



**Congregational
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

The Open Door

October 2017

Who We Are

We are a community of God's beloved dedicated to **following** the teachings of Jesus as we live our faith by **loving** and **servng** all of God's creation and **striving** for justice and peace throughout our community, our nation, and the world.

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On Reaching Out**

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At the start of the year, the suggestion was made at our annual meeting that a group of members come together to consider our congregation's financial future. It is no secret that we have been relying heavily on endowment money to keep things going for the past couple of years. And, of course, this sort of dependency on our endowment cannot continue indefinitely; at some point the money will run out. Also, such use of these moneys was not the intent of those who left these funds to the church; rather, the money was left that it might serve as a perpetual pledge following the deaths of these members.

Following our annual meeting, the Church Council authorized a small group to come together to consider and make recommendations regarding our church's financial future. Through our discussions regarding different ways to raise and save money, we came to the conclusion that that is not the real issue here. Rather the only way to secure our congregation's future is to reach out to our community and invite others to engage in ministry with us. Such reaching out is not simply about getting more people in the pews so that they can also contribute financially to the church enabling us to pay our bills.

Our call to be the church is not to focus solely on keeping our lights on, our building maintained, and our employees paid. You'll likely recall that as a congregation we discerned together that we are called to something far more meaningful than that. I invite you to read our purpose statement above to remind yourself who we are really called to be as a church.

In addition to our purpose, our "why," we also worked together as a congregation to discern our "how," the process by which we will seek to live out that purpose. One piece of that three-fold process is: Reaching Out to Our Community. Reaching out to our community is not only essential to secure this congregation's financial future, but our future as a church period. Reaching out to our community is essential to living out our purpose as a congregation dedicated to following the teachings of Jesus.

Jesus did not sit in one place and wait for folks to come to him to learn a new way of life. Throughout the gospels, Jesus is shown traveling from place to place, teaching and healing all along the way. He reached out to others and didn't sit back waiting for a crowd to come to him. Yes, eventually word got out about this Jesus fellow, and crowds did gather as more and more folks became curious about this movement. Even when folks started coming to him, Jesus stayed on the move seeking to show more of God's beloved people the transformative power of God's love. And he is shown sending out his earliest followers to do the same, to proclaim the message of God's compassion and justice with word and deed to the ends of the earth that all might experience joy and true life. That is what it means to be the church, friends.

As a congregation, we say that we are dedicated to following the teachings of Jesus as we live our faith by loving and serving all of God's creation and striving for justice and peace throughout our community, our nation, and the world. We have even said that we understand that this requires reaching out to our community. But how will we actually do it?

This is not a question that can be answered by me alone as your pastor nor by a small ad hoc committee. It's not even one that our Church Council can decide. This question can only be answered by us all as a congregation.

And, we all will have an opportunity to consider this question of how we will reach out to our community and come up with some ideas to actually try together. Our Sunday morning worship service on October 22nd will center on Jesus' directive to his disciples (that includes us) to go out to all nations and make disciples. I invite you to begin thinking about your response to this question now and to bring your reflections with you to worship.

How do you hear God calling us as a congregation to reach out to our community? How do you hear God calling us to share the amazing love we have experienced so that the lives of all of God's people might be transformed and together with our neighbors we might transform this world into God's beautiful, just realm?

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on October 22nd.

... Worship

World Communion Sunday

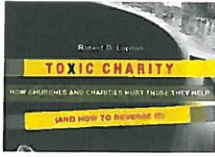
World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith. (from globalministries.org)

Join us for worship on **Sunday, October 1st** as we celebrate World Communion Sunday as a congregation connected to the wider body of Christ.

Sermon Videos

Rev. Petersen records her sermon each Sunday and posts each video to our church's Facebook page and website. If you have to miss worship some Sunday, you are still able to hear Rev. Petersen's message for the week. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/NewtonUCC if you haven't already; or check out our new website at www.uccnewton.org.

