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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH

"CHANGES"



Right now, I'm working my way to the end of a long book by Ken Follet. It's a slow process. Karen is a voracious reader and can go through a book a day, but for me reading such a novel can take a week or more, and it's a change from my usual reading of history or biography, or articles in journals and newspapers.

Follet's *The Armor of Light* deals with changes, the changes in English society during the change from the 18th century to the 19th century when the spinning jenny revolutionized the cloth industry and the Napoleonic wars helped to change feudal states into nation states.

However, one of the more interesting changes mentioned in the book deals with music, that is with the ringing of church bells. We have our Swiss Carillon, now automated so that with the press of a button we are called to worship. In England many parish churches have bell towers with several bells rung by groups of ringers to produce a sort of melody, and the melodies can change with the sequence of how the bells are rung. In the book men are paid a shilling a session to ring "the changes" and one of the changes is allowing a woman (God forbid) to join the group of change ringers.

Back in 1997 when I was an "ex-change" pastor at a United Reformed Church in Nailsea, England Karen and I were invited to the nearby Anglican church to watch and participate in "ringing the changes" with a group of friendly folks from that parish. It was a fun experience to make music with bells and learn how to "change". Hearing this change ringing was also enjoyable to the whole neighborhood, even at the neighboring pub, appropriately named Ring O' Bells.



Changes. All of us have experienced changes in our lives. Hopefully, as we have changed we have “grown in wisdom and stature” (Luke 2:52) Hopefully, along with the change ringers of Nailsea and other places we have also made a sort of music as we’ve changed, singing together in harmony. Right now, we are in the middle of the church season of Lent, and we are singing songs appropriate for that season, often focusing on the cross. During our Wednesday Lenten services with Calvary Lutheran our theme song has been “Amazing Grace” in which we acknowledge and even celebrate the change in various Bible characters (and us) through God’s “amazing grace”, which indeed changed one slave trader to a follower of Christ.

In a couple weeks we will be “changing our tune” as we shift from singing about “The Old Rugged Cross” to “The Day of Resurrection”. And then at the end of April we will be welcoming a new pastor and looking forward to the changes she will bring. All of this happens in the midst of change as we recognize that, in the words of Duke Ellington, “Things Ain’t What They Used to Be”. Through these changes, both comforting and challenging, we recognize that we live under God’s “Amazing Grace.”

In God’s grace,

Pastor Jim

amazing
GRACE



From the Trustees-

We have several long heavy wood tables available for purchase. Minimum purchase price - \$10

Please contact the church office if you are interested 715-743-2147 or check with Bob Petkovsek or Mike Perkl.



Old Wooden Banquet Tables

Another great year of soup for our local food pantry



Calvary	420
UCC	393
St Mary's Catholic	209
TOTAL	1022

Scholarships Available



- for Spring/Summer camps due by May 15th
- for Fall camps due by September 15th

Go to Church Website
for Applications

Christian Education Update



J. A.M. Club and confirmation at 5 PM
-March 6 – at Calvary
*kids will sing at the 6 pm worship service that night
-March 20 – at UCC

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Will meet **both** of those nights at
Calvary Lutheran Church



Continuing the following in our thoughts and prayers.

Janet Harrington

Dave Beck

Lisa Schermitzler

Gayle Schermitzler

Wallace Garbisch

Jim Repinski

Marian Vornholt

Please let us know if others not listed
(with their permission) would like prayer requests.



I wish to thank all my church family with their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, monetary donations, hugs and prayers in the loss of my daughter, Amy.

It is overwhelming and deeply appreciated.

In Faith & Friendship,
JoAnn Wren



Sunday, February 4, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Dan Patey and family in loving memory of Elvira Patey.

Sunday, February 11, the radio broadcast was sponsored anonymously by a “faithful listener”.

Sunday, February 18, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Roni Kaczor-Smith – remembering my UCC Church Family

Sunday, February 25, the radio broadcast was sponsored anonymously by a UCC member in “Prayer for World Peace”.

