

# ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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## Letter from the Pastor Emeritus



A TRIBUTE TO CARRIE.....

In 1992 my wife Carrie, a school teacher in Warrenton, received a thank you card from Donny and Sheila Kopmann. Their son Eric was in Carrie's class. The handwritten note on the inside said:

Mrs. Deeker,

We're so glad Eric was lucky enough to be in your class this year. We feel he has really done well, thanks to all your efforts. It means a lot when your child enjoys school and is always ready to go. You care about each of your students from your heart and that's what makes you a great teacher.

Love, Sheila

Sometime later, Sheila was diagnosed with lung cancer. She made a special effort to meet Carrie at school, and with tears in her eyes, said how much she wanted Carrie to be her daughter Leann's teacher. This was very moving to Carrie, who also was in tears.

Carrie's note in this card she saved said, "Sheila died of lung cancer at 33—She was a lovely lady."

It has been said, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." Maybe that has something to do with what Jesus tells us, "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*" That would be a great discipline for the Season of Lent.

Don Deeker, Pastor Emeritus



## World Day of Prayer

**Friday, March 6h**



**1pm**

*Hosted by:*

*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Concord Hill*

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!**

*Fellowship will follow the event.*



Change  
Clocks  
at Bedtime

**Sat., March 7th**

*"Spring Forward"*

**—DAYLIGHT SAVING—**

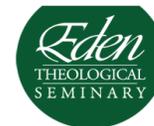
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**— March Extra Step — One Great Hour of Sharing**

**NOTE: We are a “5 for 5” church supporting the 5 UCC Missions**

**(One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, OCWM, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund)**



***St. Paul's UCC Staff***

Pastors by Supply.....	
Robbin DeVore (stpaulsuccmo.org@gmail.com).....	Secretary
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Sally & Tony Rohe.....	Custodians
Debbie Garbs.....	Choir Director
Cathie Schoppenhorst, Gene Ahmann, Brenda Daniels, Amy Lange.....	Projection Technicians
Robbin DeVore.....	Newsletter Editor

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Jim Buescher.....	President
Wilma Zeh.....	Vice President, Pastoral Relations Committee Rep.
Bonnie Borgmann.....	Treasurer
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Terri Ogle.....	Recording Secretary, Altar Guild Rep.
Jacob DeVore.....	Buildings & Grounds Committee Rep.
Jodi Lange.....	Social Media Rep., Christian Ed. Committee Rep., Membership Care Committee Rep.



# SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER



A very special thanks to the Sausage Dinner committee for a job well done!! Many thanks as well to all who worked and/or made donations! Thanks also to all who were patrons and enjoyed this wonderful meal!!...



To those who “had none” ... you really missed out! You'll just have to cry “wee, wee, wee” all the way 'til next year.

A special “Thank You” to those who worked double shifts and to those who stayed late to help clean up. This dinner would not be possible without everyone's help and cooperation.

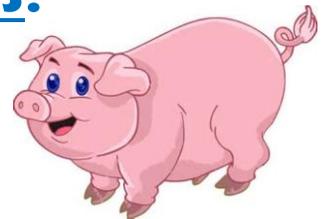
**WE SOLD A TOTAL OF 543 TICKETS.**

**NET PROFIT = (final figure is not yet available)**  
 (The Raffle brought in **\$612** for the Women's Guild.  
 The Country Store earned **\$777.**)



## RAFFLE WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1st Place: Quilt = Cathie Schoppenhorst  
 2nd place: \$50 K&R Gift Card = Harold Bakameyer  
 3rd Place: \$25 K&R Gift Card = Jim Zwyers



**MANY THANKS** to the family of Melba Roloff for donating the quilt.

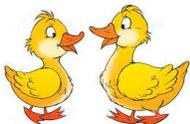
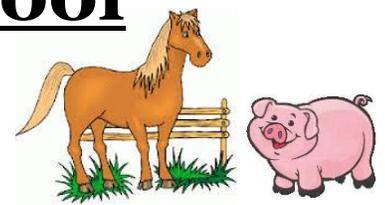
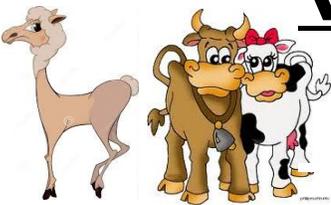
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## Vacation Bible School

**Monday – Friday**  
**July 20-24, 2026**

**9am-12N**

**Mark Your**  
**Calendars Now!**



# Sunday Morning Fellowship

We need *volunteers* to assist with coffee, lemonade, and donuts.



The sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

See Marigene Kersten with questions or inquiries.



# Quilting

**Mondays  
10am-4pm**

Contact Audrey Meyer at 433-2210 with questions or inquiries.



