



Lake City Union Church
May Newsletter

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake City Union Church is to praise and uplift God in all

From Pastor Randy

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“See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?”

(From When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, by Isaac Watts)

Creation Re-Made

We begin this month fully immersed in the season of Lent. We very quickly will be back at the cross and the sacrifice of our Savior. These images are too powerful to ignore.

Anyone present that day at the cross would have seen, as Christ was crucified, the blood flowing from his hands and feet and of course, also his head. For the believers that were not present, we are left with images and a remembrance of what Isaac Watts called “sorrow and love flow mingled down”.

Jesus the Christ, during his relatively short ministry on this earth, saw every day the damage sin had inflicted on God’s wonderful creation and each of us as God’s children. He also knew very well what human life could have been, had it not been for this broken estrangement from the One who created us.

In spite of the way Jesus was repulsed by our sinfulness, he loved us so deeply that he came to die a terrible death, so that creation might be restored. The Savior we proclaim, is the one who is redeemer, so we might become what God intended for each of us from the beginning. Our King wore a bloody crown of pain, that his beloved people might be purchased for eternity.

In Christ,

Randy



Ruth Circle will meet on May 1st at 1:30 at the church. We will be cleaning the kitchen. Pat Carroll will be the hostess. We will not meet again until Sept 4th and that day we will meet at 10:00 (note time change for September only.)

On May 14 Marilyn Willis and Kristi Jacobs will have devotions at Accura. We do continue having devotions at Accura throughout the summer.

Our circle will have a bake sale to be held May 4 before and after church. All are invited to contribute a baked good. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of the new copier. Thank you to all bakers and buyers!

Pattie Daisy, Chair.

Mission:

I saw these words on the back of a t-shirt recently:

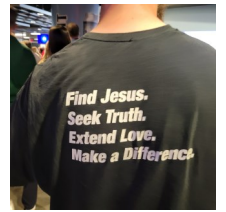
FIND JESUS

SEEK TRUTH

EXTEND LOVE

MAKE A

DIFFERENCE.



The words, "Make a Difference" caught my attention. Those of you that know me, know I love to fix things. That is all and well when it comes to a light that is not working or a faucet that drips. Those are things I can fix or I know people that can help me fix those things. Often, the most important point is finding the right person to help.

My personal struggle is when I see a need in the community or in the world and I begin to think, how can I fix that? I get discouraged when I realize I cannot fix it. What I have had to learn to settle for is to ask others for their help, and together we can make a difference.



Thank you for your generous support of One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent. Our cash donations along with 1000's of other churches truly make a difference. Thank you for stepping up and gathering up your usable clothing. That clothing will make a difference. I know Odebolt Presbyterian was appreciative that we joined in with them on that clothing drive. Together, we can and do make a difference.

Find Jesus, seek truth, and extend love,
Kendall Von Glan, chairman



Food Bank pick up is from 2:30 - 5:30 on the day listed below. If you are unable to make it on the scheduled day, you can pick up from 11:30 to 12:30 on the following Sunday.

The upcoming schedule is : May 8 June 12 July 10 August 14

Thank You,
Mike and Kristi Jacobs & Paige and Mary Reiter

Lake City Food Pantry donations may be placed in the shopping cart in the hallway. These items help with people requiring food assistance. \$ donations are welcome also..

Hours the pantry is open are

Tuesdays 9:30 –11:30 am

Thursdays 2:00-4:00 pm

Held at Woodlawn Christian Church



Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

PROVERBS 19:17

May Sermon Schedule

May 4th Third Sunday of Easter / Communion

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-3
New Testament: John 21:1-19
Sermon Title: *"Follow Me!"*

May 11th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 10:22-30
Sermon Title: *"When We Hear The Voice!"*

May 18th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Leviticus 19:9-18
New Testament: John 13:31-35
Sermon Title: *"Love....Simply Love!"*

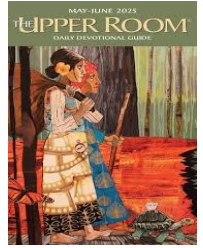
May 25th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Psalm 109:26-31
New Testament: John 5:1-9
Sermon Title: *"What A Question!"*



Upper Room Devotional

The May / June Upper Room devotional guide is available to all. These devotionals are located in the hallway across from the office. You may donate toward cost— place \$1 in the display or in the church office.



