

### Frantically Finding Faith?

In a recent editorial in *The Christian Century*, I read about first encounters with Faith. Many, if not most, of my generation had some kind of religious upbringing. It was the baby-boom generation, post-WWII and "Blue Laws" still were the norm of the day. Nothing happened on Sunday until after 12 noon, stores were closed—even many restaurants. In my hometown the four drug stores were open, one Sunday each [one extra opening each quarter] for emergencies.

But that was then; this is now.

Today most people under 30—yes, most—have no religious experience; no faith experience. Many know that something happens at 11:00 AM at a church, what, they have no clue. What is even more disturbing is that most have no desire to even find out.

It's not that those generations are without desire for looking for that which is beyond them. They seek out yoga, or some guru, or buy another self-help book. Some try a retreat in a far away place; some will volunteer at a mission, build a house or clean-up at a disaster. Many spend a good deal of money in these pursuits. Yet, it is hard to find them in organized religious communities. There appears to be little interest.

Lent begins March 5. Let us examine our own Faith encounters in this light. Can we provide an experience of Faith that can serve the needs of new people seeking that which is spiritual? My generation discovered it—you did, too—it can happen again. Loose the Spirit within!

*As always—I am in His Service,*

**Tom**

### Official Notice:

**Annual Spring  
Congregational Meeting  
Enon Knob Prairie U.C.C.  
March 30, 2014** following worship

## CROSSROADS LENTEN SERIES:

*"Give Up Something*

***BAD***

*for Lent"*

**Wednesday Nights**

*March 5<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>*

**7:30 P.M.**



## Support for *Interfaith Hospitality Network of Springfield*



There is an urgent need to replenish the food closet at IHN. This is an emergency assistance that is housed at the shelter. It may be used for the resident clients if a scheduled provider is unable to fulfill the need or if a former resident, living on their own, is in need of help. Bring your non-perishables to the kitchen during office hours or on Sunday. Let's fill Linda's car with food!

We will be serving dinner to the clients of IHN the first week in March. So—please assist by helping provide for the meal. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. See Linda Yegerlehner for more details.

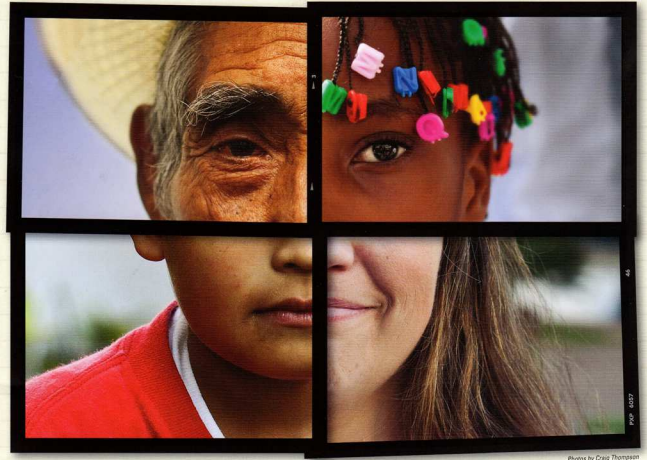
## Collection Tubs Moved for

### Enon Emergency Relief and Interfaith Hospitality Network

Collection Tubs have been moved to the Conference Room across the hall from the kitchen for easier access



for both those bringing donations and for those taking them to both ministries. Please remember this ongoing ministry to help feed the hungry in our area. Your participation is greatly appreciated by the recipients!



# WE ARE ONE

The United Church of Christ has at its core transforming lives! Why? Because we are all one in Christ.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, lives are transformed through support that provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and disaster relief in the US and internationally in 138 countries.

In 2012, the One Great Hour of Sharing [OGHS] offering reached \$2.5+ million. An additional \$935,161 was received to support specific disaster efforts with one third designated to the Hurricane Sandy relief fund. Please give generously!

