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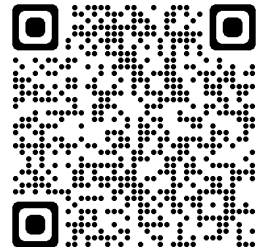
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Still Speaking

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 period where God
 has placed a comma



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Lenten Ecumenical Services

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 7 pm,
St. John's Episcopal Church, 201 West Shepherd Street, Charlotte, Michigan

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 7 pm
Peace Lutheran, 830 N Cochran Ave, Charlotte, Michigan
With Joint Choirs and Communion

Good Friday

March 29, 7:30 pm
St. Mary's Catholic Church, 807 St. Mary Blvd., Charlotte, Michigan



More WISE Info!

Ramona Kime, Social and Environmental Justice Team

In the UCC world, WISE stands for Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged, particularly in relation to mental health. Our church became Open & Affirming in the fall of 2019—one of eight covenant programs through the UCC. Beginning this past spring, the SEJ group has started to discuss what it would mean for our church to become a WISE congregation—another one of the UCC's covenant programs.

The UCC's Mental Health Network provides a template and a process for churches that are thinking about becoming WISE about mental health. Becoming a WISE congregation does not mean that we need to become therapists and psychiatrists to help those with mental health challenges. Rather, the UCC's Mental Health Network “works to reduce stigma and promote the inclusion of people with mental illnesses/brain disorders and their families in the life, leadership, and work of congregations. The MHN envisions a future in which people with mental illnesses feel welcomed, supported, valued, and included in their congregations” (from the UCC's MHN website).

So WHY should we consider becoming a WISE congregation?

From the Interfaith Network on Mental Illness:

Because 1 in 4 people in your congregation is affected by mental illness. Mental illnesses do not discriminate — they affect people from all races, creeds, income categories and social classes. Stigma keeps people from sharing their stories with others in your congregation, so they seldom get the same support people with other illnesses do. Mental illness has often been called the “no casserole” disease (e.g: no one sends a card or brings you food when in recovery or even comes to visit you when you are ill).

Because more than half of people who seek outside help when they are in crisis turn first to their clergy/faith leaders, before they seek help from psychiatrists, physicians, or psychologists. If you are a faith leader, do you feel prepared to counsel on mental health problems? If you are a member of a faith community, do you feel confident your leaders have the education and training they need to help you and your family deal with the mental health issues you face?

Because there are many people who are living with a mental illness/brain disorder who are looking for a faith community that offers an inclusive welcome and provides spiritual support. Do you want to learn more about how to become more inclusive and welcoming and how to offer spiritual support in your faith community?

This will be an ongoing conversation about becoming WISE and how we can become more inclusive, welcoming, and supportive for those in our community. Stay tuned for our continuing conversation!



SEJ CALENDAR

February	Black History Month Museum Trip, February 16 Movie, February 25
March	Voting Rights
April	Environmental Justice/Earth Month
May	Mental Health Awareness Word Art in the Sanctuary
June	Pride Month



Settled

Matt Slot, Council President

It's been almost 15 months since we formed a committee to search for a new minister. After a long period of introspection and discernment, the Pastoral Search team recommended that we approach our own student intern about the position, and invited him to appear in front of the congregation.

Thus, it is with great excitement that I write that on February 4, 2024, First Congregational United Church of Christ of Charlotte, Michigan, overwhelmingly voted to call Adam Droscha as our new settled pastor.

The next few weeks will be a period of transition. First, as we say goodbye to our Interim Minister, the Rev. Jody Betten, and recognize her for the ministry and perspective that she provided over the last 2 years. Her guidance and leadership helped us recognize the strengths and grace that we possess as a church. Please join us on February 23 to celebrate with her and Dan, and then on February 24 for her farewell Sunday Worship Service.