2024 Radio Broadcast Sponsors Needed

Would you like to sponsor a **2024** radio broadcast? Please reserve your date with the church office. You may choose to honor or dedicate a particular service to someone.

We believe our radio broadcast is a valued service and want to keep it on the air.

The cost remains the same:
\$75 for a full broadcast; \$37.50 for half

These dates are open -

Mar 31 EASTER
Apr 14, 21
May 5, 26
Jun 9, 16, 23, 30
Jul 7, 28
Aug 4, 18
Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Oct 6, 13, 20, 27
Nov 17, 24
Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

OFFERINGS FOR – FEBRUARY 2024 MARCH

February 5, 2024

General Offering	\$3,958.00
Meal Give-Away	1,665.00
Back Pack	<u>50.00</u>
	\$5,673.00

February 19, 2024

General Offering	\$2,963.00
Radio Broadcast	675.00
Meal Give-Away	<u>145.00</u>
	\$3,783.00

March 4, 2024

General Offering	\$4,587.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	387.00
Meal Give-Away	<u>305.00</u>
	\$5,279.00

VANCO for February \$ 633.44

Facts and Figures of February 2024

Attendance for In-Person Worship

February 4	online 9	Sunday 47
February 11	online 11	Sunday 56
February 18	online 8	Sunday 58
February 25	online 7	Sunday 71



Sunday, April 21st –
A “**THANK YOU and Recognition**” Service to show our appreciation for our interim pastors –
Pastor Jim Mohr
Pastor Sue Vornholt.
A meal will be served following worship.

**Please order your
Easter Lilies by March
25th.** The cost is \$17.00
– please make your
checks out to UCC. You
may dedicate or honor a
lily to someone of your
choosing. See Janice in
the office for details.



- 1- Rick Buchsteiner
Wendell Kuhn
Dick Lewis
- 4- Millie Mathis
- 5- James Mankowski
- 7- Dixie Hediger
- 8- Randy Hauge
- 10- Sherrie Holub
- 12- Larry Marshall
Lisa Schermitzler
- 13- Krue Czarnecki
Ben Wilson
Bob Petkovsek
- 16- Francis (Butch) Carl
- 17- Glenna Rhoades
- 20- Steve Barrette
Russ Karl
Max Heck
- 21- Howie Mathis
- 23- Frances Short
Brody Bergemann
- 24- Piper Keller
- 25- Wallace Garbisch
- 29- Lane Kranz
- 30- Kellie Murphy
- 31- Joseph Anderson

***Happy Birthday to all who have a March birthday!
Did we miss your birthday or have the wrong date?
Let us know if we did.***



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

20- Pat Acheson & Herman Seebandt
Lydia & Ron Schumacher

***Happy Anniversary!
Did we have the wrong date or miss your Anniversary?***



APRIL 1 -9

We are adding the first days of APRIL birthdays and anniversaries so as not to miss any if the Newsletter is late.

April 1-9 Birthdays

- 4- Carla Marty
- 5- Tye Kranz
- 6- Bonnie Weyer
- 9- Ray Weyer

April 1-9 Anniversaries

- 2- Jenna & Joshua Ziegler
- 9- Corinne & Neil Armitage

**-We are missing a
2-step wooden step stool
from the kitchen
Does anyone know where it might be?-**

Amazing Grace for Lent

March 6 @ Calvary

“The Blind Man” (John 9:24) – “Grace for the Blind”

Preacher: James Mohr

Liturgist: Chad Anderson

- Week 3 • The Blind Man (John 9:24): We witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of God found in Jesus, who heals us all.

March 13 @ UCC

“The Woman at the Well” (John 4:13-14) – “Grace for Those Ashamed”

Preacher: Chad Anderson

Liturgist: Susan Vornholt

- Week 4 • The Woman at the Well (John 4:13-14): We listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity.

