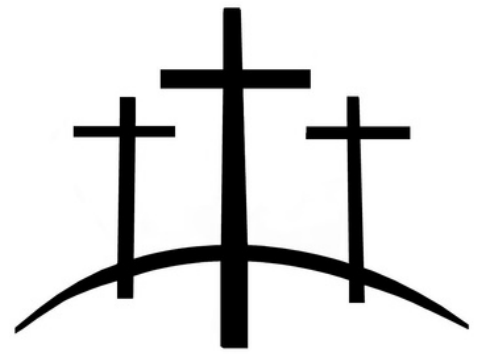


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April Issue

He is Risen!

Holy week SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29TH

Delta UCC 8am

Cable UCC 10am

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 2ND

Cable UCC 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3RD

Delta UCC 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5TH

Lakewoods Resort - Sunrise Service 6am

Delta UCC 8am

Cable UCC 10am

EASTER BREAKFAST - APRIL 5TH

Delta UCC 9am

Cable UCC 11am

Thoughts from Pastor Phil



A Hope That Changes How We Live Resurrection Seen Through the Lens of Love, Justice, and Renewal by Rev. Phil Milam

We don't have to choose between faith and thoughtful questions. This is important for us to understand as we approach resurrection. You see, some of us hold resurrection as a literal event in history; others experience it as a mystery that points beyond what language can fully capture. And to be honest, many of us live somewhere in between.

What unites us is the conviction that God is not absent from suffering and that new life can emerge even from tombs we thought were sealed. Now, resurrection faith is not escapism, a way of ignoring the pain of the world in favor of a distant heaven. The risen Christ still bears wounds. That detail matters: God's "yes" to Jesus is also God's "yes" to bodies, to breath, to the material world, and to anyone who has been told they don't matter. Resurrection is God's solidarity made visible: Love refusing to be undone.

So, then, if resurrection is real, then it reshapes our priorities. It invites us to practice hope in public: to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the lonely, and tell the truth about harm. It calls us to resist systems that rely on disposable people: racism, poverty, violence, and the quiet cruelties we have learned to accept as "normal." Easter hope isn't just simple optimism, instead it's courage rooted in God's renewing power.

But resurrection also meets us in the intimate places. It meets us in the grief that lingers, in relationships that need repair, in addiction and recovery, in anxiety and burnout, and resurrection meets us in the long work of forgiving ourselves. God does not rush us past Good Friday. But little by little, the Spirit teaches us to breathe again, to trust again, to begin again. Sometimes "new life" looks like therapy, community, medication, rest, making amends, or finally asking for help.

As a church, we're invited to be a resurrection people, not only in what we say, but in what we make possible. We become resurrection-shaped when our welcome is wide, when our worship tells the truth, when our budgets reflect our values, and when our building and our leadership make room for those too often left out.

May the risen Christ find us wherever we are, certain or unsure, joyful or exhausted, and call us by name. And may we follow that call into the everyday miracles of justice, compassion, and restoration to wholeness, trusting that God is still rolling stones away.

**Many Blessings for the Journey
Pastor Phil**

You're invited to an...

Easter Breakfast

Enjoy egg casserole, coffee cakes, sweet breads, fruit and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service on Easter Sunday.



UCC is hosting the Cable Community Dinner on Tuesday, April 14th. Served from 5:00 - 6:00 at the Cable Community Center, anyone from Cable, Drummond, Grand View and Namakagon is invited!



Judith Benedict and Carol Elliker have the meal planned, but do need volunteers to bring desserts and help with setting up, food prep, serving, doing dishes and cleaning up.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall.



“The mission of the Cable Community Farm is simple: grow food and build community.”

And it is good at doing both!

Plot registrations are now being taken. Volunteer opportunities are available too. Visit their website:

<https://cablecommunityfarm.org/plot-registration/>

or register at the library.



Alberto Perez Carrera
and Simon Arthur



Cameron McKinney



Brett Hanson



Manny Milam

The Drummond High School basketball season ended on Thursday, March 12th. But what a great season it was!

Congratulations to these UCC players.



Rory Krueger



Congratulations to the Drummond High School Choir! They participated at Wisconsin School Music Association's Choral Festival at Northwestern High School on March 5th, receiving the highest rating, a Division 1. Sixty-five percent of the students who attend Drummond High School participate in choir. Choir members of Cable UCC include: Simon Arthur, Alberto Perez Carrera, Brett Hanson, Brooke Hanson, Rory Krueger, Cameron McKinney, Manny Milam, Claire Parker, and Brooke Hanson.



The Drummond School presented *Cinderella* at the end of March. Everyone in the cast did a great job. Lucy and Oliver Sisco from church participated.

HAPPY Birthday!