... Education



“Toxic Charity”: Sunday Morning Study

You are encouraged to join in a new study group beginning **Sunday, October 1st**. We will read and discuss the book “Toxic Charity” by Robert D. Lupton. Throughout the book, Lupton reveals the shocking toxic effects that much of modern charity has upon the very people meant to benefit from it and shares new models proven to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve.

This 10-week study will challenge and empower us to begin thinking about how we will develop relationships with our neighbors living in poverty and to engage in ministry with them in ways that will actually help rather than hurt them and our community. The group will meet in the **Parlor each Sunday at 9:00am-9:45am** with our final session on December 10th (no meeting November 26th). Participants will read one chapter prior to each meeting and come prepared to discuss questions and insights that were stirred during reading.

Three copies of “Toxic Charity” are available at the church for your use. If you would like your own copy, you are welcome to purchase the book on your own. Contact Rev. Petersen with any questions or concerns.



“The First Paul”: Bible Study

You are encouraged to join in our Bible study group. We are reading and discussing the book “The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church’s Conservative Icon” by two of the foremost New Testament scholars of our time Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

“Paul is second only to Jesus as the most important person in the birth of Christianity, and yet he continues to be controversial, even among Christians. How could the letters of Paul be used both to inspire radical grace and to endorse systems of oppression—condoning slavery, subordinating women, condemning homosexual behavior? Borg and Crossan use the best of biblical and historical scholarship to explain the reasons for Paul’s mixed reputation and reveal to us what scholars have known for decades: that the later letters of Paul were created by the early church to dilute Paul’s egalitarian message and transform him into something more ‘acceptable.’” (From the back cover)

Join in this study to discover the first Paul whom the early church quickly sought to temper and eventually contradict. The group meets in the **Parish House each Thursday at 5:00pm-6:00pm** with our final session on November 2nd. Our reading and discussion schedule for October is as follows: October 5th—Chapter 4; October 12th—Chapter 5; October 19th—Chapter 6; October 26th—Chapter 7.

A new Bible Study will begin in mid-November. Details will be forth coming. Contact Rev. Petersen with any questions or concerns.

Free Fall Film Series

The Racial Harmony and Justice Working Group in Jasper County, which meets in the Parish House the final Tuesday of each month, is sponsoring a free fall film series open to the public. One film will be shown on the first Thursday of October, November, and December. Each film will begin at 6:30pm and have a time for discussion after. The films will be shown in the DMACC Auditorium on the Newton campus.

On **Thursday, October 5th at 6:30pm** "The Birth of a Nation" will be shown. Nat Turner is an enslaved Baptist preacher who lives on a Virginia plantation owned by Samuel Turner. With rumors of insurrection in the air, a cleric convinces Samuel that Nate should sermonize to other slaves, thereby quelling any notions of an uprising. As Nate witnesses the horrific treatment of his fellow man, he realizes that he can no longer just stand by and preach. On Aug. 21, 1831, Turner's quest for justice and freedom leads to a violent and historic rebellion in Southampton County.



Centering Prayer

You are invited to gather each Wednesday evening for a time of Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. It is simply a wordless, trusting opening of one's self to the divine presence. The group will meet in the **Chapel**, just off of the Sanctuary, on **Wednesdays, 5:15pm-5:45pm**. Please contact April Faidley with any questions.



Morning Circle

The next meeting of *Morning Circle* will be **Wednesday, October 18th at 9:30am** with April Faidley as hostess and Jan Turk giving devotions. The group is studying the book "Jesus: The Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary" by author Marcus J. Borg. During this meeting we will be studying Chapter 8 of the book.

All are welcome to join us as we deepen our understanding of who Jesus was and what that means for us as people of faith seeking to follow in Jesus' way. Want to participate? Join us on October 18th in the Parish House.