For Fun: Cut and color



JOANNE FINK WWW.LAKESIDE-DESIGN.COM COLOR & CREATIVITY BY _____

Buildings and Grounds

Thanks to all of you that have helped us with the expenses incurred resulting from power surges and power outages during the March snow storm. That storm showed us some items that need better protection from power surges and low voltage. We are fortunate that Kevin Berry has the expertise to recommend and install those protection devices.

In the next week, I hope to begin some work in the kitchen and social hall to prepare for replacing the electrical panel in the attic. Most of my work involves installing conduit in the ceiling to run power to the three freezers that food bank uses.

Kendall Von Glan, Chairman

Easter Season

Did you know that the church calendar lists seven Sundays as Easter Sunday? The first one is labeled *Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday* with the remaining six recognized also as Easter Sunday. The season of Easter is intended to be a joyful time for celebrating the presence of the risen Christ in the church... Of course, Easter really isn't just a season either. In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life — in which we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11), called to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). Every year, for fifty days, the church celebrates and rehearses this new way of life in the Season of Easter — as we await its completion in the fullness of Christ's reign.

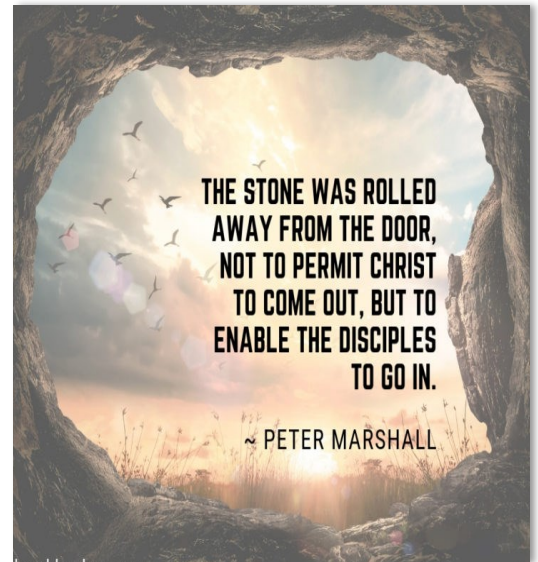


The PC(USA) worship thread contains an article explaining the season of Easter. The following comes from that resource.

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 117

"For seven weeks, a week of Sundays, we acclaim the resurrection of Christ by the power of God. The period of seven weeks of jubilation can be traced back to its Jewish roots of the fifty days celebrated from the day after Passover to

Shavuot (Feast of Weeks, Exodus 23:16). For Jews, the Feast of Weeks closed the season of harvest, which had been initiated by the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In a similar manner, early Christians observed a fifty-day period of celebration from Easter to the Day of Pentecost.



On the pentecoste (“fiftieth”) day, not only was the fifty-day period concluded, but a festival with its own proper content was celebrated. The Jews observed a feast of covenant renewal and eventually commemorated the giving of the Law. Christians celebrated the gift of the Spirit as preparing the way for the day of the Lord. What Moses and the Law did for the Jewish community, the Holy Spirit now does for the community of Christ.”

Resource: <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theology-worship/worship/christian-year/season-easter>



Church Service
Church Attendance

April 6	78
April 13	115
April 17	Maundy Thursday NA
April 20	191
April 27	85

Facebook/You Tube
Households viewing

April 6	276
April 13	196
April 20	363
April 27	268

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL NEWS \$\$\$

Offering— March 30, 2025	\$8,454.00
Offering - April 6, 2025	\$2,996.00
Offering - April 13, 2025	\$3,901.00
Offering— April 20, 2025	\$1,900.00
Offering— April 27, 2025	\$1161.00
Total Offering for Month	\$18,412.00
2025 Investment Income— 3/31/2025	\$15,000.00
2025 Contribution Income—3/31/2025	\$14,629.86
2025 Total Income thru— 3/31/025	\$62,629.86
2025 Expenses thru – 3/31/2025	\$59,018.23
Net income	3,611.63

For May

Mary Reiter
Barry Stevens



*Note: For further information, contact Paul Jesse or stop in the church office during office hours.

Offerings / Tithes / Gifts

The offering of material gifts in worship is an expression of our self-offering, as an act of gratitude for God’s grace. We give our lives to God through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. The practice of offering also reflects our stewardship of God’s good creation. Mindful that the earth and everything in it belong to God, we present tithes and offerings for use in Christ’s ministry and mission.

