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COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



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#### **Lent: Practicing Wilderness**

By Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

It is strange to think that we are approaching one year of pandemic life. My parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a year ago at the end of

January. It was the last large event I attended besides our church's last in-person worship service on March 8. The trip Brooke and I took to Costa Rica last February now seems like a dream from an-

"I have led you forty years in the wilderness. The clothes on your back have not worn out, and the sandals on your feet have not worn out."

Deuteronomy 29:5

other lifetime. And yet, here we are. Here we are.

This past year our church has embraced its identity as a "Church in the Wild." Here in the wild, we experienced disorientation while honing new survival skills. We longed for familiar bread and found new manna in unexpected places. Some relationships have been strained by distance while new connections have formed. We've experienced fear and grief alongside enthusiasm and newness. We weren't the first to go through this.

Near the end of Deuteronomy, Moses reminds his people that God has been leading them through the wilderness the whole time. God has provided for them along the way, bread and meat and water and protection. Even their clothes withstood the test of time, even the soles of their shoes. God sustained them for 40 years, long enough for an entire generation to come and go.

In February, we enter the season of Lent, which is an annual Christian tradition of "practicing wilderness." The period of 40 days echoes the 40 days and nights that, according the gospels, Jesus fasted in the Judean wilderness, which, in turn, echo the 40 years the Israelites traversed the Sinai wilderness. Lent is a time of introspection and of soul-searching; a time to fast from that which is not essential so that we can concentrate on that which is essential; a time to pray for deliverance from evil; a time of preparation for the story and glory of Holy Week, culminating in the cross and the surprise of resurrection.

Now that we know something about the wilderness, I wonder whether our Lenten practice will be deeper this year.

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#### **FEBRUARY 2021 WORSHIP**

Community worship happens Sundays at 10:30 a.m. online via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83296554538 You may also view the livestream at: https://www.facebook.com/uccseb.

See weekly emails or visit www.uccseb.org for more details.

#### February 7 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany - Mark 1: 29 - 39

Today we celebrate Holy Communion and Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister preaches as sermon entitled "Actions that Speak."

#### February 14 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany / Transfiguration Sunday – Mark 9: 2 – 9

Today Rev. Lacey Hunter, Associate Minister of Faith Formation, preaches a sermon on the transfiguration entitled "Not Knowing What to Say."

#### February 17 - Ash Wednesday

Today marks the first day in the season of Lent. A drive thru imposition of ashes ceremony will happen today.

#### February 21 – 1st Sunday in Lent – Mark 1: 14 - 20

Today is the first of six Sundays in Lent. Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on the calling of the first disciples called "Bid to Come and Die."

#### February 28 – 2nd Sunday in Lent – Mark 8: 31 – 38

On this second Sunday in Lent, Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on the story of Jesus' foretelling his death and resurrection entitled "Gaining the World."

Coming in March... Palm/Passion Sunday



#### **LENT: PRACTICING WILDERNESS**

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Here are some ways to focus our "wilderness practice" during these 40 days:

Write down in a journal what God has revealed to you about yourself and the world over the past year.

- ♦ The recent inauguration marked a new period of four years.
- ▶ How will you deepen your citizenship of this country and of this creation over the next four years? ♦ 400 years ago, Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo people thrived in relationship with the land where our church building is located.
- ▶ How might our church rebuild relationships with the land and the native people who continue to steward it? ♦ 400 years ago, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade began, justified by an ideology of superiority which prevails today.
- How might our congregation dismantle white supremacy from the inside out and show solidarity with the movement for black lives?
- ♦ Slow down. Pay attention to your breath. Settle your heart and mind. Be present here and now. Become acquainted with yourself again. You are God's beloved. God is leading you through this wilderness, providing you with everything that is essential. ♦

# Balcony View. . . WHAT STANDS BEFORE US

By Michael Ott, Moderator

The Leadership Council's regular meeting was held on January 20 via Zoom video. After giving the green light to the final 2021 budget to be presented to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting, Council members and our ministers engaged in a long discussion about our church's continuing awareness and education about racism. We talked about what it would mean and what it would look like to be in solidarity and partnership with the Black community and how we might understand what Black Lives Matter means in our congregation.

