# The Union News

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#### An "Open and Affirming" Congregation

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# **MARCH 2024**

#### Notes from Rev. Torri Vande Zande

It was the spring of 2011, and I was working as the youth director at a church in Davenport, Iowa. The Children's Ministry Director approached one of my volunteer youth workers to help her with the Easter Egg Hunt. She said, "Sure," not knowing what she was getting into.

The "Easter Egg Hunt Team" met for our first time to divide up jobs and responsibilities. Leah raised her hand, "I can help stuff the eggs." The Children's Ministry director was very pleased with Leah's desire to help. In the end they had a team of 3 stuffing the eggs and a team of 3 hiding the eggs. Perfect!

As the event got closer, 2 of the team members of the "egg stuffers" bowed out due to family reasons. Leah was left alone to stuff all the eggs! Now, any other person would have become a bit disgruntled by the situation, but not Leah! She took it as a personal challenge! "I can do this by myself! How many eggs do I need to stuff?" Sheepishly the Children's Ministry Director said, "A thousand." Leah's face fell for a split second, but then a smile popped on her face and said, "I can do that!"

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Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Torri Vande Zande
Office Administrator	Linda Ottman
Secretary / Tech	Sabbastian Wilson-Webb
Financial Secretary	Don Hoppe
Treasurer	Sheryl Kaubisch
Bell Choir Director	Heidi Hoppe
Musicians	Sheryl Kaubisch
	Kathleen Millberg
	Barb Nish
	Dick Kimmel
	Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

# CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderators	Marilyn McKnight & Steve Erickson
Vice Moderator	Gunder Austin
Clerk	Karen Holle
Board of Financial Stewardship	Don Hoppe
<u>Ministry Teams</u> :	
Congregational Life	Joni Kumpula
Facilities	Mike Bohanon & Kerry Swenson
Personnel	Connie Schmitt
Worship	Heidi Hoppe
Men's Fellowship	Stan Kumpula
Women's Fellowship	Joni Kumpula
Adult Learning	Linnea Dietrich
Tech Team	Mike Schmitt
Online Sales	Cindy Gulbrandson
Justice Ministry Team	Sue Kimmel

# COMMUNITY LENT SERVICES

All services begin at 5:00 pm with a Soup Supper afterwards. The theme is "The Last Words of Jesus"



#### March 6<sup>th</sup> — Lighthouse

"Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother." **March 13<sup>th</sup> — St. Paul's** "My God why have you forsaken me?" and "I thirst"

#### March 20<sup>th</sup> — Union

"It is finished" and "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit."

#### The Soup Supper will be at Union on March 6th after the service at Lighthouse.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 3	Heidi Hoppe
March 7	Chris Swenson
March 8	Scott Stenstrom
March 9	Dennis Meyer
March 13	Tim Hoppe
March 14	Gunder Austin
	Sue Kimmel
March 17	Kristi Bodahl
March 27	Katy Hoover
March 28	Katie (Kaubisch) Fasen

Happy Birthday!



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It took Leah over three weeks to stuff all those eggs. She would come home after work, make dinner and then plop herself down to watch TV and stuff eggs. Every time she would come to church, people would ask, "How many eggs have you finished?" And Leah would proudly announce the number of the day.

The day of the Easter Egg Hunt came. All the volunteers were in place, and they were waiting for all of the eggs so they could hide them. After about 20 minutes, Leah's car pulled into the parking lot. Her entire backseat was filled with plastic eggs. She got out of the car, hair messed up, no makeup, and announced, "I finished them this morning! I ran out of candy last night and had to go to the store this morning to get more! But I finished them!" There was such pride in her voice as she announced her accomplishment. I have to admit, I was rather proud of her too.

The team of "hiders" hid all the eggs in this open field that was next to our church. Kids came from all over the community. They all had little baskets as they ran through the field. It was a fun day.

I watched Leah from across the parking lot. I wondered how she felt seeing all those kids rip open the eggs that she painstakingly stuffed for three weeks. All that time and effort just destroyed in a few hours. But Leah's face was priceless. She had the biggest grin on her face, and her eyes sparkled as she watched those kids rejoice over every little piece of candy they received.

