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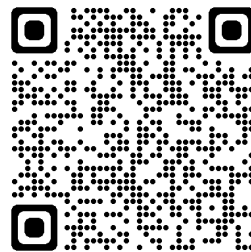
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Editor: Editor@ucccharlotte.org **Still Speaking** article deadline is the 25th of each month.

About the cover: Organized by our flower committee, Diane Sowle and Shirley Ripley, the Easter lily display on Resurrection Sunday was a result of numerous individual contributions, many of which were given in memory of individuals or in celebration of events.



Don't Clean Up Your Garden (Yet)

The Growing Place, Aurora, IL

The sunshine and warmer weather beckon us outdoors. We walk around the yard and see the effects winter has left behind. Knowing it's not quite time for spring growth, we eagerly want to be prepared to see it. So we start spring cleaning. But wait! Walk the yard, look for signs of spring, and keep the maintenance simple.

Yes, you can clear fallen, dead branches from trees and any plastic trash the winds have blown. Neighborhood leaves tend to pile up in corners around the house and get caught in low-lying shrubs and perennial beds. Some natural debris left around plants shelters them from the cold yet to come. Leaf litter also decomposes and enriches the soil, ensuring plant growth. So take it easy on clean up. A few fallen leaves are good for the soil.

Perennial Manager, Kyle Lambert, suggests waiting to cut back and clean your garden until daytime temperatures are 50 degrees for 7-10 days in a row. If the urge to clean is strong, you can cut back your plants but loosely pile the debris and wait to do the raking until we've had 7-10 days of 50-degree weather. Landscape Manager, Mara Saba, adds "Removing debris too early takes away food sources for nesting birds." Overwintering insects (whether it be egg, adult, or any stage in between) could be in stems of plants that have been left up for the winter, in the leaf debris on the ground, in the bark of a tree or many other places.

Insects are a necessary ingredient to beautiful gardens and enjoyable views of butterflies and birds in our yards. Enjoy time outside while you tidy up a bit, providing shelter and food for the caterpillars of those butterflies. Birds will sing in gratitude in a yard that hosts all sorts of insects for food. Be patient. Spring weather will be here soon!



Church-wide Litter Pick Up Project

Ramona Kime, Social and Environmental Justice Team

Saturday, April 27th; 10 AM
Bennett Park (meet at the pavilion)

For Earth Month, Social and Environmental Justice is organizing a Litter Pick Up Project at Bennett Park. For all those who are interested, meet at the Bennett Park pavilion on Saturday, April 27th at 10 AM. We'll have garbage bags. If you have grabbers, bring them along!



Earth Month Movie

“The Ants and the Grasshopper”

Sunday, April 14, Noon, Sanctuary

A light lunch will be provided.

This award-winning film poses the question:

How do you change someone’s mind about the most important thing in the world?

“African farmer Anita Chitaya has a gift; she can help bring abundant food from dead soil, she can make men fight for gender equality, and she can end child hunger in her village. Now, to save her home from extreme weather, she faces her greatest challenge: persuading Americans that climate change is real. Traveling from Malawi to California to the White House, she meets climate skeptics and despairing farmers. Her journey takes her across all the divisions shaping the US, from the rural-urban divide, to schisms of race, class, and gender, to the thinking that allows Americans to believe they live on a different planet from everyone else. It will take all her skill and experience to help Americans recognize, and free themselves from, a logic that is already destroying the Earth.” (Kartemquin Films)



Re: Phishing Emails

Matt Slot, Council President and Resident IT expert



Apparently another round of emails are targeting folks from church, suggesting I need urgent and confidential help.

Please exercise caution when responding to email requests, and a phone call from any of you is always welcome when there is any doubt.

Rest assured I have all of the iTunes gift cards I need.



Journey to Mother Earth

by Jan Shall

I rode a lightning bolt deep within Mother Earth
Her molten layers flowing and glowing
I asked, "Dear Mother, how are you?"
"Dear Child, I'm struggling." She spoke.
"I have aches and pains.
Not the growing pains of when this World was young
Every part deep within me
I am in trouble
My heart aches for the loss of life
Whole plant, tree, and animal species
From my glacier head and toes
Which are shriveling up
To my Oceanic veins
Rising
Clogged with plastic
The pollution
Dirty energy you use to keep warm and get from place to place
The list goes on."
She clenched her fist
A rumbling deep emerged which became an earthquake
She shook her head
A hurricane exploded into being in the Atlantic
She took a deep breath
Devastating tornados appeared
Riding a roll of thunder
I rose to the surface
She wrapped me tenderly in a bed of wildflowers
She sobbed
"My darling child, don't worry I will survive.

