

Weekly Church Announcements

Easter Flower Orders Due Today - See Helen Pimm or Sandy Mundt. Please Make checks payable to Helen Pimm.

It's Time to Share This year's Lenten Offering will be going to support UCC efforts to aid the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Envelopes are available on the back table by the offering plate. The last day to receive this offering will be April 9th.

Newsletter Deadline - Tuesday, March 21st

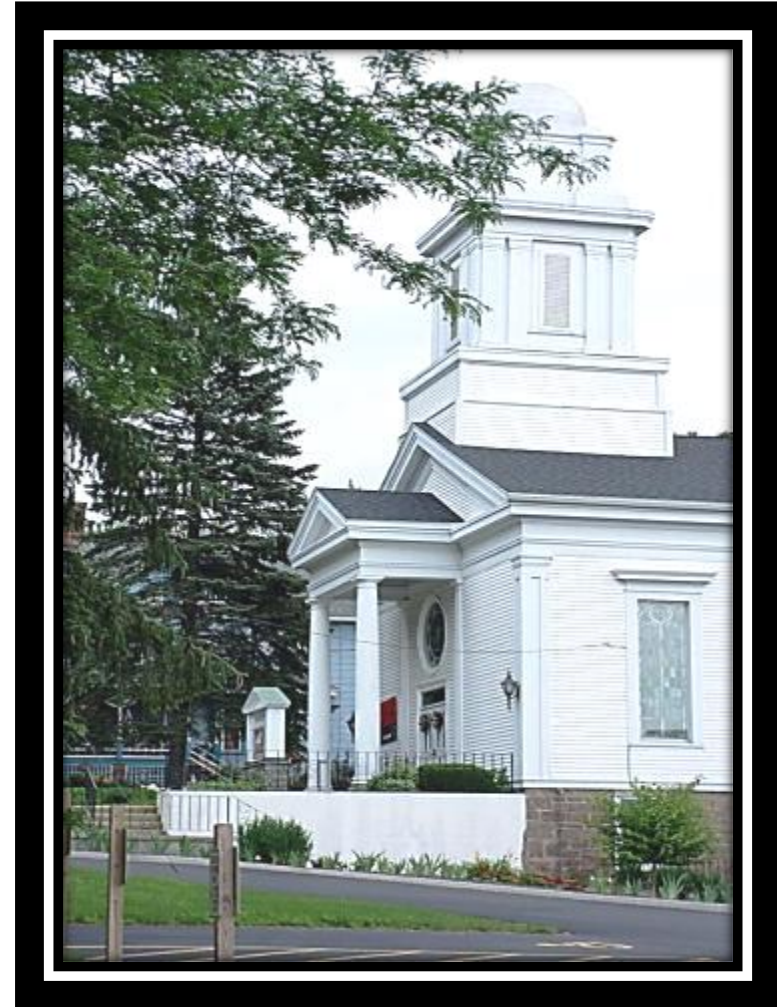
Pastor's Hours - Wednesday, March 22nd, from 12-2 pm.

Food Distribution - March 22nd, from 4 - 5 pm. Canned foods/Non-perishable food items are always welcome especially tuna, peanut butter, jelly and rice. This is a wonderful mission to our community.

New Heights AA Group - March 25th from 12 - 1 pm



UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, March 19, 2023



W e l c o m e

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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March 19, 2023

10:00 AM

*Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or spirit
Our hymns are selected from the **New Century Hymnal**

Greeting and announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Day by day, God leads us, drawing us deep into the pools of peace:

P: Granting us rest in lush green lawns of grace.

L: Day by day, Jesus calls us, prompting us to pour ourselves out in service:

P: Challenging us to anoint strangers with hope.

L: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us, teaching us how to be the community we could be:

P: Enabling us to be the family we are called to become.

L: Come now and let us worship together the One who leads us, calls us, and shows us the way:

ALL: Amen! Let us worship together.

***Opening Hymn:** #423, Great is Your Faithfulness

Blessing of our Gifts

P: Gracious God, you invite us to the banquet of life, and you fill its spread with peace, love, joy, hope, and mercy. We praise and thank you for the great gifts you give us, and we pray that the gifts we offer in return would be pleasing in your sight:

L: Receive our gifts, O God, and bless them, we pray. May they speed the coming of your kingdom in our community. Amen

***The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

Children's Time

Special Moment: "Be Alive," a poetic meditation read by Marcia Parker

Prayer of the Day

L: God of love, be with us in this moment. Breathe your breath, your Spirit, upon us. Energize us, enliven us, and awake your imagination within us. Open our eyes and unplug our ears, that we might hear, see, dream, and follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom:

P: Loving God, open our eyes, we pray. Illuminate and enlighten our souls with your grace and your love. Set us free from anything and everything that competes with you in our hearts. We will not lift our souls to another. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 23, OT pg 507 in your pew Bibles

L: For the Word of God in scripture:

P: Thanks be to God

John 9:1-41, NT pg 97 in your pew Bibles

L: God is still speaking to us through the living Word:

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Here is an Astonishing Thing!"

Sermon Hymn: #551

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

Prayers

Prayers of the people

L: Lord, in your mercy:

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** #252

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***Benediction:**

L: As God's Spirit attends us, illumines us, frees us, and lavishes God's Love upon us, we know that goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives:

P: And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

L: Now our service is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

P: Amen! Thanks be to God.

Postlude