

LENT 2025... The 40 Day Journey



What is *ASHES TO GO??*

If you are not able to join us for worship but would like to receive ashes, Pastor Janet will be at the Parkland Restaurant from Noon to 2:00 pm. This is also an outreach activity meant to bless people in the community who happen to come to the diner during that time.

Pastor Janet will have a UCCG brochure and a *Little Jesus* to share with anyone who might be interested!

During Lent, we will be looking at the Lord's Prayer- a phrase a week.

How will the different phrases connect with the scriptures for each particular Sunday?

We hope you choose to worship with us to find out!

Save the Dates:

Holy Week- Palm Sunday, April 13 to Easter Sunday, April 20

From Branches... to Betrayal... to the Cross... to the Empty Tomb

Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 pm

April 17

Good Friday Worship, 7:00 pm

April 18

March Worship Schedule

Worship begins at 10:00 am
Fellowship Time at 9:30 am
Streamed LIVE on Facebook and YouTube. Or call in for audio only
by dialing 610-437-2329 OR 508-924-3609

- Sunday, March 2** Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion; *Transfiguration Sunday*
Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Wednesday, March 5** **Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm**
Ashes to Go at the Parkland Restaurant on Walbert Ave; Noon to 2:00 pm
- Sunday, March 9** **First Sunday in Lent; *Lead Us Not into Temptation***
Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for Raylee LaAsmar
Psalm 91:1-3,9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13
- Sunday, March 16** **Second Sunday in Lent; *On Earth, As It is in Heaven***
Genesis 15:1-6, 18, Philippians 3:14-4:1, Luke 13:31-35
- Sunday, March 23** **Third Sunday in Lent; *Give Us Our Daily Bread***
Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, Luke 13:5-9
- Sunday, March 30** **Fourth Sunday in Lent; *Our Father, Who art in Heaven***
2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

And don't forget *What Matters on Wednesdays...*

What Matters on Wednesdays
~5 Week Lenten Study~
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9
Each week is a Stand-Alone Study
Exploring our world from Jesus' perspective.
NOOMA films are an invitation to search,
question, and **JOIN THE DISCUSSION**

Lenten Study is both in person and on Zoom if you can't join us at the church.

Zoom Link will be sent out in Weekly Words.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JANET



To my Beloved Greenawalds Community,
Let me paint a picture for you:

I am sitting on my spot on the sectional couch in my “TV room” which is also known as “Anthony’s Studio.” My feet are raised on the recliner to support the computer on which I am typing. My calendar is open on the couch to my left, other papers, my backpack, the computer charger... and Buddy are lying to my right. I have one of my three cats on my lap; Rosie is supported also by left arm which is extended so that my fingers can *just* reach the keys. My right arm is resting gently on Rosie, also extended forward so I can type. And for the first time in a year, the room is filled with beautiful music.

Anthony is sitting 15 feet away from me at his console with a guitar in his hands! He is playing a jazzy version of “The Way You Look Tonight” with a backing track to accompany his sweet sounds. Ahh... and now the song is “Mona Lisa.”

So many of you have reached out and contacted me to wish us well as Anthony makes his transition home. I want you to know that I am thinking of each of you now with gratitude. My heart is full! Anthony is finally back where he belongs - home after 11.5 months away from us in Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

As we enter the season of Lent, I am reminded of the wilderness experience of Jesus on which the timing of Lent is modeled. From Luke 4:1-2: *Jesus returned from the Jordan River [after his baptism] full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving.*

What a “wilderness” experience we have been through these past 2.5 years! From the DUI in July of 2022 to the house fire July of 2023 to the 352 days Anthony was away from us in MCCF. But right now, I am filled with so much hope, for I see our resurrection story as well!

To have Easter, we must have Good Friday. To have a resurrection, there must be some kind of death. The caterpillar doesn’t just *become* a butterfly; it must dissolve into a disgusting pile of goo first.

No matter what stage of caterpillar or butterfly you are in, let us all come “home” to Greenawalds for Lent. We will journey through all the “goo” together- learning, growing, and even changing, as we look forward with hope to Easter moments. Like this one I am having tonight. Or like the ones we will have all together on April 20 at the Sunrise Easter service or the Celebration Easter service! May we always be reminded that our time in the wilderness WILL end and when it does, we are all that much closer to God.

