

# 1st UCC News

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 01– Amanda Croftcheck, Jamie Miller, Kimberly Reisch  
March 05- Jill Freeland  
March 07- Aidan Piper & Lester Simonton  
March 08- Jarred Walp  
March 09- Kathryn Zeiders & Helen Hain  
March 10– Ruby Powell  
March 12- Jeffrey Fischbach & Morgan Reich  
March 13- Philip Hoffman  
March 15- Sandra Davis  
March 18- Thomas Geiger  
March 22- Marlene Boyer  
March 23- Nancy Burkholder  
March 25- Cheryl Carrera & Sarah Womack  
March 27- Diane Hollinger & Raymond Hain  
March 30- Tara Fischbach  
March 31- Jason Brode & Theresa Martin

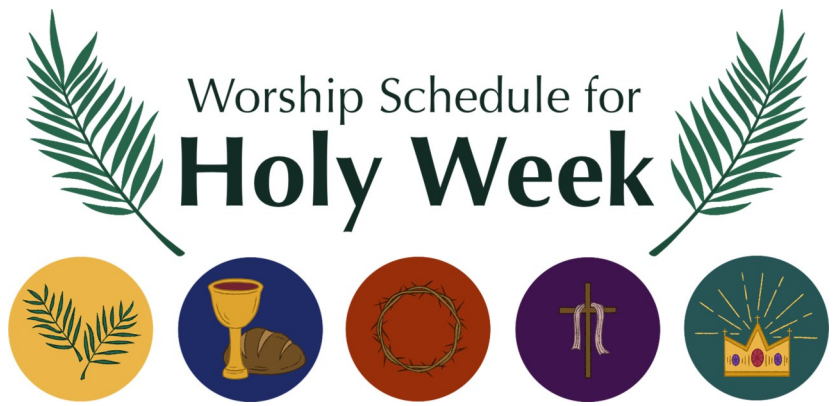
## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

No March Anniversaries.



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**Palm Sunday:** Sunday, April 2nd @ 10:00am

**Maundy Thursday:** Thursday, April 6th @ 7:00pm

**Good Friday:** Friday, April 7th @ 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday, April 9th @ 10:00am

### **Good Friday Cross Walk**

For 14 years Christians in Carlisle have gathered together on Good Friday to reflect on the last hours of Jesus' life while walking to various stations in the downtown area and to pray for international and local concerns. The intentions for 2023 will include the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the war in Ukraine, the persecution in Nicaragua, etc. The same route will be used from last year.

Good Friday Cross Walk

April 7, 2023

12:00 - 2:00

various locations, downtown Carlisle

## KEEP ON THE SUNNY SIDE

“Many are the plans in a man’s [or woman’s] heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” ~ Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

First Church’s members in the original “Color and Conversation Class” (now extended—after Covid-19’s “shutdown” of church activities—to “Coloring and Crafts”) will remember my excitement and love of coloring books! I have collected many since my years coloring and crafting with children at Hoffman Homes for Youth and at MennoHaven’s Retirement Community where I spent many hours combining arts and crafts along with Sunday School (both youth and adult) classes.

So, when I recently came across a coloring page with Proverbs 19:21 quoted I immediately started to color because as “Community Chaplain” for First UCC (now in my ninth year), I have “made many plants (plans) and they are like a garden (a landscape) for me. I delight in nurturing all of them.

But, I was puzzled by what “the Lord’s purpose will prevail” [of the scripture verse] meant? I thought to myself “Am I doing what “The Lord” wants me to do as Community Chaplain?

And, so, I prayed about it. I recalled the “Consistory Reports” I prepared each month since I began my ministry. The reports were detailed; they were both “fruitful” experiences for both community and church as I still “water and care for them today.”

But, my thought still lingered: was “The Lord’s purpose prevailing?” And, I received a text message—just yesterday—Ash Wednesday”— from a friend who wrote me during her lunch break in her office. She described how she observed her shamrock plant was starting to “push up sprouts,” showing “new green shoots” — coming out of dormancy and the shamrock plant will be blooming by St. Patrick’s Day!

