



*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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Week of March 21-27, 2010

**SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SPRING MEETING**

“OUT FROM THE RUBBLE”

**TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN**

**2:30 P.M. REGISTRATION
2:45 P.M. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Families are encouraged to attend this meeting which features a workshop for Church World Service. Hygiene kit assembly and blessing will be a part of the workshop. Those attending are encouraged to bring items that will be packaged in the hygiene kits. The items needed are: hand towels, wash cloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes (in original wrapper) and bandaids.

Childcare will be provided during the brief business meeting prior to the kit assembly workshop. We will have cookies and refreshments during our gathering and an opportunity for fellowship and sharing with our SWA member churches.

Please join us for this celebration of hope and shared support through the United Church of Christ and Church World Service.

Use the “special offering” envelopes in the pews to help with shipping costs and additional needed items for the Church World Service hygiene kits. Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church and mark on the memo line for ‘CWS Kits’.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BATTLE CREEK, UCC
SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010**

Members are invited to stay following the worship service to conduct the following business:

- Elect Church Council members;
- Elect Standing Committee members;
- Elect delegates to the Michigan Conference and the Southwest Association of the Michigan Conference.

Last Chance

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP
FOR THE LENTEN BREAKFAST
WOMEN & MEN ARE INVITED
SEE NEXT PAGE FOR BREAKFAST DETAILS**



**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE
LENTEN BREAKFAST!**
BOTH WOMEN AND MEN ARE INVITED!

PLEASE use the signup table in the Courtyard or sign up at the Welcome Desk **TODAY** to make your reservation for **this Tuesday's Lenten Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.** Breakfast will include a "breakfast casserole" along with the traditional breads and fruit, so we need your reservation TODAY!

Our own **Emily Joye McGaughy** will be our speaker.
Her theme will be:
**"The Whole City Gathered:
The Individual and Communal Dimensions
of Prayer"**

Linda Jo Scott will be back with her wonderful violin offerings and our program will also offer some beloved hymns to sing together!

Communion will be celebrated around the breakfast table.

Remember....Women AND MEN are invited and encouraged to come. We'll share an inspirational time together during the Lenten season with our own church family and others from area churches. Invite your friends to join us!

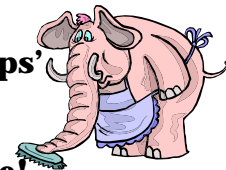


GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH

Our church will be hosting the joint service of the downtown churches this year at 12 noon on Good Friday, April 2. After the service, around 1:00 p.m., we will serve a soup and sandwich lunch. We need people to furnish cookies for dessert. If you can provide cookies please label them and leave them in the church kitchen on Thursday, April 1.

ODDS 'N ENDS SALE COMING SOON!

The Women's Circle of Fellowships'
Odds and Ends Sale
April 23 and 24
Time to Spring Clean and Donate!



Ingathering dates for donations are **Monday, April 19 through Wednesday, April 21, but items may be brought earlier and put in the basement under the children's area of the church. If you need pick-up or help with handling items, please contact Bev or John Goddard, Tel. 731-5467.**



REQUEST FOR HELP!!!

The Odds and Ends Sale is coming during the week of April 19!



The sale is a LOT OF WORK (as well as a lot of fun and fellowship!) and it has always been done by some of the older (NOT old, of course!) women of the church who work long hours in organizing, displaying, and pricing items starting on April 19.

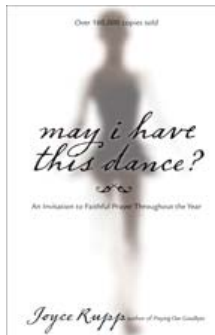


Could anyone PLEASE help us so that the workload can be distributed among more people in the church? We need women, of course, but John Goddard also needs some men to help out with the countless jobs he so graciously takes on during this sale.

Some of the proceeds from the sale always support the church, so by volunteering you will be helping both your church family AND your church. If you can give some of your time during the week of April 19, please talk to Deb Miller (964-8283) or just sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Desk and we'll find a place for you!



Looking for a good old-fashioned **BIBLE STUDY**? Pastor Tom has agreed to do a 6-8 week bible study followed by an optional 'advanced' course on the tools we need to interpret passages of scripture. Meeting dates and times will be set up based upon the availability of those interested. Stop by the Christian Education table to sign up or see Susan Jordan.



MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE

If you would like to join this book study, we are meeting Sundays 8:30-9:30 a.m., Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 p.m., Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m. Please check with the office for availability of books or for your reserved book. The book study will meet through the week of April 11th.

**AWESTRUCK DINNER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010
PARISH CARE**

BEEF 'N NOODLES (JOHN & BEV GODDARDS RECIPE!!!)

Please sign up today!

