



The Happenings

Newsletter

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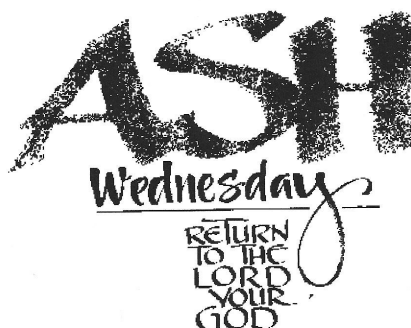
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<u>Pianist</u>	Lori Runkle
<u>Christian Ed. Director</u>	Mary Ellen Anderson
<u>Childcare Attendants</u>	Hannah Bazan
	Luke Schoenfelder
	Rachel Hart
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<u>Custodians</u>	Tim & Laurie Strong
<u>Sextons</u>	Ed Niesen
	Steve Redmon

Our Shepherds

<u>Chairperson</u>	Kathy Farren
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<u>Christian Education: Youth</u>	Pam Campos
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<u>Worship: Preparation</u>	Lea Ann Skogsberg
<u>Church Family: Caring</u>	Lou Ann Hoffman
<u>Church Family: Fellowship</u>	Jeff Kline
<u>Service: Missions</u>	June Davis
<u>Outreach/Welcoming</u>	Mary Lee Swickert

March, 2017



Mark's Musing

Recently a Christian friend of mine asked me why we celebrate Lent. He knows all about Holy week, and he knows that Lent is a time to reflect on our sins (the things we do that make us turn away from God) and our relationship with God. So he was wondering more about the theology behind Lent, and from what things in the Bible or Jesus life that the celebration of Lent comes from. So I thought as we begin Lent, I would share with you some information I dug up and shared with my friend! You long-time Christians may know much of this, but even if you do, a review of our traditions, and our spiritual practices is never a bad thing!

Lent is the forty days before Easter. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. Basically, it's about one-tenth of a year (like a tithe of time).

The beginning of Lent is Ash Wednesday. Most churches begin Lent with an Ash Wednesday worship service where we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins, and re-turn to our loving God. We commit to changing our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ. In most Ash Wednesday services, a minister or priest marks the sign of the cross on a person's forehead with ashes

Why ashes? In Jewish and Christian history, ashes are a sign of mortality and repentance. Mortality, because when we die, our bodies eventually decompose and we become dust/dirt/ash/whatever. Repentance, because long ago, when people felt remorse for something they did, they would put ashes on their head and wear "sackcloth" (scratchy clothing) to remind them that sin is pretty uncomfortable and leads to a sort of death of the spirit. This was their way of confessing their sins and asking for forgiveness.

During an Ash Wednesday service, folks are invited to come forward to receive the ashes. The minister will make a small cross on your forehead by smudging the ashes. While the ashes remind us of our mortality and sin, the cross reminds us of Jesus' resurrection (life after death) and forgiveness. It's a powerful, non-verbal way that we can experience God's forgiveness and renewal as we return to Jesus.

So what is LENT? It all began as a way to imitate Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. At Jesus' baptism the Bible tells us the heaven's opened, the Spirit of God, which looked like a dove, descended and landed on Jesus, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, My Beloved, with whom I am pleased." Afterward, as told in Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Spirit. There he fasted and prayed for 40 days. During that time, he was tempted, and was given the strength to resist the temptation. Afterwards, he was ready to begin his ministry and fulfill the mission God gave him.

Some speculate that Jesus needed time with God to sort through all that God was calling him to do. Maybe he needed to get away from family, friends and the familiar routine in order to see God (and himself) more clearly. Perhaps he wanted some intentional time with God as he searched for direction and answers, just like we sometimes need to take some serious time to pray and listen for God's direction.

Lent is about repenting, that is, turning away from those things that keep God from being a priority – our sins – and returning to God and re-focusing our lives to be more in line with Christ's ways of living and being. You might think of it as a 40 day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. As part of this trial run, many people engage in one or more of these spiritual practices for Lent:

FASTING/ABSTINENCE: Fasting is often associated with not eating any food. But that's not the only way to fast. You can fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God. Some Christians use the whole 40 days to fast from candy, TV, soft drinks, cigarettes, alcohol or meat, or other things they enjoy as a way to purify their bodies and lives. You might skip one meal a day and use that time to pray instead. Or you can give up some activity like reality TV to spend time outside enjoying God's creation. What do you need to let go of or "fast" from in order to focus

on God? What clutters your calendar and life? How can you simplify your life in terms of what you eat, wear or do?