# Women's Guild

will sponsor the

# Blood Drive

**Tues., March 24th**



Refreshments will be served for participating donors.



Please donate blood. It saves lives!  
(See page 17)



**WOMEN'S GUILD  
WED., MARCH 4TH  
2PM**



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
MON., MARCH 16TH—6PM**



# ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION

**FRI., MARCH 13TH—5:30PM**



In lieu of an Adult Social Connection event, everyone is encouraged to support Ebenezer UCC's fish fry in Augusta, MO. Ebenezer UCC will reserve seating for us; therefore, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by Tues., March 10<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

Everyone will meet in Augusta at 5:30pm.

**Legend of the Shamrock**—According to legend, St. Patrick was traveling and happened upon a number of Irish chieftains along a meadow. The tribal leaders were curious about the Holy Trinity and asked St. Patrick for an explanation. So, he bent down, picked a shamrock, and showed it to them, and explained how the three leaves are part of the one plant, and how similarly the three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are part of one Supreme Being.



# ALTAR FLOWERS:



**February 1:** to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

**February 8:** in loving memory of Arlene DeVore, who passed away 14 years ago, on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, by Tim DeVore.

**February 15:** in loving memory of Bob Dohrer's birthday today, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, by Karen Dohrer.

**February 22:** in loving memory of Henry Stegner's birthday today, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, by Jeanette Stegner. Extra arrangement in loving memory of Hertha Berg, who passed away 10 years ago on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, by Sue Berg.

**NOTE:** Consider sponsoring the altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, a special date, or just because... Sign-up sheets for altar flowers are in the lobby. The flowers are yours to take with you after the service of worship.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*\*\*Anyone who is interested in joining St. Paul's UCC should contact a council member or the church office.\*\**



## With Deepest Gratitude

We would like to thank **THE MANY SUPPLY PASTORS** for their service to St. Paul's UCC during these months we have been without a settled pastor.

Many thanks to **REV. DON DEEKER, PASTOR EMERITUS**, for always being there for us—for keeping us under his wing. We very much appreciate his willingness to be our constant supply and cover pastoral care for St. Paul's during this time of transition.

Thanks also to **ALL** who have kept us in your thoughts and prayers, and the many kind and thoughtful gestures you have shown during this period of adjustment. May you all remain safe, healthy, and vigilant throughout these troubled times.

In His name,  
St. Paul's UCC Church Council and Congregation

### Suggested Scripture Readings for March

March 1st — Genesis 12:1-4a and Psalm 121 Romans 4:5,13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

March 8th — Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

March 15th — 1 Samuel 16:1-13 and Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

March 22nd — Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

March 29th — (Liturgy of the Palms): Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Matthew 21:1-11

(Liturgy of the Passion): Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54



# Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply



March	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilma Z. (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie Schoppenhorst Lulu Hasenjaeger Cindy Buescher	Bonnie B. (lead) Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Cathie S. (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle John Presser Nancy Presser	Jim B. (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe	Jacob D. (lead) Kay Buhr Debbie Garbs Russell Kersten Kersten Mayer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Colsie Lange	Kersten Mayer
<b>Readers</b>	Cathie Schoppenhorst	Karla Aholt	Terri Ogle	Curt Rohe	Jodi Lange
<b>Greeters</b>	Brenda Roloff Cathie Schoppenhorst	Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy P.	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe	Kersten Mayer Russell Kersten
<b>Fellowship</b>	Wayne & Wilma Zeh	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	Debbie Garbs	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>

## Worship Attendance:

2-1-2026---42

2-8-2026---46

2-15-2026---44

2-22-2026---65



## The Adult Choir

Come join us in song! The choir will sing on Sunday, March 15th this month. Practice will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with inquiries.



## Supply March-April 2026

March 1— Don Deeker

March 8— Don Deeker

March 15— Don Deeker

March 22— Don Deeker

March 29— Don Deeker

April 3— Don Deeker  
(Good Friday)

April 5— Don Deeker  
(Easter)

April 12— Don Deeker

April 19— Don Deeker

April 26— Don Deeker



Be watching for the sign-up sheet in the lobby to purchase **EASTER LILIES** to decorate the sanctuary. Donate one in honor or in memory of someone, or just because...

You may take them home after Easter Sunday.



**St. Paul's UCC**  
**Marthasville, MO**  
**Lenten/Easter Services**

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**There will be no Wednesday evening Lenten Services.**

**Fri., April 3, 2026—Good Friday—**  
**Service at 7pm.**



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**Sun., April 5, 2026—**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Service at 9:30am.**



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**“One More Thing...Lenten Sacrifices”**

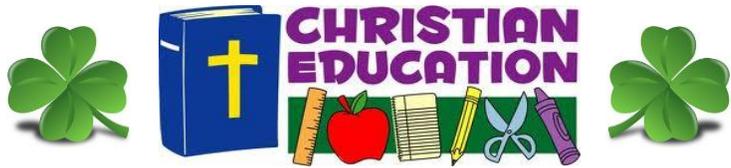
For most religions, the traditional practices for lent are prayer, fasting (abstaining from certain foods), and almsgiving (giving money or food to the needy). Whatever method of discipline one uses to deepen his/her awareness of the sacrifices Jesus made for us is the point.

