
“At First”

First Congregational UCC

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March 2026



Starting at 7:00 pm

2nd Week of Lent - March 4th - St. John's/Bongards-NYA

3rd Week of Lent - March 11th - St. Paul's-Plato

4th Week of Lent - March 18th – Friedens/County Line-NYA

5th Week of Lent - March 25th - First Congregational-Glencoe

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Our Mission of the month – Is The McLeod Food Shelf

**On Sunday, March 8th, Carrie Opheim
from the Food Shelf, will be giving a presentation during our Worship Service.
See inserts for more information on the Food Shelf.**



On The Job In March

Deacon of Month: Randy Warner

Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin

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We Extend our Sympathy and Prayers

to **Evon Draeger and her family.** Evon's daughter **Kim** passed away this past week

Why Should You Support Church's Wider Missions?

A. To keep the church strong through sharing it's total resources and skills. OCWM ensures that smaller churches and churches lacking sufficient resources can continue to thrive. It also brings UCC Congregations to witness to parts of the United States and the world that have no similar expression of Christian witness.

B. To make the most efficient and practical use of money given for mission by utilizing partnership already in place and drawing on a wider range of expertise, experience, and opportunity for mission than is available at the local level.

C. To be a part of something larger than itself. As the congregation at its best is a place for individuals to gather, make connections with others, and develop into a nurturing community, so each congregation needs to gather and make connections with other congregations.



In March

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

Monday Morning Bible Study

Let's get together and explore God's Word!

**Join Pastor Adam and others in the connecting room
(just outside of the sanctuary)**

Monday's @ 11am

*Everyone is welcome to this low stress, conversational gathering
where we are interested in learning how God is speaking to us today!*

March Youth Group

**No official gatherings but all youth are invited to come to
the Mid-Week Lenten Services**

2nd Wednesday Dinner and Game Night

**We will not be gathering in March but we are hosting a
Soup Supper on March 25th
at our Mid-Week Lenten Service**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Leadership Team Minutes for February 22, 2026

DRAFT

Attending: Stan Hoof, Carmen Kienenberger, Bridget Kienenberger, Jim Cox, Jan Willand, Pastor Adam

1. **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order by Stan at 10:45 a.m. Our original meeting of February 18th was postponed, due to inclement weather. A shortened agenda was prepared for this meeting.

2. **Opening Prayer** – Pastor Adam began our meeting with prayer.

3. New Business

1. **Financial Host Server** – Pastor Adam asked if the church was willing to serve as the fiscal host for a small, grassroots mutual aid fund to support neighbors in our community who are facing urgent needs. He described the three components of the program including the Community Connectors, the Payment Processing Group and the Fiscal Host Organization.

After serious discussion and consideration, Jim made a motion to decline our participation as a Fiscal Host. Jan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The Team voted 4 – 1 not to participate.

4. **Resource Team** – Carmen reported that TEK Services completed the toilet/plumbing repair in the CE Wing. Dan Kottke is working on getting a replacement tank for the current toilet or a new one will need to be purchased.

There will be no Resource meeting in March due to numerous vacations.

5. **Request from McBride Funeral Home** – A request was made by the funeral home to host a Seminar at the church on Wednesday, April 22nd (7pm) to provide a pre-needs informational class for interested individuals. Stan motioned to grant their request and Jan seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

6. **Motion to Adjourn** – Stan motioned to adjourn the meeting with Jan and Jim seconding the motion. We were adjourned at 11:20am.

Next Meeting Date: To Be Determined

Respectfully submitted, Bridget Kienenberger

SUPPORT



FOOD SHELVES

March 1 - April 6, 2026

Find your local food shelf or donate at gmcc.org/march-campaign.



MARCH CAMPAIGN



Delta Dental of Minnesota

Casey Albert T. O'Neil Foundation
Margaret Rivers Fund





Minnesota FoodShare FoodFund

Each year, thousands of Minnesotans come together for the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state – the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. To date, Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$18.5 million to March Campaign participating food shelves via the FoodFund. FoodFund allocations are determined according to the following:

1. Total dollars and pounds raised by a food shelf during the March Campaign, as reported to Minnesota FoodShare
2. The number of individuals a food shelf served annually, as reported to Minnesota FoodShare

The FoodFund includes donations Minnesota FoodShare secure year-round from corporations, individuals, foundations, and businesses as well as donations resulting from an annual targeted March Campaign appeal. 100% of donations received by Minnesota FoodShare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund and are distributed to food shelves.

FoodFund Distribution

FoodFund dollars are distributed based on March Campaign participation and results and on the number of clients a food shelf serves. Each food shelf reports their March Campaign results and number of clients served to Minnesota FoodShare and those numbers determine the percentage of available dollars they will receive.

$\$ + \text{lbs. raised by a Food Shelf during March Campaign}$	x	.5 (FoodFund)	= X	= Allocation 1
$\frac{\text{Total } \$ + \text{ lbs. raised by participating food shelves during March Campaign}}{\text{Total clients served in MN by participating food shelves}}$				
$\# \text{ clients served by a food shelf}$	x	.5 (FoodFund)	= Y	= Allocation 2
$\frac{\text{Total clients served in MN by participating food shelves}}{\text{Total clients served in MN by participating food shelves}}$				

X + Y = total allocation \$

FoodFund = \$ donated directly to Minnesota FoodShare during March Campaign



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Communion Worship Service Sunday School	2 11:00 am Bible Study	3	4 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ St. John's/ Bongards - Norwood/YA No Youth Group	5 8:00 pm A.A.	6	7
8 9:30 am Worship Service Food Shelf Presentation Sunday School	9 11:00 am Bible Study	10 Wendy Out of the Office	11 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ St. Paul's UCC, Plato Wendy Out of the Office	12 8:00 pm A.A. Pastor's On Vacation	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship Service Cole Marshall - Worship Leader Sunday School Discipleship Meeting	16 No Bible Study	17	18 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ Frieden's County Line No Youth Group	19 8:00 pm A.A. Pastor's On Vacation	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship Service Sunday School	23 11:00 am Bible Study	24	25 Soup Supper 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ First Congregational Church	26 8:00 pm A.A.	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship Service Worship/Welcome/ Deacon's Meeting	30 11:00 am Bible Study	31				
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