SERVICE: Instead of giving up something, some Christians take on something for Christ. You can collect food for the needy, volunteer once a week to tutor children, or work for reform and justice in your community, or work for PADS. You can commit to help a different stranger, co-worker or friend every day of Lent. Serving others is one way we serve God. And giving of yourself is a form of prayer.

PRAYER: Lent can also be used as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or savor a time of quiet listening. All can be ways of becoming more in tune with God.

Christians from many different traditions celebrate Lent. How will you use the time during this Lenten season to grow closer to God?

Suggestions of things you can do to help yourself grow closer to God:

10. Try an electronic fast. Give up TV, Facebook, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. (Or everyday of Lent!) Use the time to read and pray.
9. Start a prayer rhythm. Each day of Lent, go to our prayer list and pray for another person.
8. Go deeper into the Bible. Come to Tuesday or Wednesday Bible Study.
7. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.) Study a book on forgiveness.
6. Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee. Give the money you save to help folks in a different part of the world who are in crisis.
5. Create a daily quiet time. Spend 10 minutes a day in silence and prayer. Read a daily devotional for the season of Lent. See how it can help you add spiritual practice to your daily life beyond Lent.
4. Cultivate a life of gratitude. Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way. Learn more about the spiritual practice of gratitude.
3. Participate in a Lent Photo-a-Day practice and pray each day with your camera in your hand.
2. Volunteer one hour or more each week with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry. Learn about global issues and how you can help.
1. Pray for others you see as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.

May God Bless your Lenten practices and may you grow ever closer to God in the next 40 days!

Pastor Mark

Outreach, Welcoming & Evangelism

Ellie Gentile



The Evangelism/Welcome Ministry is sponsoring another Art Gallery on Easter Sunday, April 16th. We are calling on all our creative members to lend us your works for display. Entries of any kind are welcomed and encouraged. Textiles, oils, watercolors, acrylics, sculptures, sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitching, woodworking, photography, graphics, ceramics...the list goes on!!! Whatever form has inspired you!! Art is an expression of our being and one of the many gifts God has given us. Please share your gift and talents with the congregation.

All entries must be submitted by Friday, 4/14. Be sure to attach your name and the title or description of the piece. Items will remain on display for one week and can be picked up after services on Sunday, 4/22.

Stewardship & Missions Ministry

June Davis

MISSIONS 5 FOR 5 GIVINGS OGHs

"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

~2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Our church has been a 5 for 5 church for over twelve years now. One of our 5 for 5 offerings One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected on March 26, 2017. Through O.G.H.S. lives are transformed through support that provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and disaster relief in the USA and internationally. Please give generously as you have been given for WE ARE ONE – in Christ. Special envelopes are in this Happenings newsletter and in the church pews.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU TO ALL!

The Missions Ministry is reporting the final CROP Walk Totals from last September 2016 Walk. Kendall County raised a total of \$10,530.42. 25% of this total, \$2,632.60 goes to the Kendall County Community Food Pantry located in Yorkville. There were 159 Walkers, 22 Helpers and some dogs too. YCUCC raised \$1,743.00 with eight walkers. Thanks to all who supported in some way such a great cause.



The Stewardship thoughts for the month come from Steve Goodier, "Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time....we can give our expertise...we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us ever run out of something worthwhile to give."



Thank you Pastor Mark and our church family. It was a comfort knowing prayers were sent while our son, Matt, was recovering from his surgery.

Love, Laurie & Tim Strong

Personnel Shepherd

Lee Kinkade

On Friday, February 10th and Monday, February 13th, the Personnel Ministry and the Christian Education Search Committee met to interview three candidates. Doug Trumble had worked with the group to develop a set of questions that were used with all the candidates.

After the completion of the interviews and a review of their credentials, we decided to move forward with one of the candidates. The next step will be a one on one interview with Pastor Mark. If this is successful and references are completed a meeting with the youth will be set up for one Sunday after service.

