



The SPIRE



First Congregational Church of Ripon • 220 Ransom Street • Ripon, Wisconsin 54971
☎ 920-748-5898 • office@riponcongregationalucc.org • www.riponcongregationalucc.org

April 2023



I believe that the purpose of our seeking this Lent is to discover healing. In our Easter story the healing word may feel like resurrection, even if it doesn't come easily.

My first week as a hospital chaplain many years ago taught me a lot about death. In the span of several hours one afternoon, I went from offering pastoral care to a family whose middle-aged sister had died from cancer, to sitting with a family whose 98 year old mother had passed away after a long and joy-filled life.

I dealt with the two deaths differently, the first unsure, unprepared, and even a little numb. The second visit I found renewed strength, complete presence, and preparedness. The difference between the first visit and the second visit was the grace I gave myself. Getting over the initial shock of seeing a lifeless body, and swimming through the pain of everyone else in the room, I survived by living into compassion and grace so that I could be present for the collective agony (including my own) that so often accompanies life's desertion of the body that had once called it home.

As I visited with the young family whose sister had died of cancer, I struggled with words, and every question asked by the family was a question I was asking in my own search for meaning and didn't know how to answer. I was so numbed by the event of death, I could

do nothing else but go to the patient's bedside and pick up her hand, hold it close, and feel the reality of her death. No words, just being present and bearing witness to the grief. Later, I learned that this approach to pastoral care is called the ministry of "presence."

Sometimes there are no words, no maps for the seeker to get where they need to go.

C. S. Lewis wrote about his own experience of death in his book *A Grief Observed*. In it, he noted the way that death eludes language, that it confounds our speech and logic. His own journey with the death of his wife from cancer left him at a loss for words. Later he reflected in his journal:

I thought I could describe a state; make a map of sorrow. Sorrow, however, turns out to be not a state but a process. It needs not a map but a history, and if I don't stop writing that history at some quite arbitrary point, there's no reason why I should ever stop. There is something new to be chronicled every day. Grief is like a long valley, a winding valley where any bend may reveal a totally new landscape. As I've already noted, not every bend does. Sometimes the surprise is the opposite one; you are presented with exactly the same sort of country you thought you had left behind miles ago. That is when you wonder whether the valley isn't a circular trench. But it isn't. There are partial recurrences, but the sequence doesn't repeat.

I have found these words true in my own experience with death. And finding words to describe death (and even life after death, as is the case with Mary Magdalene on Easter morning) can be elusive and mystical. Words escape us.

The second death that day led me to a different landscape. Whereas the family before had been distraught

Continued on page 3

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayers for health and healing...

Kaitlyn Boscaljon (surgery); **Ken Hill** (cancer & surgery); **Wayne Larson**, (hospice); **Merle Good** (health); **Marilyn Lehnherr** (health); **Don Amsden** (hospice); **Wendy Smith** (cancer); **Dawn Scholtens** (cancer recovery); **Loren Boone** (cancer); **Katie Del Ponte's** cousin and **Tony Reilly's** niece **Jessica** (cancer); Grandmother **Cindy** from the **Berndt/Selz's** family (cancer); **Rose Marie Freeman** (sister of Al Jarreau, health); **Susan Osteen's** sister-in-law **Chona** (cancer); all those experiencing health issues in need of prayer.

Prayers for...

Audrey Conant, who'd appreciate visitors and prayers for her health.

Nancy Davis (neighbor of **Julie Mathias**) who is receiving end-of-life care.

Prayers for peace in Ukraine and Russia and around the world.

Please note: If you wish to see your prayer request listed in next Sunday's bulletin or The Spire, please notify the church office.



Our Condolences

...to those who have experienced a recent loss:

Rae Miller mourns the loss of her special friend, **Roy Yeomans**, who passed away on February 26.

Welcome!

We've been anticipating your arrival! It's true, because we believe that every person who comes to join us for fellowship was sent by God. We look forward to getting to know you and to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church and beyond. If you've been thinking, praying, searching, or hoping for a place to belong, we would like, again, to say Welcome! We're glad you found us.



