

APRIL
2023

United in Faith News

*Why are we
Here?
We are to
be God's
hands,
feet and
voice
in the
world.*



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From the Pastor...

Hello!

Easter is but a moment away. I am so pleased to be joining you in ministry during this new season of rebirth. April is a whirlwind in the church year. Here at United in Faith we will follow the path we know by heart, listening for God's voice and yearning for Christ's presence.

It begins with Jesus entering Jerusalem with palm branches and singing. We will sing Hosanna with the crowds. We will walk with the disciples through Holy Week as the crowds that welcomed him will soon indict him before the Roman authority. We will sit silently as the altar is stripped, the cross is raised, and the stone is rolled over the entrance to the tomb.

And then we will wait.

And somehow in the silence, in the shadows, in the reflection of the whirlwind of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, in our waiting, in our yearning... Somehow the stone will be rolled away. The tomb will be empty. The sun will rise on EASTER morning. Somehow new life will spring up and our singing will join the generations of saints praising God and shouting **Alleluia**.

This Easter Sunday, April 9th 2023, United in Faith will celebrate 25 years of shared ministry.

Bishop Yehiel Curry will preach us into our next quarter century of being God's hands and feet and voice in this place. Bishop Curry serves the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and brings his passion for Christ's ministry with him. Please join us as we celebrate and remember God's calling for and in us here.

Later in April, we will gather in Sunday worship and celebrate again through the public installation your interim pastor, as well as this year's Parish Council. These moments of renewal and rededication of intent are vital in our Church life. These captured moments of life springing again in our midst are a touch-point for our shared life and ministry.

I hope you can be present in person or join us virtually throughout this month as God's Holy Spirit whirls in this place and into our bodies. I am excited to learn with you how God will continue Christ's work in all of us.

Pastor Jeanie

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At
United in Faith,
The Guiding
Principles are:

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Jesus is
Lord and
Savior

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Reflect
God's **Love**

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Pray and
listen for God's
guidance

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Continue to
strengthen
faith

+

Include **All**
in God's
work

+

Meet people
**where they
are**

MEET PASTOR "JEANIE" REARDON



I experienced a call to ministry after serving as a youth leader for several years. It was literally a phone call with an invitation to serve two parishes in Central Illinois that helped me discover my gifts and graces for ministry. I served those parishes for two years. Most recently, I have served as a hospital chaplain and chaplain educator. I have experienced God's grace in the bustle of the hospital, the classroom, the sanctuary and in quiet conversations and holy gatherings. United in Faith has drawn me back to congregational life and leadership and I am excited to be part of God's transformative love on Irving Park.

I live in Berwyn, with my spouse, the Rev. Julie Boleyn (ELCA) and our child, Maddie. I love to read and to sing and to tinker.

Educational Background

2013 Ordained, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

2008 Master of Divinity, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

2005 Master of Arts, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

1992 Bachelor of Arts, History, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

COFFEE or TEA with the Pastor

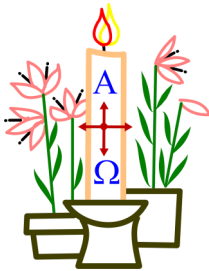
To schedule an appointment with Pastor Jeanie call the Church Office at 773.283.2326 or for a Wednesday conversation directly at <https://appt.link/meet-with-jeanine-reardon/Pastor>

Celebrating our 25 years!

On Easter Sunday (April 9) we also celebrate the anniversary of the consolidation of 8 congregations to form United in Faith. Bishop Yehiel Curry of our Metropolitan Chicago Synod will be our guest preacher. Cake will be served after the service. Join us for fellowship and reminisce as we look to our future!

The next installment of our history, Years 21 - 25, is available on our website at <https://www.unitedinfaith.org/history>. Take a look back on our pandemic years - how we continued to be the church in different ways. A printed copy may be requested by calling the church office.

Do you like to write and record history? The author of the next installment, Years 26 - 30, is being sought now so data can start to be collected. Talk to Pam to learn more. You can keep the tradition going.



Easter Blessings to all!

Happy Earth Day Saturday April 22!

Earth Day began in 1970 as the birth of the modern environmental movement. People celebrate the day with education, awareness and action. The theme of this year's Earth Day celebration is *Invest in Our Planet*.

Go to <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/> and <https://www.earthreminder.com/earth-day-2023-theme-date-events-celebrations/> to find events and suggestions of how to do Earth Day 2023. Look for the Justice Ministry's *Caring for God's World* articles in our monthly newsletters as we celebrate throughout the year.



#EarthDay

Holy Week 2023 Worship Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2nd
10:00 am in person worship & on line

Maundy Thursday, April 6th
10:00 am in person worship
7:00 pm in person and on line

Good Friday, April 7th
11:00 am in person worship
7:00 pm in person and on line

Easter Sunday, April 9th
10:00 am in person Easter worship service and on line



Good Shepherd Sunday: April 30, 2023

This is a day on the church calendar when we celebrate Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. It is also an opportunity for us to celebrate and learn about our shared ministry with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Through ELCA congregations LSSI improves the lives of thousands of people throughout the state every day. Services provided by LSSI address: mental health; prisoner and family ministry; children, youth and families; intellectual and developmental disabilities; home-based care for seniors; and affordable housing. We encourage you to remember this date and look for the envelope for you to use to contribute to this work. For more on LSSI and its mission go to: <https://www.lssi.org/>



NEW COUNCIL MEMBER NEEDED

Due to a council member needing to withdraw, we are looking for a new council member. Please talk with Pete Herberg if you are interested. Thanks.