Book of Order 2023-2025 Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part II



Church Office Hours

Mon. 7:30— 11:30
Tue. 7:30— 11:30
Wed. 7:30— 11:30
Thur. 8:00—11:00
Fri. Closed

PROVERBS 3:9
HONOUR THE LORD WITH THY SUBSTANCE & WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL THINE INCREASE; SO SHALL THY BARNES BE FILLED WITH PLENTY...

100% - 10% = 100%
Giving is Worship
GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE

2 Corinthians 9:7 levi 27:30-32
Proverbs 11:24 hebrews 7:4-9
Malachi 3:8-10 Luke 6:38
Numbers 18:28

@PROVERBSDAILY
proverbsdaily.net

What does the **LORD** require of you, but to **Act Justly** to **LOVE MERCY** and to **Walk Humbly** WITH YOUR **GOD**
MICAHAH 6:8

Youth / Gathering



Moooooove over for preschool tonight - learning about God and how He is always with us. !!



We absolutely had the best time at our first night !!! Best helpers and best kids!!! We learned that even when we face big things ... we have God who gives us strength!!
#DavidandGoliath.



Sling shot practice , a skit , storyboard Bible lessons , a cute video , food , and smiles makes for a fun night at SonShine PreSchool!!



Such beautiful kids !! So absolutely proud of our older Gathering students and our REACH students who came to help us !!! Huge , huge help and we are so grateful!!!

Prayer Page

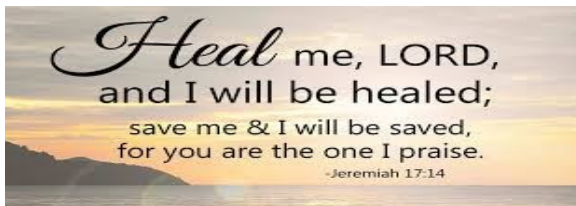


Prayers for Healing / Recovery

Jim Potts
Martha Potts
Cyndi Arnold
Marsha Berry
Nancy Wheeler
Jeremie Kent

Sympathy to:

Becky O'Tool and family in loss of her brother in law
Lisa Findley and family in the loss of her father.
Randy Kent and family in the loss of his sister.



Prayer

Wondrous and Amazing God, Loving Creator, you are the source of our being. It was you who formed us, named us, and first loved us with a love that is beyond even our imagination. On our best days and on our worst days, you claim us as your own and treasure us like an adoring parent treasures their child. You know our needs and our prayers even before we utter them, and yet we find comfort in knowing that we can bring our hearts and our lives into your presence and express ourselves with whatever words and whatever ways we can use. It is an honor and a privilege to not only bring our own needs but the needs and desires of others to you. Through Christ, you embodied love in this world so that all might know of your compassion, your peace and your presence. In His name, hear our prayers. Amen.

Resource: <https://www.sneucc.org/files/websites/sne/Sample+prayer.pdf>

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ACCURA RESIDENTS

*Marj Baumann
Eileen McCuen
Mary Ellen Seufferlein*

GARDEN VIEW-CARROLL, IA

Carol Eichhorn

AT HOME-PASADENA,MD

Daryl Crandall

ST. ANTHONY'S MEM.

CARE CENTER

Linda Yttredahl

TWILIGHT ACRES

Brenda Russom

MADRID, IA

Jan Schubert

AT HOME

Bev Lamberty

Bonnie Stone

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

- Isaiah 41:10

May 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 11:00 Mission @ Union 215 1:30 Ruth Circle	2	3
4 8:30 Bells 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship / Communion / Gradu- ate Recognitions 11:00 Reception Bake Sale	5 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	6	7 5:30 pm Wom- en's Bible Study @ Union 215 7:00 pm Choir	8 	9	10
11 8:30 Bells 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:30-12:30	12 Session Packet Deadline 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	13	14 10:00 Op Liv—Randy 1:30 Accura Dev 5:30 pm Wom- en's Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	15 7:00 pm Session	16	17
18 8:30 Bells 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship / Kids Sing 11:00 Fellowship	19 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215 Newsletter Dead- line	20 10:30 am Accura -Pastor Randy 4:30 pm Calling & Caring in Fire- side Room	21 5:30 pm Wom- en's Bible Study @ Union 215 7:00 pm Choir	22	23	24
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