



# The Messenger

February/March 2018

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## The Pastor's Message ...

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

The Broadway Musical “Fiddler on the Roof” has become a staple of the musical scene since it began on Broadway in 1964 and became the first musical to surpass over 3000 performances. It was later made into a movie in 1971 and won three Academy Awards. It was nominated but did not win in the Best Picture category that year.

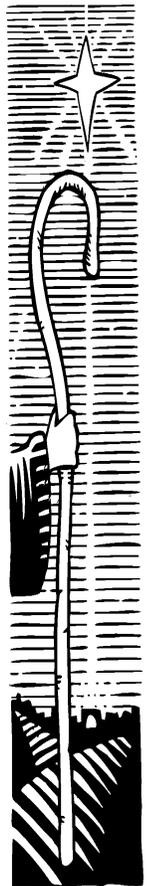
“Fiddler on the Roof” tells the story of Tevye and his wife Golde who are trying to find husbands for three daughters during the era of prerevolutionary Russia. One of the most poignant songs of the production which became a hit in its own right, recorded by many over the years, is “Sunrise, Sunset” which describes the passing of time and how children grow up to be adults while their parents are aging. It is a very melancholy song and one which has a sobering message—time does march on and does not wait for anyone.

The years do come and go, and after a while a person finds that he or she has been in one place a lot longer than they imagined they ever would. The years just seem to go by and suddenly we discover that time presents us with opportunities for change or new beginnings. Such is the case with my decision to retire from active ministry at the end of April. All the things we were waiting to happen to allow me to retire have happened. In November, we found a nice home in Tyler to buy and it is waiting now for us to move into it. I passed the magical age of 65 and Medicare became a reality. The Pension Boards of the UCC have informed me that I qualify to retire and can do so when I wish. So, it seems like all of the signs I needed in order to know that it is time for this decision have been revealed to me and Doris.

It seems like only yesterday that we moved to Weimar and I became your pastor. You were still reeling from the shock of losing people who were dear to you due to an act of violence. Your search for a pastor seemed not to work out for many reasons and suddenly it was as if God connected your need for a pastor with my interest in learning more about you and we began a partnership that has lasted almost 14 years. We have worked together to solve problems and celebrate achievements. You are on the cusp of new opportunities that will require the dedication and loyalty of all who call Weimar UCC their church home.

I would not be truthful if I said I was not looking forward to retirement. Many of you have retired from your occupations in the past, even during the time I have been

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pastor here, and you are now enjoying a different routine than the one you had while you were working. I have been in the workforce for over 43 years now, first as a teacher and school counselor for 16 years, and then as an ordained clergy person for over 26 years. I have enjoyed those years of busyness and keeping a schedule, but now I am anticipating new challenges, new adventures, new learning, and renewing the friendships we have with many in Tyler whom we left 14 years ago to move here and now who await our return. They, too, have retired and are living a vibrant, active life to which we are invited to participate.

Leaving the active ministry does not mean that I will be totally leaving the ministry. I will still be preaching on a regular basis in congregations that need a pastor when theirs is not present. I plan to join a choir and sing as often as I can and maybe participate in the community choirs in Tyler. I am certified as an intentional interim minister and may serve in that capacity if needed by a congregation. God is still speaking to me and I will be listening to what God would say to me as God continues to use my gifts and graces in ministry.

The best part of a minister retiring from serving a congregation is that I have been your pastor, but now I can be your friend. We would welcome any who may wish to stay in touch and if you are in the Tyler area, we would enjoy you stopping by to see us. Grace and peace will be with us all as we continue to live as friends.

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Jerry*



*Sunday Worship — 9:30 a.m.*

### **Sermon Titles for February**

- Feb. 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Mark 1: 29-39  
"Source of Strength"
- Feb. 11 Transfiguration Sunday  
Mark 9: 2-9  
"Sacred Places"
- Feb. 18 First Sunday in Lent  
Mark 1: 9-15  
"Into the Wilderness"
- Feb. 25 Second Sunday in Lent  
Mark 8: 31-38  
"Following Jesus"

### **Sermon Titles for March**

- March 4 Third Sunday in Lent  
John 2: 13-22  
"Cleansing"
- March 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Psalm 107  
"Deliverance"
- March 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
"Written on Your Heart"
- March 25 Palm Sunday  
Mark 11:1-11  
"April Fool"

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*Thanks to our  
Newsletter Workers!*

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**January Worship Attendance**

7th	97
14th	87
21st	67
28th	83
January Average — 84	
December Average — 103	

**February & March  
Volunteers**

Council Members with Lock-Up Duty —

**Marianne Muehr** (*February*)

**Paul Hilley** (*March*)

He who will unlock the building  
and adjust the air early each Sunday —

**Pastor Jerry**

Those who will care for the  
Sirnic Cemetery Plot —

**Loreen Rhodes & Lynelle Schwenke**  
(*February*)

**Jenny & Clifford Grohmann** (*March*)

*Thanks to All of you!*

**Message from our Church Secretary ...**

Our 2018 Church Yearbook is available. Please pick one up and calendar your assignments.