**Here are some new ideas of “sacrificing for lent:”**

- **Giving up a bad habit**, whether it be an indulgence (certain foods, drink, tobacco, gambling, etc.), or a way of thinking or responding to a certain situation (i.e. envy, jealousy, selfishness, greed, impatience, gossip, avoidance, etc.). Replace a bad habit with a good one, such as conserving water, electricity, or recycling—go green... Or begin a new healthier diet by giving up a habit of eating “unhealthy” foods, or starting an exercise regimen for healthier living... Or begin a daily devotional time of meditation, reading, or prayer.
- **Giving of your time**—maybe spend more time with loved ones or a friend you seldom see, visiting a shut-in or a neighbor down the street to help him/her with a difficult chore (perhaps a ride to church or the store, or to see a movie), reading to them, or sharing a meal. People long for time spent with others more than any frivolous item—especially children.
- **Spend time serving the needy**—at a soup kitchen, the food pantry, a nursing home, children’s hospital, or a shelter. Otherwise, begin to routinely give monetarily.

**Regardless of what one “gives up,” or “gives,” the point of sacrifice during lent is to put oneself on a challenging path in order to identify with the sacrifices Jesus made for each one of us. It is not necessary that you go it alone—have others walk this journey with you as you seek to grow in your faith and in your walk with Jesus. You’ll be amazed at what you learn!**

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday School Classes are held EVERY OTHER Sunday. Schedules are posted in the lobby and on the bulletin board by the office. March classes will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Irish Blessing**  
 May your *life* be filled with  
 laughter.  
 May your *heart* be filled with *song*.  
 May your *eyes* be filled with *beauty*.  
 May your *soul* always know  
 to whom you belong.



### Can you help the leprechaun find the end of the rainbow?

A leprechaun got lost in a field of clovers. He needs to find the end of the rainbow where all gold is kept. He walks only on four-leaf clovers and can only move one space up, down, left, right, or diagonal at a time. As he finds his way, he will spell a phrase. Can you help him get to the end of the rainbow and figure out the hidden phrase? (Answer on pg. 17)

#### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

A	M	I	D	J	H	L	D
W	D	C	T	D	O	E	D
L	F	O	L	G	D	O	F
T	T	E	F	D	D	E	G
G	O	N	U	I	S	O	D
D	C	V	A	D	M	A	N

**Sudoku Solving Directions:** To solve, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. No number can appear more than once in any row, column, or 9-box square.

8				4		3		
					2		5	
			7		9	2		1
		7				6	4	
9								2
	4	5				7		
3		6	4		1			
	2		5					
		1		2				7

(Answers on pg. 17)

## LENTEN TRIVIA: (ANSWERS ON PAGE 16)

1. What is the first day of Lent called?
2. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
3. What is the original meaning of the word "Lent?"
4. What color paraments are used during Lent?
5. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us?
6. When does Lent officially end?
7. What do Catholics abstain from eating on Fridays during Lent?
8. On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?
9. Why is Lent said to be 40 days, when Ash Wednesday to the last Saturday of the season is 46 days?



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1st: Seamus Zeh
- 4th: Jim Ogle
- 7th: Clay Chapman
- 8th: Dianica Schuster
- 10th: Allen Mueller
- 12th: Henry Wohler  
Lucy Wohler
- 14th: Joshua Engelage  
Amber Lange
- 16th: Pacey Rohe  
Jeff Beck  
Scarlett Beck  
Carson Beck
- 19th: Calvin Rodgers  
Liam Scheible
- 20th: Curt Rohe  
Kent Howard
- 21st: Susie Thierbach
- 23rd: Megan Zeh
- 24th: Don Buescher
- 25th: Sandy Rohe
- 28th: Gail Morris  
Virginia Lange
- 29th: Luke Richardson



# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

21st: Kent & Janet Howard



**Church Council Meeting:**  
Mon., March 9<sup>th</sup>—6pm

# ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

- 4th: Annmarie Voss
- 11th: Cullen Richardson  
Tyler Chapman
- 18th: Charley Elder



					<b>\$16</b>	\$ ___
					<b>\$19</b>	\$ ___
					<b>\$17</b>	\$ ___
					<b>\$16</b>	\$ ___
					<b>\$ ?</b>	\$ ___
<b>\$22 \$12 \$18 \$16 \$ ?</b>					Determine the amount for each icon to solve the puzzle.	

