

The Weekly Update

MARCH 13, 2026

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & LEARN ABOUT C&C!

SUNDAY

Welcome home! That's what we say every time we gather for worship. Are you ready to set your roots? Are you ready to deepen your faith in this community? Join us on March 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Set Your Roots. This is a time to learn more about the Cross & Crown family. Lunch is provided.



Sanctuary Painting Update

The painting in the sanctuary is almost complete, with an estimated finish date of Wednesday! Worship is being held in the Fellowship Hall this week. For everyone's safety, entry to the building will be available only through the Fellowship Hall doors, using the keypad lock. Access to the offices will be through Laura's office door. Also, please do not sit on the pews that are in the Narthex and lining the hallways. They are not securely fastened to the floor and could move or tip over. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we complete this work! We are truly blessed to have this opportunity to refresh our sanctuary space, and we are excited to see the results together!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The annual C&C Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4th!
We are collecting plastic eggs and egg "fillers". Egg "fillers" can be individually wrapped candy and small toys. Please drop off your donations in the collecting basket in the Narthex.

Thank you!

Saturday
April 4
10am - 12pm



PEEP OLYMPICS NEXT SUNDAY!

The PEEP Olympics for our Youth returns NEXT Sunday!



Ladies Lunch Bunch March 16th

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Portofino's at 12:30 pm. on Monday, March 16th. All women are welcome! RSVP to Kathy Shepler (kathylovespete@gmail.com).



The evening book club will not meet in April, as our meeting date falls on Maundy Thursday. Our upcoming meetings and book selections are:

May 7th at 7:00 PM

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

June 4th at 7:00 PM

The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick





Thank you to Lori Meath and Kathy Shepler for teaching a group of us how to play Mahjong in February. Regular play has now started on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 PM in the parlor. Please reach out to Carole Stojetz for more information if you wish to play at cestojetz@carolina.r.com.

Share Your Gifts with Gift Share

Beanie Bragg and Criss Uzman have been joyfully preparing Gift Share art projects and vocational activities, with several community partnerships currently in development. As small groups prepare to launch here is a call for volunteers.

Gift Share invites any congregant with a background in exceptional education to consider serving alongside us as groups begin, classes will be during daytime hours and will only require a 1 to 2 hour volunteer slot. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved please email Beanie Bragg at bragg.sabina@gmail.com



SERVE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Looking for a simple but meaningful way to serve the church? Consider joining the Finance Committee.

The committee meets once a month to review financial reports from the Bookkeeper and Treasurer, discuss the church's financial health, and share insights with the Congregation Council. In the fall, the team also helps coordinate the annual budgeting process.

You don't need to be a financial expert, but some experience managing household finances is helpful. This is a one or two year commitment with monthly meetings—an easy but important way to support the mission and future of our church.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Each year, we invite the congregation to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing flowers. With a donation of \$20, you can select a plant to take home after the service. Flowers will be purchased just before Easter to ensure freshness and provide a variety of options.

Dedications can be made in memory of someone special, in someone's honor, or to the Glory of God. If you'd like to make a donation to Common Heart instead of receiving a plant, please mark "No Plant". **Order forms are due by March 29.**

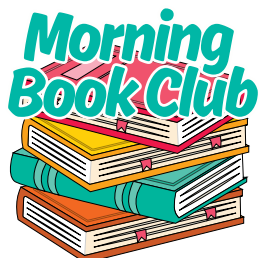


Mid Week Lenten Services

Midweek Lenten services are held on Wednesday after dinner at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall around our dinner tables. Each service will have a short homily based on the theme for the week. **This weeks scripture focus: Luke Luke 14:7-14**

INGATHERING OF COMMUNION WINE

During Lent we will be having an ingathering of communion wine. You are invited to bring a bottle of Manischewitz Concord Grape wine. There is a labeled collection basket in the Narthex.



The Morning Book Club will meet again on March 16th at 10 am.

Here is the list of selections for the next 4 months.

March: *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslien Charles

April: *The Berry Picker* by Amanda Peters

May: *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

June: *Diane Herself* by Martha Beck

PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT	KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
JENNY BOOTH	LORI MEATH
JIM BURNS	TILLER FAMILY
DENNIS DOWNEY	JOE & CRISS UCMAN
LINDA FARIES	JD WINFREY

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law
 Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister
 Sidney Ames, Susan Arcuri's sister
 Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans
 John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father
 Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
 Jim Carty, Suzy Wleznick's brother
 Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother
 Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother
 Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland
 Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet
 Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son
 Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson
 Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother
 Will Jacobs, friend of the Macarines being deployed
 Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband
 Jan Knutson, Jerry Putnam's sister
 Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen
 Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz
 Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father
 Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans
 Marylou, friend of Annette Downey
 Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend
 Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss's husband
 Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans' cousin
 Kimberly Bell O'Day, friend of Claudia Eybl
 Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation
 Brian Orton
 Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister
Jonathan Pierce, Debra Cox's brother
 Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends
 Ray Sipe, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
 Beverly Schaap, Vivian Farland's sister
Donald Schaap, Vivian Farland's nephew
 Sameer Sapuro, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law
 Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri
 Derek & Smith & family, Roger & Debbie Black's daughter & son-in-law
 Sherrill & Patricia Tucker, Donna Tucker's parents
 Mindy Sopher, friend of David & Debra Cox
 Joanne Varnum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
 Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter
 Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am - 2 pm	Thursday: 8:30 am - 2 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2 pm	Friday: 8:30 am - 2 pm

Wednesday: Church Office closed, phone lines & office email is open & replied to between 8:30 am - 5 pm.

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Felicia Eybl- President	Todd Atwood
Chris Frisina- Vice President	Katie Goode
Jason Roberge- Secretary	Jerry Putnam
	Ann Whitener

Happy Birthday

Andy Blackburn	MAR. 14
Cindy Pembleton	MAR. 14
Tom Dorsey	MAR. 15
Russ Bailey	MAR. 16
Greg Richardson	MAR. 17
Nadia Kirk	MAR. 17

Men's Retreat Wrap Up Join us next time!

'Being surrounded by such an incredible group of guys made this retreat unforgettable. The weekend was full of great food, laughter, games, wisdom, and encouragement that left all of us inspired and thinking deeply.'

-Leon Rock



Coming up this week...

Monday, Mar. 16- 10 am- Morning Book Club
 12:30 pm- Lunch Bunch
 7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study
 Tuesday, Mar. 17- 12 pm- Staff Meeting
 7 pm- Finance Committee Meeting
 Wednesday, Mar. 18-5:30 pm- Executive Committee Meeting
 6 pm- WNH Dinner
 6:45 pm- Mid-week Lenten Service
 7:15 pm- Handbells, 7:45 pm- Choir
 Friday, Mar. 20- 4:25 pm- Walking Club