Our 2018 Members/Family Roster will soon be prepared. Included in our December/January church newsletter was a request that you provide any updates (*addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, corrections*) to the church office by January 29. Assuming that has been done, a current roster will soon be available.

Until next time, Loreen



***Please help keep our community food pantry stocked.***

*(The food pantry was relocated to Calvary Baptist Church on January 3.)*

***Suggested items: February—Cereal March—Canned Vegetables***

*(You can still place donated items in our collection box in the church foyer.) Thank you!*

**CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS**

**February/March Schedules**

**Men's Brotherhood** (*usually 1st Tue.*)

**Saturday, February 17 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Chairmen: Hugo Richter, Alan Koehn, and Helpers

**Tuesday, March 6 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Program: Ryan Brandt

Hosts: Pastor Jerry & Kelly Janak

**Women's Activities**

Each month in 2018, studies are:

Christians on the Move — "The Continuing Work of Jesus Christ through the Apostles and the Early Church"  
(The Book of Acts). Studies are led by Pastor Jerry.

**Evening Circle** (*2nd Tue.*)

**Tuesday, February 13 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Hostesses: Lanette Kahlden & Lillian Kahlden

**Tuesday, March 13 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Hostesses: Julia Krizak & Ava June Vachala

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**Evening Circle** —

Two Cakes to Parkview Manor  
February 26 & March 26

The Annual Ladies' Banquet is set for April 7, 2018.



- Visitors to our Church**
- Peggy Hiatt (*Columbus*);
  - Elaine Thomas (*LaGrange*);
  - Pastor Cindy Miller (*Burton*);
  - Rev. Peter Bauer (*San Antonio*);
  - Dorothy & Gene Hanzelka (*Hallettsville*);
  - Nelda Hajdik (*Columbus*).

**Weimar** —

- Linda Vornsand;
- Mark & Sandra Kirkwood;
- Geraldine Hoegemeyer;
- Cynthia Seydler;
- Abby Torres;
- David & Debbie Little; The Pete Holland Family;
- Bob & Sharon Huette; Tate Talamini.

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## Annual Congregational Meeting Held on January 21, 2018



Council President Kelly Janak presided over the annual meeting. Forty-nine church members attended. The minutes of last year's meeting were accepted as presented, and Treasurer Ted Neely presented financial reports.

A report was given by Pastor Jerry. Among other items, he said he came to us in April of 2004, and now gives his resignation (retirement) notice effective at the end of April 2018. He is looking forward to being retired.

Nominations for new council members to replace those completing their terms were next on the agenda. Those recommended by Council were Pam Schoeneberg, Darlia Maxwell, and Hugo Richter. There being no other nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Hugo Richter expressed his concerns over the fact that we always seem to have a difficult task of getting members to serve on the council and this is something we shall all consider. A motion was made and seconded to accept Pam, Darlia, and Hugo by acclamation, and all agreed. According to the church by-laws, Council has the authority to appoint another member to complete the slate; it can still accept a volunteer as well.

Kathy Janak agreed to serve another two years as our representative at Heart of Texas Association meetings (2018 & 2019).

The proposed budget for 2018 was presented and accepted. The total amount budgeted is \$139,346, which is \$118 less than the 2017 budget.

The annual conference meeting will be June 1 & 2 in Navasota, Texas. Pam & Ryan Schoeneberg attended as delegates in training last year and will attend as delegates this year. Jim & Susan Miculka volunteered to go this year as delegates in training.

Carolyn Neely spoke for the Kitchen Remodeling Committee and said that we expect demolition of the kitchen to begin on January 29 (*changed later to February 5*) and then the remodeling will begin. For several days while the asbestos is being abated, the fellowship hall and the entire kitchen area will be sealed off. The remodeling should take 6-8 weeks.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

### “Thank You” from Kelly Janak

On behalf of the church, “thank you” to all who serve on council. Others who have just gone off council are — Alan Koehn, Jo Lynn McDonald, and Ryan Schoeneberg. Thank you for your time and hard work! Thanks to the new in-coming members for volunteering to serve. We are especially happy now to have Danielle Hilley as our Youth Council Representative! Council assignments can be found on the first page of this newsletter, left column. Thanks to our un-paid, non-voting Church Treasurer, Ted Neely, who does an excellent job of keeping our finances straight. Thanks also to Pastor Jerry for serving the church for the last 14 years. You will be missed, but we wish you and Doris a happy retirement!