(answers on pg. 17)



**AN IRISH PRAYER**  
 May God give you...  
 For every storm, a rainbow,  
 For every tear, a smile,  
 For every care, a promise,  
 And a blessing in each trial.  
 For every problem life sends,  
 A faithful friend to share,  
 For every sigh, a sweet song,  
 And an answer for each prayer.



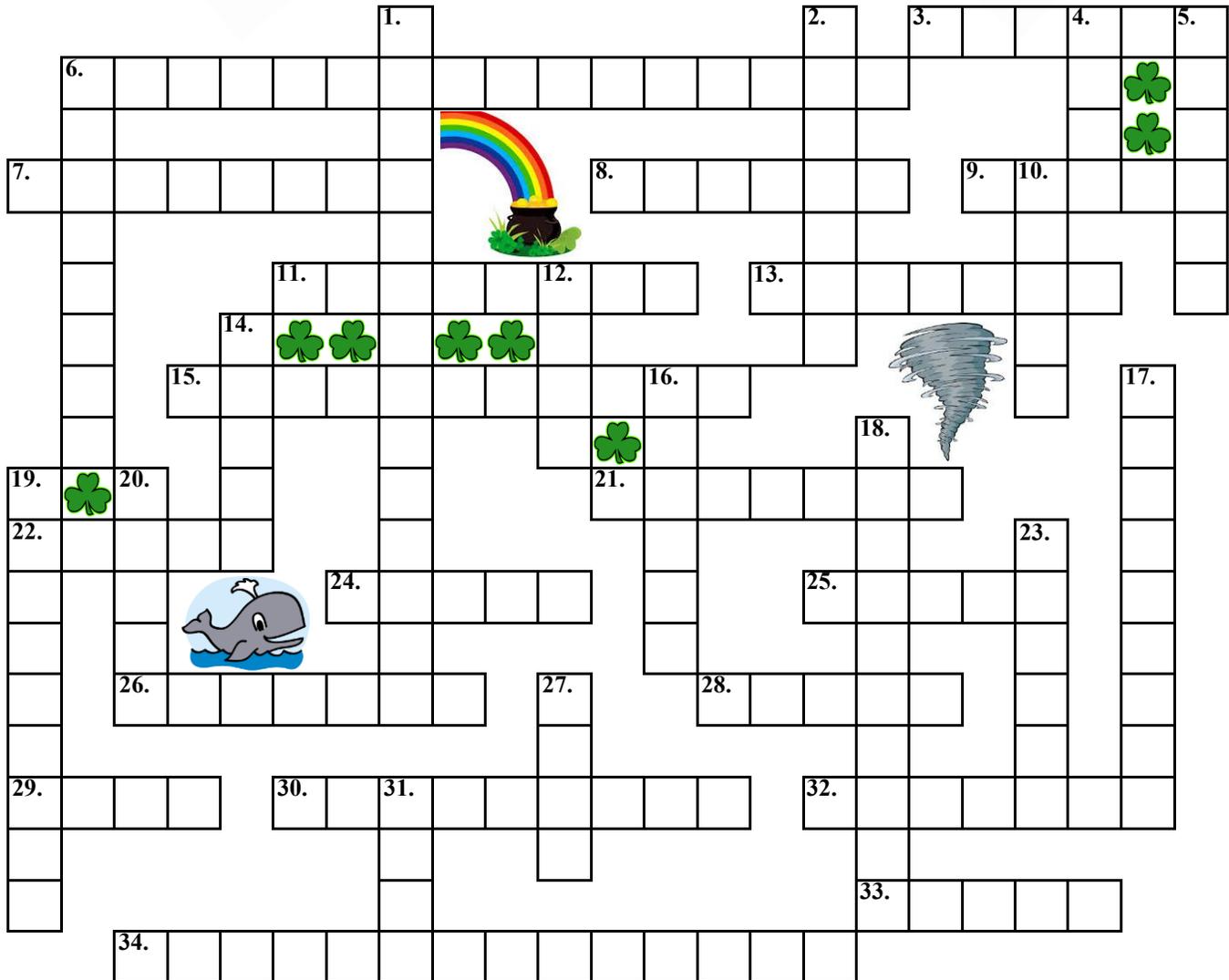
*Thank You!*

Many Thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, phone calls, help, and support during my recuperation. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

*Lulu Hasenjaeger*



# March Crossword



## ACROSS:

3. The language group that includes Irish, Scottish, Gaelic, and Welsh, among others.
6. March 17<sup>th</sup> holiday. (three words—do not abbreviate)
7. An early Spring flower, similar to the jonquil.
8. The first day of \_\_\_\_\_ occurs on or near March 20<sup>th</sup>.
9. Spring comes \_\_\_\_\_ winter.
11. Musical instrument used in folk music associated with Scotland, Ireland, Northumberland, and France.
13. When setting your clocks for daylight saving, we “spring \_\_\_\_\_.”
15. While trying to convert the Irish to Christians, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the \_\_\_\_\_ (two words)
21. Mindless chatter; persuasive flattery.
22. “Luck of the \_\_\_\_\_.”
24. If you are not wearing green on St. Patrick’s Day, someone will likely \_\_\_\_\_ you.
25. The color associated with St. Patrick’s Day.
26. A popular St. Patrick’s Day dish: corned beef and \_\_\_\_\_.
28. Third month of the year.
29. He built the Ark.