After reading her text, I recalled that on this past Tuesday at a Kiwanis luncheon meeting, a Club member asked me how the GRANDS program was doing as she saw our flyer posted in the community. She was pleased to hear we have more grandparents attending our meetings. And, community agencies and businesses are supporting GRANDS by posting and sharing our flyers that GRANDS meets monthly at the Bosler Library and continues to be sponsored by the YWCA Carlisle, and the Sadler Health Center.

From all that is happening in our community and beyond, I see “new shoots sprouting”; and, I know that by continuing to move forward with our many plans for community chaplaincy, the “Lord’s purpose will prevail.” We need to continue to “look for the “green shoots” pushing forward from the plans we plant in God’s “firm foundation.”



## SELF CARE WITH PASTOR RACHEL

Stay tuned next month for an article from Pastor Rachel.

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note the following message that will be seen periodically in the church bulletin, as well as posted on the sanctuary doors:

Good day to you! We are glad that you are choosing to worship with us today. Please note that the time before, during, and after the worship is livestreamed and videotaped. There is the possibility of anything you say may be recorded, and your image may be captured by the video depending on where you are in the sanctuary. By attending or participating in any event in the sanctuary, you are giving your consent to be photographed and/or video recorded, and you are waiving all claims regarding the use of your image and voice by 1st United Church of Christ – Carlisle. We tell you this so that you may be fully informed. Blessings to you.

The leadership of 1st United Church of Christ – Carlisle





## FROM THE EDITOR

I am sorry to say that I am resigning as your Office Administrator and my last day will be Friday, April 21st. I will be staying home and embracing being a full time mom. My daughter and my husband deserve my full attention and care and, right now, I'm being spread too thin. As Bilbo Baggins says in *The Fellowship of the Ring*, "...like butter scraped over too much bread."

It has been an honor serving all of you and I wish it wasn't coming to an end, but, in this phase of my life, being a mom needs to come first. Thank you all for your patience and generosity while I've navigated through this journey.

We will be training some volunteers on the duties of the office, in case we are unable to find a replacement before I leave. If anyone would like to volunteer to help in the office, please reach out to me via email ([Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org)) and I will get you scheduled for training.

## WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATES

### Update on In-Person Services

We will continue to have worship services available in-person and virtually.

Starting Sunday 11/13/22, there will be some modifications to the COVID recommendations as follows:

We continue to recommend that everyone be Fully Vaccinated and Boosted.

Masks continue to be Optional for those who are Fully Vaccinated and Boosted and who attend worship service.

If you have Cold Symptoms such as Runny Nose, Cough, Sore Throat, Fever, or Muscle Aches- it is recommended that you either worship Virtually or do an In-Home COVID Test. If the COVID Test is Negative, you may worship in-person with a mask. If your symptoms persist, please contact your physician for further advice.

All our services will continue to be posted on the below sites:

- ◆ Watch Live at First United Church of Christ-Carlisle Facebook Page
- ◆ Listen Live on Uber Conference: 717-297-0493
- ◆ Watch Recording on YouTube Page of the Church
- ◆ Watch Recording on our website: [www.1ucc.org](http://www.1ucc.org)



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*“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”- Colossians 3:12*

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### Update on Locked-Door Procedure

Please know there is only one entrance to the church for office hours and worship days. It is the gray parking lot door.

Once the worship service begins, that door will be locked. If you happen to arrive slightly late to service, you can ring the church office doorbell to be let inside or call the church office. This will be monitored for up to 15 minutes into the worship service.

After 15 minutes, the church office will be empty, so please try to be timely when it comes to attending church services.

COVID Updates Provided by  
Dr. Greg Lewis of 1st UCC.