Easter Blessings

Prayers of Joy

Don Amsden, who celebrates his 106th birthday on March 31.

Our **Community Dinner** served 90 meals on March 28.

Gina Borelli has a new job. **Becca Parker** has a new job at Ripon Children's Learning Center, and will continue working with our youth.

Spire Deadline

Our next Spire newsletter will be for May, 2023. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, April 19, at noon. Please submit materials to the church office, or email to Maria Dietrich at dietrich.maria@gmail.com.



Pastor *Jeffrey Dodson*
 CE Director *Jeanne Williams*
 Moderator *Erin Ter Beest*
 Vice-Moderator. . . *Michele Wittler*
 Clerk *Justus Paul*
 Treasurer *Andy Lyke*
 Choir Director *Kurt Dietrich*
 Faith Formation . *Barb Splittgaber*
 Finance. *Judy Neill*
 Historian *Robin Patzloff*
 Maintenance Officer *Lyle Mathias*
 Membership. *Bev Christ*
 Nominating. . *J. Christ, T. Konecny*
 Organist. *Maria Dietrich*
 Outreach *Dawn Scholtens*
 PPRC *Michele Wittler*
 Women's Fellowship *Susan Osteen*
 Worship *Kathleen Hones*

Church Contact Info

Office manager Ashley Dodson:
 920-748-5898 or
 office@riponcongregationalucc.org

If not in the office, Pastor Jeffrey Dodson can be reached at ...

Cell: (719) 330-8549 or by email, at jeffrey@riponcongregationalucc.org

Jeanne Williams, CE Director
 jeanne@riponcongregationalucc.org

Rod & Peggy Freeman – Church Custodians - Cell: 920-896-2152

Continued from page 1

in grief and full of questions, this second family was full of smiles and tears. Their aging mother had finally found rest, and this they celebrated. Oddly enough, I was still at a loss for words. I remember scrambling through my pastoral care resources to find a prayer, but decided to read a passage from the Bible: John 11:1-44. The resurrection of Lazarus. Beautiful. “Beloved child of God, come out of your tomb. The stone is rolled away. Take off your strips of linen and go.” It felt liberating for the family as I read this story aloud, then turned to the patient and blessing her forehead, inviting her to arise from her bodily tomb and go to be with God. It felt right, and I felt so privileged to be with this family (and the one earlier in the day!) as they mourned and celebrated the life of their loved one.

I was aware of my own sense of mortality during this time. What does it mean to be alive, what does it mean to die? What does it mean to lose? What words can ever express the emotions that are bound up in death?

No matter what death you have experienced, your experience is real. Grief is real.

And the good news is that it is not yours alone to bear. Jesus shares in this. God lives in this. We are here, for you, with you, witnesses to the impalpable thickness of all that grief has known.

The good news is that this road has been traveled, the tomb prepared and guarded, the word sent, the life lived.



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

April Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 2 | Palm Sunday | Communion | Seeking: Where are you headed?
10:30 am Worship in-person | 4:00 pm Worship online

Thursday, April 6 | Maundy Thursday | Service of Communion and Foot/Hand Washing | Seeking: Will you wash my feet?
6:30 pm Worship in-person

Friday, April 7 | Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Immanuel Church, Ripon
6:30 pm Worship in-person and live-streamed

Saturday, April 8 | Holy Saturday
9 am–5 pm Sanctuary open for prayer and reflection

Sunday, April 9 | Easter Sunday | Seeking: Who are you looking for?
8:30 am Sunrise Service in-person | 9:30 am Family Photos | 10:30 am Worship in-person | 12 pm Easter Egg Hunt | 4:00 pm Worship online

Sunday, April 16 | Second Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Worship in-person | 4:00 pm Worship online

Sunday, April 23 | Third Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Worship in-person | 4:00 pm Worship online

Sunday, April 30 | Fourth Sunday of Easter | New Member Joining Sunday
10:30 am Worship in-person | 4:00 pm Worship online

Sunday, May 7 | Fifth Sunday of Easter | Communion | Worship at Daycholah Center, Green Lake
10:30 am Worship in-person at Daycholah | 4:00 pm Worship online

So be gentle. Be loving. Give to yourself the grace to live again, untied from the bandages of the past. Lovingly set free from the stone cold walls of the tomb. Liberated by the words of Christ, your friend.