This Easter, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude for all of the volunteers who work tirelessly to keep Union Congregational an incredibly vital church. Many of you remind me of Leah and her egg collection.

Some of you step up whenever you are needed.

I am grateful.

Some of you are determined to do your part.

I am grateful.

Some of you put tons of time and effort into projects.

I am grateful.

Some of you are willing to go the extra mile.

I am grateful.

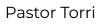
Some of you will show up with messy hair, no makeup, and announce, "It took me all night… but I got it done!"

I am grateful.

Easter is a time when life conquers death. It is a time when good overcomes evil. It is a time when God's love was more powerful than hate.

For this I am eternally grateful.

Happy Easter,





Actual picture of Leah's eggs!



# **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

#### FEBRUARY 15, 2024 (DRAFT not approved yet by Council)

**PRESENT:** Pastor Torri, Mary Parrish, Stan Kumpula, Mike Bohanon, Mike Schmitt, Joni Kumpula, Don Hoppe, Gunder Austin, Steve Erickson, Marilyn McKnight Erickson, Sue Kimmel, Linnea Dietrich, Karen Holle, (Connie Schmitt and Heidi Hoppe by Zoom)

Marilyn called the meeting to order. The January minutes were approved. Connie/Steve

<u>Pastor's Monthly Report:</u> Pastor Torri prepared a report of her projects for the last month. She touched on several items including the Lenten schedule and the Seder meal she is planning with help from others. She also stressed how well services are going at the Birchview Church with 15 people attending each of the last three weeks.

<u>Personnel:</u> Connie reported on the work she and Chris Swenson are doing currently, ie. updating job descriptions and setting goals with the office workers. She also mentioned that the sabbatical planning team has met to talk about Pastor Torri's goals for her sabbatical and what the congregation might want to focus on during this period.

<u>Facilities:</u> Mike reported that a new garbage disposal has been installed in the church kitchen which works well and is very quiet. Downstairs Mike Schmitt has built a private corridor that allows us access to the tool room without disturbing the childcare pod. Johanna Larson, our lawn person, has resigned, and there was discussion about who could take over her responsibilities. Torri mentioned a young person in the community who might be interested. Mike will contact him.

<u>Board of Financial Stewardship</u>: Don informed us that the church received \$14,000 from the Fetzer Institute which was unexpected. **Motion: To put \$10,000 of the Fetzer money into MRI and \$4,000 into out 2024 budget to replace the undesignated fund line item. Don/Joni/passed** 

The church received \$60,000 for the Bequests and Special Gifts fund. This money needs to be invested. The church also received \$120,000 this week from the Woock-Ness Memorial Woodland sale. **Motion: To put \$10,000 of this money into MRI. The rest of the money will be considered undesignated funds. Don/Stan/passed** 

#### Motion: To move \$1,000 into a discretionary fund for Pastor Torri. Don/Gunder/passed

Mike Bohanon mentioned that he would like to see us begin to save for a new roof for the church. Our current roof has 5 years maximum life in it.

At this time it seems important to improve the church's investment strategy.

Motion: To form an investment advisory committee to make recommendations to the Board of Financial Stewardship and Council regarding investment decisions. Steve/Don/passed Bruce Carlson is interested in being part of this group.

<u>Congregational Life</u>: The Congregational Life team has been calling and visiting people that can't make it to church. There are several men interested in joining the team who would like to connect with other men who need visitors. Let Pastor Torri or Joni know if you are interested in this ministry.

<u>Worship</u>: Laura Baum-Parr preached at last week's service and will be preaching this week while Pastor Torri is on vacation. She was very well-received by the congregation. Last month we averaged 34 people in the Sanctuary and 13 households online. Worship is planning for Pastor Torri's sabbatical which begins in August.

<u>Adult Learning</u>: A new Bible study for women is being planned called "The Bible in 52 Weeks, A Yearlong Bible Study for Women," by Dr. Kimberly Moore. The workbooks are available on Amazon. The class will begin on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the library and will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

Hackensack Camino – Linnea's team is planning a Camino from September  $11 - 15^{th}$ . The pilgrims will be encouraged to sleep at the church with an option to go home after the evening Examen and to return for breakfast in the morning. On September 15, the Camino group will share their experiences at church. Fifteen pilgrims will be accepted for this event. This Camino will be in the tradition of our Christian faith including faith formation exercises to deepen our spirituality and group time to process what we are learning.