Yours truly,
~Pastor Janet



Ant's Corner

“Ain't that a 'Hole' in the Head”



Last March, my outlook was bleak. Now, I'm incredibly grateful to be home. The truth is, I thought my March 2025 article would be lighthearted, avoiding any mention of my time in MCCF... “Chock full o'Fluff”, if you will. But as the saying goes, “If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.” I have a true “War Story” to tell!

Remember *Cool Hand Luke* (1967)? A prison guard played by actor Clifton James lists infractions that land you in “the box.” Modern jails have their own version... “The Hole”—a restricted cell block with no TV, clock, or commissary access. And yes, I ended up there! No coffee... shoot me NOW!

So, here's the “Cliff's Notes version: One night, a high-ranking officer woke me, asking if I'd seen drug trafficking in the chapel. The answer? Yes. But as prison wisdom warns, “Snitches end up in ditches.” I feigned uncertainty, and he urged me to “keep an eye out.”

Jails see a lot of drug trade, with inmates “cheeking” medication and selling it.

Chēk'ing: *Colloquial term for concealing a medication in the mouth, i.e., between the teeth and the cheek, in order to avoid swallowing it.*

The chapel, where multiple blocks mix, is prime for the drug trade. As “Assistant to the Chaplain”, I was an ideal candidate for informant.

But, alas... despite the officers' attempt at secrecy, inmates noticed my absence. *Why is Anthony talking to the COs??* Soon after, five inmates were cuffed and escorted to The Hole for “medication diversion.” The officers realized I was now at risk, as the optics would indicate that I informed on them.

So, for my own protection, they placed me in the DREADED Hole under the guise of suspicion of “medication diversion”, just like the others. Hey, they're more than welcome to my *Amlodipine* for hypertension and *Atorvastatin* for high cholesterol. All kidding aside, I was grateful for my safety. Afterall, it was only a couple of weeks of discomfort.

What they didn't tell me was that The Hole came with a brutal side effect—complete isolation from the outside world. No calls. No messages. Nothing. And, did I mention... NO COFFEE?

Panic set in fast. My family and I spoke multiple times a day, and now—radio silence. I could already picture Janet assuming the worst, convinced I'd had a heart attack or worse. And then, to add fuel to the fire, the chaplain informed her I had been placed in segregation for a misconduct involving drug trade in the chapel. Afterall, that's what the report read.

Yep. That was the official story—crafted in the name of protecting me. Imagine Janet's reaction. She was freaking out for days, until my letter finally arrived, explaining everything.

Here's the thing—I never would have voluntarily cut myself off from electronics and the outside world. In real life, I wouldn't have lasted five minutes without my phone. But The Hole forced me into a digital detox I didn't know I needed. And surprisingly, it changed me.

There were about twelve of us in that bleak, forgotten corner of the jail, and with nothing to distract us—no news, no social media, no endless scrolling—we talked. We shared our life stories, our regrets, our dreams. We leaned on each other. And somehow, in that miserable, windowless place, we found connection—a bond I have never experienced in my life.

One guy, Jason, who had this amazing talent for carving life-like sculptures out of bar soap, had always dreamed of learning music but never thought he'd get the chance. More accurately, he didn't believe he had the ability. So, with nothing but time, I gave him intense music theory lessons. He soaked it up like a sponge, and when it was finally time for me to leave, he handed me a letter that stopped me in my tracks. Here's a snippet:

In the world today, it is becoming very hard to find anyone to actually call a friend. People don't value friendship like they used to, but I value the friendship we have. I never thought I would ever tell another man that I would miss him when he's gone, but I will really miss you. Thank you for taking the time to actually teach me something I have always wanted to learn.

Friends, if I gained nothing else from those eleven-and-a-half months, that experience alone was invaluable.

I know most of you aren't glued to your electronics like *Millennials* and *Gen Z'ers*, but I challenge our younger folks to consider finding opportunities to separate from electronics, even if it's for an hour a day. The world will still be there when you return, but the people around you... they need you now. Life is incredibly precious, and we won't have the people we love forever. Love them hard, now.

So, put that phone down for a set time every day! We don't need electronics at the dinner table any more than we need a "Hole" in the head. Trust me; I know first hand!



Coffee Drinker's SECRET TO SLEEP

A man went into a restaurant at six o'clock one evening. "I want to have a coffee, please."

The waiter brought him the coffee, which he drank, and ordered another, then another, and then another. Finally, by seven-thirty, he had drunk five coffees.

