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Lent is a season of reflection and discernment. It is a time to reflect on where we haven't lived into the fullness of life we are promised, where we haven't been salt and light, and where we haven't forgiven others or ourselves. Lent starts with Ashes, remembering we are finite, and it ends in resurrection, a promise of new life.

Sometimes, to get to the abundant, resurrection life we are promised here, in this life, we need to let some things go. Sometimes we need to acknowledge we already have. We are always a beginning and an ending and beginning again. Some are permanent and profound, some of mundane to the point of humor. In recognition of these times, here is a blessing from Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie's The Lives we Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days.

#### for beginnings and endings

This life is made up of so many beginnings and so many endings.

We start new jobs and leave old ones.

We move to new cities and leave our childhood hobbies

in our parents' basement. (Sorry, Mom.) between the worn-in and the doesn't-quite-yet-fit, between who we were and who we might become.

God, make it remotely possible to grow and change, become open to new adventures, and untethered to routine or to the same-old. Because the anxiety rising in my shoulders

and filling my throat tells me I am unlikely, unwilling, to step forward.

Blessed are we who take a minute to look over our shoulder at all we learned from what was, the people we became, the people who loved us into becoming.

The peace that came with familiarity.

Blessed are we who trust this timing, and who open our hearts anew to change, to new friends, to hope. Nervous, maybe heavy-hearted, but brimming with gratitude for a life so beautiful that it hurts to say goodbye

Blessed are we turning our eyes ahead toward a new path not yet mapped. God, give us courage to take this next step,

and enough for the one after that, too. Remind us that you have gone before, and behind and around, and are with us now.

In our leaving, in our arriving, in our changes, expected or shocking, surprise us with who we might become.

Pastor Leanne

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!!! We will be seeking donations of plastic candy/toy-filled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th!! We'll be getting our supply of empty plastic eggs out soon....watch for them in the gathering area. (PLEASE no products contain nuts or peanuts/peanut butter.)

# The Messenger



#### March 5

Second Sunday in Lent

prayers for the Mayer & McGraw families

Matthew 20:1-16

Jim Langreder will be our guest

musician!
HOLY COMMUNION / ORDER SCRIP

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside, 8:30-10 AM

#### March 12

**Third Sunday in Lent** prayers for the Mickle & Milos families

Matthew 22:1-14 Coffee Hour

Monday-Friday: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM; Ladies

Fellowship meeting 1 PM
Wednesday: Deadline for newsletter
articles

Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside, 8:30-10 AM

#### March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent

prayers for Debbie Morgan and Connie & Dan Motelet

Matthew 25:1-13

Special Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing

Council meeting 10:45 AM Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside 8:30-10 AM

#### March 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent

prayers for Donna & Jack Newland and the Obenberger family

Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM
Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside
8:30-10 AM



#### **CLEANING THE CHURCH: ??**

## Coffee Hour Committee for March 12<sup>th</sup>: Kristen Voskuil, Julia Starbuck & Kathy Zebrowski

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	MUSICIAN SCHEDULE
5	Kristen Voskuil	Mary Branson	Jim Langreder
12	Connie Motelet		Joe Dominic
19	Marheines	Ann Carpenter	Rory Bolton
26	Deb Morgan	Jeannie Phelan	Rory Bolton



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Autumn Kramer	5	Pete Hazelberg	23
Penelope Zabel	8	Melanie Laur	30
Marian Speerless	17	Rhienne Stack-Vaughn	30

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Betsy & Bill Welch 19 Connie & Dan Motelet 24

#### MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Perez	11,	2007	16 years
Terese Leonhard (3 Pillars Chaplain)	20,	2011	12 years
Julia Starbuck	20,	2011	12 years
Jan & Jim McGraw	22,	2009	14 years



# Special Offering March 19, 2023

IT'S TIME TO SHARE!! This is the theme for One Great Hour of

Sharing special mission offering based on Galatians 6:9-10 (The Msg). "Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all."

