

# Faith First

Congregational United Church of Christ

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# The Carillon

**Join us for  
Worship each Sunday**  
9 am—Traditional  
10:30 am—Contemporary

## **Connect with us!**

### Worship Leader

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Tuesdays 10 am - 2 pm  
Thursdays 10 am - 2 pm



# March 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <u>Worship</u> 9 am 10:30 am Sunday School	2	3 <u>Worship Team</u> Mtg. 6 pm AA Meeting: 7 pm	4 LL: 11am-1 pm GS: 3 -5 pm SW: 6-7:30 PM BF: 6:30-8 pm	5 PowWows: 6 pm	6	7 Outreach Team Mtg. 10 am-12 pm
8 <u>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</u> <u>Worship</u> 9 am 10:30 am Sunday School 12:30 Revive Reunion	9 4-H Meeting: 7 pm	10  <u>WOMEN'S DINNER:</u> 6 PM AA Meeting: 7 pm	11 LL: 11 am-1 pm SW: 6-7:30 pm BF: 6:30-8 pm	12 <u>Council Meeting:</u> 2 pm PowWows: 6 pm	13	14  Men's Breakfast: 8 am
15 <u>Worship</u> 9 am 10:30 am Sunday School	16	17  <u>New</u> <u>Member Mtg.</u> 6 pm AA Meeting: 7 pm	18 LL: 11 am - 1 pm GS: 3 -5 pm SW: 6 - 7:30 pm BF: 6:30-8 pm	19 PowWows: 6 pm	20	21 <u>New Member</u> <u>Mtg. 10 am</u>
22 <u>Worship</u> 9 am 10:30 am Sunday School	23	24 AA Meeting: 7 pm	25 LL: 11 am - 1 pm SW: 6 - 7:30 pm BF: 6:30-8 pm	26 PowWows: 6 pm	27	28 Outreach Team Mtg. 10 am-12 pm
29 <u>Worship</u> <u>Palm Sunday</u> 9 am & 10:30 am - New Member Welcome! Sunday School	30	31 AA Meeting: 7 pm				<b>BF = Bonfires Youth Group</b> <b>SW = Seven Wonders Bible Study</b> <b>LL = Lenten Lunches</b> <b>GS = Girl Scouts</b>

# March Ministry Volunteer Schedule

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
<b>9:00 - Greeter</b> <b>10:30 - Greeter</b>	Claudia J. OPEN.	OPEN Sarah A.	Ron F. OPEN	OPEN Jack & Krissy	OPEN OPEN
<b>9:00 - Liturgist</b> <b>10:30 - Reader</b>	Pat H. Gwen E.	OPEN Nancy M.	Claudia J. OPEN	OPEN Santina	OPEN Jim S.
<b>9:00 Candles</b> <b>10:30 - Candles</b>	Claudia J. Bill P.	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN	OPEN Jack L.	OPEN OPEN
<b>9:00 - Projector</b> <b>10:30 - Projector</b>	Sarah A. Jerad W.	Ron F. OPEN	OPEN OPEN	Sarah A. OPEN	Claudia J. OPEN
<b>9:00 - Communion</b> <b>10:30- Communion</b>	OPEN Jim & Jenn S.		Sarah A. Jack & Krissy	10:30 Healing OPEN	

## Birthdays



- 5th** Anthony Montes De Oca
- 6th** Jeff Jurewicz
- 10th** Cindy Wilinski
- 11th** Geri Haase
- 12th** Austin Popenhagen
- 15th** John Kanthack
- 16th** Nan Haase
- 23rd** Liane Katzenberg
- 24th** Gus Tracy  
Krissy Leibforth
- 26th** Roger Bottlemy
- 28th** Peggy Quake  
Joyce Kennedy
- 29th** Tamra Tracy
- 30th** Mark Katzenberg
- 31st** Erin Thornburgh

## Anniversaries



**26th John & Sarah Armstead**



**DON'T FORGET!**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 8TH**



## WOMEN'S DINNER - TUESDAY, MAR. 10TH AT 6 PM

Join us for a heartfelt evening with dinner, meaningful conversation, and encouragement for our walk with Jesus.



## From Pastor Nicole

As we move into March, a time hopeful of warmer days, we also come upon a delightful and fun holiday, St. Patrick's Day. In my curiosity, I thought, "what does the Bible say about luck?" And here is what I found:

The Bible doesn't teach random luck — it teaches God's providence.

In Scripture, events aren't attributed to chance but to God's active involvement.

"The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord." - Proverbs 16:33

Even when people used lots (like rolling dice), the outcome was understood to be in God's hands.

God is the one who orders our steps. Instead of luck, the Bible emphasizes God's guidance.

"The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." - Proverbs 16:9

"The steps of a person are established by the Lord." - Psalm 37:23

This means our lives aren't ruled by randomness but by a God who is present and purposeful.

Blessing comes from God, not fortune. Scripture consistently ties blessing to God's character, not to chance.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above." - James 1:17

The Bible warns against trusting in superstition. Anything that replaces trust in God — charms, omens, "good luck rituals" — is discouraged. "Do not be terrified by signs in the heavens."

