

Calendar of Events

<u>First Sunday In Lent</u>	February 18, 2018
Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Handbell Rehearsal - In the Loft	11:30 a.m.
OWL Contemporary Issues Retreat	1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
<u>Monday, February 19</u>	
Church Offices are closed	
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room</i>	8:00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, February 20</u>	
Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study	9:30 a.m.
Adult Study Group - Parlor	12:00 noon
Cub Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Church Council - Blue Door Room	7:15 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, February 21</u>	
Bible Study - Parlor	7:00 a.m.
Bible Study - Blue Door Room	12:30 p.m.
Lenten Series	6:00 p.m.
<u>Thursday, February 22</u>	
Choir Rehearsal - In the loft	7:00 p.m.
<i>Ski Patrol - Blue Door Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
<u>Friday, February 23</u>	
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room</i>	8:00 p.m.
<u>Saturday, February 24</u>	
<u>Sunday, February 25</u>	
Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Handbell Rehearsal - In the Loft	11:30 a.m.
OWL - Blue Door Room	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Youth Group - Bowling	4:00 p.m.
<u>Monday, February 26</u>	
<i>Paint and Palette - Fellowship Hall</i>	10:00 a.m.
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room</i>	8:00 p.m.

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Rev. Roger C. Pancost, Pastor
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Our special offering for the month of February is for the **Church World Service Blankets Program**. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. provide funds to help people in need around the world. These needs include:

- Blankets, tents, food** and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds** for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells** for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- Literacy training and microcredit** for women struggling to realize their potential.

For more information about the CWS Blankets Program, please visit the web site at <http://cwsglobal.org/getinvolved/cws-blankets/>. If you would like to make a contribution, there are envelopes on the tables outside the sanctuary doors. Please place a note on the information line of your check and drop it into the offering plate. Thank you!

Save the Date and join the Board of Christian Community on Saturday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the NCG Theatre for the movie ***A Wrinkle in Time***. The movie is a Walt Disney Pictures science fantasy adventure film and follows a young girl who sets off on a quest, with the help of three astral travelers, to find her father, who went missing after discovering a new planet. The film is rated PG. The cost is \$5.00 per person and envelopes will be available near the church office. Payments are needed in advance and due by March 5. If paying by check please make them payable to UCC and write *movie* on the memo line. Envelopes can be placed in the Administrative Assistant's file in the communications bin outside the office.

* **Hymn** *God Is Here! As We Your People Meet* #70
(Asterisk indicates when you may stand. Please stand, as you are able, when the first notes of the hymn are played.)

* **Unison Prayer**
Covenant Making God, we begin our Lenten journey by joining Jesus in the wilderness. Assure us of your loving-presence as we find time to be in prayer, as we face our temptations and as we reflect on our inner-hungers. We do these things trusting that at the end of this holy season you lead us out of the wilderness and into new life. Amen.

Children's Moment *The Color Purple* Rev. Pancost

Anthem *The Sound of Silence* Paul Simon

Scripture
Genesis 9:8-17 Pew Bible, page 7
Psalm 25:1-10 New Century Hymnal, page 635
Mark 1:9-15 Pew Bible, page 867

Sermon *A New Beginning* Rev. Roger C. Pancost

* **Hymn** *Forty Days and Forty Nights* #205

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer ("Debts" and "Debtors")
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,**