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through your giving, the UCC provides food, water, medicines, health care, micro-financing and women's empowerment to those in need. Because of your generosity in the past, the UCC has been able to provide support that offered hope when situations seemed hopeless.

The OGHS special offering will be collected on March  $19^{th}$ . If you are not worshiping with us in person, please mail your donation to Emmanuel UCC, PO Box 216, Dousman, WI 53118 and mark ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING on the memo line of your check.

Thank you!
The Board of Stewards



Thanks to everyone for your donations to Lake Country Free Clinic the past two months. It's wonderful that we have a local charity with medical professionals giving of their time to help those without any

insurance or funds for medical care. Our donations will help with supplies and expenses for running a FREE Clinic.

It seems there are many crises in our world today that are worthy of our donations, but the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria stand out as truly a desperate situation, and once again the UCC is stepping up to help where they can. Since the February 6 quake, the worst in 100 years, there have been over 40,000 deaths. In Turkey alone, over 105,000 buildings are in ruins or will need to be demolished. Responders have worked hard in the cold weather to rescue victims from the ruins. Many survivors are struggling to find enough food, water and basic amenities.

UCC Global H.O.P.E. has launched the Turkey and Syria Emergency Appeal to direct financial support to partners responding in the areas of greatest need for relief and long-term recovery. Please help by contributing to our Singing Bowl in March to assist the survivors in Turkey and Syria if you can. Thanks as always to a compassionate congregation.

Help out the Lake Area Free Clinic with donations of OTC items and meds. Place your donations in the drawer marked for the Clinic in the foyer please.

- OTC meds and supplies in unopened packages such as aspirin, Tylenol, etc.
- Bandages, vitamins, lotions, shampoos, deodorants, lip gloss, pens, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, combs, brushes and other personal care items people may use.
- Slings, braces, supports, etc.
- Sealed, unopened medications that have not expired.

Medications are given out by doctor's orders. Personal items are given out in a basket in the waiting room.



### HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY **RICHARD HAWKINS!!**

Rev. Dick Hawkins (husband to Emmanuel's former pastor, Nansi Hawkins), will turn 90 on March 4th!

If you wish to send Dick a card, their address is W396N5918 Meadow Lane, Oconomowoc 53066.



Our February 12th Souper Bowl collection for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry yielded these results:

> KC Chiefs 32 Philadelphia Eagles 25 GB Packers 17

THANK YOU to all who donated and to Kristen Voskuil, Nora, Finny & Ruby Smith for decorating the collection boxes and all the kids for counting the donations!!



#### New Model to start in April

After receiving over 800 requests for shelter in 2022, Family Promise of Waukesha County felt they needed to find an additional solution to help families experiencing We will continue to use the five homelessness. apartments which families may use up to 90 days. What we will be adding is a static model where up to five additional families will live at the leased. Overflow Shelter in Waukesha. This shelter will be available for Family Promise from April to November. (After that, the Housing Action Coalition will again use the facility during the winter months for their clients.)

#### How can Emmanuel help?

We would be asked to commit to one recurring day each month to provide a meal and hospitality for up to five families. This time commitment would be from 5-8P.M. The meal would be served at 5:30 P.M. The meal could be made at the facility or prepared before-hand as we have done before. It is suggested that we provide 3 – 5 volunteers for the date we commit to.

#### Will we be trained?

There will be two online training sessions presented in modules so you can do that at your own pace. After that, an in-person training session, held at the site, will follow. Any volunteer who has direct contact with a guest is required to go through a criminal background check. (Youth between the ages of 12 - 16 can come with a youth group of 3-5 individuals with two trained adult leaders. Anyone under age 12 can participate with a trained parent or guardian.)

#### Other ways to help

Other options to volunteer would be to collect food items such as lunch items, grab and go breakfast items, milk or dessert. Hygiene and baby needs could also be supplied as needed.

If you want to start the on-line training, here is the link. https://family-promise.coassemble.com/unlock/fD6QseW For further information regarding this program or to start your on-line training, contact Sue Stelling or Charlotte Voiat.