We are all blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. Thanks to all who do so much.



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### Pastor Jerry Announces Retirement

At the Annual Congregational Meeting held on January 21, 2018, Pastor Jerry announced to those present that he will be retiring from active ministry at the end of April, 2018. Pastor Jerry has been an ordained minister for over 26 years and has served as pastor of Weimar United Church of Christ since April of 2004. Pastor Jerry and Doris have bought a house in Tyler and will be moving there for retirement for the years to come. His last Sunday to preach will be April 29 and they will be moving the following day.

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## Ash Wednesday Service

### Wednesday, February 14th — 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is the 40-day season leading up to the commemoration of Christ's crucifixion and the celebration of his Resurrection. Lent is a season of introspection, repentance and intentional spiritual growth. The 40 days length of the season is taken from Jesus' 40 day fast in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. During Lent, we as Christians enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. Christians typically fast from something during the season of Lent to identify with Jesus and help realigning our lives and focus toward God so that we may live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.



**Please join us on Wednesday, February 14th at 7pm in the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service.** During the service, ashes will be lightly rubbed in the sign of the cross onto the foreheads of those who wish to receive ashes. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship, and the Imposition of Ashes can be a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. It is a tradition that dates back over 3,000 years and is a reminder of our mortality ("*ashes to ashes, dust to dust*"). The Ash Wednesday service is a beautiful and meaningful way to begin our Lenten journey together. Pastor Jerry will preach from Matthew 6: 16-21 with a sermon entitled, "Secret Sacrifices." Holy Communion will be served at the conclusion of the service. All are invited and urged to be present to begin the season of Lent in a solemn way as we prepare our hearts for the Easter Event.

### Mission Sunday on March 4th

Each year we celebrate Mission Sunday on the first Sunday of March, and we usually have a special speaker who represents a mission effort that we support. This year we will hear Rev. Jeremy Albers, who is the director of Slumber Falls Camp in New Braunfels, and he will share his vision of what Slumber Falls is doing and plans for it in the future. You will want to be present to hear Rev. Albers as he shares with us in the sermon.



### Maundy Thursday Worship Service on March 29th

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 25th, with our usual service of the Palms, and then we will meet on Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Maundy Thursday service.

Maundy Thursday remembers the Last Supper at which Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, giving them a new commandment (*Maundatum in Latin, from which we get the word "Maundy"*) to love and serve one another. We will think about Jesus at the Last Supper and go with him to the Garden of Gethsemane as he prepared to go to the cross. We will sing and pray and think about Jesus as we share Holy Communion together. I hope you will try to be present for this sacred service of Lent.

### Easter Sunday Service on April 1st

Easter Sunday comes on April 1st this year. We will follow our usual Easter schedule with a Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m. and our morning worship service at 9:30, followed by an egg hunt for the children. We are unsure of the location of the sunrise service at the time of this writing, but as more information develops it will be shared during worship announcements. The Easter service will celebrate our Risen Christ with songs and scripture and sermon. Please highlight April 1st on your calendar and plan to be present for these special services.





## **We Got News From our Association**

Our Association is the host for the Annual Meeting of the South Central Conference, June 1-2, 2018 at beautiful Camp Allen, the Episcopal conference center and camp which is between Navasota and Hempstead. The theme will be "Gospel Bound," and the gathering will focus on living out the four South Central Conference priorities: spiritual renewal, living the Gospel according to Jesus, planting new congregations and revitalizing others, and raising the money necessary for our work together. We have a very active planning committee doing the work on the gathering, headed by Linda Coats of Friends Congregational Church, College Station. Several churches are represented on the committee, but we would love to have more.

Our next planning committee meeting will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 21st at St. Peter's UCC in Coupland (*bring a sack lunch*). We also want to have all of our churches involved in some way -- so please watch for opportunities and needs as we make those known. Plan to come to what promises to be a great opportunity for worship, community, giving, and having a voice at the SCC Annual Meeting.

We have clergy members who we are welcoming and who are preparing to retire. Jerry Carpenter, a vital member of this Association's ministry and pastor of Weimar UCC, announced his retirement at the Weimar UCC Annual Meeting in January. Jerry will retire as of the end of April, and move with his wife, Doris, to the house they own in Tyler. Sarah Darter has been accepted into ministerial standing with the Association by the Committee on Ministry. Sarah is transferring in from the Southern California/Nevada Conference. She has lived in Austin for the past few years, and is a member of the Congregational Church of Austin. Sarah has been a local church pastor and comes to us with substantial chaplaincy experience. She currently works as a hospice chaplain. Tom Neilsen is now the interim minister at St. Paul's UCC in Corpus Christi. Tom is a retired UCC minister living in

the San Antonio area. He has pastored churches in the Chicago area, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Pennsylvania, as well as having years long involvement in mission work and social justice/solidarity presence in Chiapas and El Salvador. I have known Tom and his wife, Joan, for many years through our travel together to El Salvador.