(answers on pg. 18)



30. What you will find at the end of a rainbow. (three words)  
 32. The Kilkenny, Carrickfergus, and Slane are three of Ireland's most popular \_\_\_\_\_.  
 33. Liam, Finn, Connor, Seamus, Riley, Erin, Rory, and Teagan are popular Irish \_\_\_\_\_.  
 34. Finding a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ is said to bring good luck. (three words)



**DOWN:**

1. The practice of advancing clocks during the summer months so that darkness falls later each day according to the clock. (two words)  
 2. The symbol of God's promise to humankind that He would never again flood the earth.  
 4. The 27<sup>th</sup> United States President, and the first of the two U.S. Presidents buried in Arlington National Cemetery. (last name)  
 5. A popular springtime attraction in Washington, D.C. is the Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ blossoms.  
 6. A three-leaved plant; the Irish word meaning "little clover" or "young clover."  
 10. Genesis 7:12 "And the rain fell upon the earth for \_\_\_\_\_ days and nights."  
 12. An evergreen tree.  
 14. The Hebrew prophet who was swallowed by a whale.  
 16. Early Spring cup-shaped flowers of bold colors.  
 17. Destructive funnel-shaped weather conditions most likely to occur in the Spring.  
 18. A small bearded man, in Irish folklore, wearing a coat and hat, who likes to cause mischief.  
 19. A town in the Republic of Ireland with a national park of the same name.  
 20. Very fragrant early Spring clustering flower in the form of a shrub or small tree.  
 23. God ordered Noah to take two of every kind of \_\_\_\_\_ onto the Ark.  
 27. A shade of green; also, a culinary herb.  
 31. "The Children of Lir" and "The Field of Boliauns" are both examples of an Irish \_\_\_\_\_.



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**"Spring Song"** by Lucy Maud Montgomery

*"Hark, I hear a robin calling!  
 List, the wind is from the south!  
 And the orchard-bloom is falling  
 Sweet as kisses on the mouth.*

*In the dreamy vale of beeches  
 Fair and faint is woven mist,  
 And the river's orient reaches  
 Are the palest amethyst.*

*Every limpid brook is singing  
 Of the lure of April days;  
 Every piney glen is ringing  
 With the maddest roundelays.*

*Come and let us seek together  
 Springtime lore of daffodils,  
 Giving to the golden weather  
 Greeting on the sun-warm hills."*



# \*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

## Cancelled Worship / Church Activities due to inclement weather:

In the event that worship or other events must be cancelled, postponed, or the start time be delayed due to inclement weather, communication of such will be relayed through postings on the following TV Stations:

**Channel 2, Channel 4, Channel 5, Channel 11, Channel 30**

A decision as to whether church services will be cancelled will be made by 8am on any given Sunday.

**\*\*Also, be advised that you should always use good judgment before taking unnecessary risks under any inclement weather conditions.\*\***



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### **LENTEN TRIVIA: (ANSWERS ON PAGE 16)**

- 1.) Gethsemane means...
  - a.) A quiet garden
  - b.) Oil Press
  - c.) The Olive Garden
  - d.) in the shadow of the olive trees
- 2.) How is ash for Ash Wednesday made?
  - a.) by burning palms used during the previous Palm Sunday
  - b.) by burning logs
  - c.) by burning books
  - d.) by burning clothes
- 3.) Which is the last Sunday in Lent?
  - a.) Easter Sunday
  - b.) White Sunday
  - c.) Palm Sunday
  - d.) Pentecost Sunday
- 4.) Who was appointed to carry the cross upon which Jesus was to be crucified?
  - a.) Barabbas
  - b.) Simon of Cyrene
  - c.) Peter
  - d.) A soldier
- 5.) The title above Jesus' head was written in...
  - a.) Roman, Babylonian, & Persian
  - b.) Calligraphy
  - c.) Caesar's name
  - d.) Latin, Hebrew, & Greek
- 6.) The nails were driven through...
  - a.) the feet separately
  - b.) the wrists
  - c.) unknown
  - d.) the palms