March 20 @ Calvary

“Paul” (1 Timothy 1:15) – “Grace for the Wretched”

Preacher: Susan Vornholt

Liturgist: Chad Anderson

- Week 5 • Paul (1 Timothy 1:15): We marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul, who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

March 28 @ UCC (**Maundy Thursday**)

“John” – “Grace for the Loveless”

Preacher: Chad Anderson

Liturgist: James Mohr

March 29 @ Calvary (**Good Friday**)

“The Penitent Thief” – “Grace for the Guilty”

Preacher: Steve Wentz?

Liturgist: Chad Anderson



UCC will be hosting the Wednesday night 6 PM soup suppers on -

March 13 - Barb P. & Friends will bring soup

We are looking for help in set up/clean up, and bringing bars for these suppers. Please sign up on the back bulletin board of the narthex if you can assist.



OFFERING DATE MARCH 10, 2024

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“Share the Light”

One Great Hour of Sharing “SHARE THE LIGHT” part of our churches Wider Mission is a special mission offering that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. United Church of Christ works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education, health care and resettlement to refugees and displaced persons. One Great Hour of Sharing supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special mission projects of the UCC church. This ecumenical project has been putting love in action for 75 years. Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, is an expression of God’s love on earth that leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals, and building houses and schools.

95 cents of every dollar donated is used for this mission with 5 cents for interpretation material. Administration is covered by our churches Wider Mission.

Our light is always shining because we are there. OGHS is a special Lenten offering which will be taken this year on March 10. To donate to this special “Share the light” project offering can be in person using the envelopes in the pew, mailed, using bill pay through your bank or on line through VANCO.

Thank you for your continued support of our local UCC church and your support of our special mission projects. “Share the Light”.



Lenten folders available in the Narthex—

All Offerings go to local missions

Amended and Approved Minutes
At the Monday, February 26, 2024 Meeting
Neillsville United Church of Christ Council

The meeting was held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall at the Neillsville United Church of Christ.

Moderator Vine called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Attendance

Council Members Present: Trustee Representative Doris Bakker, Christian Education Representative Stephanie Heck (via telephone), Vice Moderator Barb Petkovsek, Moderator Paul Vine, Deacons Representative Karlene Wallace, and Treasurer Bonnie Weyer.

Prayer

Moderator Vine guided the committee with a prayer.

Minutes

Motion by Barb Petkovsek, seconded by Doris Bakker to approve the minutes of the Thursday, December 21, 2023 meeting. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

Financial Report

Motion by Doris Bakker, seconded by Karlene Wallace to approve the financial report as presented by Bonnie Weyer reading Assistant Treasurer Don Quicker's written report. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

New Business

Caregivers Update

Barb Petkovsek and Doris Bakker shared ideas on how to help our members grow that the committee would like to see:

- reconnecting with members/visitors that haven't attended in a while. This could be completed by sending out a postcard and/or phone call by the Administrative Assistant.
- possibly forming an ad hoc group to reach out to existing members not attending since COVID to see what needs to be completed to have them return to church.
- Revisit having members invite other church members/visitors to their house for coffee or a short gathering to get to know each other.
- reach out to youth that have been confirmed or off to college or military.
- help our new pastor and/or visitors to our church by:
 - wearing name tags; maybe one color for members and another color for visitors.
 - directory available for Pastor to help put a name to a face.

New Business Continued

Caregivers Update Continued

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Karlene Wallace shared:

- that the deacons are discussing different ways to get missing members back to the church and for visitors to join. They are hoping to brainstorm with our new Pastor.
- that at least one of the deacons is trying to greet new and old members attending church services and engage in a conversation, letting them know that we genuinely appreciate them coming to church.

Administrative Assistant's Computer Tower

Bonnie Weyer shared that the Administrative Assistant's computer tower is not operating properly. For now, Bonnie has switched the tower from the Pastor's room to the Administrative Assistant's office.

