

## ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Members of the faith family at St. John UCC have much to celebrate. THE PARSONAGE WAS SOLD!! Now renovations and upkeep for the sanctuary and educational wing, can proceed. As soon as the weather breaks, the new roof will be installed. We no longer will have to trip over the buckets to catch the rain in Fellowship Hall. Our building will not only be a place of refuge, but a safe place, free from the elements of nature

No matter how safe and beautiful our church can be, we always must remember that the true temple is God. Any church, built as a witness to God and as a means of drawing people nearer to God, should never become the object of our adoration in itself. Our devotion is due to God and God alone.

We give glory to God for all the members who made this sale possible as we look forward to expanding our hospitality to others, as we acknowledge that Christ is our true sanctuary.

Peace and blessing to you all, Pastor Rosemary

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### AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

#### Memorials

##### For Sue Sharp:

Jane Bonaldi, Janice Petroff, Rena Murphy, Doris Jean Kaufmann, Laurel Heddens & Christopher Kocher, Russel & Mona Scheibel, the Riess and Moran families, Mr. & Mrs. H Duckels, Nancy Hubert

**March Birthdays:**

3/1	Dee Schott	3/9	Jan Miller
3/3	Hayden Myers	3/9	Barb Whitaker
3/8	LaVerne Kistler	3/12	Carol Bulva
3/8	Nancy Eisenhower	3/19	Terry Kissel
3/8	Donna Isselhard	3/20	Eileen Cox
3/8	Tiffany Baldwin	3/20	Mary Lou Baum
3/9	Ardella Morris	3/30	Ruth Ogles

**March Anniversaries:**

3/11 Pat Bregen & Larry Cates # 13  
3/14 Mary Lou & Urban Baum # 54  
3/16 Amy & Cody Brink # 16  
3/17 Tiffany Baldwin & Lewis Thomasino # 17  
3/20 Jan & Tom Miller # 47

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 10**

**CHURCH COUNCIL 2018**

President Lew Thomasino  
Vice President Sharon Banjavcic  
Secretary Sue Ganschinietz  
Treasurer Ginny Ganschinietz  
Financial Secretary Janice Petroff  
Asst.Financial Secretary Rosemary Williams  
Faith Formation Nancy Eisenhower  
Building & Grounds Wayne Schlosser

**ATTENTION PLEASE –**

**Now that the parsonage has been sold, we ask that you not use the parsonage driveway. That driveway belongs to the parsonage, not to the church.**

**Thank you!**



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**All you can eat, pancakes, bacon, and fruit salad  
Drinks: coffee, juice and milk**

**Free will offering - \$5.00 offering would be appreciated, but  
any contribution is welcome.  
Kids 12 and under free!**

**Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast with family and friends!  
Hosted by the Christian Education Committee and  
Sunday school families.**

Sunday school families – please contact Becky Riess for  
fruit donation and helping with the breakfast. Thank you!

February & March pennies for mission will go toward the Kindness Medical  
Clinic Project.

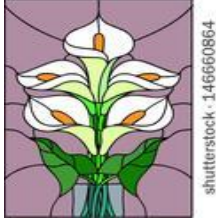
## **NOTES AND THANK YOU'S**

Thank you for the beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers for mom's service. She would have  
loved the pink, purple and white flowers!

Diane & Eric Van Winkle, Sue Sharp & Terry Sharp

## EASTER GARDEN OF MEMORIES

Lillies can be ordered on the following Sundays; March 11, 18, and 25th out in the Narthex. Price is \$10.00. Memorial gifts accepted those days also.



### PRAYING

"As my prayer becomes more attentive and inward  
I had less and less to say.  
I finally became completely silent.  
I started to listen  
which is even further removed from speaking.  
I first thought that praying entailed speaking.  
I then learnt that praying is hearing,  
not merely being silent.  
This is how it is.  
To pray does not mean to listen to oneself speaking,  
Prayer involves becoming silent,  
and being silent,  
and waiting until God is heard".  
–Søren Kierkegaard

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING special mission offering of the United Church of Christ will be received in worship on Sunday, March 11, 2018. This offering supports partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and international and domestic disaster response. It is administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. Please give generously!!