## COVID-19 UPDATES

There are no COVID-19 updates for March.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Consistory**– 3rd Sunday Every Month

**Church & Ministry**– 1st Sunday Every Month

**Advisory**– Quarterly

**Caring Fellowship**– 2nd Tuesday Every Month

**Christian Ed**– 1st Sunday Every Month

**Church & Community Connections**– 2nd Tuesday Every Month

**Property Management**– 4th Wednesday Every Month

**Stewardship**– 2nd Wednesday Every Other Month

**Special Mission**– Samaritan Fellowship

\*You can find all council reports on the church website ([www.1ucc.org](http://www.1ucc.org)). If you would like a copy, please email Lyndsey ([Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org)). Check out the “Council News” for highlights!





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ♦ The Seven Lively Artists Art Exhibit– Saturday, March 4th & Sunday, March 5th from 10:00am to 5:00pm @ Carlisle Arts Learning Center
- ♦ GRANDS Support Group– Tuesday, March 7th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm @ 158 W High Street Carlisle
- ♦ Swing Dancing– Tuesday, March 7th from 2:30pm to 6:00pm @ Carlisle PA Swing Dance Club
- ♦ 5K Jig Jog (Walk/Run)- Saturday, March 11th from 10:00am to 11:00am @ Stony Ridge Park



## COMMUNITY CARES AND PROJECT SHARE DONATIONS

On the **1st Wednesday** of every month from **10am – 12pm**, there will be a table at the parking lot door of the church where ***Project Share*** donations can be dropped off (or handed to a volunteer). This is the day when we will receive packets of **Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce** for the organization.

On the **2nd Wednesday** of every month from **10am – 12pm**, there will be a table at the parking lot door of the church where ***Community CARES*** donations can be dropped off (or handed to a volunteer). This is the day when we will receive packets of **Ramen Noodles** for the organization.





BRING YOUR GOOD, USED CLOTHING, PURSES, AND SHOES TO CHURCH TO  
BENEFIT PROJECT SHARE

## COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS

**First United Church of Christ is still collecting good used clothing, purses, and shoes year-round to benefit the community and our Community Aid Partner, Project Share.**

Remember when you're organizing your closets and drawers, First UCC is accepting year-round donations of good, used or new clothing, coats, boots, shoes, socks, purses, hats and gloves for all ages. Place your items in the bin across from the Church Office during hours the building is open.

First UCC earns a monetary percentage of items donated to Community Aid. More importantly, our donations are made available free or at low cost to people who shop at Community Aid in Mechanicsburg.

When we hear of a specific need from Community CARES, our donations are taken to them directly. This winter First UCC donated numerous coats and cold-weather wear for all ages, which was greatly appreciated by CARES and the people they serve.

**Items needed:** Clothing for all ages and sizes, shoes, and purses. Please put donations in plastic bags, with shoes and purses in separate bags from clothing. Bags are available beside the cart, across from the Church Office.

Home Pick-up of donations is available - call Lyndsey at 717-243-2512 or text/ call Suzy at 717-580-8063.

**Our cart is ONLY for clothing, shoes, and purses.** If you wish to donate other items, you may take them to the local Community Aid Thrift Store - 4833 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Please let them know that you are a member of First UCC's Project Share partnership. Ask them to credit **Project Share Partner Number # 10166**, so those donations will count, too. Receipts are available upon request.



**Questions? Contact Susan Coulson 717-580-8063 or [sccoulson@comcast.net](mailto:sccoulson@comcast.net); or Lyndsey Hendricks in the Church Office 717-243-2512 or [lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org).**

For more information about Community Aid go to the website at <https://communityaid.org>.

This is a project of the Church & Community Connections Council of First United Church of Christ. We appreciate your support!

## BOOK DONATIONS

### Bosler Bookery Donations

Are you interested in donating books? Our local Bosler Bookery at 158 W High Street - inside the East Wing of The Bosler Library - accepts a variety of donations year-round. The Bookery sells gently-used or new books, puzzles, games, music, greeting cards, artwork, and many other items that have been donated by the community. Proceeds help the Bosler Library. Bookery guidelines are printed on flyers available in the hallway across from the Church Office. If you are unable to come to the church for a flyer, you may call to request one from the Church Office to be sent to you by mail. Or go to the Bosler Friends website ([www.boslerfriends.com](http://www.boslerfriends.com)) on your computer and click on The Bookery section or call The Bookery at 717-243-3313.