# Lenten Word Search



L Turn away  
E  
N  
T from sin

E	M	P	T	Y	T	O	M	B	F	A	B	T	D	E	K	C	O	M	G	S
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ARREST  
ASCENSION  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
BETRAYAL  
BIBLE STUDY  
CAIAPHUS  
CHRIST  
COMMUNION  
CROWN OF THORNS  
CROSS  
CRUCIFIXION  
DEATH

DENIAL  
EASTER  
EMPTY TOMB  
ETERNAL LIFE  
FASTING  
FEET  
FORGIVENESS  
GETHSEMANE  
GOOD FRIDAY  
HE IS RISEN  
JERUSALEM  
JESUS

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA  
JUDAS  
LAST SUPPER  
LENT  
MARY MAGDALENE  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
MOCKED  
NAILS  
PALM SUNDAY  
PILATE  
RESURRECTION  
SACRIFICE

SAVIOUR  
SHROVE TUESDAY  
SIMON OF CYRENE  
SON OF GOD  
SPRING  
STRIPES  
SUFFERED  
WITNESS  
WRISTS



After finding the words in the puzzle, use the unused letters to solve the messages below.

"Then Jesus said, ' \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.'..." (Luke 23:34 NKJV)

"Then the sun was darkened,..." (Luke 23:45) "And when \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, He said, ' \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.'

Having said this, He breathed His \_\_\_\_\_." (Luke 23:46) (Answer on pg. 18)

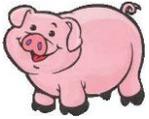
## Need a Little Luck?



A four-leaf clover is supposed to bring luck, mainly because it's rare – most clover have only three leaves, finding a four-leaf one is about a one in 10,000 chance!



Long ago Europeans thought that a rabbit was a lucky animal. This idea blended with African-American traditions to make the North American practice of carrying around a rabbit's foot for luck, often on a keychain.



In Germany, old decks of cards featured a pig on the ace, which led to "die sau" being considered lucky.



Many cultures believe knocking on wood will protect you from bad luck; this is said to have originated in Germanic folklore.



A horseshoe displayed above the door is said to keep the devil away. Some people say you should hang the horseshoe with the ends - the heels - pointing up so the good luck it brings won't drain out. Others say the heels should be pointing down so the good luck falls on anybody passing through the doorway.



The Mystic Knot is used in Chinese feng shui. The knot is created by tying together six infinity knots, and it represents never-ending good luck. (Place in the southeast area of your house for the best results.)



The ladybug is a symbol of good luck in many cultures of the world: in France, a ladybug is said to bring good weather for grapes; in Sweden, a ladybug brings good luck in love if it lands on a girl's hand; in Germany, a ladybug with 7 spots signifies good luck in the upcoming harvest.



The tradition of a bride putting a penny in her shoe on her wedding day dates back to the Victorian era and is said to bring the couple prosperity!



If you carry a buckeye in your pocket, it'll bring you good luck. The buckeye is said to attract good fortune.



At midnight on New Year's Eve, the Spanish eat 12 grapes, which symbolizes good luck for each month in the upcoming year.



Crossing your fingers for good luck dates back to early Christianity, where people used this hand gesture to summon the protection of the cross.

## St. Patrick's Day FUN FACTS:

1. St. Patrick was not Irish; he was from Wales, but became an important part of the Irish heritage through his service across Ireland in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. He died on March 17, 461.
2. Many claim the shamrock represents faith, hope, and love, but it was actually used by Patrick to teach about the Holy Trinity—how the 3 (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) could be separate entities, yet one in the same.
3. The first St. Patrick's Day celebration took place in America in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1737.
4. Despite the modern-day's celebrations centering around bar crawls and drink specials, from 1903-1970, all pubs were closed on the holiday due to religious observances.
5. For hundreds of years, a lighter shade of blue was most associated with the holiday. Green was considered unlucky. Associated with the country later, green became the color presumably because of the greenness of the countryside due to the plentiful rainfall. Today, Ireland is known as the "Emerald Isle."
6. St. Patrick's revelers thought wearing green made one invisible to leprechauns, who would pinch anyone they could see wasn't wearing green. People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch green-abstainers.
7. In Chicago, every year, the Plumbers Local 110 union uses 45 lbs. of vegetable-based dye to color the river "Kelly" green on St. Patrick's Day. The dye lasts for about five hours.
8. If by chance, one did happen to find a mystical pot at the end of a rainbow containing 1,000 gold coins weighing one ounce each, the estimated total current worth would be \$1,258,000. (WalletHub, 2015).
9. There is a 70% increase in cabbage shipments during St. Patrick's week.
10. There are 16 places in the United States named Dublin.