We learned recently of the death of one of our retired ministers, Rev. Dr. Ted Holland, in early November. Ted had lived in Fredericksburg for many years. He had served as an administrator at St. Edwards University in Austin and Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, and had been an ordained UCC minister for 63 years. He was an accomplished violinist and a man of many gifts. Our prayers go with his family, and we give thanks for his rich life, now complete in Christ.

As many of you also know, an inspiring celebration of the life of Emma Lou Bizer, was held in December at Faith UCC, New Braunfels. Emma Lou, wife of Faith's Pastor Emeritus Ray Bizer, dreamed of being ordained when before women were ordained in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Instead, she earned a degree in Christian Education from Eden Theological Seminary, and served the church, the seminary, the MHMR community, and the wider church in many, many ways, as well as doing work among the poor and for civil rights advocacy. We celebrate her life along with Faith Church and her family. Our prayers go with them as they release her to God's eternal love.

Grace and peace in Christ,  
Liz Nash, Association Minister



## Sunday School Being Revamped

Like a Shepherd guides his flock, we need your help to guide ours!!!! We need your help with Sunday School!

I am very excited to announce that we are shaking things up a bit in the Sunday School department. We have found some new lesson material and it seems to be more fun and engaging for the kids. With that extra fun, a bit more time is needed, so please be aware that Sunday School will last for 30 minutes from the time the kids are dismissed from worship. We are really trying to get the kids to be excited while learning about the Bible and how to Love and understand God more.

For this semester, due to the on-going construction, we are changing the class age grouping. We have 3 years old through 6th grade in one class; and, 7th through 12th in another. Do you have a Sunday that you would be able to come enjoy watching the kids get excited about God? We need you! You can sign up to be a helper in the little/middle class. Teachers are covered, but we could use more helpers! In the older class, we need more teachers to sign up even if it is just for one or two Sundays a quarter. Trust me, you will find it very fulfilling!

Let's strengthen our family by showing the kids how we work hand in hand and help them learn more about God in the process! The most "fun change" we have made in the children's education program is the incentive plan already started. Our Goal is to show the children the church is a "family." This is another place we need your help! We are giving the kids "Christian Bucks." These "Christian Bucks" are a reward for doing anything in the church that helps that child or the church grow! For example, this includes going to the children's sermon, or to Sunday School, or participating in the church service; but in addition to those, they can earn bucks from you.

We will have a designated question that the kids can ask any non-family member in order to earn a Christian Buck. There are Christian Bucks located in the back of church, so feel free to grab some and be ready to answer the simple question and hand a buck to the children when

they listen to your answer.

February's Question is — Did you grow up going to church, and, if so, what Church was it?

March's Question is — What is your Favorite Bible Verse?

Our hope is to have the kids interact more with the adults. In addition, if you see a child going "above and beyond" by helping with something at church, feel free to reward them with a Christian Buck. We have a Christian Buck store set up so that the kids can use their hard earned bucks to buy some fun items.

Thank you for supporting the future of our Church!

**Pam Schoeneberg**

Christian Education Chairperson



## Lilies for Easter

Each year on Easter Sunday, the Weimar UCC sanctuary is decorated with beautiful lilies which are generously provided by our church members. This year, Easter falls on **April 1st**.

**By March 4th, a sign-up sheet will be available in the church foyer.** It will then be your responsibility to contact a local florist and make your purchase. Our local florists (Flowers by Judy, Expressions, and M-G) have a key to the church and will deliver. The florists will have been advised by **Council Worship Chairman Gretchen Maddux** on how the flower containers are to be decorated. The florists do not need to know for whom you are donating the lily or lilies. We, however, do need that information, and you must sign up in order for your donation to be included in the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday.

**Remember** — you need to do two things:

- 1) sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer; and, 2) purchase a lily from a local florist.

**The deadline for both is Monday, March 26th.** The florists will deliver them to the church on that Saturday, the 31st, and Gretchen will arrange the lilies for Easter Sunday. You, of course, may take yours home after the service has ended.