Will you?"





Pastor's Corner

Pastor Adam Droscha



The Holy Void: What Arrives After the Death of God

In so many faith traditions now and throughout history, Christians have acted as though we are left with something *more*, something *extra* after Jesus' death and resurrection, as if we gained something at the 'end' of the Jesus story. For many, the extra something — what is gained — after Jesus' death and resurrection is salvation, or eternal life with God in heaven when we die bodily death. After attaining salvation and eternal life through Jesus, many observe from the scriptures that we, those who believe in Jesus and accept him as our savior, receive the presence of the Holy Spirit, who indwells all believers as the new presence of God. Once we have the presence of the Holy Spirit, many would say that we are gifted with spiritual life, gifts, community, power, insight, and love. It's a beautiful interpretation of what is gained from Jesus' death and resurrection, but I think we miss a few things when we emphasize too much what we gain.

A few key events happen during and after the holy week stories, which should give us pause whenever we consider all that's gained in Jesus' death and resurrection. The first event that I want to highlight is when Jesus spoke on the cross, specifically when he said, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" in Mark 15 and Matthew 27. As I've mentioned before, as academic and philosophical theology goes, I stand in the camp of radical theology. For radical theologians and theologians, this quote of Jesus is of central importance because it represents the moment when Jesus was separated from God ontologically, spiritually, materially, and psychologically. Jesus — God with us — was emptied of divinity; God was emptied and separated from God. To put a finer point on it, in his crucifixion and death, Jesus lost the very thing that Christians most associate with Jesus: divine life, presence, authority, and being.

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The next event I want to highlight is Jesus' actual death, which also takes place in Mark 15 and Matthew 27. The texts say that Jesus made a loud cry, took his last breath, and he died, then the curtain the temple was torn from top to bottom. The curtain in the temple was the curtain that covered the Holy of Holies, which, in the ancient Jewish traditions, was where the presence of God supposedly resided. The theological interpretation of the tearing of the temple curtain is that God's presence no longer resides in the Holy of Holies; when one looks past the torn curtain, there is nothing, only empty space, only a void.

The third event(s) I'll highlight is Jesus' ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. (I'm placing these events together because you don't really get one without the other; they're interconnected, two parts of the same event.) The story goes, and orthodox Christianity teaches, that Jesus ascended to heaven after he was raised from the dead. Before he ascended, Jesus promised his followers the Holy Spirit, and not long after his ascension, the Holy Spirit arrived. This is a fascinating turn in the story. Even after Jesus was raised from the dead, the disciples still lost his bodily presence. The disciples didn't gain Jesus back forever in the way they had him before his death and resurrection; Jesus left a void. And what arrived to fill the void Jesus left? An immaterial Spirit. Spirits are immaterial by definition. A spirit is a presence without substance, an entity without being, a call or a voice without a sound. A spirit is not nothing, but it is 'no thing.'

And this is what I'm getting at by highlighting these events within the gospel story: there is a void — a Holy Void, one could say — that arrives through Jesus' death and resurrection. On the cross Jesus experienced, witnessed, and proclaimed that God had abandoned him. When Jesus died, the curtain covering the Holy of Holies was torn to reveal that there was nothing behind the curtain after all, and there never would be again. Jesus' disciples, even after he was raised from the dead, were ultimately left with his absence, and the Holy Spirit — the thing without thingness, the not present presence, the entity with no being — came to them. As bearers and participants in the gospel story, we are also bearers of this Holy Void.

"Void" language tends to have a strange affect on religious people, especially in western religious traditions. We often like to think of God and treat God as a conscious being similar to other conscious beings, or an object with substance out there (wherever 'there' is) among other objects of substance. We find comfort in thinking of God as present with us, speaking to us, guiding us, walking with us, and so on. The idea of God, or Spirit, as something that is void, empty, absent, or 'no thing' disturbs not only our religious and spiritual sensibilities but also the thousands of years of social and cultural conditioning that shaped those sensibilities.