# DINNER & A SHOW

**Saturday, June 6th, 2026**

Doors Open: 4:00 pm  
Dinner Served: 5:30 pm

St. Paul's UCC  
103 S. Second St.  
Marthasville, MO



Entree Choices: Steak \$50 or Chicken \$45

Forms of Payment: Cash or Check



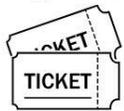
Homemade Desserts



Silent Auction



Beer & Wine Available



50/50 Drawing



Live Entertainment:

Entertainment Presented By: Jeff Lefton

**MURDER**  
*By Magic*

For information or reservations contact

Kay Buhr 636-221-1922 or

Terri Ogle 636-221-1678

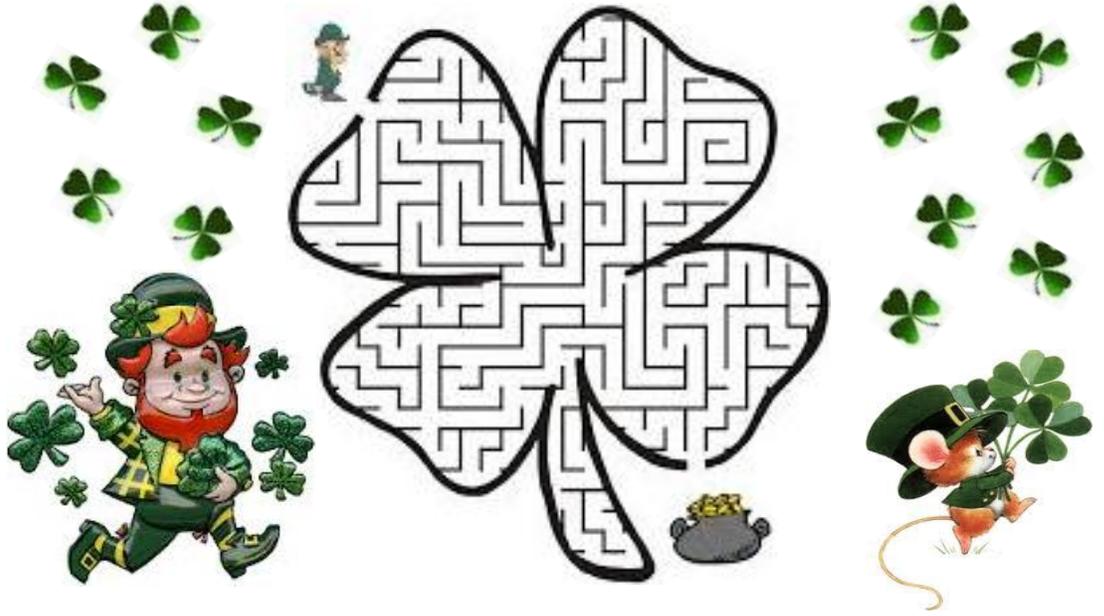
GET READY FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER, AMAZEMENT & A TWISTY MURDER MYSTERY  
YOU HELP UNRAVEL! YOU'LL ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL WHILE SECRETS SPILL,  
SUSPECTS SWEAT, AND THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPENS RIGHT AT YOUR TABLE!  
COME HUNGRY. COME CURIOUS. AND PREPARE FOR A NIGHT OF MYSTERY, MAGIC &  
MAYHEM!

# LENTEN

## TRIVIA:

(ANSWERS FROM PAGE 8)

1. Ash Wednesday
2. Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras
3. Spring
4. Purple
5. The entrance into Jerusalem
6. At sundown on Maundy Thurs., before the beginning of the Mass of the Last Supper
7. Meat
8. Ash Wed. and Good Friday
9. Sundays are not included



“Put a *Spring* in your step.”



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Marthasville Community Club

Bring  
your  
Easter  
baskets!

All  
0-10  
year-olds  
are  
welcome



# LENTEN

## TRIVIA:

(FROM PG. 13)

- 1.) b. L Turn away
- 2.) a. E
- 3.) c. N
- 4.) b. T from sin
- 5.) d.
- 6.) b.



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## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Blood Facts:

- On any given day, an average of 38,000 units of red blood cells are needed for hospital patients in the U.S.
- One in 10 people entering the hospital needs blood.
- Red blood cells must be transfused within 42 days.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.
- There is no substitute for human blood. It cannot be manufactured.



