



**STAYING IN TOUCH...  
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**Steve's Corner**

Hi, Grace,  
now we enter into Lent, walking with Jesus and each other toward the Cross and Resurrection. This First Sunday of Lent the belief we are pondering is God the Creator. Each week we will use a portion of the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith as a launching pad for examining our own Credo, or I Believe.

Here is this week's portion:

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

The texts are: Genesis 1:1-5,26-7; 31.

Now, on Wednesdays at 7pm our Zoom Bible Study will be a conversation about the previous Sunday's sermon. So next Wednesday the 24th we will talk about "God Creates ." What does it mean for God to be the Creator of all, for God to call all Creation "good", for us to be created in the Divine image and for us to be given the freedom to choose good or evil in life or death? Let's talk!

Last year the church talked about making the Lenten Study co-Ed! So this year, Ye Lenten Ladies and Gents, if you want to do a Lenten study together, here is the way! If you want to get chicken wings from Joe Phifer's and bring it home that night, it is permissible in Lent.

Beer is optional.

Your pastor, Steve

**Calendar**

**No meetings or services this week.**

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Tressie Starrette,  
Barbara Robinson,  
Mary Jean Grose.*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Jeffrey Tate family, Jamie Stewart,  
Gina and Bryan, Patti West, Irene  
Shoemaker, Jordan Love,  
Vera Webster, Nancy Milstead,  
Tim Alexander, Spencer Cox,  
Virginia Carter, The African Baptist  
Churches of Zimbabwe, Linda  
Sample, Karen Marlowe, Casey  
Leslie, caregivers, and healthcare  
workers, homeless children, our  
nations immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times,  
those who are mentally ill, those  
who are affected by violence, those  
who are incarcerated.*

*In our community and in our world,  
children who are a part of the  
Guardian ad Litem program, local  
law enforcement officers and fire  
fighters.*

*Those in the military:*

*Molly Murphy, Greg West,  
Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,  
Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,  
Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran  
Mary Jane Johnson,  
Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton, Jacob  
Taylor and Ethan Dowden,  
30th Brigade.*

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Celebrations:  
Birthdays*

- 15 - Patti West**
- 18 - Vincent Touns**
- 18 - Linda Marshall**
- 19 - Jo Salisbury**
- 19 - Autumn Tilley**
- 25 - Ayden Johnson**
- 26 - Brenda Joines**

**Concerns:**

**Racial Healing.**

**Our Nation.**

Please remember Katelyn John's fiance' Josh. His mother, Margaret Hayes, has COVID and possibly sepsis.

**The week of February 14-20, 2021**

**February**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 2 - Sarah Adams
- 4 - Grady Lippard, Jr.
- 9 - Janice Comer
- 10 - LeAnda Barnard
- 10 - Lydia Comer
- 13 - Brooke Bradley
- 13 - Cameron Bradley Alexander
- 15 - Patti West
- 18 - Vincent Touns
- 18 - Linda Marshall
- 19 - Jo Salisbury
- 19 - Autumn Tilley
- 25 - Ayden Johnson
- 26 - Brenda Joines
- 28 - Haley Hendrix Williams
  
- 13 - Mike and Brenda Joines
- 14 - Mike and Gay Shaver

**Budget**

Needed year to date:  
Received year to date: \$7441.00  
**UNDER** budget:  
Weekly needs:

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**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR  
NATION AND THE WORLD**

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN HOME FROM  
SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN LOOKING TO THE  
NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

ANTICIPATORY GRIEF.

LEADERS TO HAVE UNCOMMON WISDOM.

CORPORATE LEADER.S

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

THOSE WITHOUT INCOME.

HIGH RISK GROUPS.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES.

ANYBODY IN CHARGE OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE.

FACILITY RESIDENTS WITH NO FAMILY VISITS.

THOSE WITH ANXIETY ISSUES.

THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY LOST LOVED ONES  
DUE TO THE VIRUS.

STILL BEING MINDFUL OF THE WORLD EVEN  
AFTER THIS ISSUE HAS PASSED.

