

# Congregational Tidings



*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

A weekly newsletter



February 5, 2020

**Fifth Sunday after  
Epiphany  
February 9, 2020  
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott Spence  
will present the  
sermon:**

*The Prophet's Life*

**Scripture Reading  
Mark 6:1-29**

**Worship Leader  
Gina Greene**

**Deacon-In-Charge  
Evie Waack**

**Acolytes**

Dale & Barbara  
Hatinger

**Greeters**

Greg Hoekstra  
Rocky & Mary Kay  
Peterson

**February Ushers**

Gordon Lauterbach  
Kelly Conrad  
Jonathan Yarngo  
Peter Steva

## Super Bowl Subs Thank You!



Hi All— A HUGE thank you to everyone who bought a sub sandwich, made a donation or helped out to make this year's Youth Super Bowl Subs fundraiser another success.

We raised a total of \$850 toward the UCC National Youth Event in July. Your generosity makes a great difference in many of our student's ability to afford the trip and we so appreciate your contributions. We are really looking forward to this event

and are thankful for the role each of you played in our ability to participate in this opportunity.

## New Youth Bulletin Board

Please consider taking a moment to look at the new bulletin board that explores one of our recent Children's Church activities. We had a lot of fun creating this work together. I am so excited to share the news about all of the wonderful things happening with our youth program right now!

~ *Katie Thomas*  
**Youth Director**



## Pastor Scott's February Public Office Hours:

Scott will hold Public Hours from 3 to 5pm unless specified as follows:

- \*2/5 - Tea Cellar (205 State St, CF)
- \*2/12 - Caribou Coffee (University, CF)
- \*2/19 - Lincoln Perk (218 E. 4th, W'loo)  
-Special Hours 2pm - 4pm

## Children's Choir Practice

The children's choir will practice following Worship for the next two Sundays and will perform on Transfiguration Sunday.

## Dance Marathon Donation

Laura Kaliban will be participating in the University of Iowa's 26th Annual Dance Marathon on **February 7th and 8th**. This benefits the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City.

Donations can be made at this website: <https://osl.iowa.uiowa.edu/dancemarathon/onlinegiving/11/23776>.

## Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study group has selected "*Present Over Perfect*" by Shauna Niequist for our next book. You can get it at Target, Amazon, the library, etc. We'll discuss the first 4 chapters **this Sunday, Feb. 9**. While the Friendship Room is undergoing repairs, we're meeting in the chapel. Anyone is welcome to join!

## BQUGG Program

Danny Steiber and Anna Kendall will be sharing their "*Barn Quilts of Iowa and the Underground Railroad*" History movement at the Waterloo Public Library for one hour at 2pm on Thursday, February 13th.

## Lost Spoon

A church member is missing a slotted spoon from the Annual Meeting potluck. If you accidentally picked one up, please bring it back to the church. Thanks!

## Transfiguration Sunday



February 23 is Transfiguration Sunday, and what better way to celebrate the glory and

brilliance of Jesus than a little New Orleans-inspired party? During worship, we will be blessed by music from a UNI jazz ensemble. After worship we will continue to celebrate with a Mardi Gras-themed lunch featuring jambalaya and red beans and rice (vegetarian and meat will be available) and king cakes. Most importantly, we will take up a special offering that will go to our UCC mission partners at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS who work "to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives." Invite your friends, family, and neighbors, and make plans to join us for lunch. **Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday, Feb. 20 for the luncheon.**

*~From the Missions and Christian Education Committees*

## Partners in Education

Here is a note that we received from our Partners in Education, Bunger Middle School:

*"First Congregational Volunteers:  
Thank you so much for your help at our cultural Night at Bunger! You are the best! Everyone talks about how great the food was! We appreciate you!"*

*~Bunger Family*

## Common Meeting

Just a reminder that the Common Meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00pm.**

**Attention chairs:** Please use our *Why?* Statement for planning and scheduling of activities -

*"To embody and share God's love so all experience faith, hope, and joy in community where love is made actual."*

## Sunday School

**Gathering (9:00 - 9:15 am)**

Youth and adults initially will meet in the chapel.

**Classes (9:15 - 10:15 am)**

**Students 3rd - 5th grade** will gather in the chapel with Katie Thomas.

**Children ages pre-K - 2nd grade** will meet with Jayne Slaughter in the downstairs children's nursery / classroom.

**The Adult class** meets in the Chapel.

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## Weekly Events

**Wed., February 5**

3 - 5:00pm - Public Office Hours  
6:00 - Potluck  
6:30 - Choir Practice  
7:00 - Pastor's Class  
Youth Group

**Thurs., February 6**

6:00 - Bells Practice

**Sat., February 8**

9:00 - Women's Breakfast at Perkins

**Sun., February 9**

9:00 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Worship  
Children's Choir Practice

