



COVENANT NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Along the Way

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit... was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. When the devil had finished every test, the devil departed from him until a more opportune time. Then Jesus, [again] filled with the Holy Spirit, returned to Galilee. (Luke 4:1-2, 13-14)

So much of the scriptures tell stories of journeys and the troubles along the way. There is the Exodus with forty years of wandering in the wilderness. There is Jacob's flight to Haran and his fourteen years there. Joseph is sold off to Egypt and yet prospers. Naomi and Ruth return to Israel from Moab. Samaria's nobles and merchants are exiled to Assyria and Jerusalem's to Babylon. Jonah starts out on one journey but instead sojourns three days inside a fish and then continues in the direction he's supposed to go.

Then come the reunions, of course. The miraculous crossings of sea and river by the Israelites, Esau's welcome embrace of Jacob, Joseph's reconciliation with his brothers, the good fortune of Naomi and Ruth, and the return of the captives from Exile all mirror one another in their promise of hope despite the people's trials.

Not all of the journeys are satisfying, though. Jonah never recovers from his disappointment that God decided against destroying his Assyrian oppressors.

We travel our own paths, of course, with that lifetime mix of challenges that finish in disappointment or success. Lent thus becomes our season for reflecting upon our wanderings. Jesus and his own wilderness temptations provide some focus for our own contemplation. By grace, like him we may find the Holy Spirit filling us with promise.

Won't you join me, the student pastors, and our new Music Director Leon Burke, along with all your sisters and brothers in the Spirit, these Lenten Wednesdays and Sundays, as we explore the stations "Along the Way" towards Easter!

We will be examining all the stories I've mentioned and more, over the next seven weeks, and considering how God is specially (and especially!) with us through wilderness and struggle, to the promise and victory into which the Spirit calls us.

Peace.

MORE FROM THE PASTOR

An Apology

I composed my January 2019 article for the Covenant News a little too hastily. I'll sometimes do that with the weight of the holiday workload. My article reflected an address I offered to the Webster Groves City Council which made it appear as though I had taken a position, on behalf of the church, about clearly political matters.

Although I do not believe I actually said before the Council what was eventually printed in the newsletter, nor that the Council perceived that either the church or I was directing them in their political decision-making, many of you were given the impression that I had done so, and I am sorry. I should have been more attentive.

If you would like to speak with me more about this, I would welcome you to do so.

WORSHIP NOTES FOR MARCH

This schedule is subject to change, as need may arise.



Rev. David Denoon
Pastor

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 9:55 AM — *Feast of the Transfiguration (Sacrament of Christ's Table); Sunday of UCC Women's Week.* Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36. In First and Second Corinthians, mirrors play a remarkable role in reminding Christians about who they are and what may be expected of them as faithful people.

Message of the Day: "Mirroring Glory."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 7:00 PM — *Ash Wednesday; Sacrament of Christ's Table.* We gather with our friends at Peace UCC (204 E. Lockwood Ave.) to mark again the beginning of the season of Lent. Pastor Dave Denoon preaches in a service that will include imposition of ashes and communion.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 9:55 AM — *First Sunday in Lent (Daylight Saving Time begins); Welcome Director of Music and Organist Dr. Leon Burke III.* Scriptures: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13. The forty days of Lent will have begun on Ash Wednesday, with Sundays in the season as occasions to pause along the way. We will be considering the journey we are on, its highs and lows, joys and disappointments, benefits and challenges as we move toward a deeper understanding of faith and community. The Logos Readers join us for an adapted reading about Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. ***Message of the Day: "Along the Way – Wandering and Abundance"***

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 6:00 PM — Lenten Soup/Salad Dinner & Program. "Puzzle Pieces & Peace Puzzles."

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 9:55 AM — *Second Sunday in Lent.* Scriptures: Genesis 13:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:20-4:1. The Strategic Planning Committee will take a central role in this worship service, drawing our attention to matters affecting all of us on our collective journey. Pastor Dave, meanwhile, speaks briefly of an argument between Abram and God over God's evident unfaithfulness. ***Message of the Day: "Along the Way – Promise Delayed"***

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 6:00 PM — Lenten Soup/Salad Dinner & Program. "Puzzle Pieces & Peace Puzzles."

