



## March 2025 Newsletter

*Worship Service Start @ 10:45 am*

*Kids For Christ @ 9:30 am*

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### “A Change Is A Comin”

I write this letter as I prepare the sermon for Transfiguration Sunday. A transfiguration is a beautiful, spiritual change. I can't help but think of our church as I research my sermon. Many times, we equate transfiguration with transformation, a change. It is that, but not exactly.

When I was called to be your pastor, one of the main things that was asked of me was to grow the congregation. Hmmm. Going back to my Protestant roots, this begs the question, “What does this mean?” Does this mean more people in the pews? More classes? More outreach? More committees? I'm not sure.

I do know that like many of you, I don't like change. Some say we need to change if we want to grow. Some reminisce and say things like, “We've always done it this way.” Others quote the definition of insanity as doing the same thing over and over expecting different results. In other words, if we don't change things, nothing is going to happen. As the new guy charged with the task of “growing the church”, I'm in a difficult spot because some of you may welcome change and some of you may not. Neither of you are wrong by the way.

So let me offer this idea about the Transfiguration of our Lord and apply it to the church, which is, as we have learned, the body of Christ. I don't think transfiguration means change. Jesus didn't change. He was still Jesus. He wasn't changed, He was revealed, in all His glory. He was still Jesus, the Son of God, God Himself. What happened was that the definition of who He is, was made much more apparent. He didn't cease being the son of Mary, He didn't cease being the prophet. He didn't change; He was shown in all His glory.

I see the future of this congregation in much the same way. We aren't going to change who we are. We aren't going to change the history. Instead, we will enhance it. We will start a new chapter without getting rid of the first part of the book. We will most importantly turn to the author of our story. I wholeheartedly ask you (beg you) to pray for this church. Pray for wisdom and energy. Pray for God to put people in your path daily, who need a church home, who need hope, who need the Good News. We aren't going to lose who we are, we are going to add to who we are, and that is the Body of Christ.

Pastor Steve Scharnell

“Rev”



## *Kids for Christ Notes*

**“For the Son of Man Came to Seek & Save the Lost He the One Who Died on the Cross”**

March 16 the kids are excited to invite you all to worship service to enjoy in a special kids choir.

This Sunday we start our next unit is...

our Easter unit JESUS THE ULTIMATE SUPER HERO!

We will not have KFC the Easter Sunday and will resume the following Sunday.

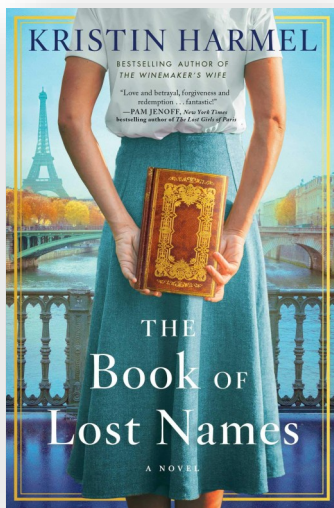
**Please Join us Easter Sunday for a Kids Easter Egg Hunt after Worship Service! We are in need of goodies to stuff Eggs with, please leave your donations in the Narthex, Thank You! Lots of Eggs, Prizes & FUN!**

VBS Information will be in the Narthex in the next months please watch for updates in the newsletter and bulletin for this information! Contact any teacher of KFC or Shelly Mayer for more details!

**We do have a list of Supplies that we could use in**

**Fellowship Hall they are as followed:**

Paper cups, paper towels, small bottled water, hand sanitizer, soap, tissue boxes, cotton balls, paper lunch bags, snacks are always welcome as well!



## *Special Dates*

**March 16 Children Sing in Worship @ 10:45am**

**March 27 Book Club @ New Hope 7:00pm**

**March 30 One Great Hour of Sharing**

**April 13 Palm Sunday Service @ 10:45am**

**April 15 Newsletter Sent Out!!!**

**April 17 Maundy Thursday Service TBD**

**April 18 Good Friday Service TBD**

**April 20 Easter Breakfast @ 9:00am**

**April 20 Easter Worship Service @ 10:45 am**

## *Consistory Notes*

Our Faith Consistory is one again hosting Faith UCC Church Annual Easter Breakfast. It will be held in Fellowship Hall (the Basement of our Church) Starting @ 9:00am. Come and join us for Great Food and Fellowship before our Easter Worship Service on April 20.

## *Special Notes*

**Please if there is any information that you would like to be in the next newsletter contact Christa Wendorf @ [tcwendorf@yahoo.com](mailto:tcwendorf@yahoo.com) No Later then April 12!!!**

If you are interested in joining a committee please see one of the consistory members, we always need extra help!

**If you are interested in donating an Easter Lily or Spring Plant for the Easter Worship Service, Please contact Judy Nehm ASAP**

**with what you would like to donate and in who's honor!**

**Announcements will be in the Bulletin for the final Date to order your plant!**

We are Decking the Halls & Spreading the Word! Your Help is Desperately Needed...

Our Church Needs a New Christmas Float to be Exhibited in the Hartford and West Bend Christmas Parades! Planning will begin as soon as we know the themes! The West Bend Parade REQUIRES lights and music! We always have a religious float, but also try to follow the theme of the parade the best we can. This is a great way to get our church out to the community as Faith and show our values to the community!

Please contact Beth Miller so we can communicate and get meetings planned!

**Our Monthly Book Club will be meeting on March 27 @ New Hope UCC Church we are reading “The Book of Lost Names” by Kristin Harmel! Join us at 7:00pm**

## *Thank You for your contributions to Faith UCC Church*

We are excited to announce our new online giving platform [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com). With this news [EasyTithe](https://tithely.com) will be going away at the end of the month. Please turn off your recurring giving by the end of December and switch over to [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com). [EasyTithe](https://tithely.com) Fees are going through the roof, so we found a platform that is much cheaper. The switch will be easy, go to <https://tithely.com/give?c=6471448> and a window will appear to set up your giving and your account information. You will get 3 emails when you set yourself up for the first time. A welcome to [Tith.ly](https://tithely.com) email. An account set up email to confirm your email address. And finally a thank you for your donation email. Inside the widget at the above link you can even set yourself up for recurring donations! Also please consider covering the fees with your donation. This will help the church use your giving more efficiently.

(if you need assistance, let Paul Gordon know. Once your account is established it's easy!)

**Mail your check to Faith UCC Church P.O Box 396, Slinger, WI 53086**

## Mission Committee News

Faith Church's Lenten Denial outreach is THE THRESHOLD, serving our area for OVER 60 years in helping people reach their full potential through guidance, caring support, education, and opportunity. Please place your Lenten Denial donation (check made out to Faith memo Threshold, or as cash, there are Eggs in a display for this. One Great Hour of Sharing is a vital development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty OGHs ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery. One Great Hour of Shearing will be collected the 4th Sunday of Lent, which is March 30, envelopes will be in the Narthex.



## Cemetery Committee Notes

Dan, due to his health, is again asking for a church member to take over the secretary/treasure position of the Cemetery Committee. He is willing to work with the new person to make the transition run smooth.

Spring is coming soon and we need to think about the Cemeteries and Yard Clean Up. A reminder to please remove any Christmas Decorations or flower debris on your loved ones gravesites. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our Cemeteries looking nice. We look forward to having Rex Melius at the Faith old section of the Cemetery and the Ackerville Cemetery when the weather permits this year. Rex has done a lot of work restoring the gravestones at both cemeteries. Rex is having a group from Slinger High School of 15 to come to Ackerville in April or May to help with brush clean up. There is a contract being signed with RW Lawn Service to do the lawn cuttings at Faith Cemetery and yard and the Ackerville Cemetery.

Contributions can be made at any time of the year. Please make your check payable to **Faith UCC Cemetery Fund**.

### Cemetery Committee:

Jim "JJ" Markewicz—President  
Dan Newburg—Sec/Treasurer

## Readers/Communion Usher

Mar 16—Christa Wendorf

Mar 23—Nancy Schilling-Genz

Mar 30—Cathey Schmidt

Apr 6—Nancy Schilling-Genz

April 13—Cathy Schmidt

April 17—Maundy Thursday      Alter Communion

April 18

April 20—Karen Reinders      Alter Communion

April 27—Mylie Wendorf

May 4—Ellen Dolnick

Dwight Mayer & Jeff Wiess

Palm Sunday

Good Friday

Karen Reinders & Sam Kuhaupt

Easter Sunday

Paul Gordon & Jeff Wiess

## Script

The Gift Cards that gives back to the church are still here! Jennifer Gordon will be present before & after the 1st Sunday of each month with Gift Cards for sale, you can buy and take right away! You can also special order gift cars we don't have "IN-STOCK" at the church. Let Jennifer Gordon know which you would like. Typical cards in stock include, Culver's, Walmart, Walgreens, Subway, Piggly Wiggly, Meijer, Kwik Trip & NEW Mayer's Beef Farms! We will carry more if there are common stores in your special orders. Help us fundraise, do most of your shopping with gift cards that you purchase from us or buy them ad gifts for others! If you have any questions contact Jennifer Gordon. Here is the link,

<https://www.raiseright.com/c/Shop/Product/BrandAlphabeticalList>



## Home Bound

This is the updated list for all of our members that are home bound- **Joyce Herther**—Cedar Community  
The Willows @ Cedar Lake Assisted Living 5577 Home Dr Apt #1522 West Bend 53095

**Jean Happel**-3879 Fond du Lac Dr. Richfield 53076

**Don & Sandy Jackson**— 6657 Weis St. Allenton 53022

**Marilee Lehman**— 1755 N Barker Rd Room #303  
Brookfield WI 53045

**Judy & Ruth Schowalter**— W206 N16654  
Blackberry Cr. Apt #3 Jackson 53037

Please if you know of any of our other members that are "Stuck at Home" Please contact Pastor Steve or Elaine Burg