

MARCH  
2026

# United in Faith News

# MARCH

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



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Maundy  
Thursday

Join us on Thursday, April 2 at 12:00 pm or 7:00 pm for one of our Maundy Thursday Worship services.

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**

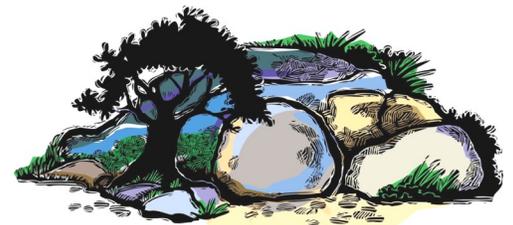
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Include **All**  
in God's  
work

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Meet people  
**where they  
are**

Join us on Friday, April 3 at 12:00 pm or 7:00 pm for our Good Friday Worship services.



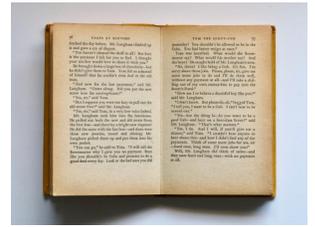
## GOOD FRIDAY



## CHRIST HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

Join us for our Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 am.

## March BOOK CLUB News...



A real treat awaits us in March as we discuss our book club selection with the author! Read **God's Holy Darkness** and join us on **Saturday March 21st at 10:00** as the author, our very own Sharei Green, leads the discussion.

'In *God's Holy Darkness*, Sharei Green and Beckah Selnick deconstruct anti-Blackness in Christian theology by celebrating instances in the story of God's people when darkness, blackness, and night are beautiful, good, and holy. From the darkness at the beginning of creation to the blackness of the sky on the day when Christ's birth was announced to the shepherds, children learn that blackness is something to celebrate as an important element of the life of faith. Lush and vibrant illustrations by artist Nikki Faison underscore the mystery and beauty of these wondrous acts of God's holy darkness.' -- Augsburg Fortress

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to our newly elected Church Council Officers:

President - Pam Marino

Vice President - Denise Boyer

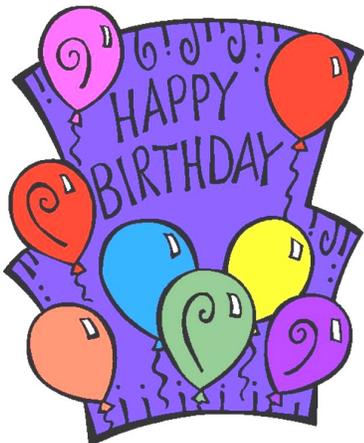
Secretary - Rich Guzik

Treasurer - Pete Herberg

Financial Secretary - Kim Childress

Thank you all for serving United in Faith in this capacity.

When you see them, please congratulate them and thank them for their leadership and service at United in Faith!



March 7

March 13

March 15

March 19

March 24

March 25

March 31

Zoe Barsaloux

Harold Hoyem

Julie O'Donnell Lozich

Dian Hoyem

Janeen Devine

Ray Good

Rich Guzik

# Transgender and Transitioning: One Women's Story

The Justice Ministry is sponsoring a presentation and discussion with Dr. Mindy Pugh, who transitioned as an adult. She is a friend of member of UIF, Elisabeth Wittman, and life-long Lutheran and serves as organist at nearby Luther Memorial Church. She has agreed to

explain what led her to her decision and some biography of her family background to help us understand more about herself and how we can better understand our Transgender friends and acquaintances, or others we may meet.

The discussion will be held immediately after worship, Sunday, March 8, approximately 11:15. In her day job Mindy is archivist and professor of history at the Illinois Institute of Technology. You can ask her about that, too. Her family, wife and son, hope to be present on that day also.

Please join us for a time to gain understanding and knowledge from one person in the Transgender community, and the Transgender community in general.

