



# Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

Sunday Worship @ 10:30 AM

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.*

## *The Communicator*

*April 2019*

We are in the midst of Lent, the season on our Christian calendar before Easter that is often marked by fasting, self-denial and "giving up." But why? Sometimes we conform to the outward norms but miss the point.

Someone once said, "The truth shall set you free, but first it will hurt like hell." So here is the raw spiritual truth: what we understand as the "self" must die so that a larger Self can emerge. The ego-driven self finds its worth in various things: doing good things, success and achievement, being loved and admired by others, and other forms of security. But for the true Self to emerge, our game has to fall apart.

Richard Rohr says it so well:

*One of the only ways God can get us to let go of our private salvation project is some kind of suffering. This is why we Christians hang the cross in the center of our churches... Yet we don't really believe what the cross teaches us—that the pattern of death and resurrection is true for us too, that we must die in a foundational way or any talk of "rebirth" makes no sense. I don't know anything else that's strong enough to force you and me to let go of our ego. Somehow our game has to fall apart. However we've defined ourselves as successful, moral, better than, right, good, on top of it, number one... has to fail. It just has to.*

Blessed are those whose game has fallen apart, those whose private salvation project has failed! For those who have not yet known this kind of defeat—too bad. "Grace," writes Rohr, "is always a humiliation for the ego."

Peace,

Steve

**EASTER  
SUNDAY**  
APRIL 21, 2019  
10:30 AM



**First Sunday of every month**  
Communion, Bishop Place  
Hymn Sing  
**April 7**



Are you or your family interested in helping?  
The following jobs are available EVERY WEEK!

1. Usher/Greeters
2. Sound/Tech Volunteer
3. Coffee Hour Host

[http://www.signupgenius.com/  
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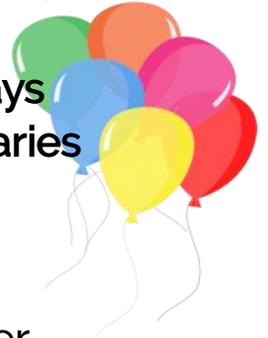
View all meetings and updates at the Online  
Calendar [pullmanucc.org/calendar/](http://pullmanucc.org/calendar/)

Tuesday	April 9	6:30 pm Cong. Life
Tuesday	April 9	7:00 pm Comm, Com.
Wednesday	April 10	12:00 pm Interfaith
Wednesday	April 10	7:00 pm Just&Wit.
Tuesday	April 16	9:30 am Shared Minist.
Tuesday	April 16	7:00 pm Faith Develop.
Wednesday	April 17	12:00 pm Cong. Care
Wednesday	April 17	7:00 pm Build&Groun.
Wednesday	April 17	7:00 pm Stew&Finan.
Wednesday	April 24	7:00 pm Council.



## April Birthdays and \*Anniversaries

6 Walt Miller  
19 Beth Waddel  
29 \*Carl & Ginny Hauser



### Family Promise Host Dates for 2019:

January 13-20

April 14-21

July 7-14

September 29-October 6

December 29-January 5

Interested in volunteering? Contact Sue Schell, [sueschell@roadrunner.com](mailto:sueschell@roadrunner.com)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDREN FAITH DEVELOPMENT**— The CCUCC Faith Development Team is excited to offer a new Progressive Christian curriculum to elementary age youth. The next series of lessons takes place April 14 - May 19 during worship, from 10:30 - 11:30. Marion Yonge and Berta Niyazova will be teaching about the New Testament (What's In There, Anyway?) and (Love) Letters from Paul. We may even work in a service project (volunteers, anyone?!). The series is open to friends, visitors, families who don't go to church, etc. so feel free to distribute this announcement. We do ask interested families to please register for the session and plan on attending as many as you can for best learning. Contact Jenn Hackman to register, at [jennhackman@hotmail.com](mailto:jennhackman@hotmail.com).



**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION/MEAL**— This service will celebrate communion as an actual meal. A merging of worship and a potluck dinner, it is more intimate and informal than usual. People of all ages are encouraged to attend, including children. Thursday, April 18 at 6:15 PM in Brewster Hall, the service will take place around tables where a meal is served. In the U.C.C., it is called the "Order of the Table." Because the focus of worship on Maundy Thursday is upon Jesus' last supper with his disciples, it is especially appropriate to celebrate communion as an actual meal. Please help us plan by visiting our sign-up table after worship.

**ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING**— On Sunday, April 28, we will receive the special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Through this offering, the United Church of Christ and other churches work with international partners to provide clean water, food, education and health care, micro-credit for development, resettlement for refugees, and emergency relief.

Examples from work in 2018 include response to hurricanes in Puerto Rico, North Carolina, Texas, and Florida; fires in California, earthquakes in Indonesia and Mexico; flooding in Hawaii and South India.

Our far away neighbors are within reach of the arms of the church. Giving generously to this offering is a way to respond to Christ's call to aid our neighbors in need, whoever and wherever they may be.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS**— There will be a three session New Member Class on April 28, May 5 and May 12 after worship from 11:45 to 12:45. If you are thinking about becoming a member at CCUCC, this class is designed to help you consider this. Taking the class does not commit you to joining. If you are interested, let Steve know by phone, email or in person.

## NICARAGUA STUDENT PROFILE



My name is Ana Rebeca Mendiola Sanchez. I am 26 years old and live in Solidaridad, a small town just outside of Condega. I am very grateful to have been helped by Asla for more than 4 years so that I could study, and am thrilled to share my news that I graduated in September with my degree in Renewable Energy Engineering. I studied at Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua (UNAN) in Esteli and also did some course work at the UNAN branch in Managua. I would never have been able to study and graduate without my scholarship because I only receive help from my mother. My family includes my mother, 2 brothers and a sister. My mother is not with my father, and she works very hard to support all of us. Recently, she was ill for 5 months, and we are all thankful that she is better now.

Right now I do not have a job, but I am looking. The economy in Nicaragua is worse than ever due to the unrest here at this time. We all hope and pray that peace will return. I hope to work for a non-profit that provides renewable energy to communities in the rural areas where there is no electricity. I did my practicum with a non-profit that installed renewable energy in the poorest communities. We would go to these communities by 4 wheel drive vehicle and also by walking for an hour or more. In one community we installed solar panels and a battery for the school and also for each family so they would be able to have light at night. We also helped to make more energy-saving stoves for cooking which use less wood. In many of these rural communities there are few men because they leave to find work to help the families. They usually go to Costa Rica, Panama, or the U.S. The women often raise bees so they can sell honey to supplement what their husbands can send home. The families eat iguanas, rice, and beans most of the time. I so enjoyed working with these communities and hope that I can find a job in the area.



Thank you, Asla, for giving me this opportunity to better my life and that of my family.

*More about the Nicaragua Scholarship Program at [aslafoundation.org](http://aslafoundation.org)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	12pm - AA Group @ 6pm - LOWV @	MISSION TRIP 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift	12pm - AA Group @ 5pm - Parenting	10:30am - Cafe 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift 4pm - Aerobics @ 6:30pm - Meditation	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am - Choir 9:30am - Confirmati 10:30am - Communi 11:45am - Film 3pm - Bishop Place	12pm - AA Group @	10:30am - Book 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Roger 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift 6:30pm - Cong Life 7pm - Communicatio	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Interfaith 7pm - Justice &	10:30am - Cafe 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift 4pm - Aerobics @ 6:30pm - Meditation	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Family Promise	Tax Day 12pm - AA Group @	9:30am - Shared 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift 7pm - Faith	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Cong. Care 7pm - Building and 7pm - Stewardship	10:30am - Cafe 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - LOWV @ 12pm - Thrift 4pm - Aerobics @ 6:30pm - Meditation	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Family Promise Easter Sunday	Easter Monday OFFICE CLOSED 12pm - AA Group @	12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift	12pm - AA Group @ 7pm - Council	10:30am - Cafe 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift 4pm - Aerobics @ 6:30pm - Meditation	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
9am - Choir 10:30am - Children's 10:30am - Worship	12pm - AA Group @	12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift	12pm - AA Group @ 5pm - Parenting	10:30am - Cafe 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift 4pm - Aerobics @ 6:30pm - Meditation	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift	



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**2018/19 Church Council**

**Officers:** *Moderator*, Herb Hill; *Moderator-Elect*, Tricia Grantham; *Treasurer*, Lee Bamesberger; *Clerk*, Kym Dye; *Finance and Stewardship*, Carl Hauser; *Building and Grounds*, Asa Clark; *Faith Development*, Jenn Hackman; *Congregational Life*, Sue Schell; *Congregational Care*, Beth Waddel; *Shared Ministry*, Charlene Toews; *Justice and Witness*, Mary Carloye