### Requested Schedule for Volunteers to Assist Pastor Jerry with 2 p.m. Communion Worship Services at Parkview Manor (Sundays)

- February 4 — Evening Circle
- March 11 — Young Adult Group
- April 22 — Adult Sunday School (*Wed & Sun*)
- May — None
- June 3 — Sanctuary Choir
- July 22 — Church Council
- August 26 — Men's Brotherhood
- September — None
- October 14 — Evening Circle
- November 18 — Young Adult Group
- December — None

**All of our members are always invited to attend or participate in these services. Just come; no notice required. You will be appreciated, and the residents enjoy seeing your faces!**



### Clean-Up/Fix-Up Day —

Our semi-annual Church & Grounds Fix-Up/Clean-Up Day will be on **Sunday, March 11.**

We will begin the tasks immediately after the worship service, so come to church dressed casually if you wish. **Both inside and outside jobs will be on Property Chairman Hugo Richter's "to do" list, so all can pick and choose.** A **fried chicken luncheon** will be shared by all. Members are asked to provide a side dish or dessert.

We will need many volunteers to help, so plan to lend a hand in making our church and grounds beautiful. Let's turn this into a "family fun" day!

## Special Gift Options Identified by the Church Council

- **Sirnic Memorial Endowment** — Its purpose is to fund projects for youth/young adults in and around Colorado County. It could also help finance a church member pursuing a career in Christian education or the ministry.
- **Kitchen Remodeling Fund\*** — These funds will be used to upgrade and enhance the functioning and use of the kitchen facilities.
- **Kahlden Bell Tower Fund** — The purpose of this project is to enhance the functioning of the bell tower.
- **Outside Storage Building Fund** — Current plans are to provide for additional storage space that has an environmentally controlled interior.
- **Ratliff Music Fund** — This account provides funds to enhance and upgrade our music program.
- **Pastor's Enrichment Fund** — This was established to fund the minister's sabbatical or other projects that would enhance the pastor's ministry.
- **Mission Trip Fund** — This fund is to help cover expenses for mission trips to assist people/communities recovering from natural disasters.
- **Funeral Food Fund** — This fund is used to help cover extraordinary expenses for funeral receptions.



### Men's Brotherhood Planning Annual Fun Event

All men — mark your calendars now! You are all invited to the Brotherhood's Annual Coon Hunt and Stew Supper at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 17th. This will take place at the Beken's Lazy A camp house south of town. (*Check with any of the "older" guys for directions.*)

All men are hosts, with Hugo Richter and Alan Koehn as Co-Chairmen. No tickets are required; just come, help, and have fun. Bring your sons, fathers, brothers, uncles, nephews, cousins, and friends, as well as cards, dominoes, and a healthy appetite.

Although this activity begins at 6:00 p.m., earlier help is needed with peeling potatoes and cooking the stew. You can join the coon hunters and dogs out in the woods, or you can stay around the camp house. Take your pick, or ask someone how you can help, and make plans to be there.



### Can You Find 16 Books of the Bible?

I ONCE MADE A REMARK ABOUT THE HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. IT WAS A LULU, KEPT PEOPLE LOOKING SO HARD FOR FACTS AND FOR OTHERS IT WAS A REVELATION. SOME WERE IN A JAM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NAMES OF THE BOOKS WERE CAPITALIZED, BUT THE TRUTH FINALLY STRUCK HOME TO NUMBERS OF READERS. TO OTHERS IT WAS A REAL JOB. WE WANT IT TO BE A MOST FASCINATING FEW MOMENTS FOR YOU. YES THERE WILL BE SOME REALLY EASY ONES TO SPOT. OTHERS MAY REQUIRE JUDGES TO HELP THEM. I WILL QUICKLY ADMIT THAT IT USUALLY TAKES A MINISTER TO FIND ONE OF THEM, AND THERE WILL BE LOUD LAMENTATIONS WHEN IT IS FOUND. A LITTLE LADY SAYS SHE BREWS A CUP OF TEA SO SHE CAN CONCENTRATE BETTER. SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN COMPETE. RELAX NOW, FOR THERE REALLY ARE SIXTEEN NAMES OF BOOKS IN THIS BIBLE STORY.

Celebrating & Praising the  
Lord and Giver of Life in Memory of

**Mrs. Marguerite Friedrich**

02/14/1925 — 12/29/2017

“Blessed are the dead who die in the  
Lord henceforth.

Blessed, indeed, says the Spirit,  
that they may rest from their labors,  
for their deeds follow them.”

*(Revelation 14: 13)*

*Our prayers and concerns  
are extended to the family and friends.*

Celebrating & Praising the  
Lord and Giver of Life in Memory of

**Mr. Eugene Louis Balusek**

08/17/1929 — 01/22/2018

“Thanks be to God, who gives us  
the victory through our  
Lord Jesus Christ.”

*(1 Corinthians 15: 57)*

*Our prayers and concerns  
are extended to the family and friends.*

Celebrating & Praising the  
Lord and Giver of Life in Memory of

**Mr. John Howard Dillingham**

08/18/1930 — 01/24/2018

“Thou annointest my head with oil.  
My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And, I will dwell  
in the House of the Lord forever.”