## Special Offering is: March 30, 2014

### A Prescription to End Homelessness

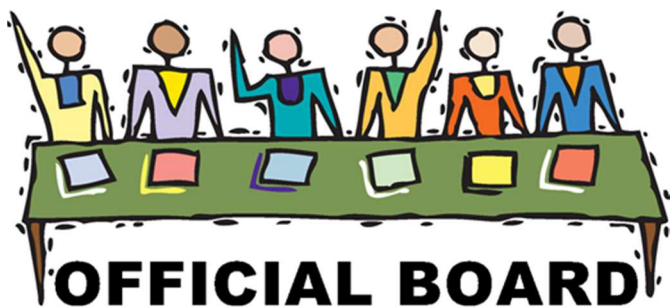
Knob Prairie has donated 91 bottles with a total of \$382.25 for 2013! Thank you—keep up the good work!



— Linda Yegerlehner

## DIGEST February meeting

- Taylor Street flooring installation is complete
- Valentine cards were made by the youth and distributed to members, shut-in's and military members
- Lent begins March 5th with Easter on April 20th. Crossroads Lenten services are on Wednesday evenings for Lent.
- SONKA is restructuring, more details later
- A discussion of supporting a sheriff's directory for Clark County for \$100 was declined.
- A 'Thank You' from Rev. Monte Fugate, who attended Knob Prairie in the 60's, was expressed in a phone call. He appreciated the lessons he learned here, some joyous and some very difficult. He is ending 40 years of ministry.
- Clark County Board of Elections has toured our facilities and is interested in placing 4-5 precincts here for the next election.
- The Benevolence Fund is now named Missions. Discussion as remuneration for building use ensued with no decision reached.
- We will be submitting our report for the UCC yearbook electronically.
- Village of Enon has requested nominations for Young/Citizen of the Year by February 22, 2014
- Virginia Apple and Linda Yegerlehner will be hand delivering a check for \$545 to IHN towards a new stove.
- A request for procedures to provide altar flowers was requested.



The Kathryn-Inez Circle will meet at the church on **Monday, March 10th, at 12 Noon** at the Carriage Inn for lunch. Anyone interested in joining us, please call Debby Kunselman [864-2660].



Thanks from Heifer:

Dear Knob Prairie UCC,

Thank you for making such a generous gift through "The Most Important Gift Catalog in the World." Your gift provides the tools, animals and training that hard-working families need to rise out of poverty and combat hunger. Your gifts are the catalyst for change.

Best of all, through our cornerstone principle of Passing on the Gift, your gift keeps on giving - providing a sustainable source of food, income and transformative opportunities to villages and communities around the world.


It is your kindness, generosity and compassion that make the Heifer gift catalog and our programs world wide such a success. We truly value and appreciate your support. I look forward to updating you on the progress of our work and the impact of your gifts.

Thank you!

Pierre U Ferrara  
President and CEO

Just a reminder we collected \$360 at Christmas and bought 3 pigs thanks to Ben, Megan, Nick and Jenna

# CHURCH CALENDAR



## March/April

MAR 2	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
	2:00 P	4-H Club meeting
MAR 4	9:30 A	Bible Study
	5:00 P	IHN Dinner service
	7:00 P	Mission Committee
MAR 5	7:30 P	Lenten Service—First UCC, Springfield
MAR 6	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Enon
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
MAR 7	5:00 P	IHN Dinner service
MAR 9	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship—communion
	1:00 P	Legge Birthday gathering
MAR 10	12:00 N	Kathryn-Inez—Carriage Inn
MAR 11	9:30 A	Bible Study
MAR 12	7:30 P	Lenten Service—Trinity UCC, Fairborn
MAR 13	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Hustead
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
MAR 16	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
	2:00 P	4-H Club meeting
MAR 17	7:00 P	Friendship Class
MAR 18	8:00 A	Enon Clergy Breakfast
	9:30 A	Bible Study
	7:00 P	Official Board
MAR 19	7:30 P	Lenten Service—South Vienna UC
MAR 20	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
MAR 23	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
MAR 25	9:30 A	Bible Study
MAR 26	7:30 P	Lenten Service—Highlands UCC, Sprgfld
MAR 27	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
MAR 30	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship—One Great Hour of Sharing
		<b>Annual Spring Meeting</b>
APR 1	9:30 A	Bible Study
	7:00 P	Mission Committee
APR 2	7:30 P	Lenten Service—Plattsburg UCC
APR 3	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Enon
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
APR 6	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
APR 8	9:30 A	Bible Study
APR 9	7:30 P	Lenten Service—West Liberty UCC
APR 10	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Hustead
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
APR 13	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship—Palm Sunday
	2:30 A	4-H Club meeting

