

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/1/26



### **EASTER Groceries and EASTER BASKETS for Rochester Advocates for Children (RAC):**

It's time to gather the groceries and Easter Basket stuffers for Rochester Advocates for Children. Everything is due by March 15. Use the following link to sign up or use the paper copy in the narthex.

Questions? Ask Wendy [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ws0F4okE4ZHIRQOXFVrEdwbo2eEBvQEjy0cbvSy4LCs/edit?usp=sharing>

**DIRECTORY:** The directory will be printed in February. Please update your information and add your photo here:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/e6338a4b-b47d-463c-b06c-bc569b90301e/family/new> .

If you have trouble signing in, please contact [wendi.latko@gmail.com](mailto:wendi.latko@gmail.com).

**MARCH 1:** Confirmation class in Blue Couch Room 11:00-12:30.

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING: Special Event** March 3 , 7pm-8:30pm. A virtual drag queen bible study with Rev. Marge Erin Spread that will take a deep dive into queer theology. What happens when Jesus crosses boundaries, tells the truth, and turns gossip into gospel? Open to ALL LGBTQIA+ and Allies. Free to attend and sponsored by the UCC Open & Affirming Coalition. Will take place in the sanctuary.

**HOT TOPICS:** will be meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of March. Our first meeting, on March 3, will be a joint program with the church's Open and Affirming Committee, a "A Deep Dive into Queer Theology" workshop, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have our second meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary at which we will discuss the workshop. For more information or to be added to the Hot Topics e-mail list, contact [richard\\_kendrick@verizon.net](mailto:richard_kendrick@verizon.net).

**FREE COMMUNITY SUNDAY SUPPER-** March 8th 4:30-5:30. Everyone is welcome. The menu is ... Stuffed Shells, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad and ice cream sundaes... Contact Wendy [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer!

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** On March 15th the Rebel Beat Youth & Kids will host a chili cook-off. Do you have a fabulous chili recipe? Do you enjoy eating chili? Do you aspire to be on a celebrity judging panel? If you said yes to any of these questions, then do we have a community building event for you. Come to taste, to eat, to laugh, to build community. Also, any donations collected will be used to fill "meal bags" for family promise.

**LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK MARCH 18th:** Please sign up in the narthex and bring a Potluck dish, or bread, or dessert to our gathering. We look forward to seeing you there.

**THURSDAY MORNING:** The next resource will be "Finish Strong," by Barbara Coombs Lee. The author covers all the issues we must address to set priorities and make our end of life wishes stick. Beginning March 19th, 9:30-11:00 AM, Thursdays. By Zoom only.

For information contact Joe Roth (585-671-8458)

**THE CURRENT:** Youth & kid led worship experience, March 22 at 10:00 in the big green room. Theme: Last Supper

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

Open labyrinth event at WUCC on May 2, World Labyrinth Day, with the theme "Walk for Peace"

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School June 29-July 3 9:00-12:00

Project Impact- Youth Mission June 29-July 2 12:30-2:30

SHINE minicamp: August 3- August 5

### **ONGOING**

**MEDITATION GROUP-** Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the back of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

**The Nurture Team:** is a group of caring individuals who express the love of God through their Ministry of Care. They hope to walk with those in need of company or pray. They liaison with the pastor if a pastoral visit is desired. If you have a concern or need of prayer or if you know someone who does, please put a note in the offering plate.

**PRAYER SHAWL:** This group does not formally meet. It's for anyone who wants to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to people in need of

comfort and/or dish cloths for outreach grocery bags given to people in need. contact Wendy wlesko88@gmail.com

**INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER** should be directed to Wendy Lesko [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month

**ANNOUNCEMENTS EMAIL LIST** If you'd like to receive email notifications from church, you can join our email list. There's a link on the church website under "Connect with Us". <https://uccwebster.org/connect-with-us/> Enter your email address and hit "subscribe."

**NAME TAGS** – If you need a nametag, please email Carole Kohler at [carolekohler1192@gmail.com](mailto:carolekohler1192@gmail.com) with the first and last names of your family members or sign up in the narthex.

**FLOWERS** for the communion table – sign-up in the hallway. One arrangement per Sunday. You can bring your own flower arrangement or pay for the florist to deliver one. Please pay in advance. Leave payment in church office or give to Heather Himes.

**CLOTHING & SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** Please place the items in the 2 bins located in the hall near the West Entrance. Items are distributed to Cameron Community, Matthew's Closet, or Saints Place. Thank You!

**THE ROCKERS** This is a group of the mature men from our congregation that meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at 8:30am at The Nutcracker Restaurant

**COFFEE HOUR** Volunteers are needed to sign up to coordinate a week (make the coffee, provide a treat). If you are interested, please contact Heidi Zastowny ([heidizastowny@gmail.com](mailto:heidizastowny@gmail.com); (585) 314-0678) or Diane Cannarozzo ([dcannaro@gmail.com](mailto:dcannaro@gmail.com)).

### **IN THE COMMUNITY**

**PURSE FILLING:** Save your purses and purse fillers! Collection basket in the narthex. Purse filling party March 7th at 10:00

**COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMP:** July 13-July 15 9:00-12:00

**PET FOOD NEEDED:** The pet food pantry needs donations of dry and canned cat food and dog food. A collection basket is in the narthex. Thank you