Mary Magdalene, upon entering the Garden on Easter morning, had no words when the tomb was discovered empty. She returned with two disciples to investigate the tomb, and while the men went into the tomb to look, Mary stood back

in the grass outside, weeping. Jesus appeared to her, and she mistook him for a gardener. After stumbling through the questions that rolled off her tongue, she heard Jesus call her name, “Mary.”

She stopped. Turned to him, and the only words out of her mouth were, “Rabbouni!” Spiritual teacher. A word of reverence reserved for only the most important religious leader. Jesus speaking her name, Mary, was the map she needed to be

Continued on page 4

Continued from page 3

liberated and healed and set free.

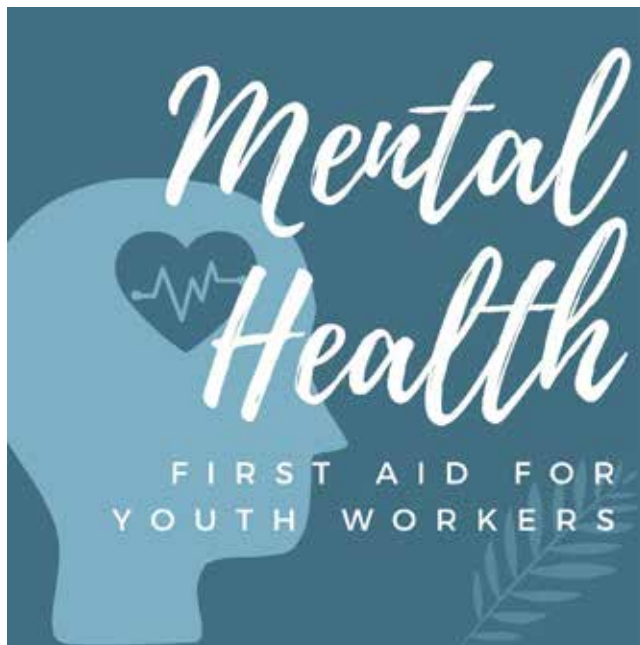
There is space to join Mary in the grassy garden, even in your loss for words, wearily weeping, as we witness a stone rolled away. A life unbound. Here is resurrection.



(Image: rabbouni! by T. Denise Anderson. Inspired by John 20:1-18 © 2023 A Sanctified Art)

Let us seek resurrection this spring.

—Pastor Jeffrey



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

April 28 or April 29 | 8:00 AM-4:30 PM | First Congo Fellowship Hall

We are offering two training opportunities for YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID in partnership with the National Council for Mental Wellbeing. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

These trainings are free to the general public through a generous grant to help train youth workers and faith communities. Participants do not need to be affiliated with a church to attend the training. YMHFA is a one day training from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Participants can register for either the Friday or Saturday training. You do not need to attend both days. The same topics and materials will be covered at each training.

You can register online: <https://www.riponcongregationalucc.org/post/youth-mental-health-first-aid-training> or on a paper sign-up in office or during worship. The workshop will take place in Fellowship Hall.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday is a time to remember Jesus' vision of beloved community—where we are each vulnerable enough to wash another's feet and have our own feet washed, to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. At this very tangible service, we remember that the Last Supper was a full meal shared among friends, so we set a table in the center of our sanctuary with foods such as fruits, nuts, bread, crackers, and cheese for worshipers to take and eat throughout the service. Illuminated by the Christ candle, you'll have the opportunity for foot/hand washing, and receiving prayer and a blessing by anointment. This service is an invitation to be fully loved by God, just as the disciples were those many years ago.