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 9:55 AM — *Third Sunday in Lent ; Amistad Sunday.* Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9. A group of followers challenge Jesus with questions about news of the day: Did certain individuals killed in horrible incidents actually deserve their fates? Jesus replies that the sufferers didn't but the "faithful" might! The confrontation brings up questions of what we sometimes call, "survivors' guilt." ***Message of the Day: "Along the Way – Why Me and Not Them?"***

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 6:00 PM — Lenten Soup/Salad Dinner & Program. "Puzzle Pieces & Peace Puzzles."

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 9:55 AM — *Fourth Sunday in Lent; One Great Hour of Sharing (Special Offering).* Scriptures: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. When a conformist child objects to their parent that their prodigal sibling is being treated better than they, the parent expresses care for and confidence in both. Pastor Dave Denoon with the Logos Readers seeks to draw a new understanding of this familiar story, its central conflict, and the outcomes that unfold. ***Message of the Day: "Along the Way – Why Them and Not Me?"***

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 6:00 PM — Lenten Soup/Salad Dinner & Program. "Puzzle Pieces & Peace Puzzles."

THE COMING MUSIC TRANSITION

Many Thanks to Nancy Peterson and Prayers for Leon Burke



The first two Sundays in March will trace our transition from Dr. Nancy Peterson's interim time among us as Director of Music and Organist into the permanent placement of Dr. Leon Burke, III.

Nancy's last Sunday will be March 3, and you won't want to miss it. The Canterbury Bells and Chancel Choir have special plans in the works (To find out what they're up to, except if you're Nancy, please speak with one of those choir members!). We are all so very grateful for her grace and virtuosity, as well as her gifted leadership and encouragement.

We have also been cheered by her wonderful family's occasional presence. Who will soon forget the eleven Petersons singing and playing, or else accompanying, the majority of carols for our late Christmas Eve service or Thor Peterson's demonstration of robotics for Science & Technology Sunday? We bid her and all of them a fond farewell.

And now for something (not quite) completely different: Dr. Leon Burke, III, who for many years has blessedly provided accompaniment and innovative leadership for the worship services at Eliot Chapel Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirkwood, now comes to accompany us along our spiritual way. Members and clergy from Eliot have been congratulating us for the inspiration our Music Committee showed by inviting him to come and lead us.

Your staff have already had a number of opportunities to experience Leon's collaboration and enthusiasm as we prepare for Lent. He has stated often his excitement about engaging with us in the Season of Preparation for the Resurrection. We look forward to his stellar conducting and his thrilling bassato. The bell and voice choirs have been able to meet Leon and to begin imagining, as the familiar hymn calls it, "a new dimension in the world of sound." *



Along with the Music Committee, organists from around St. Louis tout Leon's musicianship. A premier music instructor in the area speaks of him as such a "fine organist" that individual once even invited Leon to perform with him in a combined organ recital. "He plays organ and piano so well that I often have him sub for me," said the music director of a local Catholic parish known for its amazing instrument. Still another asserted glowingly, "You couldn't find a finer musician, conductor, organist, [or] pianist."

Please, plan to be in attendance on Sunday, March 10, to welcome Dr. Leon Burke, III.

* "When in Our Music God Is Glorified," by Fred Pratt Green, No. 561 in the *New Century Hymnal*, second stanza.

TRACEY'S BLESSINGS - LION AND LAMB



Tracey Harris,
Director of Christian Ed.

I used to talk to my preschoolers about lions and lambs when the month of March arrived. Will the days be windy and loud like a lion or quiet and sunny, soft like a lamb? Today, instead, I want to focus on *you* as we ready ourselves for the Lenten season. Do you function as a lamb or a lion? What if we are called to be a mixture of each? Jesus' actions were as a lion in overturning temple tables to show he does not tolerate injustice, and when he stands strong against harming "the least of these." Jesus' actions came in ways that were lamb-like when he greeted the children, healed the sick. Think about the characteristics of Christ you show each day to your family, friends and all you meet. Peace to each of you.

The following are upcoming dates to remember:

March 6 – *Ash Wednesday at Peace UCC* all are welcome.

