

**United Church of Fayetteville**  
**March 7, 2023**

**REMEMBER TO  
SPRING FORWARD  
THIS SATURDAY  
NIGHT**



**IN OUR HOUSE**

**\*Easter Flower and Music Memorial Gifts**



**Make gifts by March 10 in order to be included  
in the Easter bulletin.**

**That's THIS FRIDAY!!!**

**Saturday, March 11 7:30 PM Steeple Coffee House**

Chuck Schiele's *Quatro* will take the stage for an evening of wonderful music! Chuck plays guitar and sings along with Heather Kubaki on vocals and Cello. George Newton plays the Pedal Steele and adds his vocal talents as well. Supporting all of these fine musicians is John Dancks on Bass! The band does a wide variety of original songs and a few covers. They are a very talented group! Doors will open at 7:00 and the admission/donation is \$15.00/person which includes all offered beverages and a dessert! We do look forward to seeing you. Questions: Call John 315.663.7415



## COMING UP

### Sunday March 19 10:00 AM

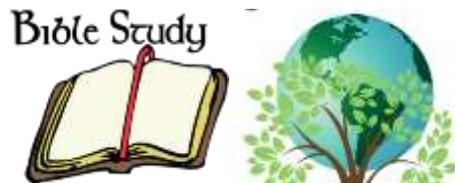
Young people will depart for the Gathering Room during the first hymn. Mrs. D will lead the class in a spring program, which will include a planting project –either at church or with a kit to take home.



### Sunday March 19 11:15 AM Creation Care Lenten Bible Study with Potluck Lunch for Participants



We will share lunch; after a half an hour, transition to a time to study together.



In large and small groups, we will consider what scripture says about humans' connection with all creation; what are humans' God-given responsibilities for creation; how we understand words like dominion and stewardship; and generate ideas about how UCF might better use creation's resources.

**Please be sure to sign up so that we can plan for space and materials.**

### MESSAGE FROM OUR "BOOTS ON THE GROUND" American Baptist Missionaries in Ukraine

***Dear brothers and sisters, friends and partners! Dear global family!***

*On the anniversary of the great war in Ukraine, we thank God with special prayers for each of you and your support. You were by our side in our difficulties and remained active participants in our work and spiritual warfare. We thank you on behalf of our churches and ministers for continuing to serve the churches and people of Ukraine.*

***What does this year mean for us?***

*On one hand - suffering, fear, loss, death, uncertainty, ruin, separated families; loss of territories, loss of people, and economic losses. Hundreds of churches have ceased to exist, and tens of thousands of Christians are scattered throughout Ukraine and all over the world; destroyed and damaged houses of prayer, seminaries, and premises where great spiritual work took place among children and adults. On the other hand - the daily presence of God, new baptisms, new churches, and tens of thousands of new people who visit churches every Sunday.*

*Ukraine exists! Ukraine prays, works, and fights with great hope and confidence! The incredible scale of humanitarian aid! Millions of Christians around the world stand by us. Our European neighbors found and continue to find an incredible example of serving Ukrainian refugees with great love and sacrifice.*

**Thank you all!**

*We pray that the war will end in 2023! The hearts and bodies of thousands of our people have been crippled. We are preparing for the hard work of rebuilding Ukraine. The scale of destruction is incredibly large. But we hope that in 10 years we will manage to rebuild our country.*

*We have lived this year in complete daily dependence on God and today we praise Him for the grace and power that works in us. On behalf of our churches and ministers, we thank you for walking this path with us!*

*Stay with us! You have shared and still, share our cry, and we want you to share with us the joy of victory, just peace, and reconstruction! God will certainly reveal His glory and we will see the light in His light! His love will heal all wounds! His peace will bring calmness and prosperity to Ukraine. Let us glorify Him with our dedication, our unity, and our courage to dream and believe in revival and restoration in the near future!*

**God bless you! Valery Antoniuk, President of The Baptist Union of Ukraine:  
Igor Bandura, Senior Vice-President of The Baptist Union of Ukraine**

**HOUSEKEEPING – LITERALLY!**

- In order to completely close the kitchen refrigerator, the left door must be closed first. There is a reminder sign. That the door does not close will also be a reminder. In addition to the immediate issue of food safety, if our county inspection were to occur, and the temp in the frig was high, we would have to get rid of everything and it might require a reinspection. By this point, given we have had this refrigerator for at least ten years, any number of you are asking yourselves, “How is this new?” It’s “new” because we have found the door open at least 6 times in the past three weeks. It has never been an issue before. Thanks for your help.



- ❖ Let’s remember: If you turn it on, turn it off; if you are the last one out, turn it off; if you get it out, put it away; if you wash it, dry it, and put it away; if you open it close it; if you unlock it or are the last one out, lock it, if it’s broken, notify John Hess. Thank you in advance for helping keep our “house” neat and clean, and making us better stewards of our energy dollars.

**THIS WEEK’S CONCERNS**

- \*War in Eastern Europe and the battle for Bakhmut
- \*The people throughout the US, especially in the swath of the south and midwest without power and all those seeking to restore it.
- \*Those struggling with mental illness