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**Sunday, April 7, 2024  
10:30 am Worship  
Second Sunday of Easter**

***Adapting, Welcoming, Serving,  
Growing in Faith***

# One United Church of Christ

Pastor.....Rev. Rebecca Hoover  
Lay Pastor.....Mrs. Nancy McNabb  
Director of Music.....Jeff Miller  
Administrative Assistant.....Dee Constable

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**Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.**

*\* Indicates please rise in body and/or spirit*

## *Gathering*

Welcome & Greetings

Meditation/Scripture Reading                      **John 21:15-19 (CEB)**

15 When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” 17 He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18 I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever

you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." 19 He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

### Invitation into Worship

\*Hymn

*"Carol Our Christmas"* Hymnal #141

*Carol our Christmas, an upside-down Christmas:  
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.*

*Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ Child,  
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.*

*Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,  
water and river and lure of the beach.*

*Sing in the happiness of open spaces,  
sing a nativity summer can reach!*

*Shepherds and musterers move over hillside,  
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;  
Wise ones make journeys, whatever the season,  
searching for sign of the truth to be born.*

*Right-side-up Christmas belongs to the universe,  
made in the moment a woman gives birth;  
Hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,  
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.*

### Opening Prayer (*unison*)

**You bring new life throughout creation, Holy One. You are working constantly to reshape all things, including us, into what you intend them to be. As we let go of this year and receive the year ahead, open us to your reconciling and transforming Spirit. With your grace, help us make peace and amends with what has**

gone before. With your courage, help us to hear the new journeys to which you call us. In this present moment, remind us you hold the past and you write the future. Time is yours. We are yours. We give you thanks. Amen.

## *Reflecting*

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NRSVUE)**

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.

Intercessory Prayers/The Lord's Prayer (*responsively*)

**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, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ***Sending***

\*Song                    *“Auld Lang Syne”*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
And days of auld lang syne.*

*For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet  
For auld lang syne.*

\*Blessing

Following worship today, we invite you to stay for a party!!

Liturgist: Robin West

***Our greeters for today are: Judy Spencer and Barb Lausch***

***The altar flower arrangement has been presented to the Glory of God in celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Robin and Bob West.***

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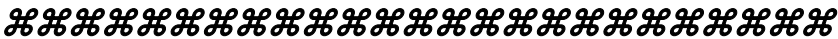
“Carol Our Christmas” Music by Colin Gibson; Lyric by Shirley Erena Murray

“Auld Lang Syne” Words – Robert Burns; Music – Traditional Scottish tune (author unknown)

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***Welcome to worship with One UCC! We're glad to share this time of prayer and praise together!***

Please check our website ([www.oneucc.org](http://www.oneucc.org)), weekly email news, and Facebook page for updates to our ministry. The contact information for the church is found on the front cover of the bulletin. Videos of our church life together and Sunday worship can be found on One UCC's YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua\\_X9q0Auo1lgEn7vahQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua_X9q0Auo1lgEn7vahQ?view_as=subscriber)



**Dee's office hours:** are usually Mon, Wed, Thurs 12:30 – 3:30 pm but if there are changes for the next week, the new hours will be listed.

**Pastor Becky office hours:** only on Sundays 9 am - noon.

**Nancy McNabb office hours:** Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure no one's schedule has changed.

*In case you need the contact information:*

- We are on Facebook and search for One United Church of Christ! Like our page!
- Pastor Becky's Contact Info:  
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The fastest way to reach Pastor Becky is by texting her cell phone.

***Please keep in your prayers the following people and situations:***

*Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Judy Hertzog and family, Joy Himmelmann, Brenda Hoffer, Nate Hosler, Matthew Hoyer, Grace Kauffman, Kevin & Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie & Skyler Lutz, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Rosie, Ray Saylor and family, Bobbilyn and Robert Schadler, Caitlyn Sine, Terry and Faith Sinsich, Sam Snyder, Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Steve Szajek, Carol Thomas, Brenda Walker, Sadie West, Holly Wood, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel*

## **Things You Need to Know This Week at One UCC**

**This Sunday** we will observe the ancient Christian tradition of **Holy Humor Sunday**. Please wear a "do-over" outfit and be ready to party! A "do-over" outfit can be any moment you would like to relive

because it was so fun or so good or you missed it the first time. If you missed your senior prom because your car broke down, wear prom clothes! If you missed Halloween because of an unexpected work emergency, wear a costume! If you missed Christmas because you were sick, wear something Christmasy. If you loved your wedding day and want to relive it, wear what you wore on that day. If you have a special outfit you wore once and don't know what to do with it now, wear it this Sunday!

## *U p c o m i n g ...*

The next Eat-Pray-Meet gathering will be on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** following worship. At our Annual Congregational Meeting, we decided to make our Eat-Pray-Meet meals be themed potlucks some months. The theme for April is charcuterie! Please sign up to bring something by clicking the link OR scanning the QR code:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8AC2FABFAC34-48607033-april>

You can bring anything from a cut up pepper to a box of crackers to that impulse purchase at the grocery store you want to try but can't justify eating all yourself. If you want to bring something but can't figure out how to sign-up online or don't have online access, please contact Pastor Becky (email, text, call, etc...), and she will sign you up. Looking forward to seeing everyone in April!