I don't want to scare anyone here. Please, feel free and encouraged to continue praying, listening for the call of Christ in the world, finding comfort in the salvation Jesus promised, doing righteous acts in the name of Jesus, and serving "the least of these" as Jesus instructed. Remember, our conscious beliefs of faith are not as important as what our faith values and compels us to do. But be encouraged also to not fear void, absence, and vacancy in your faith. What is spiritual — formless and without being — always finds form and embodiment. What is essence always finds substance. The apostle Paul beautifully and poetically referred to the Church as "the body" of Christ. With that imagery in mind, perhaps we are called to create, manifest, and embody things like love, grace, peace, justice, and freedom. After Jesus' death and resurrection and the arrival of the Holy Spirit, we may be left with the Holy Void, but it's a void where the memories of the Jesus story, the call of the living Christ, and the cries of the victims of injustice echo and resound for us to hear and respond. The Holy Void requires *something* from us. The Holy Void may be 'no thing,' but that doesn't mean there's nothing for us to do.



Mission Moment

Mary Normand, Chair

Nordic Fire Festival This went well. We were in a great location. We had some good conversations. Several folks commented on our “Be The Church” sign. We did have cookies left over but some of our parishioners enjoyed them on the following Sunday.

Loads of Love We were at Quality Dairy laundromat March 16. We were slammed. At one time, every washer was in use. People were so appreciative. They just kept thanking us. We also gave out several children’s books and the kids were so excited to get them. We are looking into possibly having some adult books there too. We will be at the laundromat two more times this year – July 20 and October 19.

February Giving Tree We donated 13 bags of feminine hygiene products from our February Giving Tree to Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center (ECFC).

Spring Shoe Boxes These were our March Giving Tree project. We assembled 76 shoe boxes, wrapped them, and donated them to SIREN/Eaton and ECFC. Thank you to everyone who helped assemble, wrap, and deliver them. A huge Thank You to everyone who donated to this project. I was overwhelmed with your generosity. We had so many items that we couldn’t fit all in the boxes. We have packed the extra items away for next year.

April Giving Tree Cleaning items for SIREN/Eaton. Items may be left in the Bess Fulton room or the Annex.

Home and Business Expo This is coming up April 20-21. We will need cookies and snacky items. We will remind you of this as the month progresses.

May Giving Tree This is another new project we are doing. It has to do with Veterans. Please refer to Shirley Ripley’s article for an explanation. We will be doing a loose change offering May 19 so start saving your change and also that day we will have a coffee bar in the lounge before church.

Reminder: Strengthen the Church offering is the month of May.

We are not having a meeting in April so our next meeting is May 19.

In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind.





A Community Dinner – The Spring Feast!

Caryn Hansen with Chris Reist-Rush

The Spring Feast is a gift organized by member Chris Reist-Rush every year. She believes that everyone should have a homecooked meal for Easter and be in the company of family, friends, and community.

This year's menu will be ham, scalloped potatoes, fruit cup, cole slaw, pasta salad, rolls and butter, a choice of desserts, and selection of beverages.

The dinner will be served buffet style in the historic Bess Fulton Room on the lower level of the church. All doors to the church will be open, so enter where you prefer. There is an easy access ramp on the Lawrence Street entrance and, once inside, there is a full size elevator for those who are uncomfortable with steps.



The Congregational Men

Caryn Hansen with Larry Taylor, Men's Group Coordinator

The Congregational Men have been meeting on Saturdays for about a month now. Larry Taylor stepped up to the plate to organize this much needed group. As is often the case with new organizations in our church, they immediately focused on projects to complete – like switching out all of the light bulbs and one of the light fixtures in the Bess Fulton room. On Easter morning, it will be the Congregational Men greeting our Easter guests with hot coffee and warm handshakes.

Their meetings are every other week (the first and third Saturday of the month) with a trip to Gilmore's Auto Museum scheduled for Saturday, June 22. Other things planned include, hosting Nurturing Community (coffee hour) on either Mother's Day or Father's Day; working with the Congregational Commons team for event set-up and take-down; a Lugnuts game; card or game night; pancake breakfast (YUM!); and an AXE THROWING TEAM (!!).

As their schedule gets set, we'll keep you informed.



Holy Joe's Café

Shirley Ripley, Mission Team

The Mission Team has had several successful projects due to the generous support of this congregation.

In May there will be a new one called Holy Joe's Café. This project raises funds for all the military units to supply coffee and other beverages. These items are shipped free so they can be used by the Chaplains in all branches of the military, home or abroad, as a coffee ministry. This morale booster, a time for relationships, or a simple moment of enjoying a beverage after a long day. Perhaps a time of counseling for problems they are experiencing.

