

## Weekly Updates for March 12, 2024



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*There is nothing more difficult yet more gratifying in our society than living with sincere, active, constructive hope for the human spirit.*

By Maria Popova and shared by Betsy N

### A Letter "according to" our Transitional Pastor...



Grace and peace to you, brothers and sisters in Christ.

What a wonderful morning with our children! They, and their families, were wonderfully generous with their donations to the FM Food Pantry and very creative with their recipes. I was so glad to see them head home with some of the One Great Hour of Sharing Banks. We had a lovely conversation. And some amazing hot cross buns for Fellowship, while the clock chimed on the hour (special thank you to both Bender families for all their work!)

I continue to spend my time in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings joining Mary Karen, planning and preparing worship, creating our educational handouts, responding to people online and meeting people in person. Once again, thank you for your warm and patient welcome as I continue to learn names.

On Thursday I had a lot of fun meeting with our American Baptist colleague Jim Kelsey, as well as having a chance to play some bells and sing with the choir. I love working with Jonathan as a director and thank him, as well as all the regular members, for the encouragement, laughter and understanding as I practiced my sight reading skills.

I love the community created by music. Even with the number of incorrect notes I personally contributed with my bells, each time we practiced a section we improved. Then the joy of blended voices singing different notes with the choir, breathing in the spirit and breathing out prayer in harmony.

These are the moments when God's amazing work gets real, aren't they?

- Serving those in need, sharing food and spending time together.
- The slow and patient work of building relationships through liturgy, study and conversation.
- Showing up, making mistakes and practicing some more.
- The transforming breath of the spirit creating laughter, bubbling up ideas and joining in sacred songs.

These are the places I saw God at work among us this past week. Where have you seen God in your life?

Blessings, Beth

## March 2024 - \*In Our House

- \*Wednesday, March 13 – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM - Women’s Zoom Bible Study **with Rev. Beth Du Bois** (Contact Gail S. for the link.)
- \*Sunday, March 17 – 10:00 AM – Worship with The Rev. Beth DuBois – Fellowship to follow
- \*Wednesday, March 20 – 2:00 PM -3:00 PM – Women’s Zoom Bible Study **with Rev. Beth Du Bois** (Contact Gail S. for the link.)
- \*Saturday, March 23 – 7:30 PM – Steeple Coffee House – “Vectors Light”
- \*Palm Sunday, March 24 – 10:00 AM - Worship with The Rev. Rev. Beth DuBois – Fellowship to follow
- \*Maundy Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 PM - Worship with the Lord’s Supper (in person only)
- \*Good Friday, March 29 – Service to be available on Live Stream noon on at [www.theucf.org](http://www.theucf.org)
- \*Saturday, March 30 – 7:30 PM – Steeple Coffee House – “The Atta Boys”
- \*Easter Sunday, March 31 – 10:00 AM – The Festival of the Resurrection Worship with organ, brass and choir!

### \*In Our House \*Sunday School – March 10<sup>th</sup> RECAP...



Children learned the story of the Good Samaritan on Sunday and then helped to re-enact what occurred as Betsy read the story. They also talked about donating food for our F-M Food Pantry and walked their donations to the drop-barrel in the hallway. Earlier children helped Bob Ch ring the steeple bell to announce church was starting!

These photos show the ringing of the hour and one was taken from a video made during Sunday School of the story of the Good Samaritan.

Betsy and Sandy



**\*Steeple Coffee House Event – March 23<sup>rd</sup> – “Vectors Light”**

Please let **Kathy Z** know if you can help and/or bake for this March 9th event. Thank you!

STEEPLE COFFEE HOUSE PRESENTS

# VECTORS LITE

*United Church of Fayetteville*

MARCH 23 2024  
DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM  
SHOW @ 7:30 PM  
\$15

**\*In Our World -**



**\*Needs continue each month!**

**Please remember the F-M Food Pantry with non-perishable items like: regular size cans of tuna, beets, pork and beans, fruit, chicken, beef stew, broth and tomato paste. or bars of soap, feminine hygiene products and toilet paper.**

# \*March Offerings

## Palm Sunday

### Did you know...

Rev. Dr. Stanley Stuber, father of the late Lois Stuber Spitzer (former elder and UCF Chair of Outreach), and, father-in-law to Ken, was an American Baptist Minister. He was the first National President of “One Great Hour of Sharing”, an interdenominational Lenten offering appeal that provides relief for disasters and refugees around the world. You can read more about him here if you click...

<https://www.nytimes.com/1985/05/16/region/photo-of-dr-stanley-stuber-dr-stanley-stuber-81-clergyman-and-author.html>

**OGHS BANKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AGAIN ON THE TABLES ENTERING THE SANCTUARY!**

\*As designated by our Outreach Committee and approved by our UCF Board the first March offering is - **\*One Great Hour of Sharing:** Each Lent, both the American Baptists and the Presbyterians join with other denominations in supporting ministries which address hunger, disaster relief, displaced persons and ongoing development needs. We hope that you will give generously on **Palm Sunday**, when we dedicate this offering. To find out more, see: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/> and <http://abc-oghs.org>.