## Community Events:

Monday thru Friday, 11am — **Golden Diners, Food, Fun & Friends** — Montrose Baptist Church, enter through handicap accessible door off of parking lot 6150 W Montrose Ave

Every other Tuesday, 10am — **Senior Mobility Class** — Eden United Church of Christ, 5051 W Gunnison St

Wednesday's, 9:15am — **Community Faith Breakfast** — Lucky Grill, 4454 N Milwaukee Ave

Thursdays, 3pm — **Community Meal** -- Friendship Community Space, 5150 N Northwest Hwy

Thursdays, 7pm — **Yoga** — Anne's Haven, 5629 W Irving Park Rd

Friday & Saturday, 6pm — **Vito's Vault Dinner and Show** — 5901 W Lawrence

Saturday mornings, 8:45am — **Free Community Yoga Class** — SOL Space, 5922 W Lawrence Ave

## St. Cyprian's Non-food Monthly Donations - March 2026: *Pet Food*

The Justice Ministry encourages UIF members to donate a highlighted item each month. The food pantry only has funding for food items and clients still need to stretch their dollars to cover both food and all those daily necessities. This month we are asking for **pet food**.

A donation box is available as you come in the back door, just at the end of the ramp. Thank you to all who contributed women's hygiene products during January!



## GIRL SCOUTS AT UIF

Happy Spring all! Our troops held a multi-holiday party and talked about : Valentine's Day; Mardi Gras; Chinese New Year and Thinking Day (the last Girl Scout/Girl Guide.) We had our Thinking Day event for our neighborhood troops. This year marks 100 years of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts promoting international friendship and the voices and needs of girls.

Closer to home, we are in the midst of Cookie Time! So the leaders and girls are especially busy. We hope to have a nice showing of Girls for Girl Scout Sunday on March 15 (yes we will have cookies then too!) The older girls are planning an over-night here at church and camping in the late spring. Looks like we may start some seeds for the folks at St. Cyprian's again this year as well.

Thanks to UIF for letting us use this fabulous space!

Janeen, Sharon, Catherine, Michelle, Colleen and Dawn



## WE NEED YOU!

Please sign up to volunteer on Sundays.  
You can be a greeter, usher, Assisting Minister, help with coffee hour  
or any/all of the above.

Sign up sheets are available on the table in the fellowship hall.

## In our prayers....

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ray Good

Fran Johnston

Lorraine Enderle

Doris Hemple

Lylas Wollenzien

Violet Swanson

Carolyn Doughty

As Bishop Curry prays, let us join him in praying for all people near and dear to us. For those throughout the world who face hunger and war and for those who are threatened, abandoned, fearful, and feel hopeless. *Lord in your mercy....*



## THANK YOU!

On March 28, New Life for Old Bags will end their time with us. After 20 plus years NLOB will officially be done at our facility. They have done an amazing job and have served so many homeless folks all across Chicagoland. Thank you to all who have volunteered over the years.

JOIN US!

## DUNNING READ NATURAL AREA VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

- Building Community Spirit
- Removing Invasive Species
- Cleaning Up Litter
- Celebrating Nature



# well hello, march

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>2</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Mid Week Lenten Worship 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Worship	<b>5</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>6</b> 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Girl Scout Service Unit 286	<b>7</b> 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siawso.org">https://siawso.org</a>	
<b>8</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>9</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>10</b> 10:00am Justice Team 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> 12:00pm Mid Week Lenten Worship 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Worship	<b>12</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>13</b> 6:30pm AA 6:30pm Girl Scout Lock In	<b>14</b> 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siawso.org">https://siawso.org</a>	
<b>15</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>16</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 12:00pm Mid Week Lenten Worship 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Worship	<b>19</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>20</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>21</b> 9:30am AI-Anon 10:00am Book Club 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siawso.org">https://siawso.org</a>	
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# Worship SCHEDULE

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<b>March 1 Lent 2</b>	<b>9:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am worship in person &amp; online</b>
<b>March 4 - Mid Week Lenten Worship</b>	<b>12:00 pm worship in person &amp; online 7:00 pm worship in person &amp; online</b>
<b>March 8 - Lent 3</b>	<b>9:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am worship in person &amp; online</b>
<b>March 11 - Mid Week Lenten Worship</b>	<b>12:00 pm worship in person</b>
<b>March 15 - Lent 4</b>	<b>9:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am worship in person &amp; online</b>
<b>March 18 - Mid Week Lenten Worship</b>	<b>12:00 pm worship in person</b>
<b>March 22- Lent 5</b>	<b>9:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am worship in person &amp; online</b>
<b>March 25—Mid Week Lenten Worship</b>	<b>12:00 pm worship in person</b>
<b>March 29- Palm Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am worship in person &amp; online</b>

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