



2024

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR
OFFICIAL 300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:
APRIL 14, 2024**

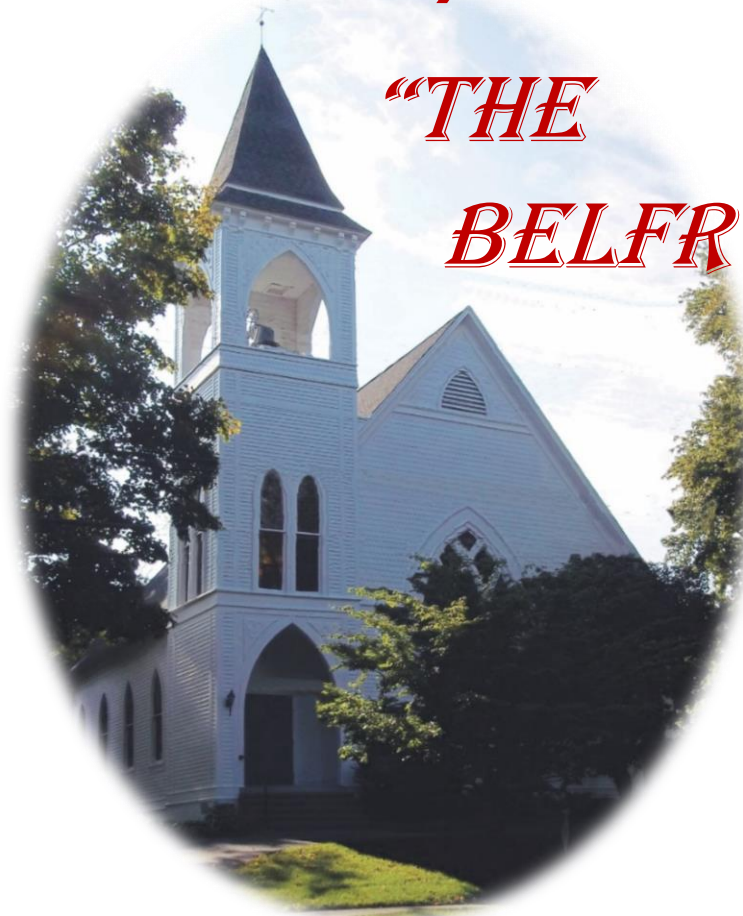
And note these future dates:

- **September 8** (rain date September 15)
 - - Congregational picnic
- **September 29** - Colonial Style Feast
 - - Historical garb optional!

Donations are welcome! Basket is in the sanctuary!
Watch the bulletin, your emails, and the Belfry for more info!

Let's party like it's 1724!

***CELEBRATING 300 years of
Faithful Ministry!!***



***“THE
BELFRY”***

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Prayer List

<p>Minister Rev. Lucille L. Fritz</p> <p><i>Organist</i> Deborah DeMusis</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Susan Schmitt</p> <p><i>Superintendent</i> Jenny McCarthy</p> <p><i>Deacon Co-Chairs</i> Sue Lindley/ Terri Johnston</p> <p><i>Trustee Chair</i> TomRyder</p> <p><i>Women's Fellowship</i> <i>President</i> Lynn Ibsen</p> <p><i>Office Manager/ Belfry Editor</i> Karen S. Boroski</p> <p>9:30 am <i>Sunday Worship/ Sunday School</i></p>	Ron	Terry	Joan
	Marge & Ed	James M	Rob Z
	Henriette	Bob	Carol O
	Mike D	Tim B	Diane A
	Patricia	Bernita	
			

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

- 5 Kevin Kellogg
- 17 Theresa Steinfeld
- 29 Karin Hongo, Bob Liddel,
Samantha Chase



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

- 7 Linda & Dennis Tidrick
- 24 Lois & Bob Nagy



...the family of Linda (Lin) Mulford, who passed away February 29, 2024.

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

A Celebration of Lin's life will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, 2 p.m. at the historical White Hills Baptist Church



Rev. Lucille's Prayer Days are April 11, May 9, & June 13.



**HOLY COMMUNION & TENEBRAE
 March 28th @ 7 p.m.**

(Please note there is no meal this year.)

DID YOU KNOW?

I would like to take a moment to recognize Linda Mulford, the person who really inspired me to take an interest in preserving the history of Huntington Congregational Church. Lin had a passion for history in general, it was her work and her love. Because of that and her love for this church she encouraged me to help her organize the wonderful memories we have in print about our church's history. She felt it would be a good idea to share the history of our church with the membership and thus this column was born. Lin, I dedicate this column to you and hope to honor you going forward. Thank you for all your service to HCCUCC! Linda Mulford, Historian Emeritus – named 2024.

It is interesting to reflect on the condition in Repton in 1724. King George I was the undisputed ruler of the land. George Washington was not to be born for another eight years. Native Americans were commonly encountered, and many colonists feared an armed uprising. The "commons" which evolved into Huntington Green, was used for militias "training days." Every male between 15 and 60 was considered to be part of the local militia. By law, everyone in the militia had to keep his gun, sometimes called the "Queen's Arm," in a state of constant readiness.

As we continue through our journey of celebrating our 300th anniversary, we should keep in mind the rich history that brought us to this place. We truly do have a great deal to celebrate and be so proud of accomplishing!

- Submitted by Sue Lindley

FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Folks,

What do Easter and a 300th anniversary have to do with each other? Well, for us here at HCCUCC in 2024, we are celebrating both, Easter on March 31st, and our 300th anniversary all year long! We have already had a wonderful Historical Service on February 18th and we will have our official celebratory service on April 14th, just two weeks after Easter.