And we also look forward to the next chapter of our story. Adam brings a sense of faithful service, but also gives voice to the concerns of a new generation who are seeking a deeper faith foundation than just tradition and doctrine. His sermons and programs reflect a thoughtful, centered presence that will challenge us to examine our theology and lean into our call to Be The Church. His first sermon as our minister will be March 10, 2024.



My Hope

My hope/dream/prayer for First Congregational United Church of Christ of Charlotte is that it would continue to be a community and place of faith, love, inclusion, justice, and hope for another century. I hope that the church will thrive in the coming years as the result of its work toward radical hospitality and inclusion, and that it will be a bright example to other churches and faith communities of what is possible when we choose to embody love, justice, and openness as integral values in faith and practice. And I hope that the church will be a place where both individuals and the wider community experience healing, transformative love and grace; that the FCC family is able to change lives through the teachings, stories, example, and embodied Spirit of Jesus.



Pastor's Corner

Adam Droscha, Essays In Thought and Purpose

Note: Due to illness, Pastor Jody was unable to write the Pastor's Corner she desired, so we decided to share information from Adam's application process.

My sense of being called by God and the church for authorized ministry

My sense of being called to authorized ministry is rooted in many years of ministerial service and leadership in various roles, my conviction that people of faith are all called to cultivate healthier expressions of spirituality and faithful community, and my ongoing relationship with God through the teachings of and faith in Jesus Christ. Pastoral and ministerial “call” to me has never been as simple as a feeling that the Spirit has in some way moved a person to be a ‘pastor,’ or other spiritual leader, or that it is somehow God’s desire, or will. “Call” to me is a dynamic, from within-the-flux realization, or coming into gradual awareness of how the Spirit of God has equipped a person with concerns and interests, abilities and skills, experiences and events, circumstances and contexts for responding to the specific needs of people, communities, and times. My “call” is rooted in my past experiences of many kinds, my ongoing concerns and convictions about people and community formation, and the contexts and conditions of my time and place, which I feel urging me toward a faithful response. The call I discern from God is not a one time for all time ‘word,’ but rather many ‘words’ and cues over time.

One of the ‘words’ I have heard comes from the circumstances and the movement of the Spirit within my faith community. There are needs for a pastoral leader, a forward-looking vision for the church, young energy and presence in the community, someone who represents the values of love and justice while bringing a moderating and patient voice, intergenerational relations, spiritual and theological openness, a commitment to community engagement, and more. While I have no doubt there are others capable of hearing that ‘word’ and responding to those needs, I know that I have the experience, education, and willingness to respond them as well.

My concept of covenant and how it informs the nature, purpose, and polity of the United Church of Christ

My concept of covenant comes from both the Jewish and Christian Biblical texts, and from several Christian traditions and interpretations throughout history. It is simply a mutual commitment and promise between God and humanity. In the fullness of Jesus Christ, I believe that God offered a new covenant with humanity in which all debt of sin, wrongdoing, and finite unknowing is forgiven by the grace, love, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and that humanity corresponds to that covenant by loving our neighbors as we love ourselves, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, caring for the sick, visiting the

prisoner, going into the world and sharing the story of Jesus, caring for all of humanity and creation, and creating a more just and loving world. As covenant relates to the nature, purpose, and polity of the United Church of Christ, I believe that the institutional church is the religious and communal expression of that covenant with Jesus Christ. The institutional church reveres, celebrates, teaches, and proclaims that covenant through gathering, prayer, worship, discipleship and spiritual formation, the sacraments, the reading of and reflecting on scripture, symbolic language and theology, public and private confession and repentance, hospitality and inclusion, service and charity, social and environmental justice, the Christian/liturgical calendar, nurturing community and relationships, and more. I believe that the institutional church creates the conditions for ritual and communal practice of the Christian faith, and that the United Church of Christ as one expression of the Church as the body of Christ has embodied that human correspondence to the covenant in Jesus Christ in its nature, purpose, and polity.

I am passionate about...