## SPY UPDATE

Did you know SPY was not just a summer program anymore? During the school year, on select days the children have off school, SPY holds "Fun Days" at UCC. This means so much to our single parents! On these days, many are faced with the choice of taking an unpaid day off or leaving their child home alone. Thanks to UCC, SPY has a spot during the school year to keep these children safe and fed and the parents can continue to work.

Monday, January 16th was our most recent SPY Fun Day and we had approximately 45 children in attendance. Dr. Martin Luther King and his accomplishments and contributions to our society were the focus of our morning activities. In the afternoon we had a special visit from the Chinese Cultural & Arts Institute. The children learned about the Chinese New Year, which began January 22nd, and watched live traditional performances. Check out the photos of the fun below! (attached). We are looking forward to more SPY Fun on Thursday, Feb. 16th and Friday, Feb. 17th.

We are so grateful to UCC for your hospitality and opening your doors for our children. Together we are making a difference!



**THE BOOKERY'S DONATION POLICY**

**WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF:**

- Books** – hardback and paperback books in good, salable condition.
- Artwork** – All types – for the ongoing art sale
- Audiobooks**
- Books** – hardback & paperback
- Comics**
- Games** – board games and computer games
- The Great Courses** – on CD or DVD
- Greeting cards with envelopes**
- Magazines** – current 3 months
- Movies/TV on DVD**
- Music on CD/DVD**
- Puzzles**
- Records, Vinyl** – up to 25-30, no more at one time without prior approval from Bookery mgr.
- Textbooks** – published since 2016
- Unusual items** – contact The Bookery's manager if you have something else that you would like to donate. From time to time we have sold donated needlepoint pillows, antique teacups, etc.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- Cassette tapes.**
- Condensed Books.**
- Damaged Books** - that are very dirty, smell, or have been wet. Rule of thumb - If you would not give us \$1 for the book you are donating, no one else will either!
- Encyclopedias** – we do not accept encyclopedias.
- Ex-Library Books.**
- Magazines** – older than the last 3 months. Including old Life, Look, National Geographic, etc.
- Old sheet music**
- Records in bulk** – to donate more than 25-30 talk to the Bookery Mgr. first.
- Textbooks** – with a copyright date older than 2016.
- VHS tapes**

**What you can do with some of the things we don't accept:**

- Books** - Chambersburg Waste Paper will recycle books 2047 Loop Rd, Chambersburg, PA 17202, 717-264-4890
- Magazines** – you can recycle any type of glossy paper in the Ronald McDonald dumpster generally located in the parking lot of one of the local McDonald's.

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### WANT TO INCLUDE HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR COUNCIL?

If you would like to include any highlights of your council, please email Lyndsey (Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org) within the last week of each month. Your highlights will be included in the next month's newsletter.

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

First UCC will collect **WINTER WEAR** in our **BACKDOOR BLUE BIN** during November & December 2022 and January & February 2023. Good Used Winter clothing for all ages and genders is needed.

**DONATIONS** may be placed in the **BLUE BARREL** right **INSIDE THE PARKING LOT ENTRANCE** of our church. **NEEDED ITEMS** are Coats, Gloves, Hats, Warm pants, Sweaters, Boots, and Socks.

Let's all take a look inside our closets. Help our community in need this winter!

Home Pickup can be arranged by calling Suzy Coulson at 717-245-0651 (landline - leave a message) or 717-580-8063 (cell- call or text a message).

**NOTE:** This is a **DIFFERENT** collection from our regular Community Aid donation in the Great Hallway. Regular donations may still be placed in the Community Aid bin, with Winter Wear going in the Community CARES Blue Bin.

Call the Church Office for information. (717-243-2512)

THANK YOU!

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

We have completed the HVAC air conditioning replacement. First UCC now has two separate HVAC systems to cool/heat the Fellowship Hall and to cool the Church Sanctuary.

