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next newsletter is  
4.20.26*

## Sunday Morning

Adult Education begins at 9 a.m.  
Fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m.  
In-person worship begins at 10 a.m.  
Online worship begins at 10:15 on our  
FB page.  
Sunday school begins at 10:20 a.m.



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TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD:

HOSPITALITY AND LOVE

POURED OUT

*by Pastor Leslie*

**18 “Drink, my lord,” she said and quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. 19 When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.” 20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. 21 The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful. (Genesis 24:18-21)**

In this formational scripture passage, Rebekah offers water for a stranger at the communal well as well as water for his camels. The well was a space for connection. Which invites us to consider, since we have drinkable water without the need to go to a communal spot to collect our daily water from, where are our modern day wells?

Modern day wells are places of connection, where we find welcome and nourishment. When we venture outside our homes it is easy to spot them. They happen at fellowship time on Sunday morning. They happen when we gather in Central Park for the summer concert series. They happen when we go to visit someone who is unable to leave their home. It happens when we gather for breakfast fellowship.

The hospitality that Rebekah offers to a stranger encourages us to consider these two questions that Rev. Kayla Billings asks.

Who are the people we are willing to pour into?

Who are the people who pour into us?

Remember Rebekah does not know this person whom she cares for. It is not mutually beneficial for her. God’s love and care are for all. This is the panacea that our world needs. Hospitality and love poured out for those who are in need of nourishment! May we be so faithful.

# Why Giving Matters

## Crunching the Numbers

Each month we hope to spend as much as we bring in. The reality is that giving is a reflection of our faithfulness. We give as we are able, aware that there are seasons when we would love to be able to give more but just cannot because we too need to balance our own household budgets, spending no more than what we bring in.

Since last year's deficit was the first in many years, we will try to get back on track this year. It takes all who are able to make this happen. When we have 4 Sundays in a month we need our pledges and contributions to be **\$7,292.** Added to the Interest we receive from our Endowments of \$6,939 brings us to a total of \$14,231.

We have brought in \$10,255.30 in pledges for January and February. We are operating with a **deficit of \$4,329.** As you can see below the majority of our total deficit comes from January. We are moving in the right direction and are extremely grateful for those who are able to contribute to the operating budget of our congregation. Thank you for your generosity!

### February 2026 Budget

\$14,044.00 Monthly Budget Needs

\$6,245.00 Offerings received from February

\$6,939.00 Monthly income from investments & renters

**-\$860.00 Deficit for February**

**(-\$4,329 total deficit for the year)**

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

DINNER CHURCH  
AT 5:30PM  
ON APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

An evening of  
remembering Christ's  
final moments with his  
disciples.

Journey to different  
spaces as we draw  
closer to God and  
deepen our  
faithfulness.





### **This Day: When Love Answers**

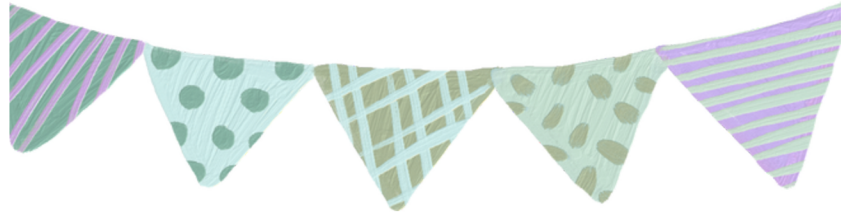
On that first day of the week, grief and uncertainty were met with resurrection hope. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and proclaimed, "I saw the Master!", bearing witness to a love that answered her sorrow with new life. What began as confusion and loss became a world-changing encounter with the risen Christ. "This day" was unlike any other. Love answered Peter's searching. Love answered Mary's longing. Love answered with presence, promise, and purpose.

Through the Easter Offering, we respond to God's resurrection love by sharing in God's work in the world. As we give, we proclaim with Mary: love still answers.

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on March 29 and April 5, 2026, provides vital support for the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your generous gift helps equip college students for leadership, strengthens global mission partnerships, sustains health and social service ministries, supports the formation of new congregations, cares for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

Your gift has the power to transform lives and extend the love of Christ around the world. Thank you for making a difference.

Happy  
Birthday



4-1 Harry Dalstra  
4-7 Jennifer Hubbs  
4-8 Dianne Hope  
4-9 Donna Hedgepeth

4-9 Eva Dalstra  
4-11 Joy Kuper  
4-22 Pam Reuther

## Easter Sunday Worship April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAR**  
**19**

**Thursday**

Girl Scout meeting @ 6 p.m.

**MAR**  
**22**

**Sunday**

Adult Education @ 9 a.m.

Worship @ 10 a.m.

Youth Education @10:20 a.m.

**MAR**  
**23**

**Monday**

End of Month Meal @ 5:00 p.m.

**MAR**  
**25**

**Wednesday**

Breakfast Fellowship @ 8:30 a.m. at Carlito's Place

Roxy's Pantry @ 4:00 p.m.

Lenten Lunch @ 11:45 a.m.