<u>Women's Fellowship</u>: The Women's Fellowship group has planned activities for 2024 get-togethers including identifying backyard birds, gardening, a visit from Stone Woman Herbals, a local female chainsaw carver, wine making, and a visit to Munsinger Gardens in St. Cloud. Joni wants us all to reserve the second Thursday each month at 1:00 for a fun time with the Women's Fellowship!

<u>Men's Fellowship</u>: Stan discussed the food boxes that the men prepare for people in our community three times a year. To raise funds for this project the men will have another Chili and Pie Supper event in the fall.

<u>Justice Ministry Team</u>: Nancy Eisinger has agreed to be co-chair of the Justice Ministry Team.

Members of the Justice Ministry Team attended the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives' march on February 14th in Bemidji. The gathering was an emotional event with speakers and families sharing their stories. Attendees participated in food, dancing, walking, and remembering those lost to violence.

The Justice Ministry Team is assisting with church services at Birchview Gardens. They are in the initial stages of planning events for Saturdays, possibly inviting people to share their travel adventures.

JMT next book study begins on Monday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library or via zoom. The book is <u>Democracy Awakening</u> by Heather Cox Richardson. All are welcome to attend.

<u>Fundraising:</u> It was noted that Community Meals has been moved from Outreach to Fundraising. There will be no community meals from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Steve mentioned that the rental fees for church space were raised last month. This will make a difference for groups used to regularly renting space for their events. Karen mentioned that she recently learned that there is a need for rental office space in Hackensack. We discussed other spaces in the church, ie. the old nurse's office, that could be fixed up to rent out.

<u>Tech Team:</u> Mike thanked Pastor Torri for streaming the service last Sunday in his absence. The goal is to have the streaming and sound technology easy enough for non-technical people to help out when necessary. Mike also talked about the need to improve security at church. He is planning to install technology that will alert us if any of our smoke detectors go off or if someone is walking through doorways or in hallways that we don't know.

<u>Outreach</u>: Karen will write the March Food Drive letter, and Don will help get it out to the congregation. We also decided today that we will continue to support the Minnesota Conference programs: The Christmas Fund, Our Church's Wider Mission, and will add One Great Hour of Sharing which helps people that have been affected by general disasters.

<u>Moderator Moment:</u> Marilyn read to us a poem entitled "A Grateful Heart" which talks about the need for world peace.

<u>Old Business:</u> Child Care Pod Update: Sue reported that the open house last Wednesday was well attended and was a wonderful event.

<u>Adjournment and Benediction</u>: Meeting adjourned. Cindy/Joni. Next meeting is March 21, 2024. Notes by Karen Holle, Clerk

# **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

#### I posted the following in last month's newsletter:

"The proposal we came up with is to not meet on a regular basis but to bring up a topic at the coffee hour in the Friendship Hall after the Sunday worship service. Also, if someone wants to email the rest of us with an idea or an event, we could then meet at the Sunday morning coffee hour to discuss further and possibly arrange a special time to do it, including events that we may want to help with such as: the Spring Cleanup, the Easter food boxes, and possibly reorganizing the tool room. When the time comes, there will be a discussion after Sunday church service." Certainly there will be some activities in the next few months that we will want to help with! - Stan Kumpula

# THROUGH KODA'S EYE

Hi! My name is Koda, and I am the Church Dog! I want to talk to you about my friends at Birchview Church! Every Sunday I get to go next door to Birchview Assisted Living Center and worship their God with them. It is very fun!

When my human and I get there, we sign in and then go up to the TV Room! Sometimes people are already there. It is fun to greet everyone. They are so happy to see me.... And I am happy to see them! They pet me, scratch my butt, and tell me that I am a good boy!

Like all churches, it takes a bit to settle everyone down so we can start. I usually sit in the back with Mabel. She holds my leash while my human

welcomes everyone. During the passing of the peace I will go around with my human to shake hands. I am very good at shaking! When we sit back down, the service continues, and I get to snuggle down for a nap while everyone sings songs and worships their God. I find it comforting and relaxing.

Sometimes I cannot go to Birchview Church. When my human comes home, she tells me the people complained and told her they missed me and I have to come next time. That makes me feel good! They are my people, and I am their Church Dog too!

So wow! I am the Church Dog of two churches now!

Easter Sunday marks one year that Birchview Church started! ONE YEAR! Can you believe it? I am very excited to worship with them every Sunday! If you ever want to come worship with us, please do! We start at 1:00 p.m. every Sunday in the TV Room!

I love my Birchview Church people!

That's how I see it through my eyes! Have a barky day!

Koda (the Church Dog)





#### Celebrating the Past: The Lower Level of the Church Myra Damm, Historian

In the past year the lower level of UCC has been remodeled, and is now going to be used for a daycare center.

In the past this space has had many uses. When the first remodel of the church was done, there was a friendship hall with a kitchen, where people gathered after service for coffee and social. Dinners and fundraisers were also using this space, and Sunday School was held there. There is an exit door at the lower level giving it easy access.

After the new remodel this space was used as a Moms Morning Out program on Friday mornings. Sundays this was used as a nursery. Youth group, After School program met there on Wednesday evenings, along with Family Table. Bible school also used the rooms for crafts, classes.

When the Treasure Sale came to be, this space and all of the lower level was filled with goods, furniture, appliances, and clothing. There is a large storeroom that was filled with items stored until time for sale. The new daycare will make good use of this space, and we welcome this new group!



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# **BOARD OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

#### Operating Income and Expenses

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Giving Income - Jan	\$ 10,250.00	Year to Date 2024 Giving	\$ 10,250.00
Other Income* - Jan	<u>\$ 1,001.25</u>	YTD Other Income*	\$ 1,001.25
Total Income	\$ 11,251.25	YTD Total Income	\$11,251.25
Expenses - January	\$13,076.04	Year to Date Expenses	\$13,076.04
Balance - January	- \$ 1,824.76	Balance - Year to Date	-\$ 1,824.7 <mark>6</mark>
		Prepaid & Carryover	\$28,100.00

\* Other income includes Treasure Sale, Community Meal, fundraisers, building use, donations, and all other income sources except interest and dividends generated from restricted funds and specified donations or grants not going into operating funds.

Final Balance

Checking available:	\$ 115,475.16 (includes \$60,000 gift to B&G)
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Total Assets \$ 363,666.87

#### Summary

Both income and expenses were a little low for January.

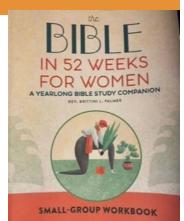
Decisions need to be made concerning the investment of the \$60,000 gift to the Bequests and Special Gifts Fund received in late December and the \$120,000 which was received in early February from the sale of the Woock-Ness property. An Investment Advisement Group was established at the February Council meeting.

We also learned that Union Church will be receiving funds from the Fetzer Institute this year. We had understood that 2023 was the last year. The undesignated amount is \$14,000. In the past, \$7,000 went into the operating budget and \$7,000 into the Reserve Maintenance, Repair & Improvement Fund (MRI). Since these funds were not included in the preparation of the 2024 budget, BFS suggested that \$4,000 goes to our operating budget and \$10,000 goes into Reserve MRI. The \$4,000 into operating will replace the \$4,000 added from undesignated funds into the proposed revenue projection to balance the 2024 budget. This was approved at the February Council meeting.

# ADULT LEARNING

Lectio Divina continues to be a strong prayer ministry at Union. We meet at 4 pm on Wednesdays for one hour. If you are curious or want to attend, please reach out to me, and I can give you a quick tutorial. All are welcome! A NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN will begin April 3rd from 11:15-12:45 in the library. Bring your lunch! We will meet the first and third Wednesdays of every month with our goal to read the Bible in two years. Please let Linda in the office know if you would like to attend or message Linnea to sign up. If you are a snowbird, you can purchase the workbook and do the study on your own, and join us in person when you are here.

We are very excited to announce Adult Education is planning Camino Hackensack which will be held September 11-15. This will be modeled after the Camino de Santiago (Camino Frances) in Spain portrayed in the movie, The



Way. We will be taking applications from people connected with Union first, then opening this experience to the public if we still have spots available. We will be taking 15 pilgrims on the first Camino Hackensack. Our mileage goal is walking 50-60 miles in four days on the Paul Bunyan Trail. The committee is just beginning to meet so details will be forthcoming. If interested, please reach out to Linnea for more details as they become available. - Linnea Dietrich, 612-810-3407

# NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

What a crazy winter we have had! Hackensack has very little snow, and the weather has been so mild it almost feels like spring some days. In fact, Mike G has already begun maple syruping! Please join me in the prayer that the plants don't bud out so early that their growth and fruit production is destroyed by a hard freeze. I know this is a regular spring phenomenon, but it's all occurring so early this year that it seems there's a real threat to the North Woods.

We are again moving through the Lenten season with our friends from St. Paul's Lutheran. This year the folks from the



Lighthouse are also joining us, which is wonderful. Pastors Torri, Leif, and Loren will speak to us on the last words of Christ. The services are rotating among the churches, so check out the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.

We decided to continue the Community Meal program even when we are worshiping and having a soup supper at St. Paul's. We did this to support the greater community which is accustomed to coming to Union. Speaking of the Community Meals, they will take a hiatus from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A good idea, as there are many things planned at Union during the summer.

As you may be aware, Pastor Torri will be taking a 3-month sabbatical this fall. This will be a much-needed time of learning, refreshing, and renewal for our dear pastor. The last time Union had a pastor go on sabbatical, we hired a replacement. This time we are trying something new. Several of our members and friends have agreed to speak to us on Sunday morning, each sharing their thoughts and ideas. This will be a very different experience, but ultimately very rewarding, I think. Stay tuned for ideas about how we as a congregation can support Torri and enhance her experience.

Take care and remember that each handshake and hug spreads the joy and peace of Christ with everyone around you.

The Worship Ministry Team: Heidi Hoppe, Team Leader, Sheryl Kaubisch, Caryl Allan, Mary Parrish, Gunder Austin, and Gracee Rudkin

#### Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign by Karen Holle

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is an annual statewide effort to help local food shelves fight hunger. Fundraising donations stay local but count towards the statewide effort. The more that is raised locally, the larger the share of the statewide campaign. This year's campaign is February 26th – April 6th. Union Church has a long history of raising a lot of money for our local food shelves. We used to split our funds between the Walker Food Shelf and the Hackensack Food Shelf which operates out of Share and Care. Today we donate all raised funds to the Hackensack Food Shelf unless the donation is designated to another food shelf of your choice.

You will each receive a letter providing more details about current needs at the Hackensack Food Shelf and an envelope so you can send in a donation if you wish to do so. Thank you!

# JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM

There is a quote by Mother Teresa that inspires us to service. "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." Mother Teresa is reminding us that by starting with the person or persons in front of us, we create meaningful change without being overwhelmed by the enormity of the world's challenges.

My mother recently joined our Hackensack community by moving into Birchview Gardens Assisted Living. As I visit with people, especially when I join Sunday church services at Birchview with Pastor Torri, I see the importance of personal connections and how loving and sharing time with others, brings joy to all and changes lives in simple but important ways.

During the week, Birchview Gardens is an active, lively place with fun activities created by Christine, Activities Director. On Saturdays, Birchview Gardens is rather quiet. Christine mentioned that people at Birchview enjoy hearing about travel adventures. My "called to serve" personality kicked in and I wondered if church members would be interested in sharing travel stories with people at Birchview Gardens. If you have time on a Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and would be willing to share your travel adventures with people living at Birchview Gardens, please contact me. Travel stories shared through words, pictures, YouTube, cultural materials, food, music, whatever works for you, is very much appreciated. There is a TV room at Birchview that is a perfect gathering place for adventure stories. Thank You! May we all be of service and start with the people closest to us.

Sincerely, Sue Kimmel <u>suejkimmel@gmail.com</u>

#### Distribution of the "Union News" Church Newsletter

The Post Office is changing some of their procedures and costs for bulk mailing, and Union is looking at possibilities for distributing our newsletter, the "Union News," to our friends and members! Certainly we will be able to save a substantial amount of money, paper, and time by using primarily electronic digital distribution, at least to those who have email addresses. I think at least 85% of our members and friends have email addresses. For those who don't, we would certainly mail a paper copy (or hard copy) to you! Please call the office at 218-675-6300 to offer your insights into this situation for your own needs. If you are okay with receiving the electronic version, that would be great. If you prefer a hard copy via the USPS, please let us know! We have until the end of March to determine our path forward on this. Thank you!!



Linda Ottman, Office Administrator



# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

March greetings! Wow, can we say spring is coming? We had a great February meeting! We have a tentative plan for the whole year, and it sounds great. We still have some dates that are not yet set in stone, and we're working on them.

March will highlight backyard birds; as always on the second Thursday of the month, the 14th at 1:00 in Friendship Hall. I must say, the friendship, conversation, fellowship, and treats are always great. We hope to see you there!

See you in church, Joni

# SEDER MEAL

The Seder is the traditional Passover meal that includes reading, telling stories, eating special foods, drinking wine (or juice), singing, and other Passover traditions. The Seder is traditionally held after nightfall on the first night of Passover, the anniversary of Israel's exodus from Egyptian slavery more than 3,000 years ago. Our Jewish friends will celebrate the Seder April 22nd, but Union is hosting a Seder meal on Maundy Thursday, March 28th. St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Walker Community Church will be joining us for this evening.

This is not only a meal, it is a worship service. At the Seder, every person should feel as if he or she were going out of Egypt. The story tells of the biblical patriarchs such as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And the story gives a recount of how the Jewish people became slaves to Egypt. This story recalls their suffering and persecution as slaves.

It is also a story of God's provision and deliverance. We will recall the 10 plagues God brought to Egypt and follow along as the Israelites leave Egypt and follow the calling of God into the wilderness.

Through storytelling, reading, and eating we will experience the Old Testament story Jesus and His disciples told the evening He was betrayed by Judas, prayed in the garden, was arrested by temple guards, and put on trial to be crucified. As we retell this sacred story, we may find a little bit of our story in it too.

Join us, Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Union UCC's Friendship Hall for a worship service and meal.

RSVPing is required by March 21st to make sure we have enough food. Please email Linda at media.ucchackmn@gmail.com or call 218-675-6300 to RSVP.

Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the food. All money given above cost will be donated to the Hackensack Food Pantry.

For more information on the Seder Meal, go to: <u>https://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach\_cdo/aid/1751/jewish/What-Is-a-Seder-Pass</u> <u>over-Meal.htm</u>

# **COMMUNITY MEALS IN MARCH**



Every Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm Friendship Hall Most meals will have a veggie side, salad, and a dessert. Soup Suppers will include sandwiches and dessert.



#### **Community Meal Menu**

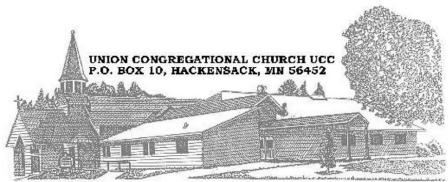
March 6<sup>th</sup> — Various Soups March 13<sup>th</sup> — Sloppy Joes March 20<sup>th</sup> — Various Soups March 27<sup>th</sup> — Chili

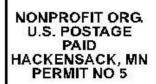
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THURSDAY	<b>7</b> 4:30 Justice Ministry Team Zoom Meeting	14 1:00 pm Women's Fellowship	21 1:00-3:00 pm Council Meeting	28 9:00-10:00 am Congregational Life Meeting 1:00-3:00 pm Fiber Arts* 6:00-8:00 pm Maundy Thursday Seder Meal
WEDNESDAY	6 10:00 am Fit2Move 4:00 pm Lectio Divina 5:00 pm Lenten Service at Lighthouse 5:00-6:30 pm Soup Supper here	13 10:00 am Fit2Move 4:00 pm Lectio Divina 5:00 pm Lenten Service SPLC 5:00-6:30 pm Community Meal	20 10:00 am Fit2Move 4:00 pm Lectio Divina 5:00-6:30 pm Community Meal	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Fit2Move 4:00 pm Lectio Divina 5:00-6:30 pm Community Meal
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BY TED STRAND

### FORWARD SERVICE REQUESTED





Daylight Saving Time begins March 10<sup>th</sup>! Set your clocks **forward** 1 hour!

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