A final step in the process will be to have the candidate participate in some phase of our Christian Education program such as give the children's sermon or teach a Sunday School class. This will also give the congregation a chance to interact with the candidate.

My personal thanks to the Personnel Ministry and the Search Committee for their time and work during this process. A special thanks to Nick Campos and Matthew Bazan for their participation and representative of our youth.



Grief Share sessions at Yorkville Congregational Church began on Tuesday, February 14th and will run thru May 9th. We meet from 7-8:30pm every Tuesday.

Grief Share sessions and support groups are led by people who understand the grief you are experiencing and want to help. Participants will gain access to valuable Grief Share resources to

help with recovery from loss and to help look forward to rebuilding your life. Grief Share is for adults at any place in their journey through grief – whether the loss is recent or years old.

Sessions will feature biblical teachings on grief and recovery and will include a video seminar with noted experts on the subject followed by group discussion and sharing if so desired.

Attending each session is not necessary to benefit. Adult registration is \$15.00 and includes a work book.

Sessions will be at the church. Please call the office at 630/553-7308 for more information or to register.

DOES YOUR WORLD SEEM TO BE OVERTURNED?



A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential, one-to-one care to one who is hurting. If you would like someone to listen, care, pray with, support and encourage you, contact Pastor Mark, Lou Ann Hoffman or Becky Jerabek.

March Building Usage Schedule:

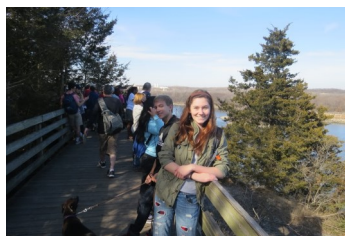
March 1st 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
March 2nd 6pm Boy Scouts
March 5th 10am Communion - Search & Discovery I – following service
March 8th 5:30pm Lenten Program – “The Surprising Life of St. Peter” w/Marilyn Giese
March 9th 7pm SLT Meeting
March 12th 9am Missions – Dedication of Blanket Mission
 Search & Discovery II – following service
March 14th 12pm Preschool Screening
March 15th 5:30pm Lenten Program – “The Surprising Life of St. Peter” w/Marilyn Giese
March 16th 12pm JOY Circle
March 19th Camp Promotion Sunday
 Search & Discovery Class III
March 22nd 5:30pm Lenten Program – “The Surprising Life of St. Peter” w/Marilyn Giese
March 24th **9am – Newsletter Submission Deadline**
March 26th Welcome New Members
March 29th 5:30pm Lenten Program – “The Surprising Life of St. Peter” w/Marilyn Giese

It is very important that we have your event or meeting on the calendar. This gives Laurie the time to have your area cleaned and prepped as well as leaving no surprises for our sextons when they perform their nightly building check. Please contact Susan Lange in the office to schedule your time in the church or to let her know of a planned meeting.



Spring is right around the corner and we are looking for people or a company interested in keeping up with the lawn/yard maintenance. If you know someone – please call the church office with name and number. We’ll be starting to make some calls very soon!

The Youth and some members of the congregation enjoyed the beautiful weather by taking a hike at Starved Rock!!!! It’s so rare we get weather like this in February and everyone sure enjoyed it!





Summer Camp Opportunities

We have information on three church camp programs. On March 19th, we are inviting our Sunday School kids to experience our “One Hour Church Camp” in Fellowship Hall. We hope after this awesome experience they might become interested in attending a camp this summer. We will have information on:

Pilgrim Park UCC Camp in Princeton, IL
Tower Hill UCC Camp in Sawyer, MI
Dickson Valley Day Camp, a Christian Camp in Newark, IL

Parents are invited to view the information during coffee fellowship on March 19th. Information will be available to take home.



While you are at camp today, try your hand at some of the following camp projects!