March 9 – *Benevolence Auction* and the youth will work serving.

March 13 – *Lenten Soup and Bread series* An introduction to mission and I will share about my trip to Central America.

March 29 instead of dinner and a movie, I would love to have an *All Church Game Night*. Dinner will be provided but you must bring a favorite game to share. Please email me if you want to attend so I plan for enough food.

Blessings to all!

Tracey Harris, *Director of Christian Education & Student Pastor*

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPERS MARCH 13 - APRIL 10



Starting on Wednesday, March 13, for five weeks, different organizations of the church will be hosting our annual series of Lenten Soup, Salad and Bread Suppers, at 6:00 each evening. Soup is provided. Water is plentiful for drinking, and we skip dessert. Participants are invited to bring favorite salads and breads to share.

Each supper will be followed at 7:00PM with an hour-long presentation and discussion about First Church members' work with different non-profit organizations (see next article). Activities for preschool children and younger will be provided, and a supervised quiet space for school.

"PUZZLE PIECES & PEACE PUZZLES" - LENTEN STUDY SERIES

First Church is a community that has always been concerned with making sure that others' needs are answered. In our Narthex is a stand with a puzzle piece on top, inviting passersby to "BECOME A PIECE OF THE ACTION." Cards on the column introduce people to the work we do. This is because of our commitment to God's *Shalom* or, as our Covenant puts it, "the struggle for justice and peace."

How our participation in that struggle takes shape often has to do with where our skills or passions fit into the puzzle of God's *Shalom*.

For the Wednesdays in Lent, this year, we will be exploring some of the ways in which members of First Church are "pieces of the action," engaging in ministries of outreach and support. Presenters will tell about not only the nature of the ministries they participate in, but also the effects of these ministries on their perspectives about the world and its people.



March 13 – *Why We Do What We Do* – **Tracey Harris** reflects on her recent trip to El Salvador and Costa Rica, and the witness of the people there about their faith-based struggles for empowerment. We will also invite church members who have participated in international service or relief projects, such as the God's Child Project, to reflect with Tracey about their experiences

March 20 – **Phil Shoulberg** and others who have participated in local **Habitat for Humanity** projects have helped the new homeowners in the program to establish themselves financially. How Habitat seeks to break the cycle of poverty will be a central part of our reflection, this evening.

March 27 – **Faye Dyer, Herb Niemeyer, and others** recall the origins of the **Brown Baggers** and their work making sandwiches once a month for care recipients at Gateway 180. Homelessness or inadequate housing is a significant problem in every major city across the world. We'll talk together about the significance of the relationship between Gateway 180 and First Church, our mission together, and we'll delve a bit into issues of the provision our society makes for people unable to break the bonds of poverty.

April 3 – **Mark Cereghino and Julie McHugh**, along with other First Church Innkeepers, introduce **Room at the Inn (RATI)** and its ministry, providing overnight shelter to homeless people in local churches across the region. Innovative practices like RATI introduce provocative possibilities, as we consider what are acceptable conditions for shelter.

April 10 – **Amy Brooks and the youth** who participated in a **service project last summer** report about the service they provided in Evansville, Indiana, and the importance of service in the life of Christian young people. They will also offer some information about their next service project.

There are not enough evenings for us to be introduced to all the ministries our church members support. For example, there is no time designated for Webster – Rock Hill Ministries or the many other relief agencies and food pantries we support. Also, the animal rescues and environmental efforts so many of us support will not be discussed during this series. Our Adult Education series during Lent will, however, mention other efforts you might want to consider.

MODERATOR'S CORNER MARCH 2019

Many of you have commented on Dave's Sermon from February 3rd. By the time you read this that will be ancient history, but bear with me. Dave preached on the familiar scripture 1 Corinthians 13 and Luke 4:14-30. He also used it in the Opening Words and the Prayer of Approach.

My memories of the First Corinthians passage are mainly those of weddings etc... But, on this Sunday we were encouraged to substitute our own name in place of the word "Love." So it would look something like "_____ is patient, _____ is kind, _____ is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude."

Engaging in this exercise was simply startling to me; not because I am not a self-reflecting person, I think I am, but I felt it as a challenge. It was a challenge for all the aspects of my life not just in terms of those nearest and dearest.

