



# The Good News

LYONSVILLE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"A Home for The Spiritual Journey"

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March 2019

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Lyonsville,

Lent is right around the corner, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 6. This season is a time to focus on growing in faith. We are offering many worship, small group, and service opportunities this year for just that.

### Worship Opportunities

This year's special Lenten services will be shared with Burr Ridge United Church of Christ and Highlands Presbyterian Church.

#### Joint Ash Wednesday Service

March 6 at 7pm, at Burr Ridge UCC, at the corner of Plainfield & County Line Road. I will preach.

#### Sermon Series: Conflict on the Journey

March 10 – April 14, Sundays at 10:30am  
*See weekly schedule on page 9.*

In Lent, we follow Jesus on his journey to the cross. On that journey, he stirred up a whole lot of conflict with his followers, organized religion, and society in general. Otherwise, his journey wouldn't have ended on the cross!

This Lent we'll explore some of the conflicts faced by Jesus' earliest followers, as found in the gospel of Matthew. How did they listen for God's voice? What values did Jesus teach in difficult times? As a community following Jesus today, how will we handle the conflicts all around us today? What values will guide us?

#### Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 18 at 7pm, here at Lyonsville *in the chapel*.  
Rev. Tim Rhodes (Interim Pastor of Burr Ridge UCC) will preach.

#### Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 19 at 7pm, at Highlands Presbyterian Church, 1902 W 59<sup>th</sup> St., La Grange (across from Highlands Middle School).  
Rev. Dr. John Kay (Interim Pastor of Highlands) will preach.

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### **Small Group Opportunities**

#### **Prayer Group**

Wednesdays at 7pm, from March 13 – April 10.  
Indian Head Park Library/Heritage Center, 6250 Wolf Road.

What is prayer, really, and how can we grow in our faith through prayer? Join Lyonsville, Burr Ridge UCC, and Highlands Presbyterian for this joint study, held in the historic Indian Head Park Heritage Center.

#### **Learning For All Ages**

Sundays at 9:30am

Grow, learn, and explore together with people of all ages.

### **Volunteer Service Opportunity**

#### **Greater Chicago Food Depository**

Saturday, March 16, 8:30 – 11:15am  
Contact Cindi Fiandaca to sign up.

Help pack food for people who need it here in the Chicago area.

You don't have to do everything, but I hope you do take advantage of at least one of these opportunities to grow this Lent.

Blessings,

*Pastor Sean*

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**Happy Birthday** (click here for birthday wishes)

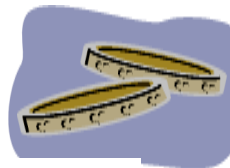
Stephanie Corlett	3/01	Gene Martin	3/11
Gwyneth Hegner	3/05	Sherry Suomi	3/12
Seth Hegner	3/05	Maddy Cihak	3/13
Laura Cady	3/06	Steven Smith	3/15
Ian Miller	3/07	Evan Brocken	3/20
Marsha Smith	3/10	Eric Woods	3/29




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Annabelle Salvatori	4/02	Lillian Salvatori	4/18
Mia Salvatori	4/02	Abby Kringlie	4/20
Cindi Fiandaca	4/05	Leo Mikat-Stevens	4/24
Kaitlin Stanley	4/05	Sue Cook	4/26
Judy Birmingham	4/10	Jan Peters	4/27
Evelyn Godar	4/10	Brian Smidt	4/28
Nan (Byers) Wolf	4/14	Doris Beutel	4/30
Tom Haigh	4/14		

**Happy Anniversary**



Steven and Andrea Brocken 3/21

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Chuck and Gail Helms 4/20

*Please contact the church office if any information is missing or incorrect.*

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Marvin Davis	Beth Smidt
Jamie Hankus	Dee Wallace
Chuck Helms	
Kathy Loehman	
Marion Randolph	



## Mark Your Calendars

### **Discerning God's Plan for the Future of Lyonsville**

On **Sunday, March 3**, from 11:45 till 12:30, we will meet to begin discussing the future of our church. After years of running with deficit budgets, we are taking a serious look at what we can do differently, what the congregation wants, and ways we can get there. This is too important to be decided by just a handful of leaders, we need the entire congregation to help us reach the right decisions.



In preparation for this meeting Leadership Council is making available a document that Sean shared with us, detailing some of the options we have. This document will be available in print, as well as in the members section of the Lyonsville UCC website. Watch the email blasts for more details.

Please, join us after in prayerful consideration to help us discern God's plan for our future, let your voice be heard, and not let someone else speak for you.

One of the most difficult responsibilities Lyonsville has is to be prepared in the case of an active shooter in worship, or other forms of worship disruption. **Sherry Suomi and Pastor Sean will be hosting a Training and Planning meeting on Monday, March 4 from 6-8pm and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

We will review an online training offered through our insurance carrier, and Pastor Sean will share information from a meeting recently held by the Fox Valley Association. The group that gathers will start to review the materials and developing a response plan for Lyonsville Church. This meeting is to get started, not finish everything. Let Sean or Sherry know if you have any questions.

### **Special Lenten Services**

This year we will hold joint services with [Burr Ridge UCC](#) and [Highlands Presbyterian Church](#). *Please note this is updated information.*

**Ash Wednesday:** March 6 at 7pm, Burr Ridge UCC

**Maundy Thursday:** April 18 at 7pm, Lyonsville

**Good Friday:** April 19 at 7pm, Highlands Presbyterian

The  
Season  
of  
Lent





**Daylight Savings Time starts March 10.** Be sure to move your clocks ahead 1 hour.

The church will be without electricity Friday, March 15 while ComEd makes some upgrades in the neighborhood.