Motion by Doris Bakker, seconded by Karlene Wallace to get an estimate on the non-working tower to see if it is worth getting repaired. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

Painting Projects

Bonnie Weyer shared that the heat registers in the Pastor's Office will be painted by Strangfeld's Body shop, who did the work on the other registers in the church sanctuary.

The Administrative Assistant's Office will be painted soon.

Old Business

Pastor Search Update

Moderator Vine and Barb Petkovsek shared the following:

- Barb will read an introduction to the congregation on Sunday.
- If we have a positive vote:
 - Julianna (Julie) Ruegsegger could be here in the middle of April but no later than May 1st; this will be included in the call agreement.
 - Julie would be considered a Settled Pastor since she is not ordained at this point and needs to complete the Damascus Program.
 - The Search Committee is responsible for helping the new Pastor for one (1) year.
 - The vote on Sunday will be a voice vote by the congregation in attendance unless someone requests a ballot vote.

Moderator Vine complimented the Search Committee for their work, especially Barb Petkovsek for taking the lead and working many hours to obtain a candidate to present to the congregation.

Committee Reports

Trustees

Doris Bakker shared the following:

- **[Amended Minutes (2/26/24)]** Sanctuary Overhead Screen
 - The screen has **not** been repaired and the invoice **has not been** paid.]
- Parking Lot
 - The responsibility of sanding and plowing the parking lot was revisited and hopefully resolved.
- Grease Trap
 - The grease trap under the elevator was tabled.

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- Downstairs Kitchen Entrance Door
 - The committee is looking into the possibility of protective covering over this door.

Christian Education

Stephanie Heck shared the following:

- J.A.M and Confirmation
 - Held at Calvary on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.
 - Held at UCC on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.
 - The younger group consisted of 22 students.
 - The older group consisted of 17 students.
 - Next meetings are scheduled for:
 - Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at Calvary.
 - Students will be singing.
 - Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at UCC.
- Christian Education Committee
 - Jenna Ziegler has resigned from the committee.
 - Lydia Schumacher has agreed to fill the open position.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS)
 - Nothing has been finalized at this time.
 - Probably be a one (1) day event again this year.
 - Nothing definite if Calvary will join our session or do their own.
 - Barb Petkovsek asked to make sure to include our new Pastor on the VBS discussion.

Deacons

Karlene Wallace shared the following:

- Christmas Eve Service
 - We held one (1) service at 5 PM and it went well.
 - Those in attendance were happy with the new time.

Committee Reports Continued

Deacons Continued

- Lenten Services and Soup Supper
 - The committee is meeting the week before we host the first service/supper, which is Wednesday, February 14, and hopes to finalize volunteers. The committee is in hopes that the confirmation students will assist in some of these areas, including attending the church service.
 - Church Service
 - Greeters
 - Acolytes
 - Ushers
 - Supper
 - Servers
 - Waiting on tables
 - Clearing tables
 - Clean up

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Other

Moderator Vine reminded everyone to submit their annual reports and any articles for the February newsletter to the Administrative Assistant by February 2.

Emile Miller shared that the three (3) Funeral Luncheon Coordinators met and decided to offer a “fellowship time” after a funeral church service, which will include bars and/or cakes, a cheese tray, crackers, coffee, and lemonade. We will no longer supply salads/Jello’s so we can use small paper plates for the gathering and hopefully this will eliminate the number of people we need for serving and cleaning up. If the family would like more served, it will be their responsibility to arrange with a caterer of their choice and at their expense. The funeral policy will be reviewed by the Deacons and funeral fees will be reviewed by the Trustees at their next meeting. Once approved, Emile will meet with Gesche’s to update them on our changes with policy, fees, luncheon, and catering offerings.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 5:30 PM, with Zoom being offered for those that cannot make the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Stephanie Heck, seconded by Barb Petkovsek to adjourn. Voice vote taken with all “aye”; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Submitted by:
Emile J Miller
Neillsville UCC Council Secretary



[Welcome.us](https://www.welcome.us) recently posted an update with photographs telling the story of the Hnatiuk family one year after arriving in this country. February 24th is the two-year anniversary of the start of the war. Olesia and Mykola are so grateful to have a safe place to live here on our farm.

