

**Fieldon United Church of Christ  
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**February 2021**



# ***The Tidings***

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Christ  
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**“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.”**

**Psalm 23:6**

**“Goodness and mercy pursue me.”** God running after me and chase me down, grab me and hold me. The word “follow” is powerful word. It means to be chased by God’s powerful love even when I run far away, God goes with me. No matter if I try to escape, God will be there. We fear goodness because we are no longer in control. We do not believe in generosity, often we think there is not enough. Scarcity is more the word we embrace. But God’s goodness and mercy is always and forever, more than I imagine or deserve.

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. It is the season that says it is time to quit running. A time to be caught and embraced in love, like a sheep with safe pastures, like a traveler offered rich and unexpected food. It is time to come to sit reflect and experience the goodness of God in new ways. “I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.” I have grown up in the church. I serve the church as a pastor. But the question during Lent, is how is my active living relationship with God is? Am I where I should be in my life with God? Hopefully the answer to those question is sweet and unreal joy. We are in communion in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the one who love us.**

**Lent is a time about questioning, seek and seeing differently. I invite you this Lent to see yourself and God differently. Join us for Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm for communion and ashes. Read with us the daily devotion book. Be present with us in weekly Zoom adult Bible study on Wednesday from 7 to 7:45 pm starting February 24. And as you do, see yourself as the sheep of this Good Shepherd, as the traveler in God’s good valley, as a resident at home in God’s home. Be free, joyous, generous and loved. Let us desire one thing — God’s presence!**

**Shalom,**

**Pastor Donna**

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Benji Dehner- President  
-Vice President  
Kathy Eagleton - Secretary  
Andrea Dehner

Janice Devening-Treasurer  
Linda Eads-Special Funds  
-Financial Secretary

\*Council Meetings held on the 3rd Sunday of the month after church.

### BUILDING MATTERS

#### TRUSTEES

Benji Dehner  
Ed Fanning

### SPIRITUAL NEEDS

#### ELDERS

Kathy Eagleton  
Andrea Dehner  
Kourtnee Hall

### FINANCIAL CONCERNS

#### DEACONS

Janice Devening  
Linda Eads  
Marshall Alley

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Kim Scoggins--President & Secretary  
Marilyn Woelfel-Treasurer  
Cristal Dehner-Attendance Mentor

Bernice Guilander-Activities Director

\*CEB Meetings held monthly at a time agreed upon at the meetings.

## YOUTH GROUP

Patty Fanning-Youth Director

Treasurer-TBA

*Jeremiah 3:15  
Then I will give you shepherds  
after my own heart,  
who will lead you with  
knowledge and understanding.*

# February 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Quarters for Heifers &amp; Installation of Council Members</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17 <i>Ash Wednesday Service 7pm</i>	18	19	20
21 <i>Food Pantry &amp; Communion Sunday</i>	22	23	24 <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	25	26	27
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**January 17, 2021**

**Dear Pastor Donna and Christian Education Board members of Fieldon UCC,**

**I am writing to let you know that I have made a decision to resign from my position on Christian Education Board and teacher of Sunday School Effective May 31, 2021. Although I have always enjoyed my time working with you all and the children of our church full time for over 20 years, I am ready to take my leave. Therefore, I also will not lead Vacation Bible School nor Independence Day celebration this year.**

**Please accept my deepest gratitude for the people of this church and their faith in me to lead our children to God. As you know I have only heartfelt love and passion for working with children, and it has always meant so much to me. However, at this time I have decided that I am going to give myself a break and undo some of my load for me, my health, and my future. Please know that I will always want to be a part of our children's lives and will help where I feel called, but I will not take on leadership roles that require so much of my time, energy, and emotion. I have prayed about this and cried about this. I have felt overwhelmed and burnt out for so long that it's just a way of life now. I will be happy to share my notes and words of wisdom with anyone who is willing to take over this positions I have done in the past. I feel the work for children must carry on in this church for the church to be successful and grow. Our families need our support.**

**I come to church for inspiration and a feeling of love and belongingness. The children have always been a strong part of that. I am not leaving the kids and I am not leaving my church. I am leaving behind the feeling that I work at church every week. I want to come and be a part of the congregation and be inspired to love God in a deeper way every week.**

**With God's love,**

**Kimberly S. Scoggins**

**January 17, 2021**

**Dear Council and members at Fieldon UCC,**

**I am writing to let you know that I have made a decision to resign from my position of custodian of our church effective immediately. I have enjoyed my time serving this church to keep it clean and sanitized for our members for over 7 years.**

**I would like to donate my time in January and February to continue to clean the church for no pay, as you decide what to do to fill this position.**

**Sincerely,**

**Kimberly S. Scoggins**



## BIRTHDAY'S

*February 1st - Pastor Donna Smith-Pupillo*

*February 2nd - Karen Huff*

*February 3rd - Jennifer Thomas Lape*

*February 6th - Matt Thomas*

*February 11th - Deb Haag*

*February 12th - Tom Gettings*

*February 13th - Jenna Rose Dauer*

*February 15th - Lee Eagleton & Morgan Heitzman*

*February 21 - Dana Gettings*

*February 29th - Rick Hagen*



## ANNIVERSARIES

*February 3rd - Clayton & Sheron Wadlow*

*February 10th - Joe & Michelle Wadlow*

*February 16th - Steve & Deb Haag*

**Folks in our thoughts and prayers**

**Prayer Requests**

Arnold, Janice  
Hagen, Janice  
Isringhausen, Jane  
Reed, John  
Schaaf, Alice  
Schwaninger, Janet  
Wadlow, Sharon

Clark, Janice  
Hagen, Sharon  
Krueger, Karen  
Roth, Christy  
Schaaf, Charlie  
Skinner, Ruby

Gettings, Grace  
Hutchinson, Patty  
Lape, Jennifer (Thomas)  
Roundcount, Terry  
Schmoeller, Gwen  
Vanausdoll, Rebecca

Brenda - Cousin of Michael & Cathy Chontofasky

**Friends in Retirement and Rehabilitation Centers**

Jerseyville Estates - 1210 E. Fairgrounds, Jerseyville, IL 62052  
Renee Gerson

**Folks in our thoughts and prayers serving in the military**

Kris & Cathy Coats - Air Force - stationed in Texas (grandchildren of Jeanne Isringhausen)  
Tyler Hartstock - Army - active (son of Jo Ellen Baker)  
Sgt. David Hokenson Sr.- Army - active (son-in-law of Joe Ellen Baker)  
David Hokenson, Jr. - Army --active (grandson of Jo Ellen Baker)  
Steven Sellars - Army (nephew of Alice & Edna Schaaf)  
Daniel Schaaf - Army National Guard (*grandson of Barb Schaaf*)  
Adam Warfel - Army National Guard - (Son of Marion & Lisa Warfel  
great nephew of Benji, Cristal & Karen)