



April 9, 2024

E-Pistle

Union Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Louis Park MN

Please Join Us for Worship Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Pastoral Musings

Dear Church,

When Sunday's solar eclipse passed over Texas, I was delighted to hear first-hand observations from adults and children as I listened to the radio. Children exclaimed with joy that they were happy to witness the moon passing between the earth and the sun, creating several minutes of complete darkness during the day. Adults were moved to tearful silence as they tried to express the beauty, wonder, and mystery of the event. I hope you were able to hear some first-hand accounts and/or see photos of the event. Solar and lunar eclipses open us to the wonder and mystery of God's creation. What better way to celebrate this Easter season?

See you in church, virtually or in person.

Pastor Liz

When does Pastor Liz work? How do we contact Pastor Liz? How do we meet with Pastor Liz? Pastor Liz's workdays are Sundays 9 am to 4 pm with office hours from 11 am to 4 pm; Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday afternoons. To call Pastor Liz, call the church and leave a message by pushing "2". I check voice mails frequently. You may also call or text me on my cell phone which is listed in the member directory. If you would like to make an appointment with me, please call or text me.

Table Talk

Pastor Liz will lead a Table Talk discussion on **Sunday, April 21**. She will present the feedback that members gave during the March Table Talk. The worship service will be shortened that day to allow time for information, feedback and discussion. Come, learn what members are thinking about Union's future.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Union is doing an outstanding job. So far this month 202 pounds of food and have been delivered to STEP

Loose Coin offering for March and April is Move Forward

Their mission is to provide free, confidential, and immediate crisis and short term counseling services for youth and parents in the western suburbs. Program priority is to help families stay together and keep youth in school. Some transitional living sites and a drop-in center are also offered.

STEP is the St Louis Park community food and social service agency. They directly provide food and clothing to residents in need, as well as advocacy, referrals, and build a collaborative relationship. Their vision is to be the trusted resource for connecting community members with resources to fulfill their basic needs.

MCC Refugee Services (Minnesota Council of Churches' Refugee Services).

Refugee Service Update

Refugee Services is experiencing a high demand for:

Feminine products, new pillows, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, disposable razors, all-purpose cleaner, dish soap

Please put one or two of these items on your shopping list and put them in the blue Refugee box at the back of the sanctuary.

Thanks so much for your contributions and working to supply these needed items.

Contact Janet Midtbo (phone or text:612-414-5671, jdmidtbo@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Flower Pick-up and Delivery

Deadline for signing up for Sunday flowers is the Sunday before your request date. The cost is \$35.00 and you will need to pick them up at Arts & Flowers (6011 Excelsior Blvd, St. Louis Park) between 10 a.m. and their closing at 4 p.m. and then deliver them to church Saturday anytime or early Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet and request cards for flowers is at the back of the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Those in need of support and healing:

Carol L recovering from broken hip
Ben H. recuperating at home with chronic health issues
Carl recovering from a stroke
Michael's friend Jay
Michael B.
Owen Betty's friend
The Clarno family and friends
The White family and friends
Mary K.'s sister-in-law Mary

Those *homebound or under care:

*Betty Jean
Ray

If you are in need of prayer, please email info@unionslp.com with your request to be added to the list.

Faye Ellen Battisti &
Curtis Eugene Tiffany

Memorial Service will be April 13, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
First Memorial Chapel, 7110 France Avenue South, Edina, MN 55435.
Memorials are preferred to Union Church



April Birthdays

Arlene J.	4/6
Betty W.	4/8
Barb E.	4/19
Bayli G.	4/22

Epistle

Just a reminder regarding announcements for the Epistle. Please email requests to info@unionslp.com by the end of the day on Monday. Thank you.



*Grounded in God's love, with a spirit of wonder and inclusion,
we work as a community towards a just world.*

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