One family's journey through sponsorship

(From left) Mykola, Dmytro, Olesia, and Roman Hnatiuk



One Good Reason, a 25-minute documentary film, chronicles the raw and vulnerable journey of the Hnatiuk family as they leave Lviv, Ukraine, and begin a new life in Unity, Wisc. Their sponsors Bryce and Maxine "Max" Luchterhand help them find connection and community in their small rural town. Since the film debuted in June 2023 at the Tribeca Film Festival, there have been many changes in the lives of the Hnatiuks and Luchterhands: Olesia and Mykola Hnatiuk are both working and their children Roman and Dmytro have adjusted to school in the United States. Although the Luchterhands are a big part of their lives, the Hnatiuk family has grown more independent and have made connections and friendships throughout their new community in Unity.

You met the Hnatiuks a year ago, what is your relationship like with them now?

Max: They have just become wonderful neighbors. We live in a rural area on a farm. There are two houses here. So, they are our neighbors on this farm. And, we were hesitant to rent out this house that we had sitting empty because we didn't want strangers driving through our yard, but it has just been great having them. It's the farm house where Bryce grew up actually. So that's an important house to the entire family and everybody—his sisters and brother and our children—are all happy that they're there. **Bryce:** They've actually been almost absorbed into our family in that, they went along on our family vacation. They were here for Thanksgiving. We shared Christmas dinner with them twice.

How has life changed since you (the Hnatiuks) first arrived in Wisconsin in January 2023?

Olesia: Mykola and I are both working, the kids (Roman and Dmytro) are occupied in school and kindergarten, which helps with their English. Now we're both familiar with the region. We know where to go when we need to get something we need. We recently found a store where you can buy ingredients to make Ukrainian food. It's very important to find food that we used to have at home in Ukraine. Even though we live in a state that produces a lot of milk products, it's very limited, and we're used to fermented milk products.

We're also more independent and have made our own connections outside of Max and Bryce. We're meeting more people at work and elsewhere. We also met another Ukrainian couple who lives about 20 miles away. We met up for coffee, and we're getting to know each other better. **Mykola:** I'm working as a mechanic at the corporation. While I was hoping to learn more English at work, I'm mostly learning Spanish because there are so many Spanish speakers there. **Olesia:** I started working as a teacher's assistant and have furthered my education. I received certificates here in the U.S. to work as a teacher's assistant. Just recently, I also enrolled in college to be a nursing assistant.

Max and Bryce, what have been some of the highlights of your sponsorship experience? What aspects of the Hnatiuk family's transition to life in your community have been especially inspiring for you to witness?

Bryce: I think so many small things that happen on a day-to-day basis, I find pretty inspiring myself. I know the summer, I remember watching those boys playing out in the yard. And I was thinking to myself of how the tremendous difference between watching them race across a green lawn, totally safe, versus the first picture we saw of them playing in front of a couple of armored tanks.

The documentary shows Roman just crying and just having a terrible time going to school. And now that's not the case. He actually has a friend or two in school, and he is very proud of his achievements. They have spelling tests every week. And he comes home with a 10 out of 10. And the first thing he wants to do is show it to Max and show it to me. **Max:** And then he wants me to take a picture of it and show him the picture of him holding it. Yeah, it's so cute. **Bryce:** You just see this progression of confidence and independence and a little bit of normalcy, coming into their lives where a year ago that wasn't the case. **Max:** And the boys could not speak a word of English when they came. They were 6 and 3. Olesia and Mykolia could speak some English, but now we also talked about how the boy's English has improved so much over the year. And they are always talking to us about something.

How are Roman and Dmytro doing in school? Has Roman learned English and adjusted to attending an American school? Does he still want to go back to Ukraine?

