

GUIDELINES

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Matt's Minutes



One of our mottos here at the UCC is “God is still speaking, ...” There is the comma, but I like adding the ellipsis too. There IS more to come. God has a written word but, God is also a living word through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit! On Good Friday, the Romans and Jewish leaders thought the crucifixion to be a period, the end of it. God proved that the crucifixion of Jesus was only comma, only an ellipsis because there was much more to come. On the third day, Christ arose! Christ beat the socio-political system that sought to have him killed.

Easter Sunday is here; the season of Lent is over! Alleluia!!! Christ IS risen!!! I am so glad! Because we need to be able to feel some resurrection joy!!! COVID has made this season of Lent seem extra-long. It is as if Lent of 2020 never ended, it just continued on and on. We need a reprieve; we need to feel some real joy. We need to remember that when life and death bring us down, there is more! It's a comma, it's an ellipsis... God has the final word and God is still speaking.

The comma and the ellipsis can serve as reminders that God's vision for you and me, the life of the church is never fully finished. The vision that God has for the kingdom here on earth is ongoing and the really cool thing is that God asks you and I to be a part of it! Right here in Mitchell, SD! We are asked to be God's people here and now; God's Easter People! We can make a difference in the lives of all people and work together for the common good. Inspired by God's grace and mercy and empowered by God's spirit we can rise from these ashes of the COVID pandemic and be instruments of God's hope and love once more! We begin by saying “Yes, God, I am available. I intentionally choose to be one of your disciples.” Together, let's be Easter People!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Matt Richards





**MINISTRY OF MISSIONS
& EDUCATION**
will meet on Thurs., April 8
at 5:00 PM

**MINISTRY OF
FINANCE/BUILDING/GROUNDS**
will meet on
Mon., April 12 at 5:30 PM

CHURCH COUNCIL
will meet on
Mon., April 12 at 7:00 PM



How to continue your regular giving to the church:

Mail a check to - 301 East 4th, Mitchell,
SD *or* set up automatic payments
through your bank *or* use Givelify on
our phone, mobile device or through our
website.



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN
THE MEN FOR BREAKFAST,
FELLOWSHIP & CONVERSATION
THEY ARE MEETING AT THE CHURCH
ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 10 AT 8:30 AM**

Mission Moments – Year of Living Water

Our April mission of the month is water projects through Church World Service. CWS has seven current water projects around the world. We have chosen three of them on which to focus, which are pictured below. To give to this mission, please add a memo to your donation - CWS Water Projects.

We will also be hosting a **spring pot-luck picnic** after church on **April 25** as a special fundraiser for this. Meat will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts to share.



Biosand Water Filter in Vietnam - \$30 Share of a Well in Cambodia - \$106 5 Gallon Jug of Water in Siberia - \$5



A special thank you to all who donated to the Lenten noisy change offering which started with the annual meeting potluck kick-off in February, and ended with the Palm Sunday Spirit of Easter luncheon. We raised a total of **\$420.40** for the **Mitchell Habitat for Humanity**. We also want to thank Wendy and Dave Figland for making our Habitat for Humanity house bank. It got pretty heavy with coins by Palm Sunday!

Another **thank you** goes out to those who donated to **One Great Hour of Sharing** in March. We were able bring in and send **\$303** to the Conference for that. OGHS is also supporting water projects this year.



Who is Bread for the World?

We are a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Ending hunger is within reach, but our nation's elected officials must make ending hunger a prominent policy concern.

For more than 40 years, Bread for the World has worked to create and support cost-effective programs and policies to reduce hunger in the United States and overseas.

What can you do?

- **Pray:** Ask God to end hunger in our world.
- **Act:** Make your voice heard in Congress.
- **Give:** Join Bread for the World.

bread.org



We plan to continue broadcasting
EACH SUNDAY at 10:00 AM

Join us remotely by
Livestreaming on Facebook
(search for Mitchell Congregational United Church
of Christ)

or on YouTube
(search for UCC Mitchell)

We send a weekly email with an Order of Worship
and lyrics for the hymns of the day. If you would
like to be included, please let Wendy know.

We look forward to worshipping
with each of you.

Givelify
Tap. Give. Done.



Landscaping projects:
Bushes on north side
Vegetable garden
Northeast corner by front door

Tie strips on COVID memorial

Serve on a Ministry:

Worship

Justice

Missions

Chairperson of F/B/G

Attend gatherings of:

Men's Fellowship

W.O.W. (Women of Worth)

Lead an adult education group

**Bring forward any ideas you have to
grow our church/minister to God's
people/upkeep of our building, etc...**

*Thank
you* 

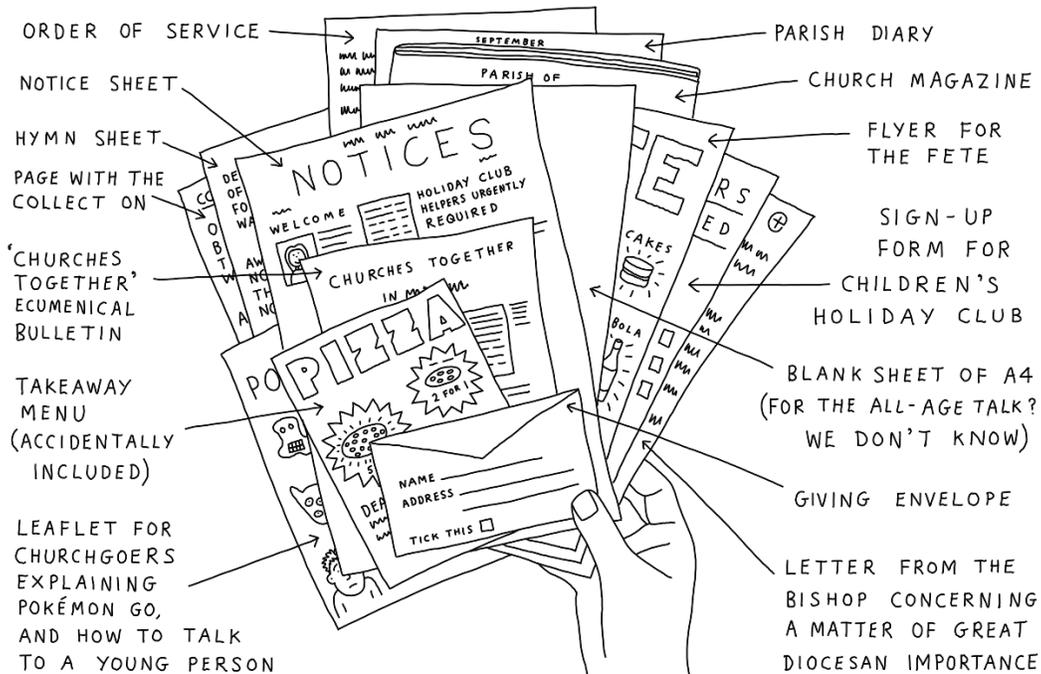
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Bonnie Williams

**for the generous donation
in honor of Bonnie**

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