts                                                            | <b>5</b><br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Scouts<br><br>7:15 pm<br>Evangelism & Outreach Team Meeting | <b>6</b><br>10:30 am Faith Club  | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>8</b>                                                          | <b>9 Penny Party</b><br>9:00 am Set-Up<br>4:45 pm Doors Open<br>5:00 pm Food Available<br>6:00 pm Games Begin |
| <b>10 Daylight Savings Time Begins</b><br><b>4th Sun. in Lent</b><br>9-9:45 am Faith Formation<br>9:30 am Fellowship<br>10 am Worship                                              | <b>11</b><br><br>7:00-8:30 pm<br>Boy Scouts                                                           | <b>12</b><br>2:00 pm<br>Spiritual Council<br><br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Scouts                 | <b>13</b><br>10:30 am Faith Club | <b>14</b><br><br>6:30 pm Ant Jams                                                                                                      | <b>15</b><br><br>6:00-10:00 pm<br>Bethel House of God (Sanctuary) | <b>16</b><br><br>8:30 am-6:00 pm<br>Private Rental (Fellowship Hall)                                          |
| <b>17 5th Sun. in Lent</b><br>9-9:45 am Faith Formation<br>9:30 am Fellowship<br>10 am Worship<br><br>4:00-8:00 pm Bethel House of God (Sanctuary)                                 | <b>18</b><br><br>7:15 pm Mental Health Team Meeting<br><br>7:00-8:30 pm<br>Boy Scouts                 | <b>19</b><br><br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Scouts                                                 | <b>20</b><br>10:30 am Faith Club | <b>21</b><br><br>4:00 pm<br>Consistory Meeting                                                                                         | <b>22</b><br><br>6:00-10:00 pm<br>Bethel House of God (Sanctuary) | <b>23</b><br><b>Community Easter Egg Hunt</b><br>1:00 pm (rain date Sunday 3/24 3:00 pm)                      |
| <b>24 Palm Sunday</b><br>9-9:45 am Faith Formation<br>9:30 am Fellowship<br>10 am Worship<br><br>3:00 pm Egg Hunt<br>Rain Date<br><br>4:00-8:00 pm Bethel House of God (Sanctuary) | <b>25</b><br>11:00 am OMG Meeting<br><br>2:00 pm Pastoral Relations<br><br>7:00-8:30 pm<br>Boy Scouts | <b>26</b><br><br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Scouts                                                 | <b>27</b><br>10:30 am Faith Club | <b>28 Maundy Thursday</b><br>9 am- 3 pm<br>Quilting Chicks in Fellowship Hall<br><br>6:00 pm Light Supper and Worship w/Holy Communion | <b>29 Good Friday</b><br><br>7:00 pm Worship                      | <b>30</b>                                                                                                     |
| <b>31 Easter Sunday</b><br><b>No Faith Formation</b><br>9:00 am Fellowship<br>Bring breakfast items to share<br>10:00 am <b>Worship</b> w/Holy Communion                           |                                                                                                       |                                                                                         |                                  |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                                                                                               |

## OUR STAFF

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