*(Psalm 23: 5-6)*

*Our prayers and concerns  
are extended to the family and friends.*

## Memorial Gifts to Weimar UCC

### In Loving Memory of Mrs. Alice Hattermann, from:

Rudy & Sally Estrada *(Kitchen Remodeling Fund)*

Patsy Schmitt *(Kitchen Remodeling Fund)*

### In Loving Memory of Mrs. Marguerite Friedrich, from:

Geraldine Hoegemeyer *(Kitchen Remodeling Fund)*

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Wayne & Jo Lynn McDonald *(Kitchen Remodeling Fund)*

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Alan & Amy Koehn *(Storage Bldg. Fund)*

Jenny & Clifford Grohmann & Family *(Ratliff Music)*

Hugo & Deena Richter *(Storage Bldg. Fund)*

Mark & Sharlyne Friedrich *(General Fund)*

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Grace Yoder & Family *(General Fund)*

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Carrie Rerich *(General Fund)*

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Butch & Lynn Machicek *(General Fund)*

Tommy & Tootsie Adams *(General Fund)*

Jackie Hopkins *(General Fund)*

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David & Deanna Niesner *(Ratliff Music Fund)*

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Gordon & Bernice Richter *(General Fund)*

Bobby & Brenda Wick *(General Fund)*

MM Franklin Addicks *(General Fund)*

Charles & Nancy Bittner *(General Fund)*

Rosie Shumbera *(Kitchen Remodeling Fund)*

Carole J. Oncken *(General Fund)*

Robert & Connie Poppe *(General Fund)*

Leo & Doris Rainosek *(General Fund)*

Joel & Jessie Rau Family *(General Fund)*

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Robert & Mary Ann Poppe ( <i>General Fund</i> )	Alphonse & Bernice Pokluda ( <i>General Fund</i> )
Donald & Karen Kutac ( <i>General Fund</i> )	MM Harvey Barton ( <i>General Fund</i> )
David & Debbie Little ( <i>General Fund</i> )	Dwayne & Carol Friedrich ( <i>General Fund</i> )
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Leslie & Lanette Kahlden ( <i>Kitchen Remodeling Fund</i> )	Emil & Elaine Thomas ( <i>Kitchen Remodeling Fund</i> )
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The Mark Harmon Family ( <i>Kitchen Remodeling Fund</i> )	Kelly & Kathy Janak ( <i>Kitchen Remodeling Fund</i> )
	James & Carolyn Dahse ( <i>Ratliff Music Fund</i> )

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Wayne & Jo Lynn McDonald ( <i>Kitchen Remodeling Fund</i> )	Kelly & Kathy Janak ( <i>Building Fund</i> )
Jenny & Clifford Grohmann ( <i>Kitchen Remodeling Fund</i> )	Leon Hattermann ( <i>Building Fund</i> )
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Wayne & Jo Lynn McDonald ( <i>Kitchen Remodeling Fund</i> )	The Kelly Janak Family ( <i>Kitchen Fund</i> )
Jacklyn Marak-Bartosh ( <i>Kitchen Remodeling Fund</i> )	

*Memorial donations are made to the church's building fund if not otherwise designated.*

*Please let the office know of any corrections needed here.*

*Donations made after January 28th will be listed in the next newsletter.*

## **What's After Death?**

### **What a wonderful way to explain it.**

*A sick man turned to his  
doctor as he was  
preparing to leave the  
examination room and  
said,*

*"Doctor, I am afraid to  
die. Tell me what lies on  
the other side."*

*Very quietly, the doctor  
said, "I don't know."*

*"You don't know? You  
are a Christian man and  
don't know what's on the  
other side?"*

*The doctor was holding  
the handle of the door  
and on the other side  
came a sound of  
scratching and whining.  
As he opened the door, a  
dog sprang into the room  
and leaped on him with  
an eager show of  
gladness.*

*Turning to the patient,  
the doctor said,  
"Did you notice my dog?  
He's never been in this  
room before and he didn't  
know what was inside.*

*He knew nothing except  
that his Master was here,  
and when the door  
opened, he sprang in  
without fear. I know  
little of what's on the  
other side of death, but I  
do know one thing ...*

*I know my Master is  
there and that's enough."*

*May you trust God that  
you are exactly where you  
are meant to be.*

*Love as if you'll live  
forever. Live as if you'll  
die today.*

*Be yourself. Everyone  
else is taken.*



## **ElderFest — Luncheon & Games for all!**

ElderFest at Weimar UCC is not just for folks "of a certain age!" It's for everyone! We invite you to come join the fun, and bring a friend or two!! Being a Weimar UCC member is not a requirement! All who attend enjoy food, fun, fellowship, domino and card games. Anyone who wishes to enjoy an afternoon social with friends is welcome. **All can look forward to gathering in the fellowship hall on the third Thursday of February (the 15th), and on the third Thursday of March (also the 15th).** Come at 11:30 a.m. and plan to stay a while to enjoy the fellowship as well as the food. Volunteers generously provide sandwiches, chips, pickles, desserts, water, coffee, and always several surprises. "See you there!"