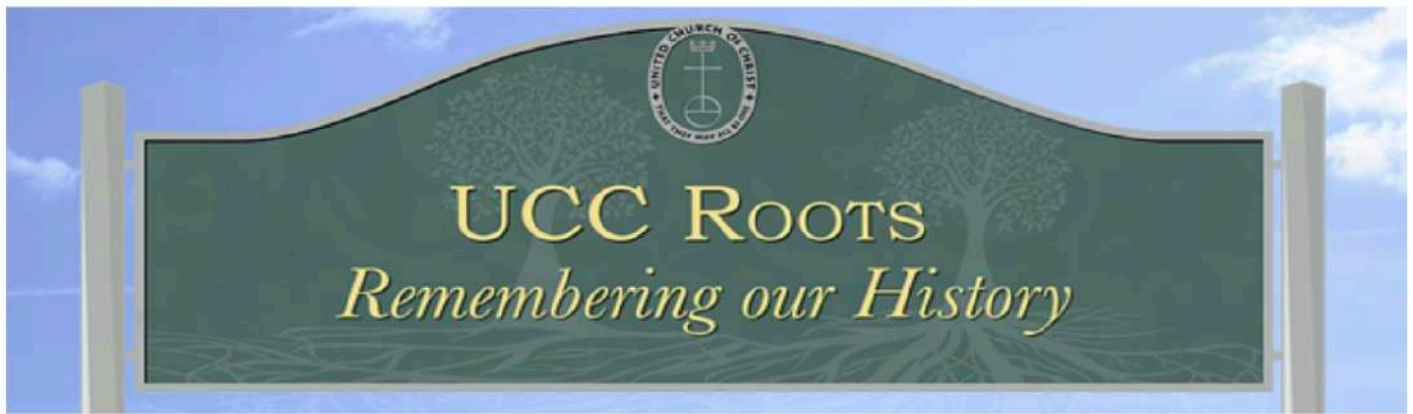
**Mon., February 10**

Community Meals

**Tues., February 11**

7:00 - Common Meeting





## **“She Enriched Understandings of Pastoral Care”**

It was 1944. At age thirteen she came down with polio during one of the last big epidemics before the polio vaccine. Although she always said that her body was inadequate, her personal experience gave her insights and credibility. Her world view enriched the lives of many people.

Peggy Ann Brainard—known later as Peggy Ann Way (1931-2016), grew up in Michigan. She completed her undergraduate degree at University of Michigan, earned a Masters in Social Work degree at Wayne State University, and later completed a Ph.D. at Princeton University (1977). Initially Peggy and her husband enrolled in a joint program at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago and Chicago Theological Seminary. They were ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1960 and became deeply involved in urban ministries.

Yet, theological education was Way's strength. Her teaching, preaching and writing focused on pastoral care. In 1973 she served as chaplain at the United Church of Christ General Synod in Minneapolis. From 1980, to 2005, she taught at the Roman Catholic Jesuit School of Theology, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, and Eden Theological Seminary. She was the first woman appointed to a full-time faculty position at Vanderbilt.



Way often said that her parents were very conservative and did not share her “explorative” view of the world. Yet they helped her understand how difficult it is to sit and talk with people “who have the wrong point of view in terms of what you think is the right point of view.” Throughout her ministry Way was careful not to insist that she was right, because, she said, “judgments destroy relationships.” Pastoral care seeks to encourage people to consent to the diversity of the world they inhabit. However, “consenting” does not mean, “Oh, that's the way things are.” Rather, when we consent we are challenged to make small moves that expand human well-being and change lives.

*Contributor: Barbara Brown Zikmund*

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## **Lenten Project: “Feed the Hungry”**

The Social Justice Committee of Blessed Sacrament Community is asking for your help to package meals to help meet the needs of the poor in our area. Kids Against Hunger is a national organization that coordinates food “packaging parties”, creating meals that are designed not only to be nutritious but also feed many people for minimal cost. A group of 10 can help package 2000 meals per hour! Volunteers are needed on Packaging Day, March 11th from 10am for set up, 12:30 to 8pm for packaging and 8pm until done for cleanup. If you would like to participate, contact Derek Mineart (Project Coordinator) at [dsmineart@gmail.com](mailto:dsmineart@gmail.com) with the names of your volunteers and the desired shift (either 12:30 to 2pm or 6:00 to 8:00pm).

*For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Crossroads.*

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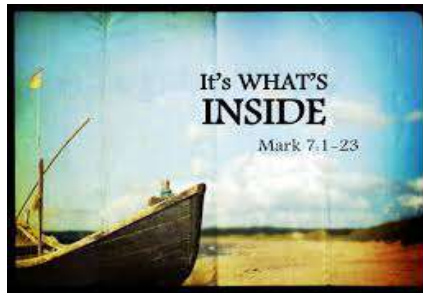
## Worship SCHEDULE



**February 9**

*Death of John the Baptist*

Mark 6:1-29



**February 16**

*What Defiles?*

Mark 7:1-23



**February 23**

*Transfiguration Sunday*

Mark 8:27 - 9:8



**Ash Wednesday Service: February 26th at 6:00pm**

The imposition of ashes will be offered and communion will be served.