People, communities, relationships, and churches embodying the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. This desire was seeded in me at a young age, and though the shape and form it's taken has changed significantly throughout my life, its essence has remained much the same. I want to see people become more loving, merciful, peaceful, and forgiving. I want to see communities find common cause in what is good, beautiful, just, equitable, and hopeful. I want relationships of all kinds to be abundant in love, grace, kindness, forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, and mutuality. And I want churches to be not only religious centers for the corporate practice of spiritual disciplines and rituals, but also community and cultural centers that create the conditions from which such people, communities, and relationships emerge.

While that is the central anchor of my ministerial passion, I am also passionate churches and people deconstructing the assumptions, beliefs, ideologies, theologies, scriptural interpretations, and paradigms that have distorted Christian faith and caused harm in the world. Much of my ministerial concern is focused on developing healthier churches, Christian social ethic, and personal beliefs through new theological and scriptural interpretation. The deconstruction I refer to is not merely ideological flipping, or criticizing the church and antiquated beliefs. Rather it's closely analyzing the historical contingency of beliefs and theologies and doctrines, opening up and exposing assumptions in our religious beliefs, pulling apart constructed ideologies that we associate with faith and theology, and reorienting our paradigms and priorities. The products of that project, I believe, are churches that prioritize radical hospitality and service to the world around them, a Christian social ethic that is something close to Christian humanism, and personal beliefs that are closer to Christian mysticism, existential theology, liberation theology, process theology, and radical theology.

That desire to deconstruct and reconstruct Christian beliefs and religion is closely related to my

interest in theo-philosophical reinterpretation founded in epistemological limitation, cosmological unknowing, and reverence for the mystery of God. I want to see people of faith experiencing and reflecting on their spirituality in concrete ways that ground them deeper into life and reality as it is, as opposed to being transfixed on hyper-transcendent and imaginative thinking about the afterlife, a hidden spiritual realm, supernaturalism, and the divine economy, which are all purely speculative and not provable fixations. I believe our theology, spiritual formation, religious ritual and communal practice should awaken us to and ground us deeper in the concreteness and reality of life. The way to do that is to reinterpret and re-conceptualize our theology and spiritual language in ways that accurately represent material reality without losing their potential for teaching wisdom, embracing cosmic and existential mystery, exposing the depth dimensions of life, revealing beauty, and provoking love and justice.

Reflect on my personal and professional formation for ministry in light of any other section of the Marks (Section 6, Mark 1: Practicing theological reflection and engagement as part of one’s sense of ministerial identity.)

Throughout my life I have had a deep intellectual interest in the spiritual, the theological, the philosophical, and the existential. Although I am more convinced now than I ever have been that healthy and just community formation and social ethics are what faith and religion ultimately move us toward, it seems to be unchangingly true that what communities reflect on — God, Jesus, values, principles, etc. — and how they reflect on it is integral to how they live out community formation and social ethics. Faith communities/churches/religions have a narrative character to them. They form around common histories and values. They share common beliefs and ideas. As I have worked in ministry in the last decade and engaged more with the interests I mentioned above, I have learned that how we think and talk about God, Jesus, and Spirit can, and very often does, significantly influence our other ideas and concepts of faith and spirituality, and subsequently influences our community formation and social ethics. A conceptualization of God can lead us to puritanical detachment from our context, or abundant love and service to the people and place around us. A conceptualization of Jesus can lead us to ostracize, or to welcome a stranger. A conceptualization of Spirit can lead us to speculation on hidden spiritual realms and supernaturalism, or to common concern for justice and love. How we live and what we do is often closely correlated to, or even derived from what we think and how we’ve framed our thinking. I feel strongly that one of the primary roles of a teaching pastor is to help their church/community conceptualize, think through, and wrestle with faith and spirituality in the healthiest and most open ways possible. As a ministry leader, I want to open space for people to conceptualize and experience God, faith, and community in ways that are life giving, loving, enlightening, equitable, embodied, and beautiful.