**Thanks to all who make this event possible, and to those who attend!**

## **Ladies' Banquet Plans are Shaping Up!!**

Crafts, good Friends, and great Hats! Life doesn't get much better than that! This year, the annual ladies' banquet will be held on April 7th. Don your fanciest, most fun, or vintage hat and join in on the fun. Prizes will be awarded for the best in Show, Craziest, and best Vintage hats.

We will be making a spring craft for you to take home, and, of course, enjoying great food! This will also be one of the first official gatherings in the New Kitchen, so come join us and see all of the fabulous things the evening will hold. Hope to see you there. *(Hats are encouraged, but not required.)*

A positive Attitude is good for the Head, and a "Fab" hat doesn't hurt either!

## **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**

OGHS is a special mission offering which is collected once a year. The proceeds help people in America and around the world who suffer as a result of major disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, famine, civil wars, etc. When disasters such as these hit, it is only a matter of hours before help from churches in the form of food, water, medicines, etc., are on the way to the affected areas. We may not all be able to help in person, but we can help through our gifts. We can see our gifts in action throughout the world.

**This offering will be collected at  
Weimar UCC during worship time on  
Sunday, March 11.**

## **Eight to be Confirmed on April 22, 2018**

The rite of Confirmation will be administered for eight young adults who have been studying and preparing to be confirmed during the 2017-2018 school year. These eight confirmands will be approved by the church council on Sunday, March 25, following the morning worship service. They will have their last class that day. They will be confirmed during the worship service on Sunday, April 22.

More will be in the April/May church newsletter concerning this, but consider this a reminder so that you will be present to witness their confirmation.



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## WEIMAR UCC FLOCK

### Please pray for ...

... Logan Latimer and others in the military, and their families.  
 ... those struggling and/or suffering.  
 ... our country and its leaders.  
 ... our world leaders.  
 ... World Peace.

### We Continue to pray for ...

... Margie Hoffman, Donna Inglet, Carole Dillingham, Erna Mae Rose, Louis Barrilleaux, and Rev. Douglas Anders.

### Sympathy is Expressed To ...

... the **Family & Friends of Mrs. Marguerite Friedrich**, who passed away on December 29, 2017. Services were held here on January 3, 2018, followed by a reception.

... the **Family & friends of Mr. Eugene Balusek**, who passed away on January 22, 2018. Services were held here on January 25, followed by a reception.

... the **Family & friends of Mr. John Dillingham**, who passed away on January 24, 2018. Services were held here on January 28, with a reception following.

... **Julie Kunschick and her Family**, who have recently lost both of their parents, just weeks apart. Prayers for all of you at this very difficult time.

## IT'S HAPPENING!!! News from the Kitchen Committee

Demolition of the kitchen and stage area began on Monday, February 5th. During this time, we WILL be able to continue having coffee and gathering time in the fellowship hall on Sunday.

We are selling some of our current appliances via a silent auction. Silent Auction Sheets for the refrigerator in the food pantry, the refrigerator in the kitchen, the freezer in the food pantry, and the 1955 vintage wall oven in the kitchen are taped to the front of each appliance. If you are interested in purchasing any of these appliances, please add your name and offer on the auction sheet. **The auction will end on Sunday, February 18th.** You will be responsible for removing your purchase from the church promptly, with the exception of the refrigerator currently in the kitchen. We will need to keep that one until construction is completed.

Please be generous with your bidding. Funds from this auction will help defray the cost of the new kitchen.

Other items offered in a silent auction are three ironstone crocks. **The auction for them will also end on February 18th.** Our contractor is Robert Carr and his brother, Kenneth, will be on site over-seeing construction. He will have a motor home in the parking lot for the period of construction. Kelly Janak will be the liaison with the contractor during this project.

The dinnerware and glassware items from the church are currently packed away. At or near the close of construction, we will offer them and other items for sale to the congregation. Details will follow.

We will attempt to make this time as easy as possible for our members, but patience will be needed and appreciated. It is a large project, but one we are certain will be an attractive and more efficient area for cooking, storage, serving, and hospitality.

Your monetary support is greatly appreciated. Please remember, we have an \$85,000 debt to repay the Building Fund. We are making progress with the help of many, but we have quite a distance to go before we reach that goal! Please be as generous as you can. Thanks.