## News from The Pews

**Wilma Mrazek recently shared with Leadership Council that she is moving from the Lyonsville area in order to be close to family.** Wilma asked to share these words with the congregation:

*Dear all,*

*My life's journey has brought me to another curve in the road. God has brought me to the decision of moving closer to three of my daughters; therefore I am resigning as chairperson of Worship & Spiritual Growth Ministry Board, Fox Valley Delegate, and Fellowship Group.*

*Lyonsville has been an important part of my life. I have enjoyed the fellowship, spiritual growth, and the many cherished friendships that are the result of doing God's work together. My prayers and thoughts will always be with Lyonsville and whatever the future brings.*

*With Love & Friendship,  
Wilma Mrazek*

We extend our deep gratitude to Wilma for her presence and leadership among us, and offer deepest blessings for the next step on her life's journey.  
Thank you, Wilma!

Do you want to join the Lyonsville **Prayer Chain**? Want to ask for prayers? Email Nayna Byers, Chair of Pastoral Care. Prayer Chain requests can also be made through the office.

**THE GREAT HOUR  
OF SHARING**



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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** is one of the five special offerings we receive each year. This offering provides support for health, education, refugee, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries by working with local, national, and global partners. We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on **March 31** this year, and we encourage you to give generously.

Do you forget to bring a check or cash to give on Sunday mornings? No worries! **You can now give to the church using a bank account or credit card.** Simply go to [lyonsvillechurch.org/donate](https://lyonsvillechurch.org/donate) to make a one-time donation, or sign up to make a recurring donation.

Recurring donations provide convenience for you and much-needed consistency for church finances. Sign up today!



### Wednesday Lenten Prayer Gatherings

Make plans now to participate in these joint gatherings with Burr Ridge UCC and Highlands Presbyterian Church. We will gather to learn about prayer and grow in our prayer lives.

**Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm, starting March 13.** Meeting at the Indian Head Park Heritage Center, 6250 S Wolf Road.

## News From Your Mission Board

### GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Please come join us to help volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) on **Saturday, March 16**, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. We also go every Wednesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information go to [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org) or see/call Cindi Fian-daca or Judy Birmingham to sign up. The depository would like all volunteers to register in advance. **Registration Link:** [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#)

**The Lyonsville food pantry will be open on Sunday, March 31st** from 11:45 - 12:30. If you are willing to help out, please sign up in the folder during fellowship hours or let Judy Birmingham or a member of the Mission Board know. The next time we will be open will be April 28th.

### **Easter Ham:**

The Mission Ministry will be donating an Easter ham, along with a \$10 gift card to a local food store, for 20 of our food pantry families. If you would like to donate money towards the purchase of a ham and gift card, please give your donation to a member of the Mission Board. Thank you.

### **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND**

On Communion Sundays, donations are invited to the Good Samaritan Fund, which is used to provide assistance locally to persons in need. You may use the white offering envelopes in the pews, and indicate that the gift is for the Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for your generosity!





Thank you to Wilma Mrazek for all she has given of herself to Lyonsville over the years. She has worn many hats helping the church.

Thank you to our volunteers: Judy Birmingham, Doug Adams, Karen Oberg, Kathy Richel, and Cindi Fian-daca for helping out on Saturday, February 16 at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. They sorted, boxed, labeled, and palletized 3,890 pounds/120 cases of oranges for distribution.

Thank you to all who donated school supplies to The LeaderShop.

## Join Us

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** meets on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at [Willow Hills Restaurant](#), next to Walgreens at Joliet Rd. and Willow Springs Rd. in Indian Head Park. All men are welcome to join us for this chance to eat and talk! For more information contact Byron Loehman.

**WOMEN'S BABY BOOMER BUNCH (WBBB)** will meet for breakfast at [Willow Hills Restaurant](#) at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2. They will also meet Saturday, April 6. All boomers and their friends are invited. Contact Judy Birmingham for more information.





# Worship Opportunities

3/3/2019	Transfiguration	
Matthew 16:24--17:8		The Transfiguration
3/6/2019	Ash Wednesday (at Burr Ridge UCC. 7:00)	
Matthew 18:1-9		The Greatest in the Kingdom
<u>"Conflict On The Journey" Lenten sermon series 3/10 through 4/14.</u>		
3/10/2019	Lent 1	
Matthew 18:15-35		The Unforgiving Servant
3/17/2019	Lent 2	
Matthew 20:1-16		The Laborers in the Vineyard
3/24/2019	Lent 3	
Matthew 22:1-14		The Wedding Banquet
3/31/2019	Lent 4	
Matthew 25:1-13 [or 25:14-30]		The Parable of the Talents
4/7/2019	Lent 5	
Matthew 25:31-46		When Did We See You?
4/14/2019	Palm/Passion Sunday	
Matthew 21:1-17		Triumphal Entry
4/18/2019	Maundy Thursday (at Lyonsville, 7:00)	
Matthew 26:17-30		The Last Supper
4/19/2019	Good Friday (at Highlands Presbyterian, 7:00)	
Matthew 27:27-61		The Crucifixion
4/21/2019	Easter	
Matthew 28:1-10		The Empty Tomb
4/28/2019	Easter 2	
Matthew 28:16-20		The Great Commission

## Contact Lyonsville

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