Adam's Background

Education

Master of Arts Global Center for Advanced Studies: Master's of Radical Theology
Dublin, Ireland September 2023-2024

Bachelor of Science Northern Theological Seminary: Master's of Theology & Mission
Lisle, Illinois September 2019-May 2024

Cornerstone University: Major in Public Relations & Journalism, minor in Music
Grand Rapids, Michigan August 2012-May 2016

Vocational History

Communications Director, The Peoples Church of East Lansing
East Lansing, Michigan March 2023-Present

Executive Director, Eaton Rapids Teen Space/Eaton Rapids Community Alliance
Eaton Rapids, Michigan October 2019-March 2023

Youth Specialist, Part-time Samaritas
Lansing, Michigan April 2018-October 2018, May 2019-November 2022

Reporter and Feature Writer, Leader Publications
Niles, Michigan October 2018-September 2019

Staff Writer/Reporter, The County Journal
Charlotte, Michigan September 2016-October 2018

Worship and Music Director, Discovery Fellowship Church
Charlotte, Michigan May 2018-October 2018

Worship and Music Director, First Baptist Church
Charlotte, Michigan March 2017-July 2017

Contemporary Worship Leader, Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church
Charlotte, Michigan May 2015-July 2017

Contemporary Band Leader, First Lutheran Church
Charlotte, Michigan August 2015-March 2017



Mission Moment

Mary Normand, Mission Team Lead

It's a new year and the Mission Board is off and running! In our first meeting in January we reviewed what we have done in the past and tried to schedule as much as we could. Things may change as we move through the year. We are always open to new ideas for helping to supports our community here and surrounding areas.

Newest project: Loads of Love On January 13 were we at Quality Dairy Laundromat offering to pay for folks laundry who came in that day between 8-12. We were granted a mini grant to buy the quarters we needed. It was a blustery day so business was slow. A few folks did let us pay. Most felt they could pay themselves. We had books also for children. We had some good conversations, paid for a few folks laundry, and gave a few books to some kids. All around, it was a good day. We are scheduled to go again March 16.

Tentative Schedule for 2024

Nordic Fire Festival, February 24. We will be there with our cookies. I will need help with rolling them out and baking them February 21 and frosting them February 22. We will start at 10am both days.

Spring shoe Boxes We will assemble them March 20 at 10am.

Home and Business Expo April 20-21. We will need cookies/snacks

Summer Story Hour We are looking to make changes to this project so further discussion needs to take place.

Concert on the Square Need to contact Chamber of Commerce for date. We will have Ice Cream sandwiches again.

Stuff the Trailer August

Winter Coat Project Starts in October

Festival of Trees November

Christmas Families December

Giving Tree

December 2023 was mittens, gloves, hats. We donated to ECFC 39 pair of gloves/mittens, 35 hats, and 4 pair of socks

January Laundry supplies

February Feminine hygiene products, razors, shaving cream

March Supplies for spring shoe boxes. No juice please. Snacks are needed.

April SIREN/Eaton cleaning supplies. List of needed items will come later

May Holy Joe's Café. We will be collecting money for this project.

June Housing Services: Items needed to be announced later

July ECFC back to school items- socks and underwear

August Stuff the trailer with food and personal care items

September CROP walk donations

November socks for the homeless

December mittens, gloves, hats



Special Offerings for 2024

Please put these dates on your calendars but realize donations can be made the whole month that they are in.

One Great Hour of Sharing, March 10

Strengthen the Church, May 19

Neighbors in Need, October 6

Christmas Fund, December 22

Please remember, *in a world where you can be anything, BE KIND.*

Stay Tuned



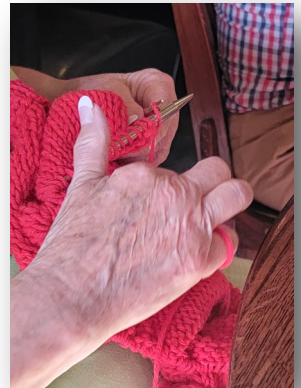
Prayer Shawl Ministry – Giving Tangible Comfort During Challenging Times

Amy Krizek, Organizer

As we enter 2024, we hope you will consider joining us as we knit, crochet, and occasionally quilt, gifts to help individuals experiencing challenging times. As a group, “Prayer Shawl” meets twice a month on Saturday mornings.