## *Indulge for Lent?*

*Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in Guideposts magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But, Kirk offers these ideas:*

- *Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.*
- *Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25: 31-46).*
- *Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.*
- *Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.*
- *Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.*

## February 4 & 11

- Liturgists:** 4th – Angela Wied 11th – Paul Hilley
- Song Leaders:** 4th – Marianne Muehr 11th – Dickie Muehr
- Special Music:** 4th — Sanctuary Choir 11th — MaryClaire Garmoe
- Acolytes:** 4th – Kirby Crow & Kylie Helmcamp  
11th -- Zach Leppin & Dalton Turlington
- Ushers:** Alice Friedrich\*, Melissa Dittrich, Dawson Dittrich, Carter Helmcamp
- Kids' Usher:** 4th – Emily Wied 11th —Zoe Schoeneberg
- Greeters:** Doris Carpenter & Jane Armontrout
- Communion Stewards:** 4th – Chris & Gretchen Maddux

### **Altar Flowers:**

4th -- Paul & Tammy Hilley (In Honor of God's Unfailing Love!)

11th --\*\*Hugo & Deena Richter (In Memory of Charles & Mamie Davidson,  
Alma & Albert Richter, Hugo Sr. & Alena Richter)

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## February 14 (Ash Wednesday) 18 & 25

- Liturgists:** 18th – Thomas Garmoe 25th – Drew Adamcik
- Song Leaders:** 18th – Pastor Jerry 25th– Marianne Muehr
- Special Music:** 18th — Sanctuary Choir 25th — Mixed Choir
- Acolytes:** 18th—Abigail Hilley & Delaney Turlington  
25th – Maritza Garay & Breanna Garay
- Ushers:** Christian & Angela Rabel\*, Annie Rabel, Vance Adamcik
- Kids' Usher:** 18th—Emily Wied 25th- Kelsey Wied
- Greeters:** Chris & Gretchen Maddux
- Communion Stewards:** Ash Wednesday, Jerry & Doris Carpenter

### **Altar Flowers:**

18th – \*\* Chris & Gretchen Maddux (In Honor of their Children & Grandchildren)

25th – \*\* Lynelle & Kenny Schwenke and Loreen Rhodes  
(In Memory of Hugo & Elsie Vornsand and Reuben Vornsand)

*\*\*Altar Flowers — You will be assigned each year, hopefully around this same date.*

*\*Head Usher — It is your responsibility to remind the others who are assigned with you, and tell them their duties.*

## March 4 & 11

- Liturgists:** 4th – Vance Adamcik 11th – Darlia Maxwell
- Song Leaders:** 4th – Dickie Muehr 11th – Pastor Jerry
- Special Music:** 4th — Sanctuary Choir 11th — Kristy Janecka
- Acolytes:** 4th - Brooke Wanjura & Callie Janak 11th – Anton Vazquez & Case Beken
- Ushers:** Kelly & Kathy Janak\*, Shannon Adamcik, Drew Adamcik
- Kids' Usher:** 4th —Gavin Schoeneberg 11th —Chloe Brandt
- Greeters:** George & Vera Brandt
- Communion Stewards:** 4th – Larry & Elaine Schellberg

### **Altar Flowers:**

4th -- \*\*The Valerie Harmon Family and the Melissa Dittrich Family  
(In Memory of Donald Ray & Willyne Dunn)

11th – \*\*The Loessin Family (In Memory of M/M George Loessin)



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## March 18 & 25 (Palm Sunday) & Maundy Thursday on 29th

- Liturgists:** 18th – Kelly Janak 25th – Alice Friedrich
- Song Leaders:** 18th – Marianne Muehr 25th – Dickie Muehr
- Special Music:** 18th — Sanctuary Choir 25th — Children's Choir
- Acolytes:** 18th – Gavin Schoeneberg & Rayleigh Huette  
25th –Olivia Garmoe & Brinson Huette
- Ushers:** Chris & Kim Garmoe\*, Scott & Benita Huette
- Kids' Usher:** 18th – Rylen Lopez 25th – Caroline Koehn
- Greeters:** Carolyn Dahse & Kathy Janak
- Communion Stewards:** Pastor Jerry & Doris (*Maundy Thursday*)

### **Altar Flowers:**

18th – Pastor Jerry & Doris Carpenter (In Loving Memory of their Fathers)

25th -- Werner & Nancy Boer (In Memory of  
Jerry & Chuddie Boer, Ora Nell & Milton Beken, Ford Beken,  
M/M Wm. Boer, and Lillie Beard)

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*Greetings to ...*

**Sunday Schedule**

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

*(Communion every first Sunday)*

*(nursery provided — cry room available)*

Coffee/Fellowship: 10:45 a.m.

Bible Study for All

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Wednesday Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.



*February/March 2018*

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