**A very special thank you  
to everyone for helping  
out with the egg hunt!**





## **Everybody's Birthday Party!!**

Sunday, **April 28** following worship  
Join us for lunch, fun & games, cake &  
ice cream!

Tickets \$5.00 (children under 3 are free)

See Judy Spencer to get your tickets!

Deadline to buy your tickets: April 21

### **In case you were wondering . . .**

We are **SOLD OUT!!** We had another good season of candy making at One UCC. Over the eight days of making candy, we had more than 180 orders—many repeat customers from previous years. We made over 530 pounds of candy, with peanut butter topping the list. We had to purchase some supplies, with those expenses totaling about \$1,590. When we calculate a final tally, we will end up with a profit of approximately \$4,850. This will be used for special projects around the church and will help in the purchase of supplies for making candy in the fall should we decide to do so. Many thanks to all who helped in any capacity, whether it was getting orders, making the candy, or purchasing. Thank you all!!!



## **“You Are Not Alone” Event**

### **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

Saturday, April 20 1:00 – 5:00 pm  
Calvary Reformed United Church of Christ,  
640 Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601

This program is being presented to provide resources, connections and support for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

Register: <https://psecraisegrandchildren.eventbrite.com>

## Just a reminder...

If you are sick or feeling unwell, we kindly ask you to worship from home. Our services continue to be livestreamed and available on our YouTube Channel.

**One UCC is officially a partner with CommunityAid!** Going forward, we will be collecting clothing, shoes, and accessories in good and sellable condition at church. These items then will be taken to CommunityAid for resale, and One UCC directly receives financial credit for any donations made under our name and with our partner number. The Mission Ministry team has set up a collection container in the church building. If you wish to take items directly to CommunityAid (any location), you can donate them under One UCC's name and partner number, and our congregation will get credit for your donation. **Our partner number is 50161.** For more information about CommunityAid and the types of donations they accept, please visit [www.communityaid.org](http://www.communityaid.org).



### **Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program**

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 1st grade students who need extra support with reading at Mifflin Park Elementary on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour from January through mid-May. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or [darbyw@uwberks.org](mailto:darbyw@uwberks.org).



Would you like to be more involved in the worship life of our congregation? Pastor Becky is working to **reestablish liturgists** who help weekly in leading worship. Liturgists assist with leading different parts of our worship service. Training and all materials for worship are provided. If you have served as a liturgist in the past, Pastor Becky will be checking in with you. If you would like to be a liturgist, please let Pastor Becky know.

**The Little Food Pantry is getting good use in front of the church!** Any donations you can make are greatly appreciated.



***\*\*We're so excited to tell you we have an online giving platform, easyTithe! If you would like to set up a gift on the new platform so you can become familiar with it and help our donors as we move***



*forward, please use this link:*

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/oneucc>

You can set up an account or contribute without setting up an account. (If you think you would like to regularly give to One UCC online, you might wish to set up an account.) When you donate online, you can select what category in which you would like your contribution to be designated. All physical envelope offering categories are included. If you have no idea where you would like your contribution to go, please select "General Fund."

We are continuing to test easyTithe, and so any feedback you have is most appreciated. If online giving is not your thing, that's perfectly fine. One UCC will continue to receive your financial contributions as we always have.



**\*\*Want to sing in choir, or be in the bell choir? Or want to try it to see if you enjoy it? No commitment! Simply talk to Jeff, or contact him via cell (610-406-1664), or email ([jeff@simonapple.com](mailto:jeff@simonapple.com)). For now,**

rehearsals are as needed, not weekly. Choir rehearsal is occasional, after Sunday service, for about 15 minutes. Bells are also occasional, typically on a Wednesday, for 45 minutes starting at 6:30 or 7pm. Reading music is not required, or necessary. It's all very low-key, no pressure, and flexible to accommodate everyone's schedule. Also, anyone who would like to perform special music in the service at any time, please contact Jeff.



### **Help Both Our Church and Our Planet at the Same Time!**

Recycle your used printer ink cartridges through Planet Green Recycling! Drop off used ink cartridges at church and we will submit to "Planet Green Recycling." The church will receive funds directly from Planet Green Recycle, \$1.00 for every cartridge (commonly used cartridges).

**If you choose to mail in your cartridges yourself, it is very important to make sure to include the church's Organization Program Code so we receive credit for your cartridges. See the weekly church email for details about how to send in cartridges yourself.** *Thank you so much for your support!!!*



We are still collecting aluminum cans for recycling - **ONLY** aluminum cans. No other trash is accepted. Thank you for your consideration!



**CHURCH CALENDAR: Apr. 7 through Apr. 14, 2024**

**Sunday (4/7) Second Sunday of Easter/Holy Humor Sunday**

10:30 am      Worship

**Tuesday (4/9)**

6:30 pm      Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday (4/10)**

6:30 pm      Alcoholics Anonymous

**Thursday (4/11)**

9:00 am      C, D & B Senior Group

**Saturday (4/13)**

6:30 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

**Sunday (4/14) Third Sunday of Easter**

10:30 am      Worship

11:30 am      Eat, Pray, Meet Gathering

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