Upon reflection, Pastor Lacey expressed gratitude for the conversation about racial justice, recognizing that several people "shared questions they are wrestling with, new ideas that they are dwelling with, experiences of injustice and inspiration for being a part of justice." People had energy around thinking of antiracist work as being similar to the process of declaring our church Open and Affirming. That was a long, intentional process that invited all groups and people of our congregation to participate in." Pastor Lacey noted that "just as being Open and Affirming is ongoing, daily work of a community--a covenant we have to return to again and again--so is antiracism."

Larell Fineran, our Council member for Faith Formation, wrote later that what she has experienced leading antiracist education over the last 25 years is that most white people don't really want to know what to do about racism if it will require anything of them that is inconvenient or uncomfortable. "The racist status quo is comfortable for me virtually 24/7 as a white person, challenging the racist status quo is not. Building the racial stamina required to challenge the racist status quo is thus a critical part of our work as white people." Larell added a simple analogy that rings true. "Did you read "Thomas the Tank Engine" to your kids? We're on that hill with Thomas, not sure what we'll finally see at the top, but not stopping until we get there."

Our church has so far offered book studies, meditations and discussions about antiracism. The intent is to continue to move towards a deeper understanding of racism, the thing that Ibram Kendi writes is "a mirage but one that humanity has organized itself around in very real ways."

Amanda Gorman, National Youth Poet Laureate, in her inaugural poem proclaimed that "we lift our gazes not to what stands between us but what stands before us." This year, Council intends to continue the work towards antiracist ways of thinking and acting, to center antiracism in the policies we enact and bring forth more opportunities for the congregation to engage in this critical work. It is hard work but so very rewarding when we move to embrace what stands before us.

#### **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – JANUARY 2021**

The Leadership Council met for our regular meeting via Zoom teleconference on January 20. A summary of discussions and actions are highlighted below.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was presented. We ended December even YTD - started and ended 2020 with a zero balance. We were able to do this due to:

- PPP funds of \$43,753 from the government, a loan forgiven.
- Pulling \$22,095 from Reserves The 2020 budget planned to use \$23,167 from reserves.
  Solid pledge revenue, lessened facility revenue, and lower expenses were other key financial drivers of 2020.

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#### Faith Formation | Formed with Intention

by Rev. Lacey Hunter

There is no doubt in my mind that 2020 and the beginning of 2021 have been formational years. These times are shaping us and reshaping us. Out of the necessity to change how we do most things can come the opportunity to reevaluate our lives, individually and collectively, and discern who we are called to be in the world and how we are called to live more fully into that purpose. Our church's annual meeting at the end of January was yet another opportunity for us to reflect on how we are church and how we want to be church moving forward. There are many creative ways we can find voice for this purpose.

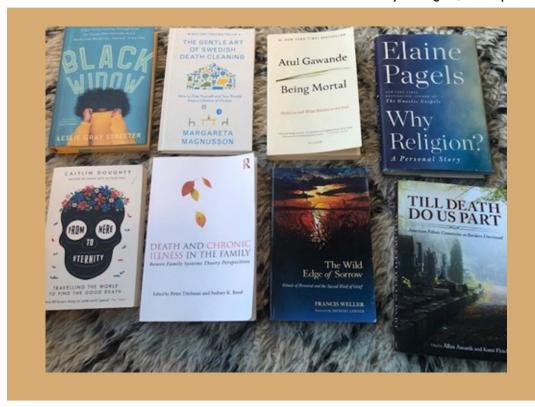
I'll share one practice we engaged with the high school youth group. In September, as we set out into this wilderness time together, we spent time reading through the Ten Commandments found in the book of Exodus. One thing we noticed was that almost all of the commandments are written in the negative, meaning they tell us what not to do. The question before us then was: What might God be telling us to do? Youth group members spent time translating the Commandments into positive statements and gave me permission to share these translations. Check out the table below to reflect on the Commandments as written by our church's youth members. How might you translate the Commandments into statements of what God is calling us to do in the world?

| The Ten Commandments New Revised Standard Version Translation       | The Ten Commandments<br>Community Church of Sebastopol<br>High School Youth Group Translation  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| 1. You shall have no other gods before me.                          | 1. I am God. Worship only God.   |  |  |
| 2. You shall not make for yourself an idol                          | 2. Use me as a higher being instead of making me one of you. Believe in God, not fake news.  |  |  |
| 3. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God | 3. Speak the truth when using the Lord's name. Use the Lord's name when you are speaking to the Lord in prayer. The more you respect God's name the more powerful it is. |  |  |
| 4. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy                       | 4. Love the Sabbath and honor rest.  |  |  |
| 5. Honor your father and your mother                                | 5. Honor your parents.   |  |  |
| 6. You shall not murder   | 6. Appreciate all life.  |  |  |
| 7. You shall not commit adultery.                                   | Stay loyal to those you love.  |  |  |
| 8. You shall not steal  | Work for what you want and respect other's hard work. Reach for help when you need it.   |  |  |
| 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor           | 9. Tell the truth.   |  |  |
| 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's belongings                  | 10. Be satisfied, happy, and proud of what you have.   |  |  |