**MAR**  
**26**

**Thursday**

Girl Scout meeting @ 6 p.m.

**MAR**  
**29**

**Sunday**

Adult Education @ 9 a.m.

Worship @ 10 a.m.

Youth Education @10:20 a.m.

**APR**  
**1**

**Wednesday**

Breakfast Fellowship @ 8:30 a.m. at the Cottage Cafe

**APR**  
**2**

**Thursday**

Maundy Thursday Service and Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

Girl Scout meeting @6:00 p.m.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**APR**  
**5**

**Sunday**

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service @ 7:30 a.m. Site TBD

Adult Education @ 9 a.m.

Worship @ 10 a.m.

Youth Education @10:20 a.m.

**APR**  
**8**

**Wednesday**

Breakfast Fellowship @ 8:30 a.m. at Ft. Colony

**APR**  
**9**

**Thursday**

Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

**APR**  
**12**

**Sunday**

Adult Education @ 9 a.m.

Worship @ 10 a.m.

Youth Education @10:20 a.m.

**APR**  
**15**

**Wednesday**

Breakfast Fellowship @ 8:30 a.m. at Carlito's

**APR**  
**16**

**Thursday**

Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

**APR**  
**19**

**Sunday**

Adult Education @ 9 a.m.

Worship @ 10 a.m.

Youth Education @10:20 a.m.

# Sunday Scriptures

## Fifth Sunday in Lent- March 22

Matthew 23:23

John 8:2-11

**Liturgist-Ken Steeples**

**Elder-Ken Steeples**

**Deacon- Donna Block**

**Organist-Bonnie Neyens**

**Greeter -**

## Second Sunday of Easter- April 12

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

**Liturgist-Jana Hubbs**

**Elder-Jana Hubbs**

**Deacon-**

**Organist-Bonnie Neyens**

**Greeter -**

## Liturgy of the Palms- March 29

Mark 11:1-11

**Liturgist-Jana Hubbs**

**Elder-Jana Hubbs**

**Deacon-Gerry Pohlpetter**

**Organist-Bonnie Neyens**

**Greeter - Vicki Lair**

## Third Sunday of Easter - April 19

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

**Liturgist-Vicki Lair**

**Elder-Vicki Lair**

**Deacon-Gerry Pohlpetter**

**Organist-Virginia Watson**

**Greeter -**

## Resurrection of the Lord- April 5

Matthew 28:1-10

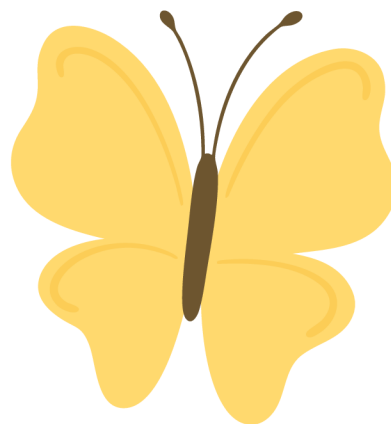
**Liturgist-**

**Elder-**

**Deacon-Amy Hayes**

**Organist-Virginia Watson**

**Greeter -Mike Hayes**



## *Congregational Care*

Sunday Funday was a great time, new games were played and great snacks.  
Fun time had by all!

## *Education*

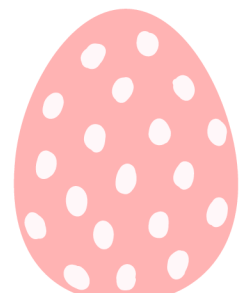
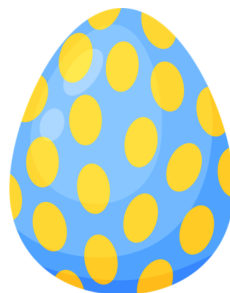
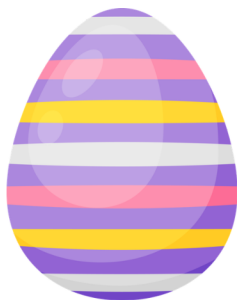
We are doing a study called Building Character and the youth will be sharing with the congregation what they have learned throughout their study.

## *Food Pantry*

The Food Pantry is in need of: cereals, pastas, crackers,  
and pork & beans.

## *Community & World Service*

Thank you for the donations that were given for the Optimist Club Easter donations!



# Prayer Concerns

## Current Concerns

F & F of Declan Coady  
F & F of Joe Davis  
Tyrese Dawson  
Sherri Enke  
Rev. Dan Masden  
Linda Merschman  
Matt Orr  
Darrell Richers  
USS Gerald Ford  
For all living in the Middle East

## Long Term Concerns

Juanita Anderson  
Jan Bindewald  
Mark Bowman  
Tracy Chamness  
Aleen & Marie Egbert  
Joy Kuper  
Beverly Oge  
Earnest Rouse  
Sharon Strunk

**Members of the Military**  
**Those facing food insecurity**

Names in Current Concerns will be removed after a month and **names in Long Term Concerns will be removed after a year** unless the office is notified and asked to keep the individual on for a longer period of time.