This May project seems appropriate as this church had a minister that was a Navy Chaplain serving on a vessel during WWII on D-Day. The Mission Team looks forward to a successful support of this project our military. This project has been supported by the United Church of Christ since its beginning in 2006 by a Congregational Church who saw a need and continues to do so currently.



Creating Good Mental Health Practices

Sandra Field, Art Ministry Team

Friday, April 19, 6:00 pm

The Art Ministry Team invites you to join in the discovery of a new way of redrawing the world and your experiences.

Neurographic Art is a way of drawing that helps transform thinking patterns. It is also called scribble art, putting mind and body together, taking one's stress and fears, putting them in lines to transform stress into works of art.

Neurographic Art is known to have the following benefits: anxiety relief, find peace, reduce stress, calm the mind, gain clarity. Use images from the imagination to express inner feelings and make fabulous wall art. Come join us in the Art Studio on April 19 at 6 pm as we practice this create process.





Bible Study for Adults

Humanism and Protestantism

Curt Scott, Facilitator



Bible Study for Adults will be offered two times starting in April:

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Wednesdays, 11:30 am to 1 pm

Starting April 2nd, Bible Study for Adults will explore the last 500 years of Christian thought and history. Those five centuries are marked by slavery, wars over beliefs and loyalty to princes in the name of Jesus. As always, we will elevate those who bucked the system by pointing out, for instance, that Bible Jesus and slavery-condoning Jesus could not be the same dude.

We will be honest about the bad to shine light upon the good — from the Inquisition and burning thoughtful, innocent people at the stake, to Soviet and American soldiers liberating Concentration Camps built and operated by devout Lutherans and Catholics who hoped no one would notice that detail.

Over the past 500 years cross-bearers for Jesus gave the world small pox, slavery, war, Jim Crowe and Auschwitz. Even so, the Holy Spirit, God within this person and that, made them sound a lot like Jesus. Too often, right before dying.

Bible Study for Adults operates on the premise that the title suggests: that those attending are adults and thus capable of handling historical truths. We explore Jewish and Christian thought through Jewish and Early Christian (meaning Greek) writing, history, archeology, art, music and philosophy. We discuss when, where, and why narratives changed, and what is changing now.

Over time, I have conveyed Neolithic Prehistory, the Bronze Age contexts of Abraham and Moses through Evangelical bible camps. I emphasize the first 100 years of The Way as the closest thing to Jesus' intentions we can know. We discuss ancient writings within and outside the New Testament, like Dead Sea Scrolls.

Most recently, I taught how Irish monks saved Western Civilization. I followed that skein through Scholasticism, culminating in Thomas Aquinas and John Duns Scotus. In preparation of Humanism, we just explored the Black Plague.

This semester I will offer two sessions: Tuesday evening and the following Wednesday at lunch in the Annex. The evening session will remain essentially the same. The lunch session will start with old school communion at 11:30, the lesson starting at noon. The Wednesday bread-breaking session is intended for those who don't like to drive at night, those who want to start from a beginning, and guests looking for a curiosity-intensive lunch break.

I'll bring the first pot of soup. Loaves and fishes, I will leave to the faithful.



Progressive Appetizer

Amy Krizek, Women's Fellowship



Sunday, April 28

6 pm, Appetizer, Church Lounge (main level)

7 pm, Dessert, Bess Fulton Room (lower level)

Come join in a social gathering with fellow congregants!

The Progressive Appetizer, hosted by Women's Fellowship, is a fun way for adults, couples, and singles to get to know each other in a more relaxed setting. This year a "hearty" hors d'oeuvres potluck will be held Sunday, April 28 at 6 pm. The hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Lounge. We will "progress" to the Bess Fulton Room for dessert.

Sign up with your expected hors d'oeuvre contribution by Sunday, April 21. Beverages will be provided.

If you have questions for this event, please contact Amy Krizek at mom_krizek@hotmail.com, (517)652-1579 or Mary Normand at davidnormand@att.net, (517)231-6647.



Infuse the Muse

With Amy Frost and Jeannine Scott, Commons Team

April 26 to April 28

Infuse the Muse is our annual online auction to raise money to support summer programming on the Congregational Commons.

We are seeking folks willing to donate a service or special event.

Items we have auctioned in the past include: Dessert of the Month Club, Jam Club, Bread Club, Raclette Dinner, Italian Dinner, Gift Wrapping certificate, Scrapbooking certificate, Cottage rental, Mini Golf outing, t-shirt quilt, photography session. These are just ideas. You are limited only by your imagination.

