

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am Bible study (in person and on Zoom)
10:30 am Worship (in-person and online)
11:30 am Coffee HI
11:30 am Confirmation II

Tuesday, March 21

3:30 pm VCC
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 22

6:00 pm LAF and BC
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, March 26

9:00 am Bible study (in person and on Zoom)
10:30 am Worship (in-person and online)
11:30 am Coffee HI
11:30 am Confirmation II

USHERS: Reuvers family

DEACON OF THE DAY: Bruce Gray

COFFEE HI: Mary Ellen Jensen and Joanne Ustad

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March 19, 2023 – 10:30 am

PRELUDE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”/”Lead Me, Lord” arr. Turner/Wesley

WELCOME

Announcements
Joys & Concerns
Friendship Pads

*GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A SMILE, A WAVE, A NOD, OR A BOW

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are people of dignity. Down through the ages we have been the people of God, the people who know themselves to be called to courage and truth.

All: **We are the people who heal each other,
who grow strong together,
who name the truth,
who know what it means
to live in community,
moving towards a common dream
for a new heaven and a new earth**

**in the power of God's love,
the company of Jesus,
and the leading of the Spirit.**

L: Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

*GATHERING SONG "God of Abraham and Sarah" 20

THE GOOD NEWS Genesis 12:1-9

MUSIC TO INSPIRE "Prayer of Need" by Penny Rodriguez

A TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

HYMN OF PREPARATION "You are Mine" Song Booklet, p. 4

REFLECTION "The Gift of Getting Lost"

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Vogt

*Response "We are an Offering" Song Booklet, p. 2

*Prayer of Dedication (unison):

We offer you our gifts, O God. We give them in faith and in gratitude for all that we have received. Amen.

CENTERING HYMN "Come and Find a Quiet Center" vss. 1 & 2

**Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see,
All the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heart and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,**

**Making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.**

OUR TIME FOR PRAYERS

Silent prayers, Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

*SENDING SONG "Come and Find a Quiet Center" vs. 3

**In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.**

*BLESSING

L: Go now with confidence that getting lost can lead to being found.

All: We go now, grateful that the Spirit of God is dancing on our path, rising in surprising places to bring new possibilities into the world.

L: Go in peace.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Thygerson

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, March 26th we will be receiving new members into our church family. In our UCC tradition, the only prerequisite for membership is your desire to join in our adventure of faith! If you are interested in membership or know of someone who might be, please contact the church office.

VMA FRIDAY LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE 2023

The pastors of the Vermillion Ministerial Association would again like to invite you to join them for prayer each Friday beginning March 24th during Lent. The group will gather shortly after noon (12:00 pm) for a brief prayer and reflection service and then share a simple soup lunch, concluding by 12:50 pm. The entire community is welcome as we prayerfully move through this holy season.

March 24th at United Methodist

March 31st at St. Agnes, Pastor Sandy Aakre

April 7th at First Baptist, Pastor Tony Armbrust

USD CHAMBER SINGERS HOME CONCERT

Fresh off their concert tour of Italy, the USD Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. David Holdhusen, will present their Home Concert at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 25 at the UCC in Vermillion. The program will feature music from a wide variety of composers and historical periods, including Palestrina, Randall Thompson, and Eric Whitacre. The choir will showcase new choral music as well as standards of the classical repertoire, spirituals, and folksongs from primarily Italy and America. The concert is open to all. A freewill donation will be collected.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH

The Food Pantry needs are canned fruit, box dinners, pasta, peanut butter, deodorant, laundry pods.

FUNDRAISER

Come enjoy some original music, local music, gospel, and folk tunes. Join **Little Brian and the Big Tones with special guest Diane Van Den Oever** in a free-will donation fundraiser for the Food Pantry on **March 26th, 3:00 pm at the UCC Church, 226 E. Main St., Vermillion.**

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Jean Morrow	Part Time Interim Pastor
Elaine Miller	Part Time Visitation Pastor
Anthony Burbach	Bell Director/Pianist
Gretchen Burbach	Choir Director
Diane Van Den Oever	Organist
Paul Ebsen	Media Director
Joanne Ustad	Church Administrator
Barb Weyhrich	Church Secretary
Kathy Hasenbank, Barb Jacobson	Custodians
Libby Brust	Education Intern - Preschool
Henrique Fortunato	Arts Intern – Organ and Piano
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