... Service



Food Pantry Sundays

The first Sunday of each month we receive donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. On **Sunday, October 1st** a cart will be in the west entrance to receive gifts for the food pantry. The Salvation Army is in special need of tuna helper (not hamburger), Ramen noodles, canned fruit cocktail (peaches or pears), canned tuna, and macaroni & cheese. Of course, other canned or packaged foods are always accepted. They also need any kind of personal care items: such as diapers, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and laundry soap.



"Doggone Good Treats" Project

October will be the concluding month for the PI and CUCC baking activity until next spring. The church kitchen has been the center for the making and baking of dog treats over the past few months on the second and fourth Mondays. PI participants and church members Stormy Storms and Marti Barker have enjoyed the experience of mixing ingredients, rolling out the dough, using cookie cutters to make bone-shaped treats, and baking them with assistance from a PI staff person.

Stormy then transported the dog treats either to JCARL or to the Farmer's Market where donations were accepted for the bagged treats. The funds received went to JCARL. Obviously, this combined PI and CUCC project has resulted in many happy dogs and dog owners.

Let Stormy know if you'd like to participate next spring when the project restarts. You can participate one time or many times. Whatever works with your schedule.



Jasper County Animal Rescue League

On the third Sunday of each month we collect items to help the Jasper County Animal Rescue League (JCARL). The next collection date will be **Sunday, October 15th**.

Their current wish list is: paper towels, garbage bags, raw hides (for big dogs and small), peanut butter, bleach, dish soap, Fabuloso (the purple kind), laundry soap, liquid hand soap, rubber gloves, kitty litter, canned shredded and filet cat food, canned dog food (Purina), dry dog food (Purina), and dry cat food (Indoor Purina).

Cleaning Project with Progress Industries

In addition to our partnership with Progress Industries (PI) to bake biscuits for the Jasper County Animal Rescue League, we also work with PI participants and staff for a church cleaning project. Under the guidance of Carolyn and Duane Hobbs a small group from PI is doing some light cleaning and dusting in the sanctuary, library and other areas of the church building. This cleaning project takes place two times per month, on Tuesdays at 10:30am.

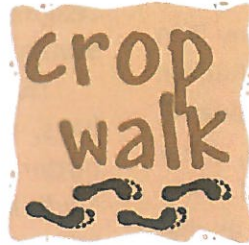
If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Carolyn Hobbs.



CROP Hunger Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

The Newton CROP Hunger Walk is on **Sunday, October 1st**. You can register at **1:30pm** at the Courthouse lawn. The walk starts at **2:00pm**, and it is a three mile walk that ends at the Salvation Army for fruit and cookies. If you would like to walk please contact Stormy Storms for more information and a donation envelope. Or, like last year instead of walking, donations may be given.



Meals on Wheels

Our congregation is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels on weekends in October. You may sign on the signup sheet in the Parlor. We are still in need of volunteers for October 14th & 15th. Thank you to Bev Edge and Marti Barker (October 7th & 8th), Carolyn & Duane Hobbs (October 21st & 22nd), and Stormy Storms (October 28th & 29th), for your willingness to help. For more information contact Stormy Storms.



McCann Flea Market

The McCann Flea Market is on **Saturday, October 21st** from **9:00am-2:00pm**. We need to bake eight pies total (no cream pies). We currently have three people signed up and we need five more. There is a list in the Parlor where you can sign up to bake a pie. The proceeds will go in memorial to Shirley Dont's causes, which are the Sacred Heart Meal Ministry, Salvation Army Food Pantry, and IMPACT (formerly RAACAP). Thank you to Marti Barker, Stormy Storms, and Sue Anderson for signing up to bake a pie. For more information, please contact Stormy Storms.