- Jeremiah 10:2 In other words: don't let superstition guide your life.

What is considered "luck" should be replaced with FAITH.

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God." - Romans 8:28

This doesn't mean everything is easy — but it does mean nothing is random.

May you see the Blessings that God puts  
before you today,

Pastor Nicole

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>AHEAD/BEHIND</u>
1/4/2026	106	\$ 1,912.00	- \$ 1,251.00	\$
1/11/2026	112	\$ 2,140.20	- \$ 1,022.80	- \$ 2,273.80
1/18/2026	105	\$ 1,047.76	- \$ 2,115.24	- \$ 3,138.04
1/25/2026	88	\$ 3,337.00	\$ 174.00	- \$ 1,941.24

\*It takes \$2110.00 to MAINTAIN our expenses every week.

NEW MEMBER MEETINGS—Save the date!

Are you curious about membership at Faith First? Pastor Nicole will be holding two meetings this March to answer any questions about membership, and to offer an invitation for YOU to become a member of our congregation.

You need only to attend one of the following meetings:

Tuesday, March 17th at 6 PM

Saturday, March 21st at 10 AM

New Member Welcome Ceremony - Sunday, March 29th

Questions? Please email Pastor Nicole at [pastornicole@gcucc.org](mailto:pastornicole@gcucc.org)



THE  
SEVEN  
WONDERS  
OF THE  
FAITH  
SERMON SERIES

Join us on **Wednesdays, through April 8, at 6:00 PM** where Pastor Nicole, Matt Monroe, Jim Stoerp, Rob Cetner and Kevin Smith will lead the series “The Seven Wonders of Faith.” This is a sermon series for anyone who’s ever wrestled with spiritual questions. We will take the seven of the most common and meaningful questions people ask God and explore how they can lead us toward truth, hope, and a stronger relationship with Him.

Our time will begin with a prayer and a potluck meal. We will then listen to a message about these common questions, followed by small group discussions.

# LENTEN LUNCHESES

Faith First UCC

February 18<sup>th</sup> - April 1st

11 AM - 1 PM

DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT



## FAITH FIRST EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:00 PM

EASTER SONRISE SERVICE - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST - JOIN US FOLLOWING THE SONRISE SERVICE

EASTER SERVICE - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:30 AM



### EASTER FLOWER REMINDER

We invite you to help beautify our altar with Easter flowers—lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and other spring blooms.

If you would like to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please purchase your flowers and bring them to the church between March 27 and April 2nd. Call for office hours. Be sure to contact the church office with your name and indicate whether the flowers are given in honor of or in memory of someone, so we may acknowledge them appropriately.

Thank you for helping make our worship space a beautiful reflection of the hope and new life we celebrate in Christ.



## **Council Meeting—January 8, 2026**

**Called to Order**—2:01 p.m. Pastor Nicole opened in prayer.

**Members Present**—Claudia Jurewicz, Cindy Brick, Tyler Woosley, Sally Torstenson, Monica Woosley, and Pastor Nicole Werth.

**Guests**—Lisa Thompson; Brookwood School and Randy Shanahan; Outreach Coordinator. Discussion regarding Good Neighbor Project and Faith First involvement. First service day will be May 17th. Motion made by Pastor Nicole 2nd by Sally Torstenson to participate in this program; MC.

Motion to accept the December minutes made by Cindy, 2nd by Tyler, MC.

**Pastor's Report**—See attached report. Time off Jan. 28th – Feb. 2nd. Wes Slawson will be filling the pulpit. Moderator's Report—No Report; Audit in process

**Vice Moderator's Report**—No Report

Financial Secretary/Treasurer— some discussion regarding the Water/Sewer bill of \$862.00. Church will be paying for this bill. Motion made to accept financial reports by Claudia, 2nd by Pastor Nicole. MC

**Stewardship Report**—No report.

**Properties**— No Report

**Membership**—We will be looking at our Non-Participating Member list at next month's Council meeting. Christian Ed—No Report

**Nominating Committee** — No Report

**Old Business**—Discussion regarding moving Annual Meeting to the last Sunday in January starting in 2027.

Discussion regarding Cleaning Manager and documenting work schedule; Motion by Tyler, 2nd by Cindy to start documenting for two months then reevaluate; MC.

Motion by Tyler, 2nd by Pastor Nicole to reverse previous motion to remove Bill Thornburgh from membership; MC.

**New Business**—

Discussion regarding REVIVE funds and tracking receipts. Revive will be Feb. 20th – 22nd. Rob Cetner will be playing the organ and giving his testimony for both services.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 10th, 2026, at 2 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tyler, 2nd by Sally. MC

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Brick

Clerk, pro-tem



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SUNDAY WORSHIP  
9:00 AM—TRADITIONAL  
10:30 AM—CONTEMPORARY

SEPT—MAY  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 AM  
Nursery available!

Mailing Address Line 1  
Mailing Address Line 2  
Mailing Address Line 3  
Mailing Address Line 4  
Mailing Address Line 5

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