If you have a talent, hobby, or special skill that you would be willing to share please contact Amy Frost frostamy58@gmail.com or Jeannine Scott scottj21@msu.edu

If you have questions please contact Amy or Jeannine.

CHARLOTTE FOREST GARDEN



WHAT: The Charlotte Forest Garden will include Michigan native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers to promote environmental awareness and education. The goal is to improve wildlife habitat and biodiversity, promote conservation and sustainability, and to provide free food for the Charlotte community.

WHERE: Phase 1 will involve planting on two acres located in the Samuel A. Combs Industrial Park just off of Parkland Drive in Charlotte. It will include a centrally located white oak tree which will be planted this spring. In the fall of 2024 and spring of 2025, we will plant additional guilds (groupings of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers) as well as restoring one acre of oak/hickory forest, a habitat that has diminished by two-thirds in southern Michigan due to human development.

HOW: The Environment Committee of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs – Charlotte (GFWC), a 501 (c) 3 organization, is taking the lead on this project. We are inviting community partners to become involved by “adopting” a guild or by contributing financial support, donating plants, mulch, and supplies, or giving their time to plant and maintain the garden.

LEARN MORE: An informational meeting will be held on **April 2, 2024 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the First Congregational Church basement at 106 Bostwick Street. Parking is available behind the church with an entrance there.

CONTACT: Val Reisen, Environment Committee Chair, at valreisen@gmail.com or 517-230-1969



Coffee-like Love

Phiwa Langeni, Ambassador for Innovation and Engagement

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.” – John 13:34-35 (CEB)

There’re so many steps involved in getting a nice-tasting cup of coffee into a mug. Starting from the type of plant and the ground where it’s planted to how carefully it’s picked and how it gets roasted and stored and shipped to your favorite coffee location, each step is important in how tasty and effective the coffee will be.

The coffee beans that made up the best cup of coffee you’ve ever experienced probably went through an extremely delicate and intricate and sometimes difficult process of going from plant to coffee bean to the liquid awesomeness in your mug.

Like the coffee bean, there are so many critical steps for the process of an enduring love like the one Jesus demonstrated to and commanded of his friends. How we choose to love each other is a process that can be grueling and difficult at some points, especially with people who aren’t like us or, let’s be honest, those we barely like.

However, enduring the grueling and intricate process of loving each other anyway is the potent kind of love that Jesus helps us experience and challenges us to live out in our daily decision-making as Christ followers. The rewards of engaging and sticking to loving with abandon are greater than anything else in this world, even your most favorite brand of coffee.

Prayer

Though we may not all enjoy coffee, let its vitality accelerate our hearts, Love, so that we might be able to give and receive love freely and faithfully. Amen.



About the Author

The Reverend Phiwa Langeni is the Ambassador for Innovation and Engagement of the United Church of Christ. They are also the Founder of Salus Center, the only LGBTQ resource and community center in Lansing, MI.

When We Come Together . . .

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Learning Opportunities	Meeting Times	Contact Person
Words and Tangents	Sun, 8 am, Annex/Library	Jan Shall, JanShall00@gmail.com
Godly Play	Sunday, 10:10 am	Sarah Cook, scook@uolivet.edu
Prayer Group	1st & 3rd Thur, 10:30 am Small Prayer Room	Sandra Field yourstrulycollection@hotmail.com
Pub Theology	2nd & 4th Thurs. 7 pm	Adam Droscha adam.droscha@uccCharlotte.org
Adult Bible Study	Tues, 6:30 pm, Wed. 11:30 am Annex Large Meeting Room	Curt Scott, CurtisJScott@hotmail.com
Music		
Choir Practice	Wednesdays, 7 pm	Ramona Kime, Ramona.Kime@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Wednesdays, 10 am	Jenny Bohms, rjbohms@yahoo.com
Committees & Groups		
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Commons Committee	Times Vary	Matt Slot, MattSlot@gmail.com
Communications	3rd Monday, 6:30 pm, SMR	Amy Frost, frostamy58@gmail.com
Prayer Shawl	1st & 3rd Sat, 9:30 am, Lounge	Amy Krizek, Mom_Krizek@hotmail.com
Social & Environmental Justice Committee	2nd Sun, 11:30 am, AnnexLMR	Ramona Kime, Ramona.Kime@gmail.com
Women's Fellowship	As Needed	Mary Normand, DavidNormand@att.net
Men's Group	1st & 3rd Sat, 10am, AnnexLMR	Larry Taylor, LT1752@att.net



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