Wind Chimes Dizzy Spinners

Crazy Light-up Marshmallow Shooters

And More



In Our Prayers



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Dan Duus	Cheryl Roberts	Bill Wallace
Gail Holub	Judy Schrand	
Kathy Pearce	Sandy Veselka	
Mary Ratos	Debbie Vogel	

Health Concerns:

Don Ament	Bob Freeman	Roger Melhouse
Bill Andersen	Joe Hudgins	Michelle Meyers
Lynn Belcher	Kaitlyn Kinsley	Joanne O'Brien
Ross Fraser	Kensley Kinsley	John Schneider

General Concerns:

Tina Andersen	Aidan Klyzub	Marie Wayne
Mary Freeman	Dylan Sweigart	
Karsjen Family	Michelle Terri	

Homebound/Assisted Living:

Bob (Doc) Coleman	Jeaness Medin
Cindy Coleman	Andrea Prochaska
Laurie Feltes	Dorothy Sanderson
Ralph & Doris Ginger	

Those in the Military:

Capt. Alex Houle, son of Tony & Laurie Houle
Marine Cpl. Christopher Johnson, son of Chris & Eva Schoenfielder
Staff Sgt. Ryan Strong, son of Tim & Laurie Strong

March Birthdays

Marilyn Clack	2	Christine Keith	14
David Ems	3	Gayle Jacobs	14
Phyllis Yabsley	3	Harper Vaclavik	14
Duncan Skogsberg	4	Deborah Myers	18
Jim Dirst	4	Ray Wheaton	20
Chris Skinner	6	Jonah Hart	23
Mary Freeman	6	Matthew Gette	23
Matthew Bazan	6	Timothy Kolowski	23
Sue Andeson	7	Bob Freeman	24
Darlene Niesen	10	Troy List	24
Fred Diskson	10	Benjamin DeFuss	25
Laurie Strong	10	Jacob DeFuss	25
Dale Perkins	12	Tim Sartori	26
Harold McCracken	12	Sue Frahm	27
Katelyn Gette	12	Jim Ruzicka	29
Caleb Vaclavik	14	Greyson Tsusaki	30



First Sunday of Lent

VIOLET

Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Roman 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Abundant Grace

Amistad Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Roman 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Bold Blessing

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Third Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Thirsty Voices

Fourth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Restored

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission

Offering

March Anniversaries

15	Stephen & Carole Guenzler	31 years
18	Dale & Ethel Perkins	67 years
25	Bob & Marilyn Clack	56 years
25	Ken & Marilyn Vogus	39 years
31	Aaron & Sondra Shatters	10 years

Date	Greeters & Jr. Greeters	Acolytes
March 5	Pam & Andy Hamblin w/ Chanel Bravo & Cayla Pottinger	Sadie Pottinger
March 12	Ben & Regina Moe w/ Luke DeFuss & Owen Shatters	Trevor List
March 19	Ellie Gentile & Julie Kline w/ Makayla Duran & Olive Fahey	Jenna Anderson
March 26	Rosey Clark & Myrah Baldwin w/ DJ Melhouse & Greyson Tsusaki	Maddy Gawne

2017 Vacation Bible School Church Support

Plans are underway for this summer's Vacation Bible School –

Paul and the Underground Church.

We need kids to come to the program but we also need adults who love working with kids. The dates are **Sunday, July 9th – Thursday, July 13th** beginning with nightly dinner at **5:30 pm** and ending at **7:30 pm**



We need eager volunteers to fill the following roles/jobs:

Dinner

We need **two people** to prepare and serve the nightly dinners. Preparation will begin at 4:00, serve dinner at 5:30 and Clean up done by 6:30pm.

Music Leader

Music with lyrics and CD will be provided. (Sondra Shatters)

Game Leader

We have the guide and will have all the equipment needed for the games to be played outside.

Family Leaders We need 3. (Louis Defuss for the preschool group, Ann Seagraves - group leader)

Leaders will gather with their family at the start of each evening to plan their activities. The Family Leader will bring their family to visit and participate in each activity before moving on to the next. After visiting and participating in the events each location has to offer the families will gather together to discuss the evening's events and what they learned from each one.



Market Place Shop Keepers

If you were ever interested in running your own business for a week, this is the place for you. Shops and merchandise will be provided. Shopkeepers are needed for the following businesses:

Carpentry Food Leather/Mosaic Toga Architecture Pottery
Healing Spa (Carrie Defuss) Gladiator Trainer/Instructor (Joe Duran)

We will have a **Training Arena** for our young gladiators!! They will make their own shield and lance before the closing night ceremony where they will announce proudly their name and show the audience their shield and lance.