Both Easter and our church's anniversary are about God's abiding love, sometimes against all odds. The power of Christ's resurrection gave THE Church birth, and HCCUCC as well. It's the power of hope, commitment, perseverance, faith, joy, and most especially love.

It's the new life of Easter that gives us the motivation to move ahead, to share God's good news: our sins are forgiven, life is eternal, and love never dies. Thanks be to God!

*In Christ's love,
Rev. Lucille*



HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

✚ March 24 – Palm Sunday
 - On-Site and live streamed



✚ 7:00 p.m.- Holy Communion & Tenebrae –
 No meal - On-Site and live streamed



March 29 - Good Friday Service - Noon
 - On-Site and live streamed

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services will be available on Facebook and YouTube for later viewing.



Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. – Jones' Tree Farm
9:30 a.m. – HCCUCC -On-Site and live streamed

Wednesday Evening Devotions

Wednesday Evening devotions will resume on April 17 through May 22 for a six-week survey of the Bible. All devotions will be 7 P.M. via ZOOM. The ZOOM link is in the “This Week” email. The booklet, “The Bible and You” will be available in the Alcove. A \$2 donation is suggested to defray the cost.



*“A limb has fallen from the family tree that says
 grieve not for me.
 Remember the best times, the laughter,
 the song, the good life I lived
 While I was strong.”*

*Thanks to everyone who helped make Joe's
 Funeral everything I hoped it would be.
 He was well loved !!*

Joan Bloemen and family.

14th Annual
Treasures, Talents and Tastes Auction-
May 11th 6 P.M.

- Live Auction
- Silent Auction
- Bag Auction



Everyone has a talent or treasure. We hope you will share yours with the church by making a donation to the auction. The Auction has been a great success due, in large part, to the wonderful and creative donations made by church members. If you need an idea, please speak to Bob or Linda Sember and look through previous years' catalogues. The catalogues are located on the table in the alcove along with registration forms, donation forms and absentee bidding forms. **Please get your donations in as soon as possible so that they are included in the catalogue.** There is a \$10.00 per person registration fee. **Pre-registration is necessary** so we may plan accordingly for the hors d'oeuvres and desserts which will be served.

A portion of the fee will go to support Bridgeport Rescue Mission. You will also receive 3 tickets for the bag auction with your paid registration. It will be an evening of **FUN** and **FUND raising** for our church, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. There's something for everyone and every budget from delicious food to talents, treasures, and services.

For those of you who cannot attend the auction but would like to participate, there are Absentee Bidding Forms available in the alcove which explains the rules. Essentially, you pre-register so we can give you an auction number. A designated absentee bidder will be assigned to bid for items on your behalf up to your maximum bid. (Auction items will be in the catalogue and online and will be available the week of the auction.)

If you are unable to pick up a donation or registration form, we will be happy to get one to you. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Linda Sember-203 929-5853.



Happy Spring to all! Women's Fellowship members are busy with spring activities. On March 21, we put together Health and School Kits for Church World Service under the direction of Lois Ricker. Thanks to all who have donated items in the past.

We are preparing for a Community Shredding Event and Food Drive to be held on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00-12:00. This is in conjunction with our church's 300th anniversary. Important papers and documents can be shredded for \$10 per box. (Boxes are typically medium-sized, and larger boxes will cost more.) This is after Tax Day, so start saving papers now! Proceeds from this event will go to Spooner House. Volunteers are welcome.

Once again, we will be holding a Tag Sale in June. Spaces will be rented, and as always, there will be a Bake Table. Please speak to Denise Wilson or Terri Johnston with any questions.

SAVE THE DATES – Pumpkin and Holly Fair 2024, Friday, November 15- 5:00-8:00 and Saturday, November 16 – 9:00-2:00.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SHREDDING EVENT &
FOOD DRIVE – APRIL 20,
2024
9 A.M. to NOON

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**In conjunction with our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be rolling out our 2024-2026 Capital Campaign on April 7. Watch for more details!**



# APRIL 2024



SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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|                                                                                                                    | 1<br><br>7pm-GS-FH<br>7:15pm-WF-library | 2<br><br>7pm-Trustees                                                                                                         | 3<br><br>7am—Early Risers-FH<br>12:30pm-CCOP- FH    | 4                                      | 5  | 6<br><br>10am-Hymnals & Bibles<br>clean-up<br>7am—Early Risers-FH  |
| 7<br>9:30am –Worship-Holy<br>Communion .– Live &<br>live-stream on Facebook                                        | 8                                       | 9<br><br>7pm-Council                                                                                                          | 10<br>7am—Early Risers-FH                           | 11<br>Rev. Lucille's prayer day        | 12 | 13<br>7am—Early Risers-FH                                          |
| 14<br><b>300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br/>Celebration</b><br>9:30am –Worship- Live<br>& live-stream on<br>Facebook | 15                                      | 16<br><br>Spooner House Meal<br><br>7 pm-PRC | 17<br>7am—Early Risers-FH<br><br>7pm-Devotions-Zoom | 18<br><br>7pm-Womens<br>Fellowship -FH | 19 | 20<br>7am—Early Risers-FH<br>WF Shredding & Food<br>Drive 9 - noon |
| 21<br>9:30am –Worship- -- Live<br>& live-stream on<br>Facebook                                                     | 22                                      | 23                                                                                                                            | 24<br>7am—Early Risers-FH<br><br>7pm-Devotions-Zoom | 25                                     | 26 | 27<br>7am—Early Risers-FH                                          |
| 28<br>9:30am –Worship- Live<br>& live-stream on<br>Facebook                                                        | 29                                      | 30<br><br>7pm-Diaconate                                                                                                       |                                                     |                                        |    |                                                                    |