Olesia: Roman still wants to go back to Ukraine, but he is much better. He's started to speak in English with Bryce and Max a lot. He has stopped crying, so he's more calm and he has the chance to study, since he's not so stressed. Dmytro is mixing English and Ukrainian together.

How are Olesia's parents doing in Ukraine?

Olesia: We are talking with my parents regularly. Sometimes, it's worse in Ukraine, sometimes it's better, but it's still not safe. And it's still war over there, and all of the time missiles and drone attacks. And It's sad. The saddest part is that you see Ukraine mentioned less and less in the media, like nothing is happening, as if everything got better—but it's the same, sometimes worse.

What is one of your favorite stories or memories of this past year?

Max: We took them up to Lake Superior in northern Wisconsin, and they wouldn't have had an opportunity to get up there. Our whole family went up and we went out on the lake, and went to an island and to a beach there. Olesia talks about their vacations they took twice a year. They went to Egypt, to the beach every year when they were in Ukraine. And you can tell she really misses that. So they just had a wonderful time on that vacation. **Bryce:** Every year I make large bales of hay that are 4 feet long and 5 feet high, or vice versa. And I put them in long rows out behind the barn. So there will be maybe a half a dozen rows that are 20 bales long. And, that was one of the favorite things that those kids did all autumn, is to go out there behind the barn and race up and down and jump from one pile to the next and run across and fall off and climb back on. They just had a great time. **Max:** Olesia and I share recipes. Sometimes I'll bake something and share it with her. Then she wants the recipe and vice versa. Bryce said we had two Christmas dinners, because I had invited them for Christmas dinner because we were going to be alone. Our children don't come till the next weekend. And never did I think, I should say a date. And so they appeared on Dec. 24 at noon for their Christmas dinner, and we were planning to have them come on Dec. 25. But Olesia brought Ukrainian dishes to share. So we had a Ukrainian Christmas Eve dinner, and then they came back for Christmas with us. We still laugh about it. It was kind of a snafu, but it turned out to be really fun.

How is your relationship with Max and Bryce now that you have become more independent with life in the U.S.?

Olesia: Bryce and Max. They are so kind, good and welcoming people. We're very close, and we feel like we're spending time with family. We're good friends, and they're kind of like godparents to us. During the winter and cold we spend time playing cards in the evening, but I didn't play cards with my parents.

How would you describe how the rest of Unity has reacted to having the Hnatiuks as new neighbors? Was there anything about how the community has welcomed them that was surprising or noteworthy for you?

Max: We've been overwhelmed with how people have accepted them, how they've offered help, money, clothing, toys, food. Someone offered them a car. I mean, it was just overwhelming support. **Bryce:** Olesia likes to watch birds, they brought her a bag of sunflower seeds and bird feeders. **Max:** We have Mennonite neighbors who have come in horse and buggy to meet them. And actually Olesia and Mykolia go over there once a week and they get fresh milk, whole milk, and Olesia makes her own Ukrainian cheese. It's kind of like cottage cheese, but she uses that. She wants that fresh milk. And so they established a relationship with that family.

What are your hopes for the future?

Mykolia: It's hard to plan for the future, because our main hope was for the war to end, but that's unknown when it's going to end, how it's going to end, and whether we'll have anything to come back to. Right now, we are just happy that our children are safe and they're in a good country where they can learn and study and grow, in a calm environment. America is the type of country where you can live really good here, and especially if you build your own business. But to develop the business, you need time. And it's hard to start anything right now where we don't know if we need to leave in a year or not, or what is going on. So that's why it's very hard to plan for the future.

How has sponsorship changed you, and would you do this again?