What would **VBS** be without **Drama**? We have speaking roles available – scripts will be provided.

Captain of the Roman Guard (Pastor Mark) - Ever present key figure in Rome. This person will greet the kids as they enter Rome, talk with them throughout the evening and be there as they leave to invite them back again for more adventures the next night.

Paul, our main story teller and his guard, **Brutus**, their story with the families nightly.

Lucia and **Marcus** will meet the families at the cave for a short visit nightly. (Andy Hamblin setting up the cave)

We also need volunteers for the following characters for a **ONE NIGHT ONLY** appearance:

1st night - **Festus** – short presentation with the game leader

2nd night - **Senator Atticus** – short presentation with our Roman Soldier and one of the shop keeper.

3rd night – **Marcus** - short presentation with the Architecture Shop Keeper

4th night - **Thief** – short presentation with our Romans Soldier and the Food Shop Keeper.

Last year, our volunteers played a huge part in the success of our Vacation Bible School. We hope to see some of those faces returning this year along with some new smiling and eager people!!!

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex soon!!!

Mary Ellen Anderson



Shepherds Leadership Team

Kathy Farren



Our 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off was a great success!! We had quite a few entries this year!! In the end, Joe Duran was crowned the 2017 YCC Chili Champ walked away with the coveted “chili” trophy!! If you ask, he may just share his “secret” ingredients!!!

Many thanks to all of the chili cooks who took part- Joe Duran, Karma Jessen, Ellie Gentile, Lee Kinkade, Joe Stablein and Brian Bazan; to those who brought bread, lunchmeat and cheese for sandwiches, desserts, and games; and to Jeff Farren for crafting the distinctive trophy.

Thirty-three people attended and enjoyed both the chili and an evening of games, bags and board games!

The response to the Giving Tree in the Narthex has been great. In just a couple of weeks, our church members have contributed everything from batteries to mini-marshmallows (for a Sunday School activity) to gift cards. Thank you all!

If you haven't had a chance to check out the tree yet, please do. It is decorated with red tags, each one representing an opportunity for you to donate an item, money or gift card to support our church's ministries and facility.



You might think that giving a can of coffee or some plastic flower pots doesn't make a difference but those little things add up and relieve the pressure on the church's budget.

It's the same when you give your time. Helping out even a little bit takes the pressure off other volunteers. That's true whether you're helping with Sunday School classes, signing up to be a greeter, bringing soup or dessert for the Mission Ministry's Soup Sunday, or sorting items for the Rummage Sales.

And now there's a new opportunity to help.....

One of our members suggested to the Shepherds Leadership Team that we consider fundraising by selling gift cards to various businesses. We have looked at one such service which has been used by Trinity Church United Methodist in Yorkville. The coordinator there reports they have had success with it.

In order to offer this service to our members, we need one or two people to serve as coordinators. They will take orders for cards, get cards to members after they arrive at the church, etc. The service we are considering also will allow members to order cards online- to be delivered to the church or in a form they can print out at home.

If being a coordinator for this service sounds like something you might like to try, talk to me Sunday after worship service. I can give you more details.



We have (3) red t-shirts, size XL with the church logo. If you'd like one, please see Pam Hamblin.



Spring Bake Sale is Coming!

April 27th – 8:30am – 7:00pm

Donation Drop off

April 28th – BAKE SALE DAY



Clean out your closets....drag the boxes up from the basement
and get the clutter out of the garage...

THE TIME HAS COME!!!

Set up will start on Sunday, April 24th following service with
donations being accepted until NOON on Wednesday, April 26th.

All strong and able bodied men and women are needed for help:

- **Set up and take down racks & tables
- **Receive, sort & price donations
- **Cashier, bagging and floor help on sales days
- **Pack up remaining items for pick up
- **Clean up and put back tables & chairs

More details to follow along with sign-up sheets!!!!