Prayers and Concerns

Please hold in prayer

- ◆ The family of Jean Jensen following her death on Thursday, September 14th
- ◆ Lori Goodman
- ◆ Jane Ann Cotton and her family following the death of her grandson Alex Welke on Saturday, August 26th
- ◆ Bonnie McGinley and family, following the death of her husband, Steven McGinley on August 11th
- ◆ Martha Ellsworth
- ◆ Davis Carter, grandson of Jane & Gary Johnson
- ◆ Susan Townsend and family, following the death of her mother, Jean Townsend on July 28th
- ◆ Sue Anderson
- ◆ George Van Zandt, father of Ed Van Zandt, father-in-law of Suzanne Van Zandt
- ◆ Julia Snyder, daughter of Stormy Storms



If you know someone in need of support – a visit, a call, a note, or prayer – please contact Rev. Jessica Petersen.



Blood Pressure Monitoring

Carolyn Hobbs will offer blood pressure monitoring any Sunday in October during Fellowship Time. If you are curious about your blood pressure reading, please let Carolyn know.

Community Meals Update—Full Speed Ahead

Eighty meals and ten carry-outs were served by CUCC volunteers at the Community Meal event held Wednesday, September 20th in the basement of First United Methodist Church. The assistance from all who participated including those who provided the dessert produced another very successful evening of reaching out to others in the community.

Next month CUCC is responsible for the Community Meal on **Wednesday, October 18th**. Please contact Bev Edge, April Faidley, or Marti Barker if you would like to join us from 5:00pm-7:00pm, or for even part of that time, or to provide a dessert. The more help there is, the sooner we are finished. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.



Opportunities to Serve

All volunteers/workers in the church are very much appreciated. Many of you are seen carrying on the work of the church and many things are done unseen, but just as appreciated. It takes many hands and minds to get everything done. Thank you so much for your willingness!

There are many different ways in the church to serve God and others. The more who help, the less work there is for each one. Signup sheets to provide flowers, greet, usher, serve as a lay reader, and host fellowship time are located in the vestibule. Please help if you can.

If you are willing to be a greeter, please contact Marti Barker. Additionally, there are a few members who may need transportation to worship and church activities. Please contact Duane Hobbs to volunteer.

The office has great volunteers who come in monthly to assemble and ready this newsletter for mailing. If you would like to help, just call the office.



Neighbors in Need

The *Neighbors in Need* offering, will be received on **Sunday, October 8th**. This special offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Thank you for your generous support of these important ministries!

UCC Hurricane Relief and Recovery

(compiled from information on ucc.org)

Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas on August 25th as a Category 4 hurricane with 130mph winds. The storm caused widespread flooding and significant damage across southern Texas and Louisiana as the slow moving storm dropped several feet of water throughout the region. UCC Disaster Ministries is coordinating with other faith partners and voluntary, federal and state agencies for long-term recovery. The South Central Conference Minister and Conference Disaster Coordinator are in contact with local churches and their communities.

The Disaster by the Numbers:

- 8 million people within area of impact
- More than 50 inches of rain in some areas
- 3,800 currently in shelters across the region
- 500,000 homes estimated to be affected
- 600,000 FEMA registrations so far, expecting over 1 million
- Media reporting up to 57 storm-related fatalities
- 73 oil/HAZMAT incidents reported

Hurricane Irma

Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida on September 10th with record-force winds and storm surges. The storm then continued north to Georgia and South Carolina. Millions of people in Florida evacuated or moved to approved shelters before the storm hit.

Hurricane Irma hit islands in the Caribbean early on September 6th and has caused widespread destruction and loss throughout the region. As Global Ministries partner churches or on-going partners through Church World Service are affected or responding, UCC Disaster Ministries is there – now and for the long term. Hurricane Irma hits just as Global Ministries has begun an 18-month focus on long-term partnerships in the region, the Caribbean Initiative.

In the United States, the ongoing team of UCC Disaster Coordinators is active with local, statewide, and national disaster networks and communication with their local UCC churches. UCC Disaster Ministries is there – now and for the long term.

