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*Week of March 7- March 14, 2010*

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**REEL THEOLOGY TONIGHT** -Join friends at 5:30 p.m. in the Cinema Room, and enjoy watching *Gran Torino* with Clint Eastwood in this modern day Good Friday story. As Walt Kowalski, he is a bigoted WW2 veteran forced out of his isolated existence. His prized *Gran Torino* becomes a symbol of the complicated issues of race relations in his changed neighborhood. The story also challenges us to think more deeply about redemption and atonement. The movie is rated R, with vulgar

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### **DISASTER RELIEF FOR CHILE**

The United Church of Christ and Global Ministries have responded immediately to the devastating earthquake in Chile, and the tsunami that followed.

One Great Hour of Sharing solidarity grants have been sent to three Global Ministries partners in Chile and Church World Service to support immediate response initiatives. The OGHS and Global Ministries staff are monitoring the unfolding disaster situation and will continue to update this site.

#### **How Can You Help**

- Pray for the people of Chile their leaders and emergency and emergency response workers.
  - Use the Special Offering envelopes in the pews for a donation. Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church and mark on the memo line for Chile Earthquake.
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### **UPDATE ON HAITIAN RELIEF**

Since the earthquake hit parts of Haiti January 12, the UCC supported ACT Alliance has assisted more than 150,000 people. The majority of people are assisted with ongoing support such as water, sanitation, shelter, food supplies, meals, hygiene sets, and medical aid.

UCC members and friends have donated over \$1 million dollars in support of the Haiti Earthquake Relief fund, with more gifts arriving each day. (FCCBC has sent \$4,573.00 as of 2/22/2010.) Thanks to this generous outpouring of love and compassion, the UCC is able to accompany our Haitian friends on the long road to recovery.

**SUNDAY AFTEROON LIVE**  
**String Trio on Sunday, March 14, 4:00**  
**p.m.**

First Congregational Church will feature a very talented string trio Sunday, March 14, at 4 pm. The trio consists of Kristin Van Ausdal, violin; Glenn Mellow, viola; and Judith Vander Weg, cello. These outstanding musicians often perform together in symphonies in Michigan, including the Detroit Symphony and we are delighted to present them as part of our concert series.



This will be the fifth and final concert of Sunday Afternoon Live for this season. The concert is free and open to the public; a wine and cheese reception in the Courtyard will follow the program.

Kristin Van Ausdal is a violinist who has performed with the San Diego Symphony, the Detroit Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra and numerous orchestras throughout the state of Michigan. The daughter of Mary Lynn and Dave Buresh, she is a graduate of Harper Creek High School, Western Michigan University and the University of Michigan.



Glenn Mellow is a graduate of Indiana University and a violist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He is an avid cook and enjoys raising chickens in his spare time.



A graduate of Indiana University and the University of Michigan, Judith Vander Weg has been the principal cellist of the Flint Symphony Orchestra since 2002. She enjoys playing recitals from coast to coast in the great state of Michigan and has been principal cellist of the Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck for the past twelve summers. Judith maintains a busy private teaching studio in Grosse Pointe.



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**Church school teachers** are desperately needed for the remainder of the school year. In order for this vital part of our ministry to continue we need your help. The curriculum is very simple and gives the teacher many choices and options. Commitment may be as little as one Sunday.

Help is also needed to assist Mrs. Mitchell in the three year old room. We need at least one assistant per week. Confirmation and Senior high students, please consider volunteering the first Sunday of the month.

Please consider donating your time. Stop by the Christian Education table to sign up or speak with any member of the Christian Education committee.

**DATE CHANGE.....**Due to Pastors Emily Joye and Tom being in California on Palm Sunday, 3rd grade bibles will be presented on Sunday April 18th. Please contact Susan Jordan or call the Christian Education office at 965-1225 ext 13 to make sure your youth receives their bible.



### *Easter Memorials*

If you wish to give a lily to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, you can do so by sending \$9.00 to the church **by March 15<sup>th</sup>**. If this is in memory of loved ones, please enclose a note stating for whom. If you so desire, in lieu of a lily, your \$9.00 memorial can go to the Calhoun County Red Cross. You may take the lily you donated following the Easter service.

In response to the continued great need in Haiti, the Outreach Committee has designated the 2010 Easter Offering to finance Church World Service *Baby Care Kits*. These kits are designed to help mothers care for their newborn babies. Items included are diapers, undershirts, washcloths, gowns or sleepers, sweater, and receiving blankets. The committee will purchase the items needed for the kits from the offering, put the kits together and send them to Church World Service to be distributed. CWS puts a purchase value of \$39 plus a \$2



process cost on each *Baby Care Kit*. Offering envelopes will be in the pews from Palm Sunday through Easter. In advance, the Outreach Committee thanks you for your generous support of this project.