#### What Did Pastor Rachel Read on her Sabbatical?

#### Dear Friends,

I was grateful and delighted to embark upon my very first sabbatical this winter. A sabbatical is typically a time of rest and study, and for Pastors can also be a time for spiritual renewal. The six weeks that I was "away" (really I was mostly at my house!) were filled with expansive time for rest, family, cooking, and reading. I loved being able to say yes to spontaneous trips to the beach or a bike trail, sleeping in, and slowing down. I also loved reading lots of books. I really wanted to spend my sabbatical digging in to the topic of dying, death, and grief. Here is a photo of books that I read. I loved them all for different reasons... Here are my thoughts, in no particular order:



Black Widow, by Leslie Gray Streeter, is an autobiography of a young African-American Baptist woman who is suddenly widowed when her White Jewish husband dies. They happen to be in the midst of an adoption process when he dies, and she must now navigate her grief while also navigating an adoption, while also navigating racism in Florida. Her writing style is very approachable, I read this book in a day, parts of it made me laugh out loud, and I admit tears came when the book came to a close.

The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning, by Margareta Magnussun, is also autobiographical-- but really it's a book of advice about how to tidy up your home and get things in order before you die. She literally says it's rude to leave a big mess for people you love to have to clean up after you. But she delivers this halting message with sweet drawings and stories about her life, and the stories of objects that have been special to her. This is the book that inspired me to death-clean my pantry! I liked it because of its halting style, the voice of someone between the age of 80-100, and its simple message.

Being Mortal, by Atul Gawande, is an excellent book about end of life care in America, from the point of view of a medical doctor. He writes all about how nursing homes and assisted living facilities emerged in the United States, how the field of medicine approaches end of life care (often going to brutal extremes to prolong a life), and how families can help make decisions to support the desires of a dying loved one. He includes a lot of fascinating history, but I really loved his personal story—he writes about his own grandfather's death in a village

in India, surrounded by family, as well as the journey he embarks upon with his own father. He writes very personally about what he's learned as a doctor about caring for a patient's quality of life, and really listening for what a patient wants as they near the end of their life. Honestly, I think this book should be required reading in seminaries and medical schools!

Why Religion, by Elaine Pagels, is also a memoir. If you haven't ever heard of Elaine Pagels, I highly recommend everything she's ever written. She is one of the great religious historians of our time, specializing in the field of Ancient Christianity and Gnosticism, and she's a professor at Princeton. But this book is different from any of her academic books-- here she writes about growing up in the South Bay, hearing Billy Graham in San Francisco, and later becoming an Episcopalian. If you enjoyed the 60s in San Francisco, you will probably like some of the references at the beginning of this book. But really this book is about her grief process when her son and husband die within 15 months of one another. She asks "why religion" speaks to these tragedies and how it guides her through.

From Here to Eternity, by Caitlin Doughty, is a journey through death practices around the world. Caitlin Doughty is a mortician and funeral home owner in Los Angeles, and the founder of "Order of the Good Death," an organization devoted to normalizing death and dying in our culture (which she calls "death-phobic"). She has a witty style, and really I picked up this book because I enjoyed some of her short videos: http://www.orderof-thegooddeath.com/category/videos. The video about the bubonic plague in San Francisco is super interesting. But the book is good too, if you'd like to know more about the subject of death and funeral practices in other places around the world.

Death and Chronic Illness in the Family, edited by Peter Titleman & Sydney Reed, is a dense and academic tome written by psychologists who study Bowen Family Systems Theory. It's also the book that I geeked out on the most, wrote in the margins everywhere, and inspired me to map my own family's genogram. The book begins with an essay by Murray Bowen from 1976, in which he outlines his theory about the emotional shock wave that can occur within a family system when someone dies. The collected essays point to the family as an ecosystem, so death occurs within this network of relationships (and so does grief). It goes against a more individualistic approach, the idea that grief is an individual's challenge. This book reaffirmed my belief in the importance of funerals and memorial services to support a grieving family and community, and made me question again-- what happens to deferred grief (because of covid), when so many families are choosing not to gather and grieve in any way?