In these days of Strategic Planning where we are struggling to make this church viable, we must be on guard to be "patient and kind not rude or arrogant" as we advance our thoughts or positions regarding moving forward.

Change is inevitable and inherently difficult. It requires letting go. It requires opening up to others, not only to allow new ideas in, but also to risk and perhaps reveal our fears. We may have to let go of things that have been meaningful to us in order to let new and perhaps more growth producing ideas in.

In our Covenant the word "**We**" appears twice. I was surprised at that because as "**We**" begin to say the Covenant "**We**" often emphasize that word. As "**We**" head into our Strategic Planning process I ask that you take this very important 2 letter word and place it in that section of scripture, I mentioned before, so that all who look upon this process will see "**We** are patient, **We** are kind, **We** are not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude"

We are Called

Linda Kopetti

TREASURER'S REPORT

Do you remember last November, when, hesitantly and with concern, the Congregation approved the 2019 budget at the Congregational Meeting? Why hesitantly and with concern? The budget included an uncomfortably large transfer from the Endowment Trust to church operations. We weren't going to solve this issue in the short term, so the Executive Ministry recommended the 2019 budget be approved by the Congregation with the caveat that a Strategic Planning Committee (StratCom) be formed to figure out how to balance our budget and bring the Endowment transfer back in line with the bylaws.

StratCom meets each Monday night at 7PM, where we strive to fulfill our GOAL to **Draft and implement a plan to restore the financial health of the church consistent with the church's mission.** The group has brainstormed ideas and grouped those ideas into short-term, long-term and support categories. We have agreed there are four short-term pursuits which committee members will pursue:

1. Use of the building
2. Communication, internally and externally
3. Analyzing data
4. Who we are

StratCom is working to present a more detailed plan at the May Congregational Meeting. Here is a glimpse of what we have learned so far from pursuit 3, analyzing data:

- Our pledging and giving percentage follows a similar pattern of other churches
- Pledging units have dropped from 88 in 2016 to 71 this year
- Half of dollars pledge for 2019 come from 11 of the 71 pledgers
- 2019 pledges were \$313,000, down \$5,000 from 2018 pledges of \$318,000
- 2019 pledgers vs. 2018 pledgers: 27 did not pledge but we had 20 new pledgers – down 7 net pledgers
- Pledging does not relate to Sunday attendance - Of the 126 attending 15 or more Sundays in 2018, 55 did not pledge for 2019.

If you have any questions or want to provide your thoughts, StratCom members are Cliff Aerie, Dave Denoon, Ian Didriksen, Mark Edwards, Jeanene Harris, Jennifer Jones, Linda Kopetti, Diane McLean, Bob Moody, Val Paci, Ken Perry, Phil Roush, and Tom Waltz. The committee also has support when needed from Loryl Breitenbach, Brad Davis, Drue Hood, and Kedra Tolson.

Thank you

Jennifer Jones

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Kishlar Room, from the 1950s to the 1980s, was located on the first floor of Building B in space previously known as the Webster Room. It was redecorated and dedicated in 1969, in memory of Lamar (Bud) Kishlar Jr. by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kishlar, Sr. Lamar, Jr. (Bud) lost his wife Dodie to polio in 1956 and shortly thereafter he too contracted the disease. He lived for some time in an iron lung. Rev. Inglis was known to say that when he had a 'down' day he would visit Bud. His mood would immediately change to upbeat. Bud's parents raised their grandson Jim who grew up to be an artist. Several of his paintings at one time hung in the Kishlar Room. Margaret Nettleship, a sister of Mrs. Kishlar, Sr., established a fund that would ensure that the room would be maintained after her death. During the 1992-1993 building project the Kishlar Room was relocated to the second floor, on the west side of Building B in space that had once been the Music Room. It now holds several historical items: A communion table from the early days of the 1892-1893 sanctuary inscribed, "William Plant, 1868." Plant is often referred to as the father of our church though he didn't live long enough to see our first permanent building constructed. Later, in 1901 when his wife died, her name was added to the table. A pump reed organ, from our first days in temporary quarters in the Chapel Grove Seminary, is now in the Kishlar Room. After a pipe organ was installed in the church this little organ was sold to Dr. Westrup. It was borrowed back for our church's 100 Anniversary celebration. Eventually it was returned to the church on Mrs. Westrup's death. There is a portrait of Mrs. Kishlar hanging in the room and also a watercolor depicting our prayer chapel painted by Caroline Todd. Mrs. Todd, a member of the prayer group, initiated The Memorial Fund, the interest to be used for education, mission and inter-racial work. It was a precursor of our present day Endowment Fund.