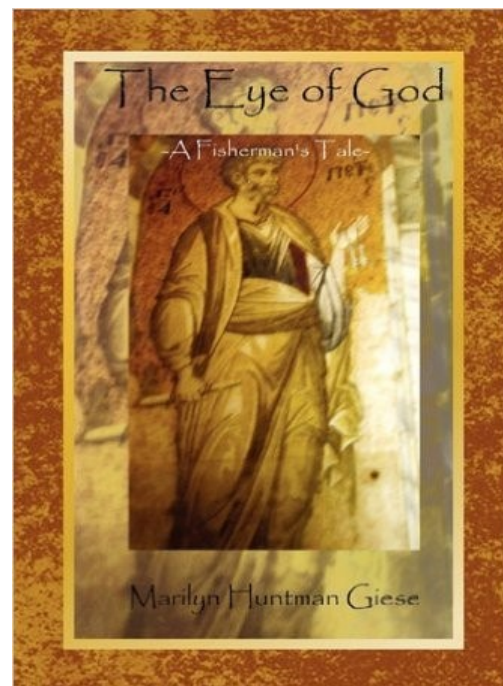
WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN PROGRAM BEGINS ON MARCH 8, 2017, AT 5:30 PM.

THE SURPRISING LIFE OF SAINT PETER

The Wednesday Lenten Program for this year will begin on March 8th, and will take place every Wednesday, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm through April 5th. Come for a simple meal of soup and bread, and then learn some new things about the 1st Century and the life of Simon-Peter. Marilyn Huntman Giese will walk us through her book, *The Eye of God: A Fisherman's Tale*.

Come and Broaden your enjoyment of the greatest story ever told with insights gained from study, travel and prayer related to the life of Simon Peter. Join Marilyn Huntman Giese as she guides us through St. Peter's witness to his faith in the resurrected Jesus that extends throughout the Roman Empire. Her knowledge of the Bible opens paths hinted at but not often explored. When the Emperor Nero rounds up 'Christians' and kills them as enemies of Rome, Peter's last word words to Jesus' followers bring hope to those who believe.

If you would like to read the book before hand, copies of the book can be found at Amazon.com (kindle edition too). Marilyn will also have a limited number of copies for sale each Wednesday evening.



Marilyn Huntman Giese was born in Washington, D.C. to parents blending Roman Catholic and German Evangelical backgrounds. She grew up in Palatine and Chicago. She and her sisters hosted a teen talk show on an early FM radio station located in the Tribune Tower, and, as a trio, sang in a Chicagoland talent show on the stage of the Oriental Theater. After attending Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa she married and raised five children in Wheaton, IL with her husband Stanley C. Giese, D.D.S. In 1970 and 1984 she fulfilled her dream to travel to archaeological sites throughout the Near and Middle East.

Experiences in Israel and Turkey led her to write her book, *The Eye of God: A Fisherman's Tale*. The fictionalized story is told in the voice of Saint Peter, trusted disciple of Jesus of Nazareth. The author's photo-journal *When the World Changed, A Revolutionary Peace*, contains photos from both trips with text following the life of Jesus as he traveled through Israel.

Marilyn served on the boards of the Naperville Writers Group and the Illinois State Poetry Society. Her poems are in several anthologies.

If you are interested in attending the Wednesday Lenten programs, you will need to sign-up so we know how much soup and bread we will need to feed everyone. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

If you are willing to help with the Wednesday events, we will need some folks to make soup each week, some to supply bread each week, and some to help in the kitchen. If you can help with the food, please contact **Lori Redmon (lredmon@sbcglobal.net)** If you can help in the kitchen, please contact **Kathy Farren (ednpub@earthlink.net)**.

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Noon Bible Study 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 - 7:45 pm Choirs 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	2 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	3	4
5 10:00 am Worship—Communion Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Time Search & Discovery Class 1	6 6:30 pm PADS	7 5:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Grief Share	8 Noon Bible Study 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 - 7:45pm Choirs 5:30-8:00pm - Lenten Program w/Marilyn Giese	9 6:00 pm Financial Committee 7:00 pm SLT	10 7:00 pm "Reel " People At the home of Anne & Jerry Engelhardt	11
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Our Vision - YCUCC is an open and affirming congregation that seeks to meet each child of God—persons from the full diversity of creation including gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and intellectual ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure—where they are on life's journey as together we seek to transform all our lives through Christ's Gospel.

Our Mission - To nurture the divine spark within all people so that together we can advance God's peace and justice, serve others and care for creation with open minds, generous hearts and willing hands.

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