The Wild Edge of Sorrow, by Francis Weller, has been on my shelf for a long time, and I was delighted to sink into parts of it again. Francis Weller is a local Sonoma County psychologist and "soul activist," and he writes beautifully in this book about grief, intimacy and sorrow. He also raises the importance of rituals to help people metabolize grief. Someday I am hoping to attend one of his workshops, if I can get in before it sells out!

**Till Death Do Us Part: American Ethnic Cemeteries as Borders Uncrossed, edited by Alan Amanik & Kami Fletcher,** is an academic book about how cemeteries exemplify segregation, racism, and xenophobia in America. I admit I haven't totally made it through this book yet. But each of the chapters is about cemetery and burial practices among different ethnic groups: Jewish, Polish, Arab, Chinese, African-American, and the "Wealthy White Protestant Lawn-Park Cemetery." I picked up this book because it echoed the experience of Leslie Gray Streeter in Black Widow, when she went to the cemetery to choose a plot for her husband, and found that he could not be buried in the Jewish section of the cemetery if she was to be buried beside him (because she is not Jewish), and he could not be buried with her in the Baptist section of the cemetery (because he was not Baptist).

It also dovetails with one of Caitlin Doughty's videos about racism and segregation in cemeteries, in which she interviews co-author Kami Fletcher: http://www.orderofthegooddeath.com/why-are-black-white-funeral-homes-still-separate. And of course I expanded my collection of children's books about dying, death, and grief! Here is a photo of the books I added during my sabbatical:



Death is Stupid, by Anastasia Higginbotham, is actually one I already had, but re-read a few times during my sabbatical. It's a very direct look at death from a child's point of view, and the art is all collage with hand-written words. I like the honesty in this book for example, that people say really stupid things when someone dies, like "Gramma's only sleeping" when really Gramma has died. This book is in a series of "Ordinary Terrible Things" by the same author, which includes Divorce is the Worst, Not My Idea (A Book about Whiteness), and Tell Me About Sex, Grandma.

The Heart and the Bottle, by Oliver Jeffers, is a book about a child whose elder dies, so she places her heart in a bottle so it won't hurt. As she grows up she comes to a time when she wants to release her heart again, but then can't get the bottle open... until she finds help in an unexpected place. I like the drawings and tone of this book, and the cd is narrated by Helena Bonham Carter.

My Father's Arms are a Boat, by Stein Erik Lunde, is a stunningly quiet book about a child whose mother has died. His father carries him in his arms through the snow, to see the animals. There is a poetic comfort in the illustrations, which include photos of paper cut-outs. My only criticism of this book is that the father says the mother is "asleep" rather than that she has died, and I don't think this euphemism is helpful for children understanding death. But I like the tender gentleness of the book, the artistry, and how thick the pages feel in your hands. The closing line is "Everything will be all right."

There are so many more books I didn't get to, but this gives you an idea of what I dabbled in during my sabbatical. My heart is full, my spirit is refreshed, and my mind is hungry for more, so I am thinking that this was a successful sabbatical! And I pray that this study will inform my Ministry in your midst as this year unfolds.

Warmly, Pastor Rachel

# Reflections from Michael Ott, Outgoing Moderator

When you love something like I love our church, you want to be part of it, to contribute to it, to share and embrace it. I am grateful that this congregation gave me the opportunity to lead as Church Moderator the past two years. I have been deeply moved to play such an important role in this wonderful church family.

The mission of the Leadership Council is to safeguard the human, spiritual, financial, and property assets of the church. I believe we have done our job well. We have safeguarded our human assets by leading and participating in anti-racism and gender equality work. Our plan for our safe

return to church centered on the values of safety and holding the vulnerable close. We brought to

the congregation the opportunity to bring outward witness to equal justice. Our spiritual lives have been safeguarded, even during the challenge of the pandemic, by providing alternate, different and sometimes surprising ways to express our thanks and love of God. We embraced Church in the Wild and promoted imaginative and creative ways to bring the spirit of God forward to your homes. We have lifted anti-racism to a spiritual practice. Our financial assets have been protected by reasoned decisions made about priorities for distribution of funds. Our church property was safeguarded by authorization and completion of our sanctuary's structural beam repair.