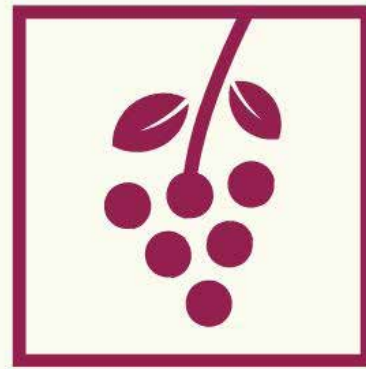




Artists, Photographers, Calligraphers, and Poets of All Ages

The Membership Committee would greatly appreciate your help collecting homemade blank greeting cards that are blank inside. We will use these cards to send greetings and remembrances to our members each month. We are hoping to get a selection of cards that have been specially made by our members. It would be very helpful if you include an envelope or if your card is a standard business or personal envelope size. If not, we will find one. On the back or front of your card, please be sure to sign your art. Thanks to Dawn Scholten for starting us off! We plan to have a convenient drop-off location soon, but cards can also be left with Ashley in the office.

Thank you from your Membership Committee. (Tina, Amber, Bev, Debbi and Jeffrey — contact one of us if you have any questions.)



FELLOWSHIP OF THE GRAPE

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING OF FOG

Saturday, May 6 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

You may be asking what is FOG? We are glad that you asked! FOG stands for **Fellowship of the Grape** and it is a new effort by your Membership Committee to provide an opportunity for adults from our church community, to get together informally, enjoy some refreshments, and enjoy each other's company. Here's how it works:

We will gather on the first Saturday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m.

This will be an adult only social event.

There will be a host who offers to hold the gathering at their home or selects another location such as the church or Vines and Rushes or even a pontoon boat etc.

The host will notify the office to send a reminder (through the church emails & announcements). RSVPs are appreciated but not necessary.

You come and bring a bottle of wine or other beverage of your choice.

The host will provide paper products, glasses and an appetizer or two.

A couple of quests will also bring an appetizer.

Relax, chat, and get to know one another! Keep it simple!

Thanks,

Debbi Konecny



**KEEP BRINGING IN
YOUR PLASTIC BAGS
AND FILMS**

**COLLECTED
134.5 LBS**

GOAL: 500 LBS

Help Stock the Pantry

During the month of April, the food pantry would appreciate your donations of peanut butter, jelly, granola bars. For May, they suggest boxed cereal, boxed meals such as mac and cheese, hamburger & tuna helper, and noodle-roni. Ongoing needs include paper grocery bags, peanut butter, and personal toiletry items such as a deodorant, soap, and feminine hygiene products. Cash donations are always very much appreciated as well. Donations may also be dropped off at the church and will be delivered to the pantry. Thank you for your help!

—Outreach Committee



COMMUNITY DINNER

Our Community Dinners, held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, are now in a drive-through format due to COVID-19. Upcoming dinners will be held on April 25 and May 23.



Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month join us for an hour of Adult Education in the Chapel. Each Chapel Chat will feature a topic or speaker on a variety of subjects. Chapel Chats are open to everyone, and we will be seeking presenters to sign up for a Sunday to share a topic they are passionate about.



Register for UCCI Events and Camps!

New and exciting events are planned at the three UCCI campuses: Moon Beach, Daycholah Center (Our local camp at Green Lake!), and Cedar Valley. Check out the full event list: <https://ucci.org/events-2023/>

If you are interested in attending a UCCI summer camp or retreat, please let Pastor Jeffrey or CE Director Jeanne Williams know. There are scholarships available to help with the cost of camp.



Join us May 7, 2023, 10:30 AM at Daycholah Center. We will worship and join in communion with one another at the Ley Chapel.



Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. join us in the Chapel for coffee or tea and lively discussions on various topics of the day using faith, politics, and the daily news. All are welcome!

From the Outreach Committee

Hello to our church family and friends! I (Janis) haven't attempted a Spire article since Erin took over the chair position on Outreach. So lean in and look for the good stuff in this update. Thanks.

I'd just like to bring all of you up to date, since over the holidays and post holidays recovery, it is really hard to keep up with all that is happening at Church. So, here goes: Our Christmas Eve donation (this is where we take the Christmas Eve donation and give it to a local cause, which was to help pay off delinquent school lunch accounts). The total amount given on Christmas Eve totaled \$755, and families were notified that their bill had been paid by First Congregational Church. Happy Christmas!