### Facts about donors

- Only 9 percent of people in the U.S. have type O negative blood. Type O negative donors are universal red cell donors as their blood can be given to people of all blood types—always in great demand and often in short supply.
- Type O negative blood is needed in emergencies before the patient's blood type is known and with newborns who need blood.
- Forty-eight percent of people in the U.S. have type O (positive or negative) blood.
- Only 3 percent of people in the U.S. have AB positive blood type. AB positive type blood donors are universal donors of plasma, which is often used in emergencies, for newborns and for patients requiring massive transfusions. AB plasma is also usually in short supply.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

**1-5PM**



**SAVE THIS DATE!  
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**



**Direct Appointment Link:**

This is the easiest way for donors to sign themselves up for the drive.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StPaulsMarthasville>



*Please donate blood. It saves lives!*

redcrossblood.org

**1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**

facebook.com/redcrossblood



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**PUZZLE** (from pg. 9)

- \$5
  - \$2
  - \$4
  - \$1
  - \$3
- = 11
- ↓ = 11

8	9	2	1	4	5	3	7	6
7	1	3	8	6	2	9	5	4
6	5	4	7	3	9	2	8	1
1	3	7	2	5	8	6	4	9
9	6	8	3	7	4	5	1	2
2	4	5	9	1	6	7	3	8
3	7	6	4	9	1	8	2	5
4	2	9	5	8	7	1	6	3
5	8	1	6	2	3	4	9	7

(Sudoku Answers from pg. 8)



(from pg. 8)

**POT OF GOLD**



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Susan Miesner—diagnosed with cancer; Nancy Thater (friend of Terri Ogle)—cancer reoccurrence; Walean Bunge—heart valve replacement on 2/18; Denny Kammer—heart issues; Jeanette Stegner—recovering from a series of falls; Lulu Hasenjaeger—recovering from a broken hip; Robbin DeVore—recovering from a broken femur; the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine, and of those who are in harm’s way trying to protect them; those affected by armed violence in this country and in the world; those affected by the recent natural disasters; all those recovering from surgery and other health issues, those fighting cancer, and those homebound/shut-in/in-care facilities.



**Those Battling Cancer:** Susan Miesner, Bonnie Borgmann, Nancy Thater, Rev. Jeff Mueller, Brenda Napier, Caiden Thies, Mildred Hinnah, Eric Moritz, Marcia Rekate, Brenda Gratz, Marigene Kersten, Glennon Hepperman, Ted Lepper, Dave Pruitt, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Teresa Wheeler, Marsha Meyer, Kurt Gildehaus, Kristi Warnecke, Isaac Mercer.

**Those serving in the Military:** Nick Sullentrup, Tyler Buescher, Luke Bronstrup, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country

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**Please remember those who are not always able to worship with us at St. Paul’s UCC. Remember them in prayer, with a visit, card, or a phone call:**

Ellen Engelage  
Union Care Center  
1080 Marie Lane  
Union, MO 63084



Mary Mittler  
Homestead at Hickory View  
1481 Marbach Dr., Room 211  
Washington, MO 63090

**—Meals on Wheels—**

**If anyone needs** or knows of anyone who needs home-delivered meals from the Warren County Senior Center, please contact the center at 636-456-3379. **Volunteers are also needed** to deliver meals.

**Answer to message from Word Search: (from pg. 13)**

“Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.’...” (Luke 23:34 NKJV)  
“And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit.’ “Having said this, He breathed His last.” (Luke 23:46 NKJV)

**March Crossword Answers (from pg. 10)**

**ACROSS:**

- 3. Celtic
- 6. Saint Patrick’s Day
- 7. Daffodil
- 8. Spring
- 9. After
- 11. Bagpipes
- 13. Forward
- 15. Holy Trinity
- 21. Blarney
- 22. Irish
- 24. Pinch
- 25. Green
- 26. Cabbage
- 28. March
- 29. Noah
- 30. Pot of Gold

**DOWN:**

- 1. Daylight Saving
- 2. Rainbow
- 4. Taft
- 5. Cherry
- 6. Shamrock
- 10. Forty
- 12. Pine
- 14. Jonah
- 16. Tulips
- 17. Tornadoes
- 18. Leprechaun
- 19. Killarney
- 20. Lilac
- 23. Animal
- 27. Sage
- 31. Tale



# St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> Bring A Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion NO Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10am-4pm Quilting </p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>The Season of Lent</i> </p>	<p><b>4</b>  2pm Women's Guild</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>  World Day of Prayer 1pm—St. Ignatius of Loyola Concord Hill, MO</p>	<p><b>7</b>  Change Clocks Tonight "Spring Forward"</p>
<p><b>8</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10am-4pm Quilting  6:30pm Church Council</p>	<p><b>10</b>  6:30pm-7:30pm Food Pantry @ CBC</p>	<p><b>11</b>  6:30pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>  5:30pm Ebenezer UCC Fish Fry</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:30am Worship NO Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10am-4pm Quilting  6PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!!</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> </p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20 1st day of Spring</b>  SPRING has SPRUNG</p>	<p><b>21</b>  11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC</p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship</p>	<p><b>23</b> 10am-4pm Quilting </p>	<p><b>24 1-5pm BLOOD DRIVE</b>  DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIFE</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> </p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> </p>
<p><b>29 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:30am Worship NO Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship</p>	<p><b>30</b> 10am-4pm Quilting </p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><i>"He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5 KJV)</i></p>			



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