Where will God lead us in the coming year? I believe our church will grow in abundance, in ways that we can't now even imagine. The Leadership Council has many ideas percolating that will result in an even stronger, more compassionate and grace-filled church community. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve toward this end.

# Introducing Bob Curtis, Our New Moderator

Originally from the Boston area, Bob moved

to California in his 20's and has spent most of his career working in and with schools and school districts. He is passionate about improving educational systems to better serve all students, especially those traditionally furthest from opportunity. Last year, Bob began working for a small educational non-profit. He has experience working on leadership teams and enjoys designing and facilitating meetings and learning experiences. Bob and Sheina married in 2005 and moved to Sebastopol in 2013. Their three daughters, Eliana Jade (12), Ainsley Rei (10)

and Quinn Elsie inspire and challenge him daily.



Michael Off



**Bob Curtis** 

Bob is excited about the church's vision and commitment to "putting our faith into action." Recently Bob has been reflecting on a quote by Linda Christensen about community. Linda states, "Community isn't always synonymous with warmth and harmony. Politeness is often a veneer for understanding when in reality it masks uncovered territory. It is important to remind ourselves that real community is forged out of struggle. This is the crucible from which a real community grows."

Bob hopes to find ways to contribute as the Moderator to continue building community and supporting the Leadership Council's work during this remarkable time.



#### **February Birthdays**

Christian Roa 3 4 Terry Beck 4 Nathan Knuth 5 Laura Pearsall 5 Larell Fineren 6 Ellen Sullivan 11 Kathie Mayhew 12 Charlie Hidalgo 14 Jennifer Halleck 14 Sandy Hendrickson 14 Kiley Clark 15 Brian Wetzel Martha Kautz 15 15 Joan Carter 16 Parker Warner Kate Robie 17 Bella Emerson 17 18 Sonja Larssen 19 John Henel Donna McPherson 19 20 **Danelle Waters** 20 Nico Bagley 22 **Bethany Nelson** Theresa Weigel 22 23 Jean Boal 23 **Judy Davison** 26 Margaux Jame 28 Erika DelMonte 29 Michael Woods

#### LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

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**Budget Update:** John Henel presented the Budget committee's final proposed budget for 2021. There will be no cuts to Personnel in 2021. There are funds in restricted accounts for Worship/Arts and Faith Formation expenses. There will be \$45K available from Undesignated Reserve #8399, \$15K from Endowment #8701, and \$4497 from Minister Housing Fund #8398 to balance the budget. None of these funds will be used until needed. Council gave the green light for this budget to be submitted to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting.

**Ministers' Housing Allowance:** For tax purposes, Council approved the following housing allowances for the ministers: \$50k for Pastor Ben, \$20,400 for Pastor Lacey and \$36,702 for Pastor Rachel.

**Updates on Committees and Teams:** Each council member reported on their progress of Ministry/Resource Area Committee/Team job descriptions, members and recruitment.

- Anti-Racist Formation: Council had a wide-ranging conversation about racial justice. We shared questions, new ideas and experiences of injustice that inspire us to be a part of justice. The work of anti-racism is a long, intentional process that we are committed to undertaking.
- Facilities: Facilities committee leadership was transferred from Judy
  Peterson to Roger Wilson. Health & Safety is working on emergency
  response plans and will recruit two additional members. The Grounds
  team continues to improve the landscape around the church. The Marketing and Communications Team meets every two weeks. There have been
  articles about the church published in local weekly papers. Planning
  continues to update our brand as presented on our website.

The congregation is invited to discuss these items as well as any other issues, concerns, ideas or appreciations to any of the Council Members. The Council Members are:

Robert Curtis – Moderator

Kathy Bell – Council Officer for Personnel

John Henel – Council Officer for Finances

Tom Terry – Council Officer for Facilities

Joyce Cox – Council Member for Outreach

Larell Fineren – Council Member for Faith Formation

Kathy Matthies – Council Member for Care and Fellowship

Linda Roa – Council Member for Worship and Arts

Danelle Tognozi - Clerk®

#### Monday Evenings in Lent: Virtual Chapel for Intercessory Prayer

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all God's people." - Ephesians 6:18