Our plan for most of the year will be, Our 5 for 5 Mission to the Local and World Ministries. We have committed to all five of the following:

1. One Great Hour of Sharing, started by churches just after WWII with all kinds of donations sent to war-affected areas of Europe.
2. Neighbors in Need
3. Strengthen the Church
4. Christmas Fund
5. UCC Wider Mission (a percentage of our envelope offerings)

Outreach is also involved with the Prison Ministry Project, which brings an ear to hear, for those behind bars. We bring weeks of brain and heart opening sessions, to men and women trapped in their 'caves' looking for something, finding a reality they didn't know existed, a path out of that prison in their minds. We are revving up to start again in April/end of May. Outreach is also working with World Relief; Refugee Placement and resettlement, a six month or longer commitment.

Helping to stock the Ripon food pantry, with the generous help of our community Girl Scouts and leaders. Outreach also brings a variety of products from Equal Exchange, a partnership with Fair Trade farmers supporting their families staying on their land, and caring for the environment. Small scale-farmers gain control of their own livelihoods, and work together in organic agriculture and quality control. With the added income from Fair Trade, farmers invest in education and make their villages a safer, better place to live. One village at a time all over the world, these farmers can make their homes and villages viable places to live and prosper. That's what our Equal Exchange cupboard is a part of. Everything in it is sold at cost, just so we can keep the organic goodies at reasonable prices, and to replace what we sell.

Jeanne and our team get out the word for Piggy Bank donation, the Heifer Project. We are also looking at a possible butterfly garden!

God bless you all my friends,

Outreach team: Dawn Scholtens, Anne Flasch, Janis Edwards, Janet Vossekuil, and new member Aelwyn Tumas



Children will engage in a variety of activities to learn the Holy Week story in an age appropriate way. Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday is the central story of our Christian faith, and it is important for children to understand the journey to Easter. Activities will include cooking, crafts, stories, and song to highlight the meaning of Holy Week. Children will leave with a collection of artifacts they can use to remember and tell this faith story. Friends are welcome to join us for this special morning of learning and fun!



Each year the churches of Ripon come together to participate in a shared service of scripture, prayer, and song telling the story of Jesus' arrest, crucifixion, and death on the cross. Join Pastor Jeffrey and our fellow communities of faith in Ripon for this moving ecumenical service. A community choir will rehearse before the service and anyone is invited to join the choir. Contact the church office for a copy of the choral anthem in advance.



Easter Flowers Given

In Celebration of:

The baptism of Emmett Finn Konecny given by Judy and Bill Neill

The baptism of Claire Maeve Konecny given by Judy and Bill Neill

Easter given by the Dodson family

Our 4 Children given by Cal and Janis Edwards (4 plants)

Family given by Dawn and Gary Scholtens

Donald L. Amsden given by Amsden-Williams Family

Our Church choir members given by Kurt and Maria Dietrich

Jeffrey Dodson's leadership given by Kurt and Maria Dietrich

Scout + Piper our beautiful children given by Mike and Kaitlyn

Boscaljon

Life given by Scott Henke

Family given by Debbi and Tom Konecny

In Memory of:

Dan Mitchell given by Barb Mitchell

Ardis Mitchell given by Barb Mitchell

Loved ones given by the Retzlaff family

Nancy Livingston given by Loren and Deanna Boone

Jill Chatterson given by Lyle and Julie Mathias

Lyda Lyons (my mother) given by Gerry Nelson

Bud and Marilyn Briese given by The Splittgaber family

Jackie Lowery given by Susan and Preston Osteen

Bonnie Brooks given by Kathleen Hones

My parents, Fred and Betty Sievers given by Kathleen Hones

Doug and Audrey Lyke given by the Lyke family

Murray McNair given by the Lyke family

Mark McHale and all deceased members of the McHale family given by Meg McHale Schwemmer

Cordelia Davis (mother) