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March 2025

**Please Join Us for Our Joint**  
**Ash Wednesday Service**  
on March 5, 2025 at Frieden’s County Line Church in  
Norwood/YA @ 7:00 pm

**Joint**



**LENTEN**  
**Services**

*(All services start at 7:00 pm)*

**March 12th** – Friedens, NYA  
**March 19th** – First Congregational  
**March 26th** – St. John’s/Bongards, NYA  
**April 2nd** – St. Paul’s, Plato  
**April 9th** – St. John’s/Bongards, NYA  
**April 17th** – Maundy Thursday - TBD

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**Our Mission of the month – The McLeod Food Shelf**

On Sunday, March 2nd during the Worship we will have **Carrie Opheim** from the Food Shelf give a presentation – so bring your donations that day.

### On The Job In March

Deacon of Month: Randy Warner

Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin

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### In March

3. Emelia Kottke
7. Janet Willand  
Devin Forcier
8. Joan Chapman  
Patti Olson
9. Cindy Patnaude  
Brantley Forcier
10. Patricia Schilling  
Christina Bargmann
11. Gale Hoese  
Roxanne Mathews  
Bailey Mathews
16. Helayna Collins
24. Brooke Rowan
26. Grace Patnaude
28. Carmen Kienenberger



### Update!

Initial plans are underway for a special fundraising effort for the church. **Eight women** (where were the men in this "equal-opportunity event") met and have come up with a rough outline for this **December 7th**, identifying this as a *fundraising effort for the church*, perhaps with a non-profit group also supported. The following are topics which drew the most interest including A Simple Sloppy Joe Lunch, Baking Holiday Cookies, Rosettes Making, and Craft Making. We need to scratch the surface a bit more to bring Lefsa and Pizzelles to the event. This meeting was just the start to determine what's possible. **At our March 23rd meeting, we'll hope to see more of you with your ideas! Questions? Contact Ann @ 864-8379 or Bridget @ 864-5651.**

### New Welcome Materials

We have created a new Welcome pamphlet to give to guests that are new to our church. The materials are based on our recently updated Mission/Core Values/and Vision Statements and include a brief look at our church past and present as well as who the UCC is. All of our contact information and a visitor information card are also included. The materials are available at the back of the church and on our Missions table in the connecting room. Please feel free to take one and if you see someone new or know of someone interested in our church, please pass one on.

**Pastor's Page:**

**Beloved Congregation,**

With the month of March, we find ourselves at a season of renewal and reflection. With the anticipation of the arrival of spring, may we prepare to witness the beauty of God's creation coming to life once again, reminding us of the hope and new beginnings that come with our faith in Christ.

This season of Lent calls us to a time of deeper prayer, fasting, and self-examination. It is a sacred opportunity to draw closer to God, to reflect on Christ's journey to the cross, and to prepare our hearts for the celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday. I encourage each of you to embrace this time with a spirit of humility and gratitude, seeking the Lord's presence in every aspect of your life.

Throughout this month, our church will offer various opportunities for worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth. From our weekly Bible studies to community outreach initiatives for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf, let us come together to strengthen our faith and serve others with love and compassion. I also invite you to join us for our special Mid-Week Lenten Services with our UCC brothers and sisters beginning with our Ash Wednesday service on March 5th as we journey together toward the joy of Easter.

May this season be one of renewal, reflection, and re-commitment to God's calling in our lives. Let us walk in faith, trusting that His grace is sufficient for every step we take.

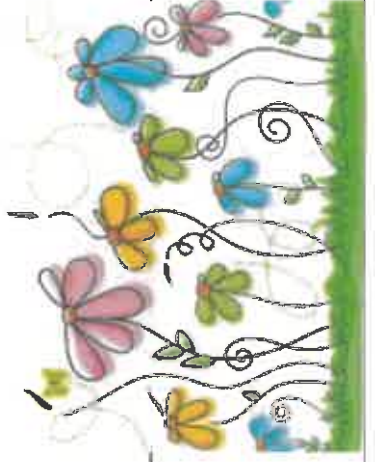
With love and blessings,

**Pastor Adam**



# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon: Randy Warner Altar: Ann Wangerin						1
2 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Food Shelf Rep Speaking Confirmation Discipleship Meeting	3 11:00 am Bible Study	4	5 7:00 pm Joint Ash Wednesday Service @ Frieden's County Line/NYA	6 8:00 pm AA	7	8
9 9:15 am Worship Service No Confirmation/Spring Break Sunday School Welcome/Worship/ Deacon's Meeting	10 11:00 am Bible Study	11 Wendy on Vacation	12 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ Frieden's County Line/NYA Wendy on Vacation	13 8:00 pm AA	14 Wendy In The Office	15
16 9:15 am Worship Service No Confirmation/Spring Break Sunday School	17 11:00 am Bible Study	18	19 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ First Congregational Noon -Resource/Trustee's Meeting 7:00pm Leadership Meeting	20 8:00 pm AA	21	22
23 9:15 am Worship Service Confirmation All-Church Bazaar Meeting following worship	24 11:00 am Bible Study	25	26 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ St. John's/ Bongard's/NYA	27 8:00 pm AA	28	29
30 9:15 am Worship Service Confirmation	31 11:00 am Bible Study					



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