

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, March 17, 2022

NEW MASKING UPDATE

Both the Deacons and Trustees have now discussed Covid protocols. As we move forward, we agree to pay attention to the science and any recommendations from the CDC. Masks are now optional. If you are vaccinated, boosted, and feeling well you may forego a mask. Out of consideration for our youngest and oldest siblings-in-faith, wear a mask if you are feeling any risk and know that you will be respected for that choice. The ropes that define a bit of distance will remain for now. Finally, if Covid numbers increase, a mask mandate could be in affect again. We move forward carefully and thank everyone for honoring the policies that have been in place.

THIS SUNDAY

Food Pantry Easter Dinner Collection: Bring Boxed Potatoes mixes to donate

Faith Formation begins at **9:30**.

On this 3rd Sunday in Lent, worship starts at **10:30**. Rev. Laurel Harte-Westover's singing will remind us that we do not travel alone. Pastor Vicki's sermon is based on Isaiah 55:1-9. If you have not already received one, be sure to take a stone before you depart.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Trustees** met on Tuesday evening at the manse. Discussion included:

- Mask policy – *described above*.
- Russ Pedersen is working with Dan Haynes on repairs to the outside steps of Jones Hall and both front and back porches of the manse.
- Bry Meyka will be working on the Memorial Garden this summer.
- We are adjusting to the new TVs and we appreciate the crisp images. A small monitor, mirroring the TVs, will be installed in the pulpit.
- Use of the Green:
 - August 2 – *Family Night Out* hosted by Chief Pitman and the police. This is a nation-wide event planned for the entire community. Approved.
 - August 11 – the closing of the Council of Churches' *Chautauqua*. Approved.
 - August 13 – Brockway Truck event hosted by the Living Museum. Linda Homer will follow up with questions before the event is approved.
- We are discussing a potential Eagle Scout project with Brennan Clune.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. Envelopes are in the pews this week with the collection received next Sunday.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers have already been ordered. If you would like to donate and then take a tulip on Easter Sunday, please put your donation in the offering plates, marked **EASTER FLOWERS**.

THIS COMING WEEK

Monday

We continue the Ecumenical Lenten Film Series with *Loving*. Join us at 6:30 PM to watch the film. Afterward, Rev. Laurel Harte-Westover from the Council of Churches will facilitate the discussion. The film is PG-13.

Synopsis: The story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple whose arrest for interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia began a legal battle that would end with the Supreme Court's historic 1967 decision.

Tuesday

Our Mission Committee will have a Zoom meeting at 5:45.

Wednesday

Viewing of *Loving* at 2 PM at United Presbyterian Church.

Thursday

Zoom discussion of *Loving* at 6:30 PM – for those who watched the film on Netflix or viewed it “live” and want more discussion. To register and then receive the Zoom link, copy this link, and paste it into Google:

https://uuma.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpduirpjMqGdfEq21w_w3raClX1eHD4aaH

Sunday, March 27

Plan to bring your donations of dessert mixes for the Easter Dinner boxes.

Tuesday, March 29

Church Council meets at 6:30.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN FILM SERIES

Hoping to expand our encounter with racism and its meaning in our lives, our area clergy offer this film series. This week, the film is:

Loving - Discussion led by Rev. Laurel Harte-Westover of the Council of Churches. In addition to 2 showings, the film is available on Netflix with Zoom discussion on Thurs., March 24 at 6:30 PM. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://uuma.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpduirpjMqGdfEq21w_w3raClX1eHD4aaH

UPCOMING FILMS:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Movie</u>	<u>length of film</u>	<u>available on:</u>
March 28/30	Green Book	2h 10min	Prime Video
April 4/6	The Hate U Give	2h 12min	Hulu
April 11/13	I Am Not Your Negro	1h 33min	Netflix

WHEN YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

The people of Ukraine

Brian, Donna, Gary, Katherine, Mark, May, Patty, Paul, Tyler

The family of Jason Hogan

Our Confirmands: Amelia, Claudia Jean, Daniel, Delanie, Jack & Jack, Maddie, Matthew

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As Lent continues, let us fast from bullying and feast on compassion.