The waiter said to the customer, when he took care of his bill, "If I drink so much coffee in the evening, I can't sleep half of the night."

"It's not a problem," said the man. "I count until three, and then I sleep." "And that works every time?" asked the waiter, surprised.

"No", he said, sometimes I count until half past three."

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ray & Borger, Bri & Matt Stalter and family on the death of Ray's sister and Bri's nana, Sharon Ross.



LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR:

Grant Field; Ruth & Ken Newhard; Althea Blose; Dolly Smith; Nancy Saeger; Jameson; Carter Boyle; Grace; Bri Stalter; Borger family; Bill Auman; Nydia and Henry Grube; Todd Mellett; Raylee LaAsmar; Anita Adams; Larry and Janie Bear; Judy Nordell; Tracey Hildebeidel; Bruce Stocker; Ray and Terry Ward; Jenn Seidel; Dolly DeLong; Ray Smith; Frank Keglovitz; Amanda and Mike and their four children; the Kerstetter family.

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 (Whitehall Manor - Room C62)	Naomi Thomas, at home
Doris Shaver (Phoebe - Room T313A)	Lois Tice, at home

Recycle Beyond the Bag

Recycling plastic bags has become a habit for many of us at UCCG. The receptacles remain in place - one in the lobby outside Pastor Janet's office door and one in the Christian Ed entrance way. The time frame is 12 months to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic, and we have already collected 853 pounds, with only 147 pounds left to meet our goal.. Our planet thanks you. 😊

Thank you to Ashley Adams for leading this recycling effort.

“There is no such thing as ‘away’. When we throw anything away it must go somewhere.”

~ Annie Leonard, Proponent of Sustainability

Let's get our PENNIES READY!!

PENNY PARTY 2025!
SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, MARCH 22
4:45 pm - Doors Open
5:00 pm - Light Supper for Purchase
6:00 pm - Games Begin
**United Church of Christ
Greenawalds**
2325 Albright Avenue, Allentown, PA

PENNY PARTY 2025!
BIGGER AND BETTER!
BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS NOW!
Suggestions:
Nice items/Collections, Holiday Decorations,
Gift Cards, Larger items- pictures, furniture, etc,
Children's Art Supplies, Non Perishable food...

**Please sign up in the lobby to help on March 22.
Select the TIME SLOT and the JOB you want to do!**

Facts About the Penny

The penny was one of the first coins made by the U.S. Mint after its establishment in 1792. The design on the first penny was of a woman with flowing hair symbolizing liberty. The coin was larger and made of pure copper, while today's smaller coin is made of copper and zinc. The penny was the first U.S. coin to include the motto "In God We Trust".

In 1909, Teddy Roosevelt introduced the Lincoln cent to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the 16th U.S. president's birth. At the time, it was the first American coin to feature the likeness of an actual person. In 1959, the Mint celebrated the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth by changing the reverse of the penny to the Lincoln Memorial. In 2009, the Mint issued four different designs to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday and the 100th anniversary of his appearance on the penny.

Approximately 30 million pennies are produced each day (The U.S. Mint produces more than 13 billion pennies each year), and more than two-thirds of all coins produced by the Mint are pennies.

Outreach + Mission = GROWTH

OMG's MISSION FOCUS FOR 2025

Our **Let's Make a Difference** program has been temporarily suspended. Additional information will be provided soon.

SOUP-ER BOWL CANNED SOUP SUNDAY

Our Souper-Bowl canned soup collection was disrupted by Mother Nature's ice storm, but we still collected 60+ cans of soup, making the Ecumenical Food Bank the big winner of Souper-Bowl 2025! Thank you for your donations!

LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Our Little Free Pantry continues to be a blessing to our food-insecure neighbors. We are currently in need of **JELLY**. Your contributions of food items are, as always, very much appreciated.

“The generous will themselves be blessed for they share their food with the poor.”

~ Proverbs 22:9

SOUP SALE – March 2, 2025



If you ordered home-made soup, please pick it up in the lobby after worship on Sunday, March 2 (between 11:30-12:00 noon)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities.

OGHS offerings will be collected beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5, and continue into April. Pastor Janet will dedicate the offerings on Palm Sunday, April 13. Special Envelopes are available in the lobby. Please give generously and BE THE LIGHT!