Thank you for donating your aluminum cans to our Precious Metals project. Monies received from recycling the cans and other metals benefits Emmanuel's operating budget. (Please leave donations, securely bagged. We

ask that you leave the bags to the left of the garage during snow plowing season.



support. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118...OR scan our Paypal

We appreciate your ongoing



QR code if you prefer. Please be aware that the church does not receive 100%

of your donation via Payal. An administration fee is deducted from our receipt.

# Continuing Opportunities...



**TUESDAY MORNINGS** 10-11 AM in the library Each week the Scripture for the following Sunday is discussed.

#### THURSDAY MORNING BREW!!

March 9, 16, 23, 30 stop in for a cup of coffee or breakfast and chat with Pastor Leanne at Sunnyside Restaurant



**HOME-BREWED FAITH** is taking a break during Lent We'll see you at the Delafield Brewhaus the last Wednesday in April!

### This n That...



- Our Dousman Home Meals drivers for February: Barb & John Wood, Nansi Hawkins, Jo Quaden, Kathy Zebrowski, Sue Stelling, Laurie Buckett, Nicole Kerr and her father, John Perdue, and Steve Thompson.
- February Ushers: Donna Newland, Sue & Tom Stelling, Shirlene Hazelberg and Laurie Buckett.
- Scripture Readers: Jeannie Phelan, Steve Thompson, and Michele Smith.
- Camera Operators: Mary Branson and Melissa Rivera.
- Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water cooler.
- Ann Carpenter for leading worship singing.
- Our Coffee Hour Committee for February 12<sup>th</sup>: Julia Starbuck, Mary Branson, Corrine Mayer and Ann Carpenter.
- Carol Pfalz and Mary Branson for cleaning the church in Februry.
- Kristen Voskuil for teaching Sunday School.
- Our Februray snow shovelers: Pete Hazelberg and Debbie Morgan.
- Laurie Buckett and Ann Carpenter for helping with the Sanctuary decorating.



- ▼ Sandy Jarrett, recovering from hip replacement surgery and her husband, Gregg, whose mouth cancer has returned. He will have his 8<sup>th</sup> surgery in March.
- Melissa Rivera, recovering from

surgery.Fran Pike

- ▼ Jenny Mickle, recovering from a fall.
- Lorna & Jere Marheine's son, Jason, recovering from surgery.
- Sue & Tom Stelling's daughter, Jenny receiving treatments for breast cancer.
- Pastor Leanne's sister, Jessica.
- Jim Langreder, as he starts on his new position as settled pastor at the Hartland and Genesee UCC churches.
- All of our dear shut-ins including Vera Ortmann.





# WE WILL NOT HAVE COFFEE HOURS IN SOME MONTHS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Coffee Hour Committees...we ask that everyone who is able participate in one monthly committee. You may have received an email through SignUp Genius...you may sign up for a Coffee Hour month using that method, or on the bulletin board in the gathering area.





Cleaning Teams...again, if you are physically able, we ask that you sign up for a month of cleaning the church. Multiple people on each team makes it a less daunting task for everyone. Again, you

may have received an email through SignUp Genius...you may sign up for a cleaning month using that method, or on the bulletin board in the gathering area.

**Letter Writing...**we send weekly letters to our shut-ins along with a copy of the previous Sunday's bulletin and sermon. You need only write one letter and get it to the church office and we will run copies and mail it.





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Sun.	2	Palm Sunday
		Holy Communion
		Food Pantry Sunday
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Wed.	5	PFLAG meeting at Aurora Summit
		6:30 PM
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Fri.	7	Good Friday
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Sun.	9	Easter
		Coffee Hour
M-F	10-14	Emmanuel delivers Dousman Home
		Meals
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Thurs.	1,20,27	Morning Brew at Sunnyside
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Sun.	16	Council meeting 10:45 AM
Wed.	26	Home-Brewed Faith 7-8 PM at the
		Delafield Brewhaus
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### Tuesday March

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1:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



### DOUSMAN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE!

LOCATION: Dousman Community Center 235 N. Main St.

