



# 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*

March 2020

## Transitions (Part 2)

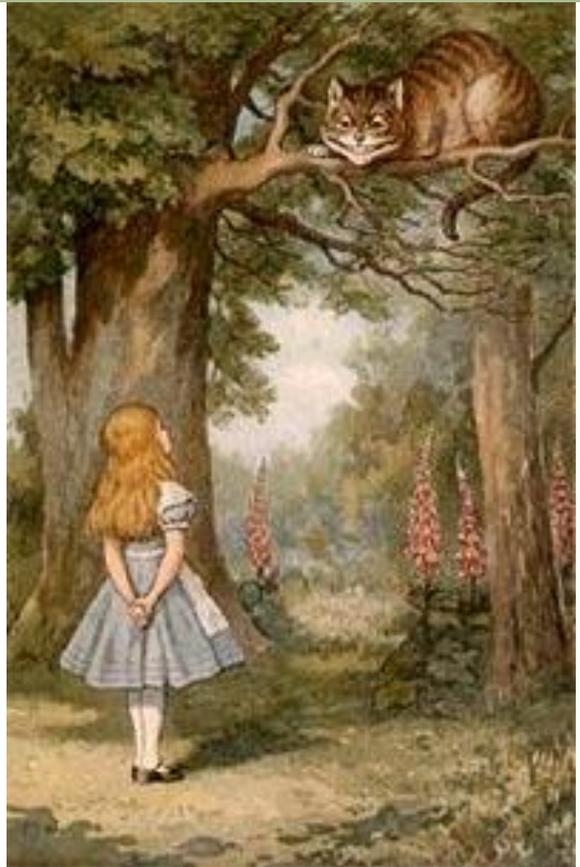
After the ending and the interim period that follows, there is the new beginning. The old life and old ways come to an end. We grieve, celebrate and let go. Then there is the time of reflection and germination.

When Alice in Wonderland was trying to decide which way to go during her travels, she asked the Cheshire Cat, "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat. "I don't much care where—" said Alice. "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

Before choosing on a direction or course of action, one needs to decide where one wants to go. In our tradition, we might ask, "What is God calling me to do given who I am and my situation?"

In her book, *Overwhelmed: Coping With Life's Ups and Downs*, Nancy Schlossberg outlines what she called The Four S's. As we embark upon a new beginning we take stock of our Situation, Self, Support and Strategies. We analyze our resources, strengths and challenges in light of who we are, including our highest goals and aspirations. Imagination and flexibility are important attributes in this phase of the transition. Then we evaluate many possible actions, keeping in mind that "those who use many strategies master change."

Finally, we overcome our fear, take a risk, choose and act. Many transitions languish and stall because of the paralysis of apprehension. In the words of John Greenleaf Whittier, "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, 'It might have been.'" We find the encouragement from others and the internal strength to take that first step of a new journey.



## FAITH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**MEDITATION GROUP**— Rev. Steve Van Kuiken leads a meditation group on **Tuesdays at 9:30 am** using Pema Chodron's book, *How to Meditate: A Practical Guide to Making Friends With Your Mind*. Chodron is an American-born Tibetan Buddhist nun and teacher.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**— Next Sunday School segment, a 6 week Lenten series will begin **March 1** and will meet every Sunday during worship until April 5th. K-5 kids must register for the session. Email Jenn Hackman at [jennhackman@hotmail.com](mailto:jennhackman@hotmail.com) or text 513-256-9868.

**BOOK GROUP**— Contact Stephanie Kane if you're interested in a ten week book discussion. The book, "Inspired" is by Rachel Held Evans and will be available at the BookPeople of Moscow. For more information about the author and the book, go to: [www.rachelheldevans.com/inspired](http://www.rachelheldevans.com/inspired). Email Stephanie at [slkane@pullman.com](mailto:slkane@pullman.com) if you're interested!