Welcome and Congratulations to Your UIF Council Members and Officers!

President – Pete Herberg

Vice President – Elisabeth Wittman

Secretary – Gretchen Quillin

Treasurer – George Schultz

Ministry Director Representative – Gretchen Quillin

Dian Hoyem – Member

Julie Lozich – Member

Pam Marino – Member

Denise Boyer - Member

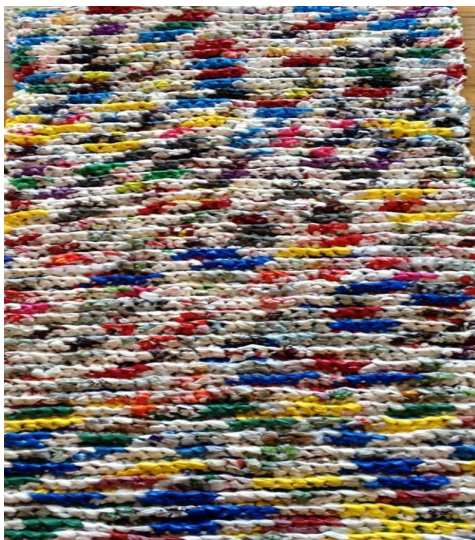
Financial Secretary – Ray Good

Interim Pastor Jeanine Reardon

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Beginning immediately, St. Cyprian's Food Pantry will NO LONGER be able to receive donations of clothing, coats, or kitchen items. Please find another location to donate your items (Goodwill, WINGS, Salvation Army, etc). The volume has become too much, and we do NOT expect any availability in the future.

St. Cyprian's Food Pantry still greatly needs your donations of **non-perishable food items and funds**. Thank you for your caring support!



**Next New Life for Old Bags
Workday**

April 1st at 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



April 6

April 11

April 18

April 20

April 22

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April 23

Mickey Bligh

Terrie Miller Wilk

Julie & Matt
Lozich Anniversary

Meghan Kosner

John & Tricia
Dombroski Anniversary

Denise Boyer

Christopher Hudie

Daniel Barsaloux

SAVE the DATE: May 7, 2023, 11:15am Review of Messy Church at United in Faith

Over the past year United in Faith has been exploring worship in a new way.

Messy Church USA is "a way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities. Found throughout the globe. Based on the values of all-ages together, celebration, creativity, hospitality, and centering ourselves in Christ."

Several of you have been able to participate in Messy Church. We want to know what you felt and thought about your experience. What did you love? Did you leave with questions or want more? WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Maybe you were not able to attend or didn't really know what that crazy "messy" thing was... this is a great time to join our conversation.

We will be meeting on May 7, 2023 after worship (11:15ish). We will be sharing spaghetti and yummy bread! (No food fights are scheduled.) We will be talking about this "new" thing and how it has affected us. This is an opportunity to take stock of where we have been and where we will go!

Please come! Bring your experience, your questions and your appetite!!





April 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE Please check the website at www.unitedinfaith.org for up to date information.</p>						
<p>2 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed</p>	<p>3 9:00am Food Pantry 1:00pm Ladies Discussion Group</p>	<p>4 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Brownies/Daisy 7:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo</p>	<p>7 GOOD FRIDAY 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>8 9:30am AI-Anon 1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest</p>
<p>9 EASTER SUNDAY and 25th Anniversary 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed <i>Bishop Yehiel Curry preaching</i> 11:00 cake reception for 25th anniversary</p>	<p>10 9:00am Food Pantry 1:00pm Ladies Discussion Group</p>	<p>11 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Brownies/Daisy 7:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo</p>	<p>14 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>15 9:30am AI-Anon 1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest</p>
<p>16 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed</p>	<p>17 9:00am Food Pantry 1:00pm Ladies Discussion Group</p>	<p>18 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Brownies/Daisy 7:00pm Church Council Meeting 7:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo</p>	<p>21 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>22 9:30am AI-Anon 1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest</p>
<p>23 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed</p>	<p>24 9:00am Food Pantry</p>	<p>25 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Brownies/Daisy 7:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo</p>	<p>28 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>29 9:30am AI-Anon 1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest</p>
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APRIL WORSHIP AT UNITED IN FAITH

APRIL 2 Palm/Passion Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am	Coffee Hour Worship Service in person and on line
APRIL 6 Maundy Thursday	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Worship Service in person Worship Service in person and on line
APRIL 7 Good Friday	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Worship Service in person Worship Service in person and on line
APRIL 9 Easter Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Coffee Hour Worship Service in person and on line 25th Anniversary celebration
APRIL 24 Easter 2	9:00 am 10:00 am	Coffee Hour Worship Service in person and on line

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