



FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you to all who “attended” our first virtual Congregational Meeting. I thought it went well, especially for our first time. We’ll work out the computer bugs if we do it again. Our mid-year meeting will be in June or July, and, hopefully, we’ll be back in the sanctuary.

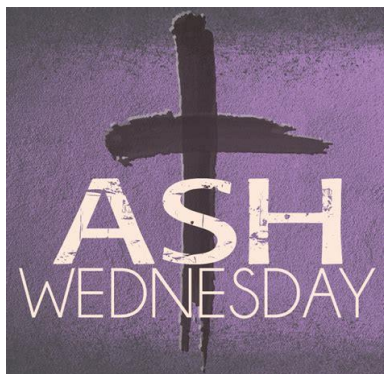
At this Zoom meeting, we also installed our new and continuing Church Council. I am reminded of what the Apostle Paul had to say about our tasks in the church. I’m presently enjoying William Barclay’s commentary on Paul’s letters to the Galatians and Ephesians.

As Paul traveled to preach Jesus as the Messiah, many criticized his authority to do so. After all, Paul was not one of the original disciples of Jesus. Dr. Barkley explains, “the real reason for Paul’s ability to toil and suffer was that he was certain his task had been given to him by God. He regarded every effort demanded from him as a God-given task. However, it is not only people like Paul who have a task from God; to each one of us God gives a task. It may be one about which everyone will know and which history will remember, or it may be one about which no one will ever hear; but in either case, it is a task for God.”

Paul’s God-given task was to evangelize a world; to most of us, it will simply be to make one or two people happy in the little circle of those most dear to us. God sends every individual into the world with a part to play in his purpose. No task is too large or too small.

The people who were installed as members of the Church Council at St. John UCC have answered the call from God to play a part in the ministry of our church. The rest of us have been given the task to support these people in any way we can. As the Council works to keep our church thriving and relevant in our world, we are to say “yes” to whatever the council asks us to do. Thanks be to God for church leaders and faithful followers. Pastor Rosemary





February 17 is Ash Wednesday. I plan to be in the parking lot of the church from 12 noon to 12:30 pm and 6 – 6:30 pm for “drive-thru” imposition of ashes. The season of Lent begins. Lent is the time of year that we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, his suffering, and his resurrection on Easter. We are intentional in our devotions, prayers

Peace on your journey. Pastor Rosemary

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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| 2/2 | Christopher Captain | |
| 2/4 | Tyler Underwood | 2/14 Dylan Turnbull |
| 2/10 | Conner Brink | 2/23 Sue Ganschinetz |
| 2/11 | Ivy Schneider | 2/27 Aaron Eisenhauer |

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

- 2/21 Russ & Judy Hartmann # 57



PRAYER LIST: We pray for the health and well-being of all affected by the pandemic. We also pray for all the people in the United States of America and our government leaders. Donna Isselhard, Becky Ballard, Rich Schmitt, Shari Hamilton, Pam Bierman, Ronald Bopp, P.J. Bennett.

CONDOLENCES: to Tom and Jan Miller on the passing of Jan’s Aunt Peg.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

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EVENING CIRCLE:

Well February is here and we are still staying inside. No news yet on any meeting time. The one day February brings is "Valentine's Day". Let's try to do something special.

1. Wear Red
2. Make toast & cut into a heart with a cookie cutter. Top with a spread you LOVE.
3. Watch a LOVE (Romantic) movie
4. Listen to music you LOVE.
5. Bring-out old photos of vacations or people you LOVE.

Try to enjoy the day or week leading up to Valentine's Day!

Love cannot be forced;
Love cannot be coaxed and teased,
It comes out of Heaven,
Unasked and unsought.

Pearl Buck

From My Heart to Yours, Eileen Gammon Co-Chair

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bible Study at 7 pm	3	4 AA Meeting	5	6
7 No in-person worship. Worship materials available via email, website, and US mail	8	9 Bible Study at 7 pm	10 Church Council at 7 pm Via Zoom	11 AA Meeting	12	13
14 No in-person worship. Worship materials available via email, website, and US mail	15	16 Bible Study at 7 pm	17 Drive-thru distribution of ashes from noon to 12:30 and again from 6 to 6:30 in the church parking lot.	18 AA Meeting	19	20
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