The congregation offers support to our friends:

- ♥ Linda James, recovering from surgery at home
- ♥ Beth Waddel and family



I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today,  
**life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.**

- Maya Angelou



Daylight Saving begins  
Sunday, March 8th



Shop at The Thrift Shop!  
Tuesdays from 4:30PM-6:30PM  
Thursday and Friday from Noon-4:00PM

Got some spring cleaning done? Donate gently used items to The Thrift Shop!

March 10, 2020 is  
Presidential Primary  
Election day!



**March Birthdays  
and \*Anniversaries**

- 14 \*Beth Waddel & Bill Condon
- 16 Sue Schell
- 16 Jeanie McConnell
- 17 Pat Lane
- 25 Will Hindman
- 28 Bill Condon
- 31 Donna Holstad

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

<u>Meeting date</u>	<u>Time &amp; Church Team</u>
Tuesday March 10	7:00 pm Cong. Life
Wednesday March 11	9:30 am Shared Ministry
Wednesday March 11	7:00 pm Justice and Wit,
Monday March 16	7:00 pm Faith Develop.
Wednesday March 18	12:00 pm Cong. Care
Wednesday March 18	1:30 pm Building & Grou.
Wednesday March 18	5:00 pm Stew./Finance
Wednesday March 25	7:00 pm Council

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

Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/>  
and search for a sign up using  
"sueschell@roadrunner.com"

## NICARAGUA STUDENTS

### 2019 Scholarship Students Achievements

We have wonderful news about our students' achievements during their 2019 academic year. We were able to sponsor 89 students last year. Twelve students finished their university coursework in December and are now working to receive their "Titles." To graduate and get their Title they must take a required course, called **Monografi**. It is the final requirement, akin to a thesis-guidance course on an undergrad level. It's more expensive than high school and college tuition, ranging from \$700 to \$1500, so our support is certainly needed during this final year.



All ten scholarships students who graduated from high school are going on to university, an impressive achievement in and of itself. The 36 students who were in university are continuing this year, and the 15 students enrolled in high school are also continuing. Only six students have left their studies – two failed, three had to leave to find work, and one emigrated to the US.

This year, because of the generosity of our sponsors, we are able to give 42 new scholarships. Twenty-seven of our new students will be enrolled in high schools and fifteen will be at universities in the area. In 2020 we'll be helping a total of 115 students attend school, 42 in high schools and 73 in universities. Who would ever have imagined this when the Nicaragua Scholarship Program began in 1991 with 20 students! Thank you to all our generous donors and sponsors!

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



CCUCC Public Calendar, Holidays in United States

Mar 2020 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9am - Choir 10:30am - Communi 10:30am - Worship 12pm - LRPC Small 3pm - Bishop Place</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 6pm - LOWV @ 7pm - LRPC Small</p>	<p><b>Super Tuesday</b> 9am - Meditation 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 5pm - All UU</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop 4pm - Aerobics @</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop</p>	
<p><b>Daylight Saving</b> 9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship 12pm - LRPC Small 7pm - LRPC Small</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 7pm - Common</p>	<p>9am - Meditation 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop 7pm - Cong Life</p>	<p>9:30am - Shared 12pm - AA Group @ 7pm - Justice &amp;</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop 4pm - Aerobics @</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop</p>	
<p>9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 7pm - Faith</p>	<p><b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 9am - Meditation 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop 7pm - Pullman Civic</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Cong. Care 1:30pm - Building 5pm - Stewardship</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop 4pm - Aerobics @</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop</p>	
<p>9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @</p>	<p>9am - Meditation 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 7pm - Council</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop 4pm - Aerobics @</p>	<p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop</p>	
<p>9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship 12pm - Long Range</p>		<p>9am - Meditation 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop</p>				



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**Church Staff**

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**2019/2020 Church Council**

**Officers:** *Moderator:* Tricia Grantham, *Moderator-Elect:* VACANT, *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:* Jann Hill