Kay Roush, Historian



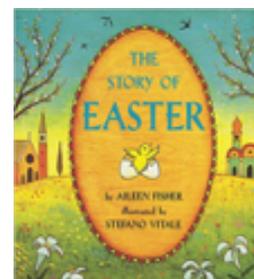
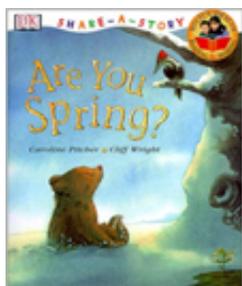
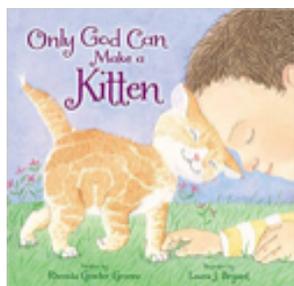
HOLIDAY LIBRARY ✓ IT OUT

Join a curious little boy as he discovers the wonders of creation—from flowers to baby birds to fruit on the trees—and learns that God made it all and made it all good. Told in delightful rhyme, *Only God Can Make A Kitten*, written by award-winning author Rhonda Gowler Greene and illustrated by bestselling artist Laura J. Bryant, shows young ones that God is behind all the beautiful blessings of creation. This adorable picture book follows a conversation between a mother and child as the child repeatedly asks "Mama, who made . . . ?" In the end, children learn that God is responsible for everything in creation, including kittens!

Are You Spring? is a story about a young cub who wanders out of his den a bit too early and in search of "Spring," whatever it is.

First Comes Spring tells how Bear Child notices that the clothes he wears, the things everyone does at work and play, and other parts of his world all change with the seasons.

The Story of Easter, as well as, several other books in our library explain both how and why people all over the world celebrate Easter. It tells the biblical story of Jesus' Resurrection and then describes how people honor this day and the origins of these traditions. Hands-on activities help draw children into the spirit of this joyous celebration of rebirth.



FAMILY WORK DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND



Family Work Day!

Gather at the church at 9:00 and take part in projects ready with team leaders and instructions. There will be things for Adults, Teens, and Family Groups to work on. Chip and the Facility and Finance Ministry are making lists.

Please bring a brown bag lunch.

For more information, email Linda Kopetti at lkopetti@icloud.com

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sunday, March 31

One Great Hour of Sharing is our annual springtime offering, to benefit Church World Service, the relief arm of the National Council of Churches. Envelopes for the collection will be included in bulletins on March 24 and 31.

Thank you for your generous donation.



2019 BENEVOLENCE AUCTION



It is time to make your reservation for the Benevolence Auction. You may do so in Memorial Hall after worship. You can charge your tickets online on our website (www.firstchurchwg.org), or by check or charge using your Breeze account. You can also drop a check or cash by the office during the week.

Please remember that a portion of each ticket goes to the benevolence fund, so that by buying a ticket you are also making a contribution. Free childcare is available for those who request that service. This is a really fun party!

At the auction you can secure lodging for a vacation on the Gulf or Atlantic coasts! You can design and have built your own, special stained glass window. You can get tickets to the St. Louis Symphony, the St. Louis Repertory Theater, or Stages. You can buy a variety of collectibles that can make excellent gifts or be enjoyed in your own home. There are items for babies and for the Do-It-Yourself worker. And, you can buy or sign up for parties!!

If you are unable to attend the auction, please consider making a donation. There are many charitable outreaches that depend on our support. This is the singular event of First Church for supporting our benevolence budget.

Please be generous. Help us Help Others.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joshua Shannon 3/7
Kathleen Ferrell 3/9
Brody Zink 3/13
Kristen Rinne 3/14
Margaret Oliphant 3/15
Kitty Pearl 3/18
Lauren Gomez 3/20
James Harris 3/21
Casen Hood 3/21
Matthew Borutta 3/24
Amy Byrne 3/26
Joshua Walker 3/28



SAGE HONORS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH • SUNDAY, MARCH 31 3:00 P.M. IN THE INGLIS ROOM

Joan Musbach will acquaint us with the fascinating and important life of Angelina Grimke. Grimke was born to a slave owner in South Carolina, renounced the institution of slavery, joined a Quaker community in Philadelphia that refused to acknowledge her gift for public speaking, and embarked on a public speaking career advocating for both abolition of slavery and recognition of the rights of women. She was the first woman to speak publicly to what was called then, a "promiscuous" audience, that is, one that included both men and women. Come learn more about this woman who was far ahead of her times.

Refreshments will be served.

ADULT EDUCATION • WELCOME SPRING!

Two Presentations On Native Gardening

Betty Struckhoff, Master Gardener, Missouri Botanical Garden

“Designing with Nature in Mind”

Sunday, March 3 | 11:30 am | Memorial Hall

This presentation will show how to design with native plants, creating a habitat appealing to nature’s critters as well as to you and your neighbors. It demonstrates how a native landscape can reflect your tastes while still supporting our ecosystem.

“Bring the Natives Home”

Sunday, March 17 | 11:30 am | Memorial Hall

The program gives ideas for incorporating native plants into the home garden with suggestions for shade, sun and boggy areas. It will guide you to plant selection to make your landscape part of a natural world.

Our presenter is Betty Struckhoff, a Master Gardener since 1999 who has served on the Master Gardeners Advisory Committee. She is a winner in the Post Dispatch “Best Native Garden” contest – her home landscape is certified “Platinum” in the BCH program. She has helped create native landscapes in local parks, other public spaces and private gardens, and we are happy to have her speak with us about using native plants in our gardens and landscaping.



The next Month of Grace + Prayer begins March 16!

Month of Grace + Prayer: An Ecumenical Retreat in Everyday Life

Co-Hosted by Eden Theological Seminary and Peace United Church of Christ

Members of First Church who participated in the Month of Grace + Prayer that we recently co-hosted with Webster Groves Presbyterian Church highly recommend this program. One says, “I thought there was no way I would be able to do this, but another member convinced me to do it. And it was wonderful!”

Meet one-on-one with a spiritual companion, one hour each week for four consecutive weeks. Morning, afternoon and evening meeting times available (on Tuesdays). Starts March 16. Meetings will be held at Eden Theological Seminary and Peace United Church of Christ.

For more information, or to register, visit www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org or contact Clarence Heller at 314-258-9066 or clarenceheller@gmail.com.



Those of you that have worked in the last couple years on Habitat may remember Lawrence. He is a single Dad with two kids who has put in many hours of sweat equity on his and other Habitat homes..

He is finally getting his new home on Ulena in the Bevo neighborhood. The house warming was at 1:00 PM on Sunday, February 24. We have a list of needed items for his new home. They include: living room coffee and end tables, dining room table and chairs, 2 twin mattresses (no box springs), microwave, washer and dryer. If you have any of these items, contact Phil Shoulberg and we'll get them to Lawrence. Additionally, we as a church want to give Lawrence a monetary gift to

help him get going. Checks made out to "UCC Habitat House" can be submitted to the office.

Also, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 16. Samuel UCC in Clayton is holding their annual St. Pat's Day Lunch & Dinner to benefit the UCC Habitat Build. Come enjoy Corned Beef and Cabbage or Irish Stew prepared by Chef Matt Sherman. A homemade dessert bar tops off the meal.

We should be hearing shortly about plans for the 2019 build. I'll pass the word along as soon as I get it.

Phil Shoulberg



Samuel UCC supports the UCC Habitat for Humanity Build with a great Lunch and Dinner

It is a fabulous meal for a great cause. Nearly 100 Samuel members team up with the Kern Meat Company and Chef Matt Sherman to serve Corned Beef and Irish Stew like you've never tasted before. A homemade dessert bar tops off the dinner.

The full cost of your ticket goes to support UCC Build.