What’s that? You say that you don’t know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you.

Sometimes these tangible reminders of prayer happened as gifts to a group of people, grieving or rejoicing and sometimes they slipped out the door one by one. Prayer Shawl participants are not a secret or private group of knitters, but ALL of First Congregational friends and members. Whether you knitted or just donated yarn or money toward yarn, whether you requested or delivered a prayer shawl or even if you just provided a prayer for the hurt or joy these tangible reminders of God’s love are presented for, we consider you part of prayer shawl and THANK YOU!



Everyone is welcome to join us first and third Saturday mornings in the lounge where we enjoy fellowship as we knit. And often there are people who can teach you to knit or crochet, if you would like to learn. But you are not required to meet on Saturdays to contribute to this ministry. We are blessed to have shawls often just dropped near the yarn. Is there a specific pattern for these shawls? Yes, prayerful intention in whatever shape or size your needles or hooks create. We accept and gift prayer quilts as well.

Everyone is encouraged to gift these shawls wherever you find a need for a tangible reminder of being held in prayer. They often are blessed in a Sunday service for a specific request but may be given whenever a need arises. We have a supply of shawls under the yarn and just ask that if you gift one, you record it in the pink notebook on the yarn cabinet. We are blessed to usually have enough supply so that you have color choices.

This ministry can be represented as a metaphor of our product: a knitter/crafter (loop) connecting to a prayer (loop), hooked to another row of loops (congregation) creating a full and complete surround of love (God). Thank you each and everyone!



A Reflection on the New Year's Eve Service

Dennis Cates

At the New Year's Eve service, there was a time of reflection and sharing of memories of what Christmas time was for us growing up in our individual families. We shared meaningful memories that were, in some cases, becoming traditions in some homes.



I saw young children describing creatures in the house, the manger scene. They recognized the animals as sheep, camels and even the donkey. They did talk about the baby Jesus. The other individuals, they were not to sure about who they were. The adults in the room knew exactly who they were.

Later, Pastor Jody ask who we identify with. That set my mind in motion. I initially thought of the shepherds. Shepherds, an unusual group of people to be invited to a birth of anyone, let alone the baby that was proclaimed by the prophets as being the savior, the one that was going to change our lives forever. A new thing. And yet, here they are shepherds, the poorest of the poor in the region, beside the wise ones (kings?), knowledgeable ones that knew about stars in the sky and recognizing that this was something special that they needed to seek and honor? It just doesn't make sense. They didn't fit. A motley crew as Reverend Colson used to say about our congregation. A motley crew, our church. It started to make sense to me. After all these years, it dawned on me that the depiction of the manger scene and our church were synonymous. We are that calling that happened so long ago. We have members and visitors that come from a variety of backgrounds. We come from different economic and educational backgrounds. We have members that wear nice robes or coats while others wear bib overalls.

We all come to one place to worship God and learn about Jesus and his new teachings. We are a mirror of the manger scene that we have seen and put together for so many years, and yet now, I'm just finally putting it together. Now it makes more sense to me when we say, "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." We are *God's Love in Action*.



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Let's Take a Trip

Bill Oatman, Organizer

Jim Crow Museum of Racist Imagery

Big Rapids, Michigan

February 16, 2024

Leaving at 9:00 am from the Church Parking Lot

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Imagery is the nation's largest publicly accessible collection of artifacts of intolerance. The Museum contextualizes the dreadful impact of Jim Crow laws and customs. The Museum uses objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote a more just society.