These two systems run independently of each other and should allow for better performance, efficiency, and comfort in our beautiful 100 year-old facility. Over the next several weeks we will be monitoring and adjusting temperatures (if needed) to find a comfortable temperature for all. This may require a slight learning curve during this time.

The Property Management Council appreciates your patience during this process. Please feel free to contact Dallas for any questions.



## EARTH STEWARDS

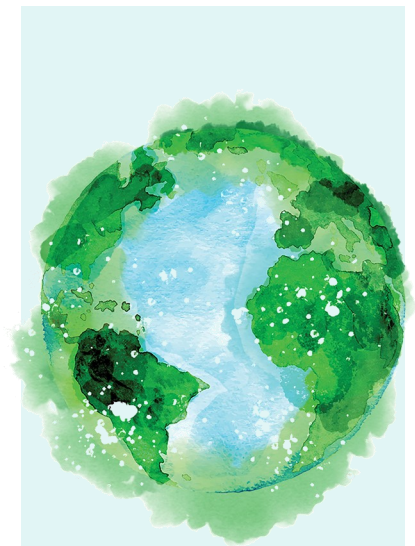
### March Tip of the Month

Our faith teaches us that we were put on this earth with the responsibility to be Creation Stewards. During this season of Lent, consider what you and your family can do to help the planet.

Take a walk outdoors and take a bag along to pick up trash. Make it a regular practice. This action demonstrates your acceptance of God's plan that we share responsibility in the Web of Life. It may not be "your" trash, but it's "your" Earth!

this Spring, consider stopping the use of pesticides and herbicides on lawns and gardens. Many of the commercial plants we buy at garden centers come with these invisible ingredients already in and on them. They are toxic to bees and other pollinators. Ask your garden center to offer "clean & green" alternatives. Insects, caterpillars, plant nectar and seeds are food for pollinators, birds and other animals with whom we share this fragile planet. Let's feed them, not poison them!

2023 Earth Day is April 22!



## CHURCH GROUP UPDATES

### FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Mission:** First United Church of Christ is a Christian community of faith united through worship, study, prayer, fellowship, and service by:

Seeking to create opportunities that empower members to grow spiritually and to serve the community.

Live a life of stewardship of God's gifts to us.

Proclaiming God's love as told in the Gospels of Jesus Christ.

**Vision:** First United Church of Christ strives to:

Foster an environment of intellectual openness.

Encourage members to grow spiritually through study and inspiring worship.

Provide opportunities for the church family to serve the community.

Encourage fellowship of members through activities and service bringing everyone together as one body.

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### Book Chat Update:

Book Chat meets in the Church Parlor at 11:00 AM after the worship service, on the first and third Sundays of each month. Participants engage in devotions, discussion, and fellowship. In March, the group will be reading The Maid, by Nita Prose.

This fictional novel involves readers in the lives of many diverse and colorful characters in the drama surrounding a crime committed at a posh hotel. The story keeps the reader wondering about the details of the mystery, along with a most-memorable main character - The Maid, herself.

The complete (and ambitious) Book Chat Book List for 2023 is posted beside the Church Office Door. Recommendations for great books and new members are always welcome!



### Color, Craft & Fellowship Update:

Yearning for some fun and fellowship? Well, come join us on **Wednesdays** from **2:00pm to 4:00pm** to **Color, Craft & Fellowship!** Bring your coloring books, markers, paints, crochet hooks, knitting needles, or whatever craft you feel like doing that day! If you are interested in joining, please contact **Lyndsey** at **[Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org)** or **717-243-2512**.



### Lunch Bunch Update:

The Lunch Bunch Ladies will be meeting the following dates at **12pm**:

March 23rd– N. Hanover St. Grille

April 27th– Hamilton Restaurant

May 25th– South Side Deli

June 22nd– Pizza Grille

July 27th– Hickory Ridge

August 24th– Leo's Ice Cream (time change @ 1:00pm)



If you are interested in joining, please call **Barb Simonton** at **(717) 258-3250** for reservations.