Dousman, WI 53118

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! Sign up at bit.ly/dousmanmar23, call 877-232-4376, or use the QR code!

Appointments are encouraged, and walk-ins are also welcome (and will be invited to take an open spot in the schedule as space allows). There are 50 appointments available!

Give blood, get noodles! Receive a coupon for a buy one, get one entrée from Noodles & Company. Redemption of the code can ONLY be used online or using the Noodles Reward app. Expires 4/9/23.





What do you know about our denomination... the United Church of Christ?

Reprinted from ucc.org...

#### A Short Course in the History of the United Church of Christ

A Short Course in the History of the United Church of Christ tells our story beginning with our origins in the small community who followed Jesus 20 centuries ago and continuing to the present. Learn about the Reformation—a protest movement against the abuse of authority by church leaders; the rediscovery by Luther and Calvin of the Bible's teaching that salvation is not earned, but is a gift; the epic journey of the Pilgrims from England to the shores of North America; the waves of emigration by German and Hungarian Protestants seeking spiritual and political freedom; the beginning of the first Christian anti-slavery movement in history; the 20th-century movement to reunite the divided branches of Christ's church, and, as a result of that movement, the union of several traditions of Protestant Christianity into the United Church of Christ in 1957. Interested? Visit the UCC website: https://www.ucc.org/who-we-are/about/history/How is the UCC organized??

WE ARE CONGREGATIONAL & COVENANTAL IN STRUCTURE

Local Churches gather together into
Associations (city or county/geographic area-wide) and
Conferences (state-wide) which make up the
National UCC with offices in Cleveland, OH

The basic legal entity is the Local Church, who lives in covenant but not obligation to the larger bodies. We do not have Creeds which we must believe, but we live in Christian Covenant with Christ as center.

### **Treasurer's Report for January 2023**

PLEDGED Income received

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(January 2023)		\$12,015.00
(January 2022)		\$8,960.00
	Difference	\$3,055.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received		
(January 2023)		\$1,320.00
(January 2022)		\$1,174.00
	Difference	\$146.00
Total INCOME for (January 2023) *		\$14,140.29
Total INCOME for (January 2022)		\$11,244.30
	Difference	\$2,895.99
Total EXPENSE for (January 2023)		\$13,574.38
Total EXPENSE for (January 2022)		\$17,151.51
	Difference	-\$3,577.13
Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2023		\$8,383.14
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Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2022		\$6,496.88
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*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for		· ,
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Singing Bowl		\$45.29
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)		\$660.00
SCRIP sales		\$0.00
Fund Raiser		\$0.00
RBC Investment Account Growth for January 2023		\$5,476.18

Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski (262-646-8882) or Jeannie Phelan (414-940-4464)





# 9:30 AM WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY (also live-streamed on Facebook)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 202	23 A S M S M O 11 2 3 7 18 9 10 4 25 16 17	pril 2023 T W T F S 1 4 5 6 7 8 11 12 13 14 15 18 19 20 21 22 25 26 27 28 29	6:30 PM PFLAG meeting at Aurora Summit Hospital meeting room	2	3	4
HOLY COMMUNION Jim Langreder will be our guest musician! ORDER SCRIP! Food Pantry Sunday	6 CLE	7 10 AM Bible Study	8 THE	9 8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Sunnyside Restaurant	10	Set Clocks Ahead
Mission Moment for One Great Hour of Sharing COFFEE HOUR	13	14  10 AM Bible Study 1-3 PM Ladies Fellowship meeting in fellowship hall 1:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive in Dousman	15 Deadline for April newsletter articles	8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Sunnyside Restaurant	17	18
		Emmanue	l delivers Dousma	an Meals	Patrick's Day	
One Great Hour of Sharing offering Why Emmanuel presentation by Rev. Peter St. Martin  10:45 AM Council meeting	20	21 10 AM Bible Study	HE C	8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Sunnyside Restaurant	24	25
26	27	28 10 AM Bible Study	29	8:30-10 AM Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne @ Sunnyside Restaurant	31	