Big Rapids is approximately two hours from Charlotte. We should meet at the church and be ready to leave by 9:00. We will stop at Ruby Tuesday's for lunch and proceed to the Museum. Ferris State has metered parking on campus so we will need to apply for parking passes. I will need to know how many are coming by Tuesday, February 13 in order to notify the restaurant, the museum and assign drivers.

Sign up on the back of the Welcome Card OR contact Bill Oatman directly at 517.543.5178 or 517.983.3748 or oatmanb1@gmail.com



Movie and a Meal

Ramona Kime, Social and Environmental Justice

Sunday, February 25th, 2024, at noon

Annex Large Meeting Room

Lunch will be provided

This highly rated film (100% critics review on Rotten Tomatoes!) follows members of Africatown, a small community in Alabama, as they share their personal stories and community history as descendants of the Clotilda, the last known slave ship to illegally transport human beings as cargo from Africa to America. The ship docked in Mobile, before getting sunk to hide its violation of the 1808 ban on slave-trading. It remained a centuries-old open secret that was remarkably confirmed during the filming of the documentary by a team of marine archeologists.



Odds and Ends

Bell Choir

Jenny Bohms will be directing the Celestial Bells, our handbell choir. The first meeting will be **February 7 at 10 am** for anyone interested in participating.

Art Notes

All are invited to an evening of Art Fun on **February 9 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm**. Bring family. Bring friends!

Tom Jones has consented to be our guest speaker on Tuesday **February 13th at 11:00**. He will talk on Creativity and Mental Health. We will meet in the Art Studio.

Men's Group

Larry Taylor is organizing a Men's Group at the church. What will it be like? That is still to be determined, but Larry is the person who made all the scrumptious venison sausage for our coffee hour on February 4.

The first meeting will be **Saturday, February 17 at 10 am** in the Annex Large Meeting Room. Larry's contact information is: 517-543-9723, taylorlt1752@att.net

Solar Panels

On **Sunday, February 18, 11:30**, there will be a five-minute event where we ceremoniously flip the switch.

A BIG celebration is being planned for Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 5:30 pm. At that time, we will invite the community in and allow the solar panel experts to ask questions. At that time, we will also have a better idea of how much our savings will be.

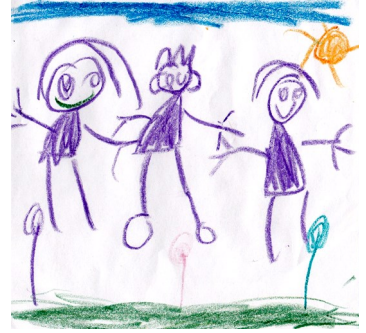
Celebration Delayed

Due to an ongoing bout of illness, our Gratitude Reception for Pastor Jody has been moved to **Saturday, February 24**. Please keep Pastor Jody in your prayers as her body fights itself to get well.

Pastor Jody's last service is planned for Sunday, February 25.



Children's Page



We are a village that supports our young ones. With that in mind, we asked Sarah Cook to share what the children are doing when they disappear upstairs.

Here are a few things that we have been working on in Godly Play!

- * We have been working through book 3 of the godly play curriculum, focusing mainly on the many different parables. Sunday, February 4, was the parable of the mustard seed.
- * We use the Godly play materials to give a visual demonstration of our stories
- * We also include videos when necessary to help them understand difficult concepts
- * We change our Calender of the church year every Sunday. The children volunteer to change the arrow

Parties

- * We love to throw holiday parties. Our Valentine's party is planned for February 11.
- * For parties, we relate our lesson to the holiday, and free time is used for stations in which we have snacks, crafts, and usually a fun short film

Music

- * We incorporate music into every lesson
- * **Ask your kiddos about our welcome song!**
- * We have also been trying to incorporate drums and tambourines, each kid gets their own for some activities
- * Lots of movement and dancing, they love our head shoulders knees and toes game
- * Magic microphones to help us sing

Crafts

We typically give the kids freedom to choose what they would like to work on, but we also do group crafts... Some include:

- * Leaf tracing
- * Friendship bracelets
- * Seasonal crafts
- * Any holiday-specific craft

When children get a little restless, we might finish with a game of red light green light.