George's Goats for Grammas: Run/Walk with Team Competition & Kid's Race

5-mile run - 5 k m run/walk - 2 km walk

Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10 am

(Same day registration starts at 8 am)

Cable UCC is a gold sponsor!

Location: Start/Finish by the Community Parking Lot on 1st Street in Cable

- This is a "Rain or Shine" event.
- Race day registration and bib pickup is located at the parking area by the firehouse. Bibs can be picked up from 8 to 9:30 am. The cost for race day registration is \$35.00.
- Race Director: Jim Anderson (715)798-3065; email: djanderson@cheqnet.net
- Online Registration: <https://www.RunReg.com/georges-goats-for-grammas-memorial-runwalk>
- Paper Entry Forms will be in the Fellowship Hall.

March Madness was at UCC...



with these four celebrating their birthdays during the month. Happy birthday to Jan McCauley, Bob Rasmussen, Carol Elliker and Ellen Nelsen.



Game room at the New Life Community Center Kisii, Kenya,

George's Goats for Grammas has helped provide 2,000 goats, vegetable seeds, food, blankets, shirts, one gristmill, build a water well in Zambia; as well as one water holding tank in Uganda. Additionally, past funds have been used to: help with specific veteran financial needs in the Cable area, bring educational opportunities to children in Uganda, support four orphans in Kenya, raise funds to help with teacher housing and tree protection in Gambia where deforestation is a major problem.



Smiling with Carol

- He wears glasses during math because it improves his division.
- My grandma is on speed dial and now I call her Instagram.
- What do you call a ghost of a chicken?
A poultrygeist.
- Becoming a vegetarian is one big missed steak.
- Some aquatic mammals at the zoo escaped. It was otter chaos.

Thanks to Larry Hanson for these!



A Simple Prayer for Peace

Creator of All, You have woven our lives together in a tapestry of diverse beauty. We ask today for a peace that is not merely the absence of conflict, but the presence of justice.

Christ of Compassion, Stir our hearts to love without borders, to welcome the stranger, and to defend the marginalized. Where there is hatred, strengthen us to sow love. Where there is division, empower us to build bridges.

Sophia, Give us the wisdom to dismantle the structures of violence, and the courage to speak truth to power. Let us not seek comfort over conscience, but help us to be active instruments of your reconciliation.

**Calming Spirit, Wash over our anxious minds,
Bringing tranquility to our hearts,
so we may walk in love,
creating a world where peace, true peace, can thrive.**



John Rosebush



Jan McCauley



Take Note ...

We look forward to enjoying special music during the month of April.

Easter Sunday, April 5th - UCC Singers, *Because He Lives*

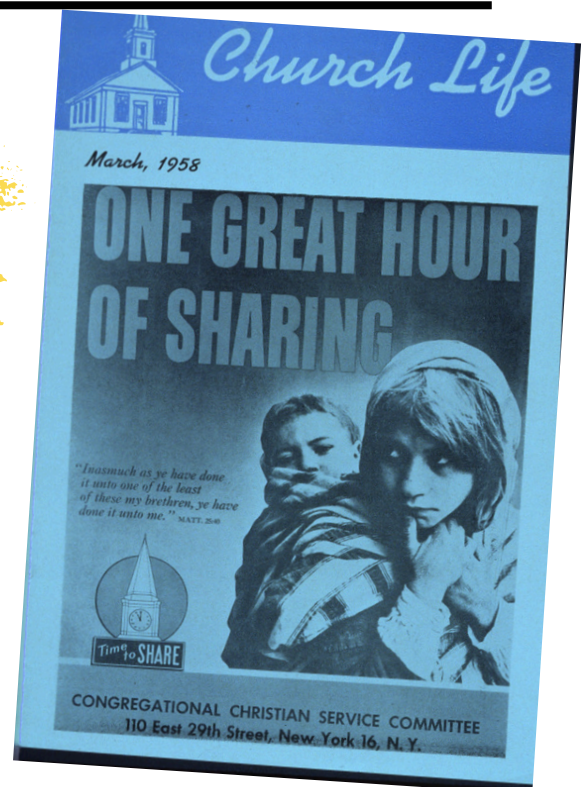
April 12th - Ron Ulmer

April 19th - Jan McCauley

April 26th - UCC Singers, *God Be Here Among Us*

A BLAST FROM THE PAST...

The One Great Hour of Sharing collection is usually taken in March - even in 1958.

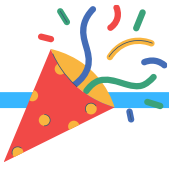


Prayer Shawl Ministry



"Prayer shawls are gifts of love and given free of charge to those who may have physical, emotional or spiritual needs."

UCC knitters and crocheters have created some beautiful shawls, available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you know someone who could use comfort, please feel free to select one to give.



April Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Ellen Nelson, 4/2 | Joanne Collins, 4/18 |
| Becky Milam, 4/3 | Dianne Grage, 4/18 |
| Ray Anderson, 4/4 | Jodi Praff-Gillman, 4/20 |
| Tom Edgren, 4/9 | Kathy Rasmussen, 4/23 |

CABLE AREA FOOD SHELF UCC LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY



Living Hope Church crewed the food shelf in March. Twenty eight families visited. UCC is in charge this month, on Thursday, April 9th. We have three shifts for volunteers to help. Thank you in advance for signing up.

On Wednesday, April 8th, we need strong hands to help unload the food truck, moving donations from B.R.I.C.K. inside.

We have been blessed with many wonderful contributions. We are extremely grateful for these.

The income requirements to qualify to receive food shelf assistance has gone up a bit so it might be worth checking out for some people who didn't meet the requirements in the past.

There is a sign up sheet in the church but you could also call Judith Benedict, 715-798-3872 with questions or to sign up.

UCC Financial Report

submitted by Barbara Mika, Church Treasurer

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Checking - CVB | \$36,304.91 |
| Savings - CVB | \$11,680.37 |
| WF Checking - CVB | \$4,328.24 |
| Vanguard (Florio) | \$62,409.55 |
| Money Market Ckg (Florio) | \$19,112.97 |
| UCC Funds Capital Reserve(860400) | \$26,548.97 |
| Endowment (860401) | \$281,025.33 |
| | \$441,410.34 |

| | P&L | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|----------|-----|-----------|--------------|
| Income | \$ | 55,534.68 | \$ 53,907.00 |
| Expenses | \$ | 49,601.47 | \$ 53,907.00 |
| Net | \$ | 5,933.21 | \$ - |

Feb numbers, statements received 2 weeks into the next month

CASH & INVESTMENTS



- Checking - CVB
- Savings - CVB
- WF Checking - CVB
- Vanguard (Florio)
- Money Market Ckg (Florio)
- UCC Funds Capital Reserve(860400)
- Endowment (860401)



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| Incoming Cash | | | |
| Collections | \$ 9,773.56 | \$ 36,825.56 | 66% |
| Delta UCC | \$ 2,351.00 | \$ 7,053.00 | 13% |
| Online Giving | \$ 4,227.63 | \$ 11,656.12 | 21% |
| | | | 0% |
| | \$ 16,352.19 | \$ 55,534.68 | 100% |
| Expenses | \$ 14,843.19 | \$ 49,601.47 | |
| Actual | \$ 1,509.00 | \$ 5,933.21 | |

UCC Board

The board met on Monday, March 9th at 1:00 in the church library.

- It was determined that it is fine for a political candidate/person to come into church during a social/public situation and introduce themselves and explain what they stand for. No posters or speeches. This is non partisan. All are welcome.
- Two board member's terms will be over in August of this year. Ron Ulmer has agreed to serve at that time.
- Pastor Phil will look into buying Bibles for the confirmands to give to them during confirmation class (not after).
- June 21 is the Summer Solstice and Make Music Day. Helen Z will coordinate the music.

Looking ahead: Next board meeting: Monday, April 14, 2026 1:00-2:00

Women's Fellowship

This group met at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 5th. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- Our church birthday list needs to be updated. Of course this information is optional if you have security concerns. The one currently being used by Mary Lintula from the Sunshine Committee is 2 years old. If your birthday is not recognized with a card from our group or listed in the UCC Newsletter, please contact Mary Lintula to give her your information. No year of birth is needed!
- Trinity Lutheran will host the Empty Bowl event on Saturday, April 25th. UCC will most likely be working in the kitchen, helping with dishes. More details to come at our April meeting.
- UCC hosts the Community Dinner at the Cable Community Center on April 14th. Judith Benedict and Carol Elliker have the menu planned. Desserts are needed, as are volunteers to set-up, serve, and clean-up. Please consider helping.
- The Mardi Gras Pancake Supper will be on February 9th next year. Because this would also be the day of the Cable Community Dinner, Diane Stewart (head of CARE) and St. Ann Catholic Church (the host scheduled for that month) were contacted. Both are willing to be flexible. Hence, there will be no Community Dinner in February, 2027 and St. Ann will work with UCC as hosts during April. As a bonus, the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper fundraiser will be listed on the 2026- 2027 CARE placemats to encourage folks to go there because there won't be a Community Dinner in February, 2027.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, April 2nd

Maintenance Committee

During the March board meeting, there was discussion about the long term maintenance needs of the church. Terry Dahmen, committee chair, will start looking into this. The windows are an ongoing concern but it was determined that they do not need replacing. Terry will do a walk through with Scott Binder and get his input as to what needs to be done. One possibility would be to look into hiring someone to replace the wood around windows and then repaint.