

**Congregational  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

# The Open Door

## March 2018

### 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 **serving** all of God's creation and **striving** for justice and peace throughout our community, our nation, and the world.

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### Pastor Petersen's Perspective: On the Poor People's Campaign

When I was in elementary school, I deeply admired the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His call to white folks to treat people of color with dignity and respect and his commitment to nonviolent resistance to bring about personal and structural change in the way Black people are treated in this country intrigued and inspired me even at that young age. As a young white girl from Iowa, I wanted to be like him, a Black man from Georgia who was assassinated at such a young age because of who he was and what he stood for. I wanted to make a difference in the world as he did; I wanted to make this nation more just and equitable following in his footsteps. I looked up to and admired this man for his strength, his persistence, his way with words, his commitment to justice.

I cherished his "I Have a Dream" speech. In fact, when I think about it, in my young mind, that speech epitomized who the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was and what he was about. It was not until a good deal later that I recall learning of how he challenged economic injustice and spoke and acted in opposition to militarism and the war economy. Indeed it was only very recently that I became aware of his leadership in organizing the Poor People's Campaign of 1968 and learned that he collaborated with folks across the country such as Cesar Chavez of United Farm Workers, Loretta Two Crow of National Welfare Rights, John Lewis of the Southern Regional Council, Myles Horton of the Highland Center, Al McSurely of the Appalachian Volunteers, Phillip Bernstein of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare, and Tillie Walker of the United Indian Scholarship Fund. Together they called for a "revolution of values" in the United States, inviting people from across lines of division to come together to stand against the "triplets of evil"—racism, economic injustice, and militarism. Together with poor people in communities across the country—black, white, brown, Native—they insisted that people need not die from poverty in the richest nation in all of history. However, their work has not been finished.

Indeed, though individuals and organizations have continued this work over the past five decades, there is persuasive evidence (in a recent report by the Institute for Policy Studies) that, by many measures, these problems are worse today than they

were 50 years ago. And, so once again folks are organizing for justice. People and organizations are coming together across lines of division to challenge these injustices, these evils that plague our society: systemic racism, poverty, militarism and the war economy, and a fourth ill, ecological devastation. Folks are coming together to ignite a new Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

This campaign has been in the making for more than a decade and is being public ally launched in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Poor People's Campaign of 1968. The aim of the campaign is to build a broad and deep national moral movement to unite our nation from the bottom up, rooted in the leadership of poor people and reflecting the great moral teachings (those of Jesus included). This movement seeks to build a just, sustainable and participatory society as it challenges the four intertwined justices mentioned above and calls for a public morality rooted in critique of greed, racism, and injustice rather than the limited focus on personal morality that has overtaken our moral narrative while pushing the ills of racism and poverty to the margins.

In the words of its organizers, "The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival will strategically connect and grow different struggles and lift up and deepen the leadership of those most affected to transform the political, economic and moral structures of our society. The Campaign will push forward concrete demands, build unity across lines of division, and draw on art, music, and religious traditions to challenge the dominant narrative that blames poor people for poverty."

Friends, at various times throughout my life, I have asked myself what I would have done had I been alive during the time of the Civil Rights Movement. I've asked myself if I would have dared to get involved or if I would have continued with my own personal life as usual. I have asked myself what I would have done, where I would have been had I been alive when Jesus engaged in his ministry proclaiming the peaceful, liberating kingdom of God as opposed to the violent, oppressive kingdom of Caesar. In this time, in this place, the question is no longer a hypothetical one, it is no longer "if I were alive then." No, the question is very real; the question is "as I am alive now, as I see the injustices of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy/militarism, and ecological devastation here and now, how will I respond? What will I do? Where will I be?"

As a follower of Jesus, I am called to join with those most deeply impacted by these injustices and faith leaders across our state and nation in changing the moral narrative and establishing God's justice. As a Christian, I am called to stand, to march, to organize, to work for justice. I pray that God will continue to guide me as I take my place in this campaign as a member of the Coordinating Committee in Iowa. And I pray that you will join with me and others throughout Iowa and the US in this movement.

More information about the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival can be found at [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org). There you can also indicate your commitment to participate in the campaign. If you would like more information about what is happening in Iowa and how you can get involved, please give me a call, send me an email, or talk with me in person.



## ... Worship



### UCC Seasonal Choir

All those who enjoy singing are encouraged to join our seasonal choir. The choir will sing during worship on Sundays, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>; on Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>; and on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Rehearsals will take place **each Sunday morning at 9:15am** in the choir loft. Join us in making a joyful noise as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our savior!

### Holy Week Worship

You are encouraged to gather together for worship on **Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. We will recall Jesus' last meal with his friends as we celebrate Holy Communion together and hear once again the new commandment Jesus gave to love one another as we serve each other in a time of Holy Hand-washing.

We have not yet received information regarding the annual Cross Walk organized by the Mission Coalition. Traditionally the walk has begun on Good Friday at noon (March 30<sup>th</sup>) and participants have journeyed together stopping at each of seven downtown churches to hear scripture read, to pray, and to sing together. As information regarding this year's Cross Walk becomes available, it will be shared through the church website, Sunday bulletin inserts, and weekly emails.

### Lenten Sermon Series: The Last Week

During the season of Lent, you are invited to take a closer look at Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, a week of great significance in our Christian tradition. Each Sunday during worship, we will explore one day of this last week following the Gospel of Mark as we consider what this story was about and what it means for us today so that we might follow the teachings of Jesus more closely as we live our faith.



### 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.

## ... Education

### Racial Harmony and Justice Book Club

The Racial Harmony and Justice Working Group in Jasper County, which meets in the Parish House the final Tuesday of each month, has started a book club in cooperation with the Newton Public Library in order to promote racial harmony and justice in our community. The book club will meet at the library on the first Thursday of each month from **6:30pm-7:30pm**. All are welcome to participate. The book to be read and discussed at the **Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** meeting is "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander. The book for the **Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** meeting is "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Books may be obtained by contacting the library at 641.792.4108 (library card required).



### Listen Up! Bible Study: Romans

Paul's letter to the Romans is the first of Paul's letters in the New Testament canon, the longest of them (16 chapters), and, in many respects, the most significant. Though we are in the midst of our 12-session study, you are still invited to join us as we listen for God's still-speaking voice through this letter to the church and seek to discern what it means for us in our time and context.

A new study will begin in April. Details will be forthcoming.

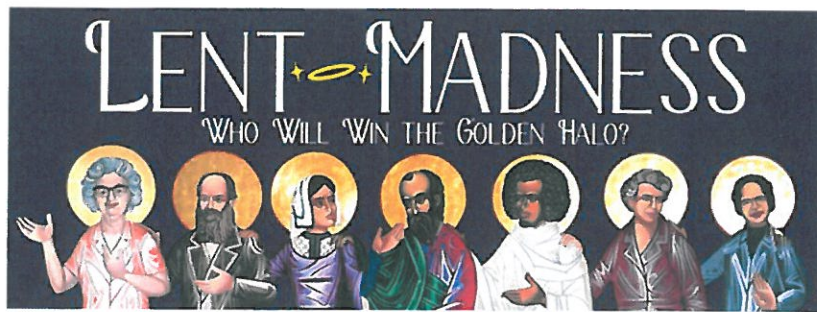
The group meets in the Parish House on **Thursdays, 5:00pm-6:00pm**. Contact Rev. Petersen with any questions or concerns.



### Morning Circle

The next meeting of *Morning Circle* will be **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am** with Jane Ann Cotton as hostess and Carolyn Hobbs 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 the Epilogue 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 March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish House.



## Lent Madness 2018

For the ninth year running, people of faith are gearing up for Lent Madness, the beloved “saintly smackdown!”

With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures. Throughout Lent, thirty-two saints will do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo. Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout this penitential season.

Here’s how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. 2018 heavyweights include John the Evangelist, Margaret of Scotland, Richard Hooker, Katharina von Bora, and the apostles Peter and Paul.

The full bracket is online at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org). Copies will also be available by contacting the church office. While not necessary to participate, you can order *The Saintly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2018* at [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org). This companion guide includes biographies of all 32 saints, a full-color bracket, information about how to fully participate, and a series of Pocket Lent trading cards.

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John’s Church in Hingham, Massachusetts. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women who make up the church’s calendar of saints, Schenck devised this devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born.

Starting in 2012, Schenck partnered with Forward Movement executive director Scott Gunn, to bring Lent Madness to the masses. Schenck and Gunn form the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee, a more-or-less benevolent dictatorship that runs the entire operation.

The formula has worked as this online devotional has been featured in media outlets all over the country including national television, the Washington Post, NPR, USAToday, and even Sports Illustrated (seriously). More importantly thousands of people have been inspired by the saintly stories of those who have come before us in the faith.

It’s not too late to take up this fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful Lenten discipline and join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn’t be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

## One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will receive our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. This special offering of the United Church of Christ enables us to reach people and communities affected by disaster, displacement, or poverty. Through OGHS, we provide assistance to families and communities around the world, helping them to become stronger, healthier, and better equipped to address hardships and catastrophes.

The 2018 theme for the offering is *"More Than We Can Imagine."* It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God's world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel there is nothing we can do to help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that what little we can do won't have an impact.

As the Apostle Paul writes, "by the power at work within us," God is able to "accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). "We are the agents of transformation that God uses to transfigure this world" (Archbishop Desmond Tutu).

Wishing and dreaming of a better world means nothing if we don't realize that God gives us community to practice love and compassion. We cannot only care for ourselves, but we must also care about those around us, both near and far.

Our gifts become part of a loving legacy in ways we can't foresee. Our gifts become blessings to people we don't know and blesses in ways we can't expect. We can make a difference beyond what we can imagine.

When we give as the United Church of Christ—individuals, groups, and congregations—it means that the church can stand strong, in the midst of need whether it is nearby or far away. When God's love abides in us, we are moved to respond with our own material goods to the needs of other members of God's family. You may use the envelope provided in the bulletin on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** for your donation, or you may send your donation directly to the church office. Thank you for your support; whether you are a new supporter or long-time supporter, every gift matters. Every gift allows us to do *"More Than We Can Imagine."*



## ... Service (cont.)

### Food Pantry Sundays

The first Sunday of each month we receive donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. On **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.



### 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, March 18<sup>th</sup>**.

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).



### "Doggone Good Treats" Project

The PI and CUCC baking activity took a break during the winter months and will be starting up again soon. The church kitchen will once again serve as the center for the making and baking of dog treats on the second and fourth Mondays. PI participants and church members Stormy Storms and Marti Barker will work together to mix ingredients, roll out the dough, use cookie cutters to make bone-shaped treats, and bake them with assistance from a PI staff person.

The dog treats will then be transported either to JCARL or to the Farmer's Market where donations will be accepted for the bagged treats. The funds received will go to JCARL. Obviously, this combined PI and CUCC project has resulted in many happy dogs and dog owners and will surely do the same into the future!

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

### 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. This activity is back from its winter break! Under the guidance of Carolyn and Duane Hobbs a small group from PI will continue doing some light cleaning and dusting in the sanctuary, library and other areas of the church building. This cleaning project usually takes place two times per month, on Tuesdays at 11:00am. Check calendar for dates.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry as it resumes, please contact Carolyn Hobbs or Rev. Petersen.



## Prayers and Concerns

### Please hold in prayer

- ◆ Judy Brody and family following the death of her husband Larry on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ The family of Carol Robinson following her death on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ The family of Art Anderson following his death on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Mike Knop, uncle of Rev. Petersen
- ◆ Stormy's Mom
- ◆ Karen Petersen
- ◆ Lori Goodman
- ◆ Davis Carter, grandson of Jane & Gary Johnson

✝ 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 during Fellowship Time. If you are curious about your blood pressure reading, please let Carolyn know.

## Community Meals Update

Eighty meals were served by CUCC volunteers at the Community Meal event held Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in the basement of First United Methodist Church. We received a lot of compliments about the potato and ham soup and the cobbler and crisps for dessert. 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.

This month CUCC is responsible for the Community Meal on **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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.

Additionally, there are a few members who may need transportation to worship and church activities. Please contact the church office 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.



## Worship Attendance

<u>February Attendance</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
First Sunday	41	28
Second Sunday	43	29
Third Sunday	48	30
Fourth Sunday	62	40
Ash Wednesday	20	6



## Birthdays to Celebrate in March

- 1-Barb Holdsworth, Jeanne Hershey
- 4-Elizabeth Pearson, Leslie McNew
- 9-James Jensen, Bruce Nuzum Sr.
- 10-Marilyn Deppe
- 11-Brad Penick
- 15-Phyllis Van Roekel
- 16-Lonnie Appleby
- 19-Kelly Mathes
- 20-Janie Kahn, Gayla Snook
- 24-Marilyn Planer, Cindy Tool
- 25-Dylan Yoder
- 30-Alexander Stonehocker



## Anniversaries to Celebrate in March

- 3-Pam & John Wagner
- 29-Rev. Jessica Petersen's Ordination

## Daylight Saving Time Begins

It's time to spring ahead! Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00am**. Before you go to bed on Saturday night, be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour.



## **Take note...**

### Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Parish House**. Please contact Craig Armstrong, our Moderator, with any matters you wish for the Council to consider as they meet. The Council will meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm.

### New Church Bylaws

The revised bylaws that came before the congregation during our 2017 Annual Meeting held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> were unanimously approved. Copies are still available in the Sanctuary or may be obtained by contacting the church office.

### Congregational Conversation

Building relationships is essential to living together as a community of God's beloved. Jesus often gathered with others to eat and talk and reached out to people in their times of greatest need. You are encouraged to gather together in the Parlor on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am** (immediately following worship) for a congregational conversation regarding fellowship and inreach. Come share your experiences and ideas as we discuss and act on ways to strengthen our relationships and come together as this community of faith. Come listen and learn how we care for one another as Congregational UCC.

### 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 March

Date	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Christian Calendar Date	Third Sunday in Lent	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday
Special Events	Communion	Congregational Conversation		
Special Offerings	Food Pantry Donations	One Great Hour of Sharing	JCARL Collection	
Greeters	Ed & Suzanne Van Zandt	Rich & Kay Hagedorn	David & Dorothy Raymond	Ed & Suzanne Van Zandt
Ushers	Rich Hagedorn	Ed & Suzanne Van Zandt	Brent Parker, Craig Armstrong	Lin Chapé, Samantha Sledge
Lay Readers	Brent Parker	Bev Edge	April Faidley	Bev Thomas
Scripture	Mark 11:20-13:37	Mark 14:1-11	Mark 14:12-72	Mark 15:1-47
Worship Color	White	Violet	Violet	Violet

**White** symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence.

**Violet** is the ancient royal color and therefore a symbol of the sovereignty of Christ; it is also associated with repentance from sin.

**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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### Easter Lilies

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary with lilies on Easter Sunday, you may give a gift to the Flower Fund in the memory or honor of a loved one(s). Attached, please find a donation form that may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please return forms no later than **Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Your name(s) and the name(s) of the person(s) you are remembering or honoring will be provided in a special insert to the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Easter Lilies



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This gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Easter lilies is from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(name/names)

In remembrance of / In honor of (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Recipe Corner...

### Buffalo Chicken Meatloaf



#### Ingredients

##### Sauce:

- 3 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce

##### Meatloaf:

- Nonstick cooking spray, for spraying the loaf pan
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 stalks celery, small diced (about 1 cup), celery leaves reserved for garnish
- 1/2 medium onion, small diced (about 1 cup)
- 3 tablespoons hot sauce
- 1 1/2 pounds ground chicken, 50/50 light and dark
- 1 cup blue cheese crumbles
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 large eggs
- 2 1/4 cups panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan

#### Directions

For the sauce: Whisk together the ketchup and hot sauce in a small bowl and set aside.

For the meatloaf: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan with cooking spray and set aside.

Melt the butter in a medium sauté pan over medium-high heat. Once melted, sauté the celery and onion until softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer the mixture, with the drippings, to a large bowl. Add the hot sauce to the bowl and stir to combine. Add the chicken, blue cheese, salt, pepper, eggs and 1 1/2 cups of the panko and mix until well combined.

Press the mixture into the prepared loaf pan, pressing more in the center of the loaf to create a divot. This will allow the meatloaf to bake evenly and not create a mound after it is baked. Spread the sauce over the top of the meatloaf. Mix the Parmesan with 1/2 cup of the panko and sprinkle the mixture on top of the sauce. Bake until the center is set and the top is golden brown, 45 minutes to an hour. Let rest about 15 minutes before cutting to serve.

Meanwhile, toast the remaining 1/4 cup panko in a dry pan until lightly golden and set aside.

Garnish the meatloaf slices with the toasted panko and chopped celery leaves.

Sundays

7:35am "Into the Mystic" on KCOB  
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 10:00am Worship  
 11:15am Fellowship Time

# MARCH 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Communion Food Pantry Donations			5:15pm Centering Prayer	5:00pm Bible Study		Turn you clocks back one hour before going to bed.
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 10:45am Congregational Conversation		11:00am PI Cleaning	5:15pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm Church Council	5:00pm Bible Study		
JCARL Collection			9:30am Morning Circle 5:15pm Centering Prayer 5:30pm Community Meal	Deadline for Open Door Articles 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	Good Friday Cross Walk	
		6:00pm Racial Justice Group	5:15pm Centering Prayer			

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



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