DO YOU NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

Hear of someone who has been admitted to the hospital, or someone who will be going to the hospital? Do you, yourself, need to talk to a pastor? If so, please call the church office at 965-1225. If the office is closed, the pastor is not in the office, or it is an emergency, please do not hesitate to call:

Pastor Tom Ott at home - (269) 830-7288 , or
Emily Joye McGaughy at home - (269) 832-9447

PRAYER LIST

*Dawn Thorp
.success and strength in my
new start into society*

*The Family of Nicole Kidney
Ruth (Mary Puls' sister who is
seriously ill)*



VISIT THE FLOWER SALE TABLE TODAY!

Vouchers for the Flower Sale are available TODAY in the Courtyard after worship.

Buy vouchers for your spring flowers NOW and pick up the plants at K-Drive Nursery in May.

You pay no more now than you will pay at K-Drive in the spring. But your purchase of vouchers NOW helps our church pay down our building loan principal!

Hanging baskets are \$19 each and flats are \$15 each. Working ALL TOGETHER, we really CAN make a difference for our church!

College Scholarships 2010 -2011



First Congregational Church college scholarship applications can be obtained from the Welcome Center at the church starting Sunday, February 28th. Applications are due back at the desk by Sunday, April 4th. **Criteria for applicants:**

1. Must have been an active church member for at least one year.
2. Must be a high school senior or a full time undergraduate student at a college, university or technical school.

This is a one year scholarship. Students may apply for a scholarship up to four years. If there are any questions please call Sharon Davis: 964-7442.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2010 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 a.m.	Book Study	Harmony
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15	Church School	Chapel/Classrooms
11:00	Fellowship	Courtyard
11:30-2 p.m.	Chin Baptist Classes/Worship	Legacy/Jubilee/Chapel
2:30	SWA Meeting	Courtyard
3:00-4:30	Pysanky Egg Workshop	Art Room

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010

12:00 p.m.	Sacred Conversations Book Study	Harmony
5:30	Book Study: May I Have this Dance	Harmony

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010

9:30 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast	Courtyard
1:00 p.m.	Book Study: May I Have This Dance	Harmony
5:15	Expressions reh	Sanctuary
5:30	Supper Club	Courtyard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010

9 - 5	USAC	Game
5:30 p.m.	Awestruck Dinner	Courtyard
6:30	Awestruck	Sanctuary
7:30	Book Study: May I Have This Dance	Harmony
7:30	I Too reh	Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010

6:30 a.m.	Social Equality & Justice Mtg	Game
9 - 7	USAC	Game
10:30	Parish Care Comm	Jubilee
6:30 p.m.	Plymouth Handbells	3-4 Yr Old Room
7:30	Chancel Choir Reh	Signature

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010 OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010

Emily Joye's Ordination—Riverside, CA

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010— PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.	Book Study: May I Have This Dance	Harmony
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15	Church School	Chapel/Classrooms
11:00	Fellowship	Courtyard
11:30-2 p.m.	Chin Baptist Classes/Worship	Legacy/Jubilee/Chapel



Marian E. Burch Adult Day Care Center....

Needs extra hands and caring hearts. There is an incredible variety of opportunities for volunteer work. Please check the Community Bulletin Board for more details.

WORSHIP NOTES

Our RADIO BROADCAST is given . . .by the Trust of Mary J. Anderson and her ongoing gifts to the Radio Fund.

Our FLOWER MINISTRY is given in loving memory of:
..Mrs. Laurie Palmer Heywood for her birthday anniversary, and Miss Helen L. Palmer by donations to Helen Palmer's Memorial Fund; and

..Celebrating the life of my father, Harry L. Smith for his birthday anniversary, March 19th, by his daughter, Margaret E. Smith; and
..Mary Mason by her family

The FLOWER DELIVERER today is: Fran Isaac

Our USHERS this week are: Al Mumford, Wes Kimble, Glenn Schulz, Alex Clarkson, Joanna Ross, Sue Day, Roger Spriggs Jeff VanDis, and De Davis, Head Usher.

AUDIO TECHNICIANS are: Brent Reid and Chip Davis

At the WELCOME CENTER today is: Barb Porter

KITCHEN RESOURCE PEOPLE are: Dorothy Bosse, Susan Jordan, Nanc Schimmel, Delite Budas, Vicki Swisher, Martha Langridge, & Linda Ryan

Coffee Service COORDINATORS are: Mary Jo Harmon, Cheryl Humbarger, and Sandy Wehling

Coffee Servers today are: Laural Macon & friends

Greeters today are: Dave & Nancy Schweitzer, Melinda Khan, John & Bev Goddard

Today's Hymns are used by permission of CCLI # 1466300.

Deb Miller will be responsible for visitation. An e-mail has been set up so that you can reach Deb. It is ParishCare@fccbc.org



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