The Disaster by the numbers:

- 49 million people in the area of impact
- 185-mph winds sustained for 37 hours, longest and strongest storm in history
- Category 5 on impact in Caribbean, Category 4 on impact in Florida
- 1,830 people in shelters in the US currently
- Media reporting 68 storm-related fatalities
- 5.5 million people were without electricity in Florida and 1 million in Georgia and South Carolina
- 70% of homes in Puerto Rico lost electricity
- 80% of structures in US Virgin Islands suffered severe damage or were destroyed
- 13 of 15 provinces in Cuba withstood damage
- 2.3 million people in Cuba with a disrupted supply of power

Hurricane Maria

Hurricane Maria hit islands in the Caribbean on September 19th as a Category 5 hurricane. Maria follows in the path of Hurricane Irma that hit just 2 weeks prior. Maria hit Puerto Rico as a Category 4 hurricane and has since been downgraded to a Category 3 hurricane on its way to Turks and Caicos.

The Disaster by the numbers:

- 10,100 people in shelters in Puerto Rico
- Puerto Rico's power grid is completely down. There is no electricity on the island and officials estimate 6 months to completely restore the grid.
- 40 inches of rain in just 24 hours landed in parts of Puerto Rico
- 90% of buildings in Dominica were damaged
- All 32 provinces in the Dominican Republic are under hurricane alert
- Media is reporting around 30 storm-related fatalities

The UCC is part of response networks you see on the news and those you don't see. UCC Disaster Ministries already is gearing up for our long-term recovery work in the impacted regions and your contributions for hurricane survivors means providing community support for holistic recovery, repairing house and home for families and children, and restoring dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of these catastrophic events. The Conference Minister, Conference Disaster Coordinators, and UCC national staff are providing support and coordination around the responses. Here are how your donations have already been put to good use:

Hurricane Harvey

- One UCC congregation in Texas had flood damage and is receiving support
- \$2,000 solidarity/emergency grant was given to St. Paul UCC in Corpus Christi, TX for emergency food distribution in nearby Port Aransas
- Training and support provided by national staff for local UCC pastors resourcing their communities with information on how to access available assistance through the Red Cross, local, state, and national sources
- Long-term recovery plans are being created and launched

Hurricane Irma

- At least 2 UCC congregations in Florida lost steeples in Hurricane Irma and are receiving support
- \$1,500 solidarity/emergency grant to the Miami Shores Community Church, UCC which is supporting the purchase of a generator, fuel, gas stoves for community cooking, and purchasing and distributing ice
- \$10,000 to IMA World Health for their proactive program to prevent cholera and malnutrition in Haiti in the wake of Hurricane Irma, and to treat any instances that occur
- \$10,000 to Global Ministries partners in Cuba with the distribution of WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene products and programs), temporary shelter, non-food emergency items like blankets or medicine, help around food security (damaged crops), recovery/livelihoods, and psycho-social support
- \$10,000 to Church World Service in Northern Haiti where homes that were weakened by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 have now sustained additional damage

Recovery from these hurricanes will continue for months and years to come, and the UCC will be involved all along the way. Visit ucc.org or contact the church office to donate to the UCC's continued relief and recovery efforts. Thank you for your generous support and your prayers.

Worship Attendance

<u>September Attendance</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
First Sunday	36	41
Second Sunday	46	32
Third Sunday	53	30
Fourth Sunday	33	29



Birthdays to Celebrate in October

- 2-Kate Stonehocker, Sue Anderson
- 4-Jill Sawin, Craynes McGinley
- 5-Josephine Turk
- 6-Donna McCoy, Carol Robinson
- 7-Marilyn Jagau
- 17-Judy Brody, Steven Joy
- 28-Aurora Schlichte



Anniversaries to Celebrate in October

- 6-Bruce & Shirley Nuzum
- 21-Mark & Diane Babcock
- 23-Todd & Kylee Planer
- 25-David & Dorothy Raymond

Take note...

Central Association Fall Meeting

Our congregation will host the fall meeting of the Central Association on **Saturday, October 28th, 10:00am-3:00pm** (registration at 9:30am). The morning program will focus on the UCC "Three Great Loves" initiative and the UCC's "Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers." In the afternoon, an Ecclesiastical Council will be held for Caroline Saxton. A donation of \$8.00 is suggested to cover the cost of food. Our church is allowed three voting delegates; please talk with Rev. Petersen if you are interested in attending the meeting as a voting delegate.

Food for the meeting will be prepared by several Sudanese women who have recently made Newton their home. If you are willing and able to help them find their way around our kitchen and engage in relationship with these neighbors of ours, please contact Rev. Petersen.

We Have a Website!

Our new website has gone live! Check it out at www.uccnewton.org. There is still some fine tuning to do. If you have any questions or suggestions contact Rev. Petersen or the church office.

Sponsor "Into the Mystic"

In an effort to get the word out about who we are as a congregation, we sponsor a weekly airing of a podcast by UCC General Minister and President, the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, on KCOB (95.9 FM and 1280 AM) on Sunday mornings at 7:35am. The weekly cost is \$25. You are invited to sponsor a Sunday or two or four or more to increase our community's awareness of what we are all about here at Congregational UCC. We are engaging in wonderful ministry together, and it's time that more folks know about it! Please send your donation into the office referencing "Into the Mystic" if you are interested in donating.

Worship Schedule for October

Date	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Christian Calendar Date	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Special Events	World Communion Sunday			"Reaching Out" Conversations	Reformation Sunday
Special Offerings	Food Pantry Donations	Neighbors in Need	JCARL Collection		
Greeters	Jerry & Jamie Sawin	Dorothy & David Raymond	Ed & Suzanne Van Zandt	Richard & Kay Hagedorn	Les Morgan
Ushers	Richard Hagedorn, Duane Hobbs	Ed & Suzanne Van Zandt	Les Morgan, Art Anderson	Jamie & Jerry Sawin	Adam Hansch, Craig Armstrong
Lay Readers	April Faidley	Stormy Storms	Suzanne Van Zandt	TBD	Brent Parker
Scripture	Philippians 2:1-13	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Matthew 28:16-20	Romans 3:19-28
Worship Color	White	Green	Green	Green	Green

Green is the color of growth. It symbolizes the renewal of vegetation and the promise of new life.
White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence.

We continue to remember our homebound members.

You are missed and continue to be cared for and held in our heartfelt prayers.

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Sundays

7:35am "Into the Mystic" on KCOB
 95.9 FM & 1280 AM
 10:00am Worship
 11:15am Fellowship Time

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 9:00am-9:45am "Toxic Charity" Study World Communion Food Pantry Donations	02	03 5:00pm Worship & Music Mtg.	04 2:00pm Caring Crew 5:15pm Centering Prayer	05 5:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm "Birth of a Nation" at DMAACC	06	07
08 9:00am-9:45am "Toxic Charity" Study Neighbors in Need 11:30am Service & Outreach Mtg.	09 12:15am PI Baking Indigenous Peoples Day	10 10:30am PI Cleaning	11 5:15pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm Facilities & Finance Mtg.	12 5:00pm Bible Study	13	14
15 9:00am-9:45am "Toxic Charity" Study JCARL Collection	16	17	18 9:30am Morning Circle 5:15pm Centering Prayer 5:30pm Community Meal	19 5:00pm Bible Study	20	21
22 9:00am-9:45am "Toxic Charity" Study "Reaching Out" Convo & Lunch	23 12:15am PI Baking	24 10:30am PI Cleaning	25 5:15pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm Church Council Mtg.	26 5:00pm Bible Study	27	28 Central Assoc. Fall Mtg. 10:00am-3:00pm
29 9:00am-9:45am "Toxic Charity" Study	30	31 6:00pm Racial Justice Group 500th Anniversary of Protestant Reformation	01	02	03	04

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Pastor Emeritus	David Raymond		

Church office hours: 9:30am-2:30pm Monday through Thursday (The office will be closed on Fridays.)



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