## OUR CHURCH WORERS FOR MARCH

### USHERS

3/4 – Barb Whitaker and Wyatt, Janice Petroff  
3/11 – Ginny Ganschinetz and Tyler Underwood  
3/18 – Wayne Schlosser and Chuck Kistler  
3/25 – Lew and Gemma Thomasino  
Thursday, 3/29 – Sue Ganschinetz  
Friday, 3/30 – Wayne Schlosser

### LITURGISTS

3/4 Wayne Schlosser  
3/11 Sue Williams  
3/18 Sue Sharp  
3/25 Judy Schmitt  
3/29  
3/30



## **LITURGICAL READINGS FOR MARCH 2018**

MARCH 4, 2018	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b> Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
MARCH 11, 2018	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10
MARCH 18, 2018	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12
MARCH 25, 2018	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Philippians 2:5-11
MARCH 29, 2018	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
MARCH 30, 2018	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Hebrews 10:16-25
APRIL 1, 2018	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Acts 10:34-43



### **A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER**

Now that our parsonage loan is paid off due to the sale of the parsonage, I appeal to those of you who have so generously supported that need, to consider continuing to give that support--but transferring it to the Building fund. That fund is pretty much at a zero balance because I had to use that fund to pay for the recent sign repair of \$600. Every time something breaks down or needs repair, I have to find the funds to pay for it. While our giving has covered normal expenses (just barely), it doesn't cover unexpected expenses. So, like normal I'm asking for funds--the Building fund needs HELP!

# Frederick Buechner

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## *Quote of the Day*



## ***Christian***

SOME THINK A CHRISTIAN is one who necessarily *believes* certain things. That Jesus was the son of God, say. Or that Mary was a virgin. Or that the pope is infallible. Or that all other religions are all wrong.

Some think a Christian is one who necessarily *does* certain things. Such as going to church. Getting baptized. Giving up liquor and tobacco. Reading the Bible. Doing a good deed a day.

Some think a Christian is just a nice person.

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). He didn't say that any particular ethic, doctrine, or religion was the way, the truth, and the life. He said that he was. He didn't say that it was by believing or doing anything in particular that you could "come to the Father." He said that it was only by him—by living, participating in, being caught up by the way of life that he embodied, that was his way.

Thus it is possible to be on Christ's way and with his mark upon you without ever having heard of Christ, and for that reason to be on your way to God though maybe you don't even believe in God.

A Christian is one who is on the way, though not necessarily very far along it, and who has at least some dim and half-baked idea of whom to thank.

A Christian isn't necessarily any nicer than anybody else. Just better informed.

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# March Calendar

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Installation of Conference</u> Minister Shana Johnson</li> </ul>
<u>4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>8:45 am Adult Sunday</u></li> </ul> <u>School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Worship at 10am with Holy Communion</u></li> </ul>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>6pm Light Supper and Lenten Study</u></li> </ul>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>11</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Daylight Savings Time - Set Clock Ahead One Hour</u></li> <li>● <u>8:45 am Adult Sunday</u></li> </ul> <u>School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Sunday Worship 10am</u></li> </ul>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>7pm Church Council</u></li> </ul>	<u>14</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>6pm Light Supper and Lenten Study</u></li> </ul>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
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<u>25</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>8:45 am Adult Sunday</u></li> </ul> <u>School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>8:30-9:30am Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast</u></li> <li>● <u>Sunday Worship 10am</u></li> </ul>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>6pm Service</u></li> </ul>	<u>30</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>7pm Service</u></li> </ul>	<u>31</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>7pm Easter Vigil at St. Paul in Lebanon</u></li> </ul>