**Lunch tickets are \$10 and \$6 for children.
Dinner Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children.**

Samuel UCC 320 North Forsyth Blvd. Clayton, MO 63105

Lunch will be served from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Irish Stew and soda bread.

Dinner will be served from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Corned Beef & Cabbage, potatoes, soda bread & homemade desserts

GUNS IN MY BACKYARD?

Neighbors Share Their Stories

A Discussion Hosted by Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 3rd from 4:00-6:00PM

Please join us for a viewing of the locally-produced documentary: "No More Thoughts and Prayers," introduced by filmmaker Angela Lamb. This will be followed by individuals from our community sharing their experiences with gun violence and ideas for action.

Come learn how gun violence affects all of us and how you can help make a difference in this public health issue.



Panelists:

Becky Jaynes Morgan- Missouri Chapter Leader of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

Sunny Lu- Founding President of Students Demand Action St. Louis

Jennifer Blumenkemper- elementary school teacher at Bristol School

Dr. Robert "Bo" Kennedy, MD- ER Physician at St. Louis Children's Hospital

Detective Fred Bell- Community Liaison, Webster Groves Police Department

The panel will be moderated by Rev. Ed Zumwinkel, III.



Resource and Information Fair will feature representatives from various community action organizations

Childcare provided for children 3 and younger
Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, 45 West Lockwood, 63119

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <h1>March 2019</h1>						1 	2 9:00 AM Family Work Day
3 <i>Sacrament of Christ's Table</i> <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Brown Baggers 9:00 AM Nursery Care 9:55 AM Worship 9:55 AM Youth in Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:05 AM Fellowship 11:30 AM Adult Ed – Designing with Nature in Mind	4 9:00 AM Monday Morning Men 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 11:00 AM Willing Workers 2:00 PM Comm Team 6:00 PM Erick Falconer's Senior Sermon (Werhrli Chapel, Eden Seminary)	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Worship (at Peace)	7 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search 6:15 PM Canterbury Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	8	9 5:30 PM Benevolence Auction Turn your clocks an hour forward before you go to sleep!	
10 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 AM Nursery Care 9:55 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:05 AM Fellowship 11:30 AM Strategic Planning Committee 12:00 PM Senior High (9th - 12th Grade) - Youth Opportunity	11 9:00 AM Monday Morning Men 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Three Ministries	12 9:30 AM Mary Martha Guild 11:30 AM Devine Diners 6:30 PM Practicing Our Faith	13 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 6:00 PM Soup - Salad - Bread Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Study Series	14 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search 6:15 PM Canterbury Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	15	16 Samuel UCC Habitat, St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser 11:30-1:30 PM Lunch 4:30-7:30 PM Dinner	
17 9:00 AM Nursery Care 9:55 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:05 AM Fellowship 11:30 AM Adult Ed - Bring the Natives Home	18 9:00 AM Monday Morning Men 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Executive Ministry	19 9:30 AM Willing Workers 7:00 PM Boy Scout Leaders	20 <i>First Day of Spring</i> 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 6:00 PM Soup - Salad - Bread Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Study Series 7:00 PM Healing Touch Practice	21 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search 6:15 PM Canterbury Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	22 5:00 PM Room at the Inn 6:00 PM Dinner & A Movie Deadline for Covenant News Articles	23	
24 Seminary Sunday 9:00 AM Nursery Care 9:55 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:05 AM Fellowship 12:00 PM Youth Group (6th - 8th Grade)	25 9:00 AM Monday Morning Men 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 9:30 AM Willing Workers 7:00 PM Lady Elect	27 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 6:00 PM Soup - Salad - Bread Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Study Series	28 8:00 AM Journeymen 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search 6:15 PM Canterbury Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	29	30 6:30 PM St. Louis Association Trivia Night	
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Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

March Meal-A-Month

Canned Ham • Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Green Vegetable (low or no salt)
Canned Fruit in own juices
Powdered Milk, shelf stable milk, soy milk
Toothbrushes • Tooth Paste • Dental Floss

Missing Someone?

Have you been missing someone for a while from worship and other church events? Please, let Pastor Dave Denoon or Parish Life Chair, Cathy Buerk know. Either will be happy to follow up for you.

