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The Belfry Article Deadline for the March 2023 issue is February 20th



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9:30 am
*Sunday Worship/
 Sunday School*

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Happy Valentine's Day!



ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICE: February 22nd

The 2023 Ash Wednesday Service will be on-site and live streamed on Facebook on February 22nd at 7 p.m. The service will be saved on Facebook and YouTube for later viewing.

FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Folks,

Ash Wednesday is on February 22, beginning another Lenten Season.

When we think of Lent, we often think of the “giving up” that is often associated with it. We do this to reflect the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all. But, really, does giving up chocolate or alcohol or meat or...really make up for all that Christ has done for us?

When I think of the ways we recognize Christ's sacrifice, I go back to the scriptures that he himself read and studied, like Amos 5:21-24:

“I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.”

Jesus calls us to follow him, to take on a life of service to God and to humanity. May our Lenten time be a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, recommitting our service to Christ's love in this world, a love that will revolutionize the world with justice and peace.

**In Christ's love,
 Rev. Lucille**

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Rev. Lucille's prayer days will be on Thursdays, February 9th, March 9th, and April 13th. Please let her know if you have a prayer concern you would like her to lift-up.

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**Church Council
Highlights
February 2023**

TRUSTEES: Ed Zinsky finished staining the new altar railings to match the others

CHRISTIAN ED: Will continue with the 2nd and 3rd Sundays. They are very pleased to have their own room.

DEACONS: Committee finalized reviewing names (66) of folks who will be presented to be moved to inactive status at the Congregation meeting.

TREASURER: Sent out 2023 proposed budget to everyone. He then reviewed the highlights of the report.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: All Women's Meeting the 15th. Voting on officers and approving budget. Denise is stepping down as President and Lynn Ibsen will take over. Women's Sunday, February 12th. Denise will be 2nd Vice President. She has passed out a survey asking for what women would like to see happen. They are excited about the new year.

PROPERTY: Bishop Property Committee looking at an offer that came in last month. Will be shared with the congregation at the annual meeting.

MINISTER: She thanked everyone who worked so hard to make the Christmas season a success. Posted Christmas devotions will continue through February 1st, then 3 weeks off and a Lenten session will begin 3/1 and continue through Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Quiet Hour will start – Lucille and Sue Lindley are considering books to be used. She is excited about the New Year. The 300th anniversary is coming up.

MODERATOR: In November she sent a preliminary letter about starting the capital campaign. Sue Lindley will be the contact person.

Birthday Greetings to the following who will celebrate during the month of February:

8 Lucy McCarthy
9 Dennis Tidrick
15 Laura Salvio
16 Ken Tober
23 Joan Bloemen
26 Donna Martin
27 Brad Wells



Congratulations to the following couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries in February:

1 Holly & Gerry Fassbender
25 Barbara & Walter Henderson



Our condolences to:

*...the family of Kathy Stabile who entered into rest on
January 10, 2023.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family
during their time of sorrow.*

LENTEN QUIET HOUR

All women of the church are invited, at no cost, to attend our annual six-week Lenten Quiet Hour sessions, beginning on Wednesday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the library. If bad weather, it will be via ZOOM. The book is "Touched by Blessing" by Gunilla Norris. The discussion will be led by Rev. Lucille. Please sign up in the Alcove or contact Sue Lindley at susanlindley521@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

Wednesday Devotions run through February 1, 7 p.m. via ZOOM. We will take a break then resume with Wednesday Lent Devotions on March 1. The ZOOM link is in the "This Week" email. The Lent devotional booklet is "Amazing Grace", by Michael Hoy. Free booklets will be available in the Alcove on February 5.

Credit Card Giving is available at HCCUCC

We thank everyone who has and is supporting **Huntington Congregational Church UCC** with their time, talent and financial contributions. We look forward to continued support from all of our members in 2023. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving an easy and convenient way to make your contributions to HCCUCC. Visit huntingtonucc.org or contact the church office for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

In January 1968 HUCC had a newly organized Adult Fellowship called "Pairs and Spares". Officers included Kenneth Spencer, President, Bernie Odell, VP, Mrs. Donald Morrison, secretary and Edward Morse, treasurer.

Activities of the election evening began with a potluck supper, a song fest led by Mrs. Arthur Heim and a game session led by Mrs. Andrew Fair. About sixty people attended the function.




Future plans include a square dance, scheduled for Saturday February 17 in Fellowship Hall with Mr. Morse program chairman for the evening. All adults of the church are invited to attend the meetings.

- Submitted by Sue Lindley

TO ALL OUTGOING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

If you have a key to the church building(s), please pass it along to the incoming chairperson on that committee or turn it into the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.

FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7am—Early Risers-FH 6pm-Troop 101 7pm-Devotions-Zoom	2	3	4 7am—Early Risers-FH
5 9:30am –Worship-Holy Communion & Livestream	6	7 7pm-Trustees - Zoom	8 7am—Early Risers-FH 6pm-Troop 101 7pm-Devotions-Zoom	9 Rev Lucille’s Prayer Day	10 Spooner House Meal 	11 7am—Early Risers-FH 1pm- Memorial Service-K. Stabile
12 Women’s Fellowship Sunday 9:30am- Worship & Livestream 12:30-3:30 pm-Jill – FH & classroom	13	14  VALENTINE’S DAY 7pm-Council	15 7am—Early Risers-FH 6pm-Troop 101 7pm-Devotions-Zoom	16	17	18 7am—Early Risers-FH
19 Scout Sunday 9:30am- Worship & Livestream	20  PRESIDENTS DAY	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 7am—Early Risers-FH Quiet Hour – 10:30 am 6pm-Troop 101	23	24	25 7am—Early Risers-FH
26 9:30am- Worship & Livestream	27	28 7pm-Deacons - Zoom				