

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday and Lent (continued from page 1)

We live in a culture that values grit and independence, and yet today we confess our softness, and dependence

We are here by your grace alone, O God.

And we thank you that you are gracious and slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. As we remember that we are dust, we also remember that you made yourself human, entering into the drama of palm branches and ashes, humbling yourself to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Be with us God, as we turn toward Jerusalem and make our pilgrimage to meet you there.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Consistory Notes

The Consistory of FRUCC met on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. In addition to Grace McMullen, there were eight members in attendance.

Approval of Reports

The January 2025 minutes and financial reports were approved.

Ministry Reports

Faith Formation

- The Adult Formation class is beginning a new Lenten series, The Final Words From the Cross. The class will meet in the second floor classroom.
- Godly Play Godly Play training will be hosted at FRUCC March 14-16
- Grace will begin a Lenten Study based on materials from Kate Bowler which will run March 6 - April 24. Meetings will be in the parlor.

Fellowship

- There are eleven members of the Friendly Visitors and currently have seven members being visited.
- The next breakfast is scheduled for March 23.

Mission and Outreach

- The meal served at Freedom's Hope on January 30 was successful. The next meal will be on May 29.
- Housing Ministry needs a task force set up to explore how to help the community.

Worship

- The Ash Wednesday service will be a joint venture with other local UCC churches.

Trustees

The congregation approved the funds to being updating fuse boxes with circuit breakers.

Old Business

- Discussion surrounding the Building Superintendent position continues.
- First ONA Covenant survey results (online only): 11 Yes, wholeheartedly; 2 Yes, but would appreciate more spiritual engagement; 2 No. Based on the Additional Comments, the covenant draft was edited, and a second survey has been made to send out to the congregation.
- Derek continues to work on the Cannon grant.
- Susan Puckett is checking in on the status of the Scholarship committee.
- The Consistory will be considering a membership check-in for all those listed on the roll.

New Business

- The Consistory approved a new ministry called Congregational Care, chaired by Brenda Sawyer, that will be divided in three subcommittees: Friendly Visitors (Brenda Sawyer), Connect (Kay Hunkins and Mike Young), and Reconnect (Laura Field and Kenny Septor).

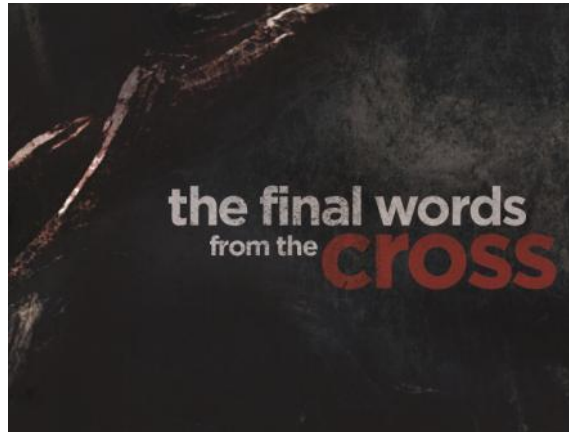
Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Field, Secretary

Senior Adults
Thursday, March 27
11:30 a.m. at Western Steakhouse

OFFICE HOURS 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday

New Lenten study begins for Adult Faith Formation

Beginning on March 9, the Adult Faith Formation class will begin a new study series entitled *The Final Words From the Cross*. Every Sunday during Lent, we'll focus on Christ's dying hours and his final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. Each week we'll focus on one of the characters at the cross, and reflect



upon one of the seven final statements of Jesus as we seek to understand the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today.

The study comes with a weekly devotional and guide, designed to help you reflect on what it means to be a witness at the cross.

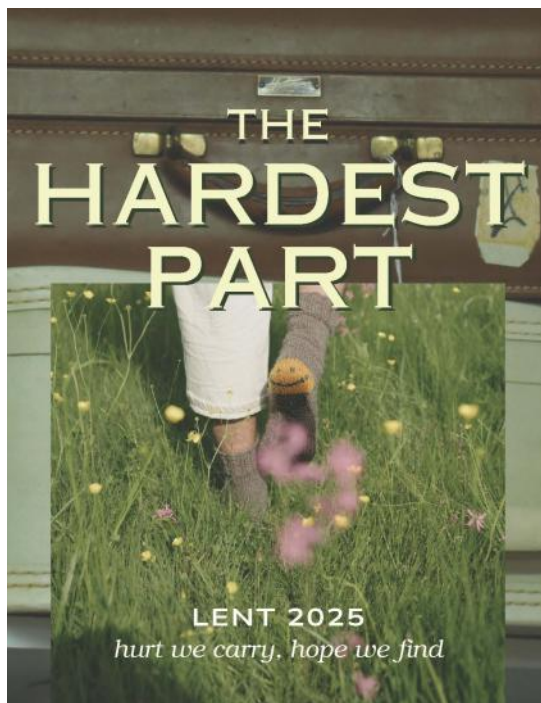
The class will meet in the classroom on the second floor at

Lenten study offered

Life is this strange, tender mix, isn't it? Joy and sorrow, love and loss, heartbreak and hope, all tangled together.

This year, embrace Lent as it is—raw, honest, and tender. Let these 40 days be a time to pause, reflect, and find the courage to stay with the hard part, trusting that the good part is still coming.

Join Grace on Thursdays during Lent at 10 a.m. in the Parlor. No books or prep required. The classes will run March 6 - April 24.



Meals on Wheels

Delivery Dates

March 10-14

Birthdays

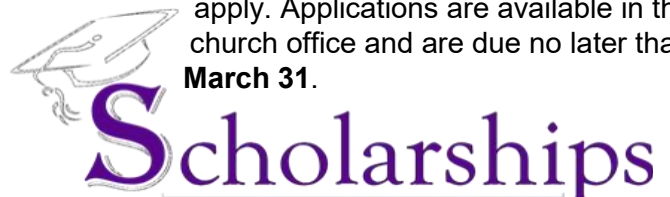
- 5 Amy Deal
Jim Euliss
- 11 Linda Kelley
- 17 Pete Burgess
- 18 Kyle Hayes
- 24 Claudette Fitzgerald



Greeters: Sandi Jones, Claire King, Pam Ratchford
Trustee on Call: Kenny Septor

Scholarships available

If you are a high school senior or a current college student seeking scholarship money, First Reformed UCC offers three scholarships. Any active church member currently attending or planning to attend an institution of higher education is eligible to apply. Applications are available in the church office and are due no later than **March 31**.



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Suggestions and contributions for our newsletter
are welcomed and encouraged.
The deadline for each issue is
the 15th of each month.

Sunday Services

9:45 a.m.	Faith Formation
11:00 a.m.	Worship

All are welcome!



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- RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED -

Jesus didn't reject people. Neither do we.

The Morning
Circle will meet
Wednesday,
March 5,
at 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome!



Thursday,
March 13
at 7 p.m.

Mission Statement

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