### 2014 Altar Flower Chart

*is displayed in the narthex behind the sanctuary. Sundays are available for flowers to be placed on the altar throughout the year. Place your name and the honor/dedication in the space. For more information contact Debby Kunselman, 864-2660*

## MARCH/**APRIL** 2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Lay Reader	Flowers
3/2	Elmer & Delores Beard	Rita Young	Doreen White	open
3/9	Gary & Joyce Davis, Jack Tropp and Josh Vanderpool	Marilyn Franck	Emily Siegel	Emily and Ethan Legge
3/16	Colin Roach and Josh Vanderpool	Terry Roach	JoEllen Yirak	open
3/23	Rita Young and Doreen White	Linda Yegerlehner	Debby Kunselman	Jack & Louise Tropp
3/30	Marilyn Franck and Josh Vanderpool	Delores Beard	Elmer Beard	Tom & Marcia Ritschard-Sell
4/6	Jack Tropp and Doreen White	Linda Yegerlehner	Debbi Duffy	Open
4/13	Jim Pugh and Josh Vanderpool	Julia Pugh	Marcia Ritschard-Sell	Open

If you are not available on the Sunday scheduled, please try to switch with someone else and let Debby and the office know.



### March 2014

- 2—Dawn Boyer
- 5—Spencer Gibson
- 10—Emily Legge
- 10—Ethan Legge
- 12—Sandy Kinnamon
- 13—Louise Tropp
- 17—Darren Pugh
- 22—Brad Boyer
- 22—Debby Kunselman
- 23—Bob Denman

- 25—Marcia Ritschard-Sell
- 30—Carolyn Mouzon

### April

- 1—Elmer Beard
- 2—Pastor Tom Ritschard-Sell
- 5—Hillary Times
- 6—Ben Yirak
- 8—Onida Maxwell
- 13—Callie Dunn
- 16—Ronda Gibson

# IHN Soup & Salad Dinner

Friday, March 14 2014, 5-7 PM

*First Lutheran Church*  
(corner of Wittenberg & High Streets)

## MENU

**SOUPS:** CHICKEN NOODLE, CLAM CHOWDER,  
CHILI, POTATO, BRUNSWICK STEW,  
CHICKEN GNOCCHI, BROCCOLI

**PLUS:** SALAD—DESSERTS—MORE

**Adults \$7** Children 6-12 \$4  
5 and under free

### Sponsors:

Olive Garden, Texas Roadhouse,  
Rudy's Smoke House,  
Ken & Rhonda Churchward and  
Carol Weinbrecht

*Matching Funds by Thrivent Financial for  
Lutherans*

Proceeds to benefit the homeless of  
Clark County through  
Interfaith Hospitality Network  
501 West High Street, Springfield  
45506—325-8154

## CROSSROADS LENTEN SERIES:

“Give Up Something **BAD** for Lent”

All Services begin at 7:30 P.M.

March 5 <sup>th</sup>	First UCC, Springfield	Rev. Scott Griswold
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity UCC, Fairborn	Rev. Curt Miner
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	South Vienna UC, South Vienna	Rev. Gail Eastwood
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Highlands UCC, Springfield	Rev. Paul Forrey
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Plattsburg, UCC, Plattsburg	Rev. Tom Ritschard-Sell
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	West Liberty UCC, West Liberty	Rev. Gene Cline



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