Faster

Caryn Hansen

Faster, Grandpa, faster
Three kids in back, two in front
Faded, sun-cracked seats scratch, stick bare thighs.
Windows opened wide, dust tickling noses,
eyes sparkle in anticipation.
The brown Galaxy reaches the hill's crest
rushing down the other side.

And we collapse into giggles as our tummies flip.

Faster, Grandpa, faster.
I urge over the rumble of the un-muffled tractor.
Grandpa's forward-looking eyes squint
as he leans his head and shoulders toward my voice.
"Go faster!" I shout through one cupped hand,
my other gripping tightly,
I partially stand from my wheel cover perch.
Gears click and I jump as we surge ahead
exhaust mingling with the smell of fresh, mown hay.

Wind tossing hair messily,
laughter lost in growling engine roar;
monster tires crunching gravel,
trailing smoky plumes
of dry July
dirt.

Faster, Grandpa, faster,
Grandpa takes the long way home,
approaching the bumpy tracks of multiple trains.
Accelerating ever so slightly,
the old Ford's worn out suspension
increases the bounciness –

thump-a-lump-a-lump-a-lump-a-thump.
Screeching, we plead to turn around and "go again."

Swing me, Grandpa, swing me.
Next in line, lifting my arms and trusting gaze
his large, cow-milking hands engulf mine
circling me round and round
letting me go, to land
gently in soft
grass.

Swing me.



When We Come Together . . .

Sunday Worship, 10 am In Person and on Facebook, @ucc48813 and website: ucccharlotte.org

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@gmail.com
Tuesday Night Study	Tues, 6:30 pm, Annex LMR	Curt Scott, CurtisJScott@hotmail.com
Music		
Choir Practice	Wednesdays, 7 pm	Ramona Kime, Ramona.Kime@gmail.com
Committees & Groups		
Art Committee	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 11 am	Sandra Field, yourstrulycollection@hotmail.com
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Commons Committee	Times Vary	Matt Slot, MattSlot@gmail.com
Communications	TBA	Amy Frost, frostamy58@gmail.com
Prayer Shawl	1st & 3rd Sat, 9:30 am, Lounge	Amy Krizek, Mom_Krizek@hotmail.com
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 10:30 am Prayer Group	2	3 9 am Prayer Shawl 1 pm Meet and Greet with Candidate (Adam)	4 10 am Candidate Sunday 11:30 Education Meeting
5:30 pm, Soul Sisters Support 7 pm, Journaling the Journey, Art Team, Zoom	6 6:30 pm, Tuesday Night Class	7 9 am Care Community 5 pm Book Read 6:30 Soul Sisters 7 pm Choir Practice	8 7:30 pm Pub Theology	9 7pm Paint with friends and family, Art Room	10	11 11:30 Social and Environmental Justice
12:30 pm, Soul Sisters Support Group 7 pm, Journaling the Journey, Art Team, Zoom	13 11:30 Art Team Meeting, Art Room 6:30 pm, Tuesday Night Class	14 6:30 Souil Sisters 7 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Ecumenical Service, St Johns	15 10:30 am Prayer Group 6:30 Council Meeting	16	17 9 am Prayer Shawl	18 11:30 Flip-the-Switch Solar Panel 11:45 Mission Team
19 5:30 pm, Soul Sisters Support 6:30 Communications Meeting 7pm, Journaling the Journey, Zoom	20 6:30 pm, Tuesday Night Class	21 6:30 Souil Sisters 7 pm Choir Practice	22 7:30 pm Pub Theology	23	24 1 pm Baklava Class	25 11:30 Worship Team Meeting
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