Every gift makes a difference in the life of someone who deserves God’s love and support.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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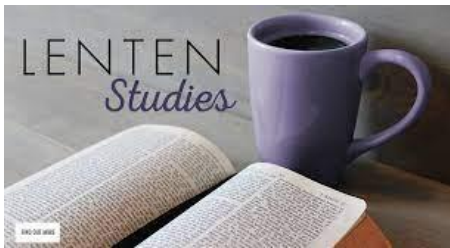


## \*\*Easter Offering



\*\*NB – The UCF Outreach Committee will match donations up to \$500 for the Easter Offering from the UCF “Mission Fund”!

### \*Study Opportunities



\*The Second is our **Easter Offering**. Our holiday offerings support international, national and local missions. **This Easter, we are dedicating our offering to the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival (PPC)**. We will split our offering between the National PPC and the State PPC. A continuation of Dr. Martin Luther King's march on Washington for Jobs and Justice, the PPC is organized in over 40 states and works to address the issues of systemic racism, systemic poverty, militarism, ecological devastation and nationalism by lifting up the voices of those directly impacted, urging them to organize and influence policies so that their needs can be met. To find out more, see: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org> and <https://linktr.ee/nysppc>.

Lent is a good time to take the opportunity to **continue to study** scripture, widen your horizons with an online course or zoom into a discussion.

1. Check these out and remember too our UCF March zoom **Women's Bible study with Rev Beth Du Bois** March 13 & 20 at 2pm. (Contact Gail S at for the link.)
2. **Centering Prayer**. You can find more information on centering prayer through the Spiritual Renewal Center or on the web at: <https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>.
3. **Scripture Reading**: More information on Lectio Divina, the practice of reading scripture taught in the Jesuit tradition, can also be found through classes at the Renewal Center, at the Contemplative Outreach website or: <https://www.contemplative.org>

## \*Reminders:

1\*Donations and your info for Easter flowers and our music ministry are due **this Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**! Look for flyers on the tables entering the sanctuary.

2\*Consider remembering our Homebound with a card this month. Look for lists of names and addresses on the tables entering the sanctuary.

**\*Please help my mom celebrate her 95th Birthday.**

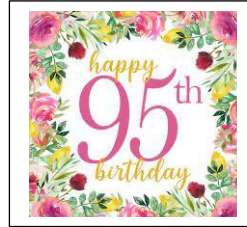
Friday, April 5th, my mom will be turning 95. If you have the time, can you please send her a Birthday card. She does not see well so please sign in dark ink and note you are from UCF.

This shower of cards is greatly appreciated! If you cannot send a card, prayers are a great gift.

Thank you!  
Barb Dugan

**Her address...**

Edwina Norton  
3900 Medical Center Drive  
#316  
Fayetteville, NY. 13066



**\*F-M Musical continues this Friday and Saturday...**



\*Support Aubrey J-P in F-M's musical, "Big Fish". See details at <https://www.fmschools.org/tickets-on-sale-now-for-f-m-high-schools-musical-big-fish/> March 15 & 16.

In life, the most important thing to know, is where you are going...

- Change The Way You See Things and The Things You See, Will Change.
- Treat Every Person with Kindness.

*Big Fish, The Musical*, offers students, teachers, and parents numerous insights into family relationships, truth and illusion, and what is important in life. It is uplifting, bittersweet, and comical, reflecting the experiences of our own lives. There are many lessons to be learned from *Big Fish, The Musical*.

**\*In addition to our two Steeple Coffee House acts this month (March 23 & 30th), please mark your calendars for two other Outreach Concerts coming this April...**

**\*1. Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm, Concert for Haiti at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church!**



\*This special free-will offering concert will support our Haiti Education Mission. Performing will be Onondaga Community College present and retired music professors: **Rob Bridge, marimba, Kevin Moore, piano, Selma Moore, flute, Dave Rudari, vocals, and, Chair of the Haiti Education Mission (HEM), Tim Schmidt, guitar.** They will perform a wide variety of music including flute and guitar duets from Italy and Brazil, a solo guitar piece from Haiti, classical piano, opera, musical theater, and, popular music arranged for marima.

Pebble Hill is located at 5299 Jamesville Road in Dewitt, NY and is *Accessible*. A reception will follow.



**2. \*Sunday, April 28, 3:00pm, Syracuse University Brass Ensemble Pops Concert at United Church of Fayetteville!**

\*To enjoy a variety of music and raise funds for "**Rise Above Poverty**", a Syracuse-based organization, to help alleviate the economic issues of homelessness in Central New York! (Look for more info in the coming issues of your Weekly Updates!) <https://www.riseabovepovertysyr.org/>



**\*This Week's Thank yous!**

\*To our March 9<sup>th</sup> Steeple Coffee House bakers: Jean B, Betsy N, Janet P and Mary Jane W!

\*To our Sunday School teachers Betsy N and Sandy M!

\*To our UCF committees and Board that continue to meet and plan regularly!

\*To our Sunday Fellowship helpers, ushers and streaming engineer!

\*To our Transitional Pastor, Director of Music Ministries, our three choirs and Office Manager!