### **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.

### *May I have this Dance*

If you would like to join this book study, we are meeting Sundays 8:30-9:30am, Tuesdays 1:00-2:00pm, Mondays 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm. Please check with the office for availability of books or check with them for your reserved book.

The book study will meet through the week of April 11. She writes "This book is an invitation to be more faithful to prayer, to be more constant to the dance of life that God so desires for us. It is a call to put our busyness aside for a while in order to rekindle our relationship with the Holy One and to gain a clearer vision of what is really valuable in our lives.

Prayer keeps our hope active and restores life to the dead bones of our dreams. Prayer is a time to dance with our Divine Partner, to let the Beloved One take the lead, and to enjoy the true delight and source of life that God is for us. "

## 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

## PRAYER LIST

*Ellen E. Crammer  
Eleanor Foster  
Robyn O'Brien  
Nicole Kidney  
Kim Goss  
Jerry Conklin*

*John Shaw  
Evelyn Dillin  
Dawn Thorp  
The Family of Nicole Kidney  
..success and strength in my  
new start into society*

... our church and all churches that when God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are first in our prayers and actions, the love of family and country will follow and grow.



### 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! These will make great Easter, Mother's Day or birthday gifts!



### **College Scholarships 2010 -2011**

First Congregational Church college scholarship applications can be obtained from the Welcome Center at the church starting Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due back at the desk by Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. **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 7, 2010

8:30 a.m.	Book Study: May I Have This Dance	Harmony
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00	Jr/Sr Hi	Game
10:15	Church School	Chapel/Classrooms
11:00	Fellowship	Courtyard
11:30-2 p.m.	Chin Baptist Classes/Worship	Legacy/Jubilee/Chapel
11:30	Capital Campaign chairs	Harmony
3:00-4:30	Pysanky Egg Workshop	Art Room
7:00-9:00	Young Adult #1	Emily Joye's Home
5:30	Reel Theology	Cinema Room

### MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

5:30p.m.	Book Study: May I Have this Dance	Harmony
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### TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

7:00A.M.	Strategic Planning Comm	Shrank's
10:00a.m.	WCF Meeting	Legacy
1:00p.m.	Book Study: May I Have This Dance	Harmony
5:00	Burmese Community	Heritage
5:15	Expressions reh	Sanctuary
5:30	Neighborhood Caring	Legacy

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010

9 - 5	USAC	Game
2:00p.m.	Preschool Meeting	Jubilee
5:15	Property Committee	Legacy
5:30	Awestruck Dinner	Courtyard
5:00	Capital Campaign Chairs	Harmony
6:00	I Too reh	Sanctuary
6:30	Awestruck	Sanctuary
7:30	Book Study: May I Have this Dance	Courtyard
7:30	I Too reh	Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

9 - 7	USAC	Game
3:30p.m.	Full Staff Meeting	Legacy
5:00	Trust & Endowment Comm	Legacy
6:00	Budget & Finance Comm	Jubilee
6:30 p.m.	Plymouth Handbells	3-4Year Old Room
7:00	Young Adults #2	Emily Joye's Home
7:30	Chancel Choir reh	Signature

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010 OFFICES CLOSED

### SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

12-3	Music Center reh	Sanctuary
6:00p.m.	Sr Hi Lock In	Game
7:30	Girls Chorus & Art Voce	Sanctuary

Set Clocks Forward: Daylight Savings Time Begins

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2:30-3:45	Pysanky Egg Workshop	Art Room
4:00-5:00	Sunday Afternoon Live	Sanctuary
	Reception	Courtyard
7:00-9:00	Young Adults Awestruck Team	Emily Joye's Home

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Our RADIO BROADCAST is given** . . . In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. (Rubina) Dexter by their family

**Our FLOWER MINISTRY is given in loving memory of:**

Mrs. Ella Armbruster for her birthday anniversary, March 6<sup>th</sup>, by her husband Ron. Jean Terry for her birthday anniversary, March 6<sup>th</sup> by Lloyd and Susan Terry.

**The FLOWER DELIVERER today is:** John & Bev Goddard

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

**AUDIO TECHNICIANS are:** Brent Reid and Chip Davis

**At the WELCOME CENTER today is:** Reg Mahoney

**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:** Evelyn Dillin & friends

**Greeters today are:** Jeanne Mahoney, Pearl Walden, Sandy & Ron Wehling

**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](mailto:ParishCare@fccbc.org)



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