

The Link February 2024

Pastor's Message—Rev. Steve King



Beloveds,

What a wonderful month January turned out to be! It was my first full month with you all; we explored what it means to be called by God and what that may look like for our church; we survived an ice storm, and I finally completed the last step in my own call process through an ordination ceremony. I was blessed by so many friends (both old and new), as well as colleagues and mentors who came to stand by my side. Thank you to all who were able to join us in person or online.

The month of February is now upon us, and with it comes the church season of Lent (starting on Feb. 14). Lent is a time of reflection during the 40 days leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This year, we will be traveling alongside Peter. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower, and a wanderer. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

I look forward to all this season has in store for us and to what we will learn together on our journey.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve's work week is typically Sunday through Thursday. You can easily schedule appointments with him by at his church office by using his Calendly profile

<https://calendly.com/pastorsteve-vucc>.

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- Articles in WORD format or text in the body of an email.
- Pictures submitted as attached jpgs.
- Permission of the copyright holder for all copyrighted materials.
- Send articles to elizabeth@vanucc.org.

February Mission Offering



Winter Hospitality Overflow Shelter
 (Outsiders Inn)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 6 Jay Palmer
- Feb 12 Carole Greenauer
- Feb 15 Lucie Murchison
- Feb 18 Rebekah King
- Feb 21 Brian Fick
- Feb 21 Michelle Holden
- Feb 21 Simon Melton
- Feb 25 Marilyn New
- Feb 26 Karen Summers
- Feb 28 Brenda Gaston

February Events

Feb 4 – Book Group, “A Future We Can Love” • 11:15 am-12:15 pm: Sanctuary

Feb 8 – Prayer Shawl Meeting • 10-11 am: Clawson Corner

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us. Please contact Judy Walter for more info

Feb 8 – Mission & Outreach Meeting • 11:30 am-1:30 pm: Sanctuary

Feb 8 – Choir Practice • 7-8:30 pm: Sanctuary

Feb 12 – Safety Committee • 6-7 pm: Zoom

Feb 12 – Personnel Meeting • 12-1 pm: Nettie Fries

Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday Service • 6-6:45 pm: Sanctuary

Feb 15 – Choir Practice • 7-8:30 pm: Sanctuary

Feb 21 – Property & Finance • 5:30-7:30 pm: Clawson Corner

Feb 21 – Lenten Soup & Book Discussion • 6-7:30 pm: Nettie Fries

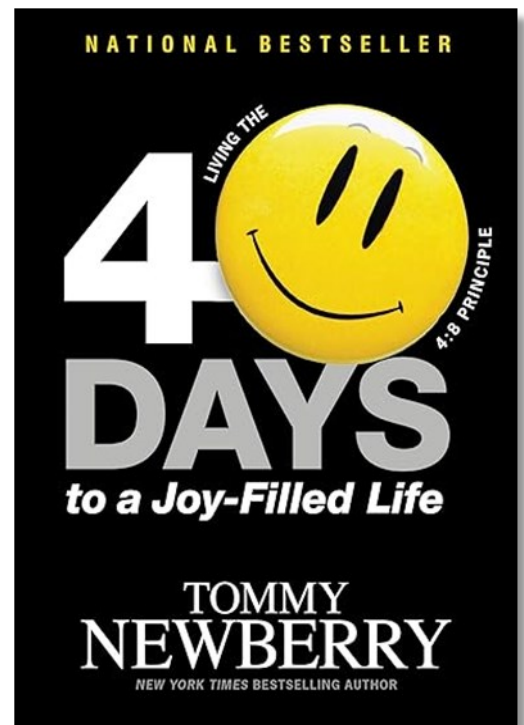
Feb 22 – Choir Practice • 7-8:30 pm: Sanctuary

Feb 27 – Council Meeting • 7-9 pm: Nettie Fries

Feb 28 – Lenten Soup & Book Discussion • 6-7:30 pm: Nettie Fries

Feb 29 – Choir Practice • 7-8:30 pm: Sanctuary





Finding Joy In All Good Things

Nettie Fries Lounge
Wednesdays (Feb 21—Mar 20)
6:00—6:30pm Soup
6:30—7:30pm Discussion

Our society is experiencing a loneliness epidemic with surging depression and anxiety. Let's look for JOY! We will be working our way through "40 DAYS to a Joy-Filled Life" by Tommy Newberry through the season of Lent and sharing a homemade soup meal together. Bring a friend!

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