Bryce: Would I do it again? Same circumstances. Absolutely. In a heartbeat. **Max:** I was the one that was hesitant. He was the one that said to me, "We're going to do this. We have the house. We're going to find a way to bring a family here to safety." I was so impressed with the whole process, with Welcome.US and all the help, just like you do this the first week, this the second week. I mean. It took away all my worries really, just by having all that information. And then, of course, the way we could choose the family made a big difference, too. How has this changed us? Well, we watch the news. We pay attention to what's happening all over the world. It's hard to put yourself in the place of those people, even if you try. But what's happened is this personal touch. I often will ask Olesia "What's happening in Lviv?" And she's telling these stories that you don't get on the news. And so I'm hearing how her extended family is doing and what's happening there. And I'm so grateful that they are here. I'm sad that they have to be away from their family, but so grateful that they aren't going through what other people are going through in the country. Would I sponsor again? Yes, I would do it again.

Why is it important for Americans to still consider sponsoring Ukrainians?

Mykolia: Ukrainians are the same people as Americans, and they're being killed every day, right now in Ukraine. And, everything is taken from them: their lives, their livelihoods, everything that they had and their kids had is destroyed, daily. If anyone can help a Ukrainian family or somebody from Ukraine to survive and overcome these difficulties in these times, Ukrainians will be eternally grateful for their help. And there's a lot of people who need help in Ukraine because the war hasn't ended. It's still going on. Every day there's more and more Ukrainians who need help.




SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 10, 2024 – April 28, 2024

	Deacon/ host	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)
Sunday, March 10, 2024	Sally Sadowska	Karen Northup	Mike Perkl
		Lydia Schumacher	Deb Perkl
Sunday, March 17, 2024	Karlene Wallace	Sandy Bieneck	Barb Petkovsek
		Michelle Bergemann	Bob Petkovsek
Sunday, March 24, 2024	Janice Miller	Steve & Leslie Buchholz	Bonnie Weyer
Palm Sunday			Ray Weyer
Sunday, March 31, 2024	JoAnn Wren	Wayne & JoAnn Voss	Larry Marshall
EASTER			Cris Hediger
Sunday, April 7, 2024	Wayne Voss	Carole Romens	Ben Mathis
		Audrey Vradenburg	Jim Vradenburg
Sunday, April 14, 2024	Barb Shoemaker	Debbie Holman	Don Quicker
		Sue Gurney	Jerry Quicker
Sunday, April 21, 2024	Byrl Buddenhagen	Larry & Kathy Marshall	Mickey Marty
			Joel Raine
Sunday, April 28, 2024	Sally Sadowska	Kirk & Nancy Rodman	Russ Karl
			Paul Schmidt
Please call the church office if you are unable to be here, or make arrangements with another Church member.			
715-743-2147			



2024 United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>Each Tuesday - 1 PM</u> <u>Marge Goetsch Bible</u> <u>Study – church</u> <u>lounge / bring bible</u>			1	2
3 Third Sunday in <u>Lent</u> 10 AM Worship Communion	4 9 AM Card Making	5 1 PM Bible Study	6 5 PM DeaconsMtg 5 PM J.A.M. Club & Confirmation @ Calvary Lenten serv @Calvary	7 12 PM - T&C Quilters	8	9
10 Fourth Sunday in <u>Lent</u> 10 AM Worship Change your clocks- Daylight Savings Time	11 6 PM - PEO	12 1 PM Bible Study	13 Lent Services at UCC 6PM Soup Supper 7 PM Worship service *Meal Prep	14 1:30 PM Circle of Friends Meeting *Meal Prep	15 *Meal Prep	16
17 Fifth Sunday in <u>Lent</u> 10 AM Worship St. Patrick's Day *Meal Give Away	18 AM Card Making 9 AM - T&C Quilters	19 1 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM – Trustees Mtg	20 5 PM J.A.M. Club at UCC 5 PM Confirmation @ Calvary Lenten serv @Calvary	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 31  EASTER	25 5:00 PM – Council Mtg	26 1 PM Bible Study 6 PM - HCE	27	28 7 PM -Maundy Thursday Service @ UCC	29 7 PM – Good Friday Service @ Calvary	30