Monday Evenings in Lent 5:00pm, February 22-March 22

Join Zoom Meeting: check the weekly Monday emails for the link

You're invited to join Pastor Rachel for a moment of confidential, one-on-one prayer. If you have a private prayer concern, a prayer you'd like to lift up for someone

you care about, or just want to pray quietly with a Pastor, you are welcome to drop into this space. Every Monday during the Season of Lent, Pastor Rachel will open a Zoom "Virtual Chapel" from 5:00-5:40pm. As you sign on to the Zoom, you'll be placed in a Waiting Room, and then admitted individually. While in the Waiting Room, you may wish to use the time to slow down and breathe, perhaps light a candle. When it's your turn, you will have up to 5 minutes to share prayer concerns with Pastor Rachel, pray together, and receive a parting blessing. You may drop in to the call anytime starting at 5:00, with the last call taken at 5:35. For more information, please contact Pastor Rachel: pastorrachel@uccseb.org.

#### Informing the Neighbors About the Conestoga Huts

Editor Note: A couple of weeks ago, the Outreach Committee dropped off letters to neighbors near the church to notify them of the plans to install two Conestoga huts in the back of the parking lot. Anyone with questions are encouraged to contact Peggy Porter.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We have hosted a Safe Parking program at the church, in coordination with Catholic Charities, for approximately five years. Participants are screened and registered to have a safe place to park and spend the night. We are planning to place two Conestoga huts in the parking lot to serve as overnight shelter for two of the Safe Parkers.

These weatherproof huts fit in one parking space, have a bed, window and locking door. These clients will be subject to the same screening process and rules as our Safe Parkers. They will have access to church bathrooms, showers and limited access to a kitchen.

These huts offer some additional security and a slight step up in circumstance which will hopefully help them transition into housing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at the church office at office@uccseb.org.

Thank you,

Peggy Porter
Outreach Committee

### **Events in February at Community Church**

Most in person gatherings at Community Church are suspended. Check our online calendar at https://uccseb.org/Calendar.php for updates when changes are made to the Shelter-in-Place order for Sonoma County.

| February 2  | Noonday Prayer, 12:00 p.m., Zoom<br>Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus<br>Men's Discussion Group, 11:30, Courtyard or Zoo<br>Handbell Ensemble, 4:00 p.m. Zoom | om or Feb 3 at a | 6:30?  |
|-------------|--|------------------|--------|
| February 3  | Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
| February 4  | Chancel Choir, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Zoom  |                  |        |
| February 7  | 1st Sunday After Epiphany, 10:30 a.m., Zoom  |                  |        |
|             | Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
|             | Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
|             | Middle School Youth Group, 4:00 p.m., Zoom   |                  | . 10   |
| F.I. 0      | High School Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
| February 9  | Noonday Prayer, 12:00 p.m., Zoom   |                  | A      |
|             | Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus   |                  | 1.1    |
|             | Handbell Ensemble, 4:00 p.m. Zoom Pastor-Parish Relations Team (Ben) 4:30 p.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
|             | Mission & Outreach Committee, 7:00 p.m., Zoom  |                  | 40     |
| February 10 | Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
| February 11 | Chancel Choir, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Zoom  |                  |        |
| February 12 | Card Writing Ministry, 1:00 p.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
| February 13 | Second Saturday Lunch, 11:30, Bell Tower Courty  | ard (            |        |
| February 14 |  |                  |        |
| ,           | Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
|             | Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
|             | Middle School Youth Group, 4:00 p.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
|             | High School Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
| February 15 | Salt & Light Newsletter deadline   |                  |        |
|             | President's Day  |                  |        |
| February 16 | Noonday Prayer, 12:00 p.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
|             | Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus   |                  |        |
|             | Handbell Ensemble, 4:00 p.m. Zoom  |                  |        |
| February 17 | Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Zoom   |                  |        |
| F. J. 10    | Leadership Council, 6:30 p.m., Zoom  | February 28      | Lent I |
| February 18 | Chancel Choir, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Zoom  |                  | Bible  |
| February 21 | Lent 1, 10:30 a.m., Zoom   |                  | Kinsh  |
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February 28 Lent II, 10:30 a.m., Zoom
Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Zoom
Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m.,
Zoom
Mid School Youth Group, 4:00
p.m., Zoom
High School Youth Group,
7:00 p.m., Zoom

Suspended until further notice:

- Showers
- UkeStars

February 24 Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Zoom

February 23

Leadership Council, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Noonday Prayer, 12:00 p.m., Zoom

Middle School Youth Group, 4:00 p.m., Zoom

High School Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus Handbell Ensemble, 4:00 p.m. Zoom

February 25 Chancel Choir, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Zoom

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