Remember the words the Lord himself said *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*
~ Acts 20:35



There are currently four families in the rotation. Our other two host weeks in 2025 are April 6 to 13 and November 2 to 9. It's not too early to pick your date to volunteer for any of these future 2025 host weeks. Call Karen Griffith now and pick your date and job.

Saturday, March 29 - Family Promise Homecoming Event at Twin Lakes - On March 29, 2025, Family Promise will hold its annual Homecoming event to build awareness and support for the many children and their families who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in the Lehigh Valley. Our theme this year is *Reach for the Stars*.

The Homecoming Event is Family Promise's main fundraiser which helps us to provide shelter services, prevention funding, and ongoing case management support to area families in crisis.

The Homecoming event will be held at the beautiful Club at Twin Lakes and includes a gathering of our FP community of friends, volunteers, and area businesses for an evening that features dinner, entertainment, stories of hope, and a high-end silent auction to support our Mission. We hope you will join us. Our Emcee this year is Stephanie Wells and the musician is Kendal Conrad. This year's guest speaker is the founder of Family Promise - Karen Olson.

There are still tickets available. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue Roth at 610-554-2781.

Hold the date of May 31, 2025 - Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community - more details to follow soon.



From ... Eleanor Lakatosh, Sandy Lakatosh and Sue Borger for all the prayers, phone calls and sympathy cards sent on the passing of our daughter/sister, Linda Lakatosh. Thank you to all of you who sent Linda well wishes during her many hospitalizations over the past few years.

From ... Lena Reinert and her children - Sarah, Aiden and Kaelyn - and Kristen Vogt for all the kind messages of sympathy upon the death of our mother/grandmother, Linda Lakatosh. Thank you to Pastor Janet for being with us during this difficult time and for officiating Linda's funeral.

From ... Ray & Sue Borger and Bri & Matt Stalter for the cards and expressions of sympathy on the death of Ray's sister and Bri's nana, Sharon Ross. Also a huge thank you to Pastor Janet from Sue, Ray, and Bri for officiating Sharon's graveside funeral on the coldest, windiest day of this winter.

From ... Nanci Snyder thank you to all those long-time members who came out on February 21 to help sort through the old papers, books, and historical church information in the library. Your help getting the Library organized was greatly appreciated.

From ... Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, Bethany Children's Home, Community Bike Works, Family Promise of Lehigh Valley, The Lehigh Conference of Churches, Meals on Wheels, and Phoebe Home ... thank you for your generous donations to our organizations during 2024. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

From ... UCCG Church Family to Rich and Nanci Snyder for the beautiful LOVE sign adorning our flower garden on Orchard Avenue.

VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED:

Readers, Greeters and Hospitality Hosts are needed weekly in order to continue our tradition of lay person involvement. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please use the sign-up charts on the ledge in the lobby/narthex or contact Sue Borger at 484-695-7954 to offer your service. Thank you!

We are also in need of Sponsors for the bulletins (\$10 / week) and clipart flowers (\$10 / week). There are also a few slots open for sponsoring the *Echoes* (\$20 / month). The sponsorship money goes toward postage for mailing the bulletins and *Echoes* to our homebound members.

PNEC Ambassador Program - Feb/March 2025 Update

KEYSTONE CONFERENCE NEWS

**Want to know more about the upcoming transition to the
Keystone Conference?**

You can attend the Town Hall Meetings in March and April!

Tuesday or Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm or March 19, 1:30 pm.

OR

Tuesday or Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm or April 2nd at 2:00pm.

**Register using the link provided in PNEC weekly email newsletter
"THIS WEEK IN PNEC" or call the PNEC office at 610-826-3113.**

ALSO – IN PNEC

**The PNEC Spring Meeting takes place on Saturday, May 3rd
at Union UCC**


5550 PA-873, Neffs, PA 18065

Look for registration information soon.



Thank You to Ashley Adams, Joanne Benfield, Tiffany Dieter, and Karen Griffith for joining our Mental Health Ministry Team!!

We are excited to engage UCCG in many conversations in 2025!
Starting with...



March 2, 2025:
The 2nd Mental Health Lunch-N-Learn
Immediately following worship!

This will be a potluck lunch so please plan to bring a snack, salad, side, or dessert to share as we break bread with one another.

Look forward to an engaging *table talk* game before hearing from a few special guests!



Sunday, March 9 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour!

NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE:

Contact: Sheri Stephens at 610-442-3176 or Nursery School office at 610-435-5467

- Our current fundraiser is Gertrude Hawk candy. The sale began on February 24 and will end on March 10, with delivery during the week of April 7. An order form is available in the lobby or you may contact Sue Borger or Sheri Stephens to place an order.
- Please continue to collect used clothing, bedding, purses, and shoes, and please place your items in sturdy garbage bags and bring them to the church any time between now and next April. You may place them in the Christian Ed entrance way.
- We are now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. If you know of someone who may be interested in enrolling their child, please have them call the Nursery School office at 610-435-5467 or Sheri Stephens at 610-442-3176.
- THANK YOU for your continued support of our Nursery School program. ♡

Here are the financial results for the first month of 2025.

Month	Budget	General Offering Income	*Other Income	Total Operating Income	Operating Expense	Net Income
Jan-24	\$13,856	\$8,618	\$2,694	\$11,312	\$12,311	(\$999)
Feb-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mar-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Apr-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
May-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jun-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jul-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aug-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sep-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oct-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nov-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dec-24	\$13,856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$166,272	\$8,618	\$2,694	\$11,312	\$12,311	(\$999)

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

Your 2025 Consistory **THANK YOU FOR SERVING!!**

Consistory met on Thursday, February 20 at 5:30 pm.

- All Ministry Team, Standing Committee and Task Force Reports were reviewed and accepted as presented. The Financial Reports were also reviewed and accepted.
- The Pastor's Report was reviewed and accepted.
- Our next Consistory Meeting is Thursday, March 20 at 5:30 pm.

2025 CONSISTORY MEMBERS

(Consistory members are elected for a three year term. Officers are elected for a one year term within their three years; term in office may be repeated if necessary.)

Officers:

Moderator - Karen Griffith;	Class of 2026
Vice Moderator - Glenn Horlacher;	Class of 2027
Treasurer - Bonnie Marmon;	Class of 2027
Financial Secretary - Grant Field;	Class of 2027
Recording Secretary - Sue Borger;	Class of 2025

At Large Members:

Mark Adams;	Class of 2026
Linda Altrichter;	Class of 2026
Jayne Christman;	Class of 2025
Nanci Snyder;	Class of 2025
Matt Stalter;	Class of 2026

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

(Active Elders serve on the Spiritual Council for 2 year terms.)

Jayne Christman	Class of 2025
Karen Adams	Class of 2025
Eileen Cleaver	Class of 2025

Carla Lindenmuth*	Class of 2026
Don Harris*	Class of 2026

*(*New Elders; installed on 2/2/2025)*

PNEC Delegates: Ben Gullede
Alternate Delegate: Ashley Adams
Youth Delegate: Markie Adams

Financial Stewardship for 2025- Be the MIRACLE

“Do you have \$1.50?”

*Now, all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at within US,
to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Eph 3:20*

In all situations, we must remember this verse. God IS working THROUGH us and WITH us to do what is needed. We are empowered by God to do God’s work through our lives and how we participate with the mission and ministry of our church.

Sometimes, I hear people skeptically say, “Oh, it would take a miracle to do *[that]*.” But the truth is, with God on our side, if our church needs something to further its mission and ministry... **WE ARE the miracle.** Acting out in faith, we can help more people to know God. “Acting” and “moving” are words that imply involvement. Do you believe we can do amazing things together??

Each time you come to church, on top of your regular giving, throw \$1.50 in the offering plate. That’s \$6 a month! That sounds like practically nothing. But when Ashley does it and Ben does it and Dolly does it and Bart does it... etc., it becomes the miracle we need to do amazing things for God in our community and beyond.

So... **Do you have \$1.50?**

By the way...

If you do not currently give your offering electronically to have your contribution taken out automatically, I encourage you to begin TODAY!! Automatic Giving IS truly *ABUNDANT LIVING*. **Let’s trust God to provide and BE THE MIRACLE, believing that together our congregation can live abundantly as the Body of Christ for the world!**

ON ELECTRONIC AND AUTOMATIC GIVING:

A copy of the form used to sign up for electronic giving can be found on page 19. Copies of this form are also available in the lobby of the church. All information is confidential. The church secretary, Sue Borger, will assist anyone interested in this type of giving.

Please note that we no longer offer electronic giving by credit card as the fees charged have sharply increased. If you are currently using credit card giving, we ask that you consider switching to bank withdrawal to avoid the charges to the church.

The QR code system (to the right) is another avenue for giving that is available in the Echoes and bulletins. If you prefer to donate using the QR code, please scan the code with your phone.



MARCH 2025

**** every Sunday unless otherwise stated ****

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
** 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship						1
2 ** After worship: Soup Pick-Up and Mental Health Potluck Lunch-N-Learn 4:00-8:00 pm Scouts Red & White Banquet (in FH)	3 1:00 pm PRC Mtg	4 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Cub Committee Mtg.	5 Noon-2:00 pm ASHES TO GO at Parkland Restaurant ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 7:00 PM	6 6:30 pm E&O mtg	7 4:00-10:00 pm Private Rental of FH	8 5 pm Scouts Cub Scout Carnival/ Pack Meeting (FH)
9 Daylight Savings Time begins today. ** W/ Baptism of Raylee LaAsmar	10 10:00 am OMG Mtg 12:00 pm Budget & Finance Mtg	11 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Den Mtg.	12 6:30 pm Lenten Study	13	14	15 Deadline to submit info for April Echoes
16 deadline to order Easter flowers ** 12:30-6:00 pm Private Rental Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall - LV Chapter NATS	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 	18 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Den Mtg.	19 6:30 pm Lenten Study	20 5:30 pm Consistory Mtg.	21 Set-Up for Penny Party	22 Penny Party
23 ** After worship: Faith Formation mtg	24 2:00 pm PRC Mtg	25 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Den Mtg.	26 6:30 pm Lenten Study	27 6:30 pm Mental Health Mtg.	28 All Day Private Rental Bethel House of God	29 All Day Private Rental Bethel House of God
30 ** After worship: Faith Formation mtg 6:00 pm Confirmation	31					

OUR STAFF

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Pastor’s Office Hours Vary

**For a visit with Pastor Janet, please call her cell phone. (Text messages preferred)
Church Secretary Office Hours are Wednesday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
(Other hours, from home. Call as necessary.)**

ECHOES is a monthly publication of the United Church of Christ, Greenawalds. Members, committee chairpersons leading a group and anyone with pertinent information are encouraged to submit information and upcoming events. **Submit news by email to the church office at churchoffice@uccgreenawalds.org or to Sue Borger at borgersusan@yahoo.com no later than the 15th of each month.**

The **MARCH 2025** Edition of *Echoes* is sponsored by:

Sue & Ray Borger and Sandy Lakatosh
in celebration of the **baptism of Raylee Jaymes LaAsmar**,
infant daughter of Steve and Megan (Borger) LaAsmar
And little sister of Dallis and Parker-Jane LaAsmar.

Communication to our members is an important part of our ministry. If you cannot attend church regularly, or do not use a computer, you can remain connected with the news, our mission and upcoming activities through this newsletter.

Sponsors for the *Echoes* help to support the ministry of UCC Greenawalds to all members. Call Sue Borger 484.695.7954 to sign up for a sponsorship and include your dedication information.

Cost is \$20.00 per sponsorship.

Each Friday, in our email newsletter entitled, WEEKLY WORDS, we share all of our prayer concerns, weekly bulletin and upcoming events. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email churchoffice@uccgreenawalds.org

2025 EASTER FLOWER SALE

Here's your chance to help decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. We are offering the following plants: dwarf iris, pansies, mini daffodils, tulips, regular size daffodils and Martha Washington geraniums. Please place this completed order form and your payment in the collection plate *or* mail to the church office. **Deadline to place an order is Sunday, March 16.** A list of donors and the loved ones to be remembered/honored, along with the types of plants you order, will be included in the Easter morning bulletins on April 20.

\$ _____

Your Name

Total amount enclosed

Item	# of plants	amount pd.
<u>Martha Washington Geraniums (assorted colors - first come/first served)</u> 6.5" pot @ \$11.50 per pot		
<u>Dwarf Iris (purple)</u> 4.5" pot (purple) @ \$5.00 per pot		
<u>Pansies (assorted colors - first come/first served)</u> 4.5" pot @ \$5.00 per pot		
<u>Mini-Daffodils (yellow only)</u> 5.5" pot @ \$7.00 per pot		
<u>Regular Size Daffodils (circle color preferred - yellow or bi-color)</u> 6.5" pot @ \$8.50 per pot (5+ bulbs per pot)		
<u>Tulips (circle preferred color)</u> pink, purple, red, yellow, white, orange, bi-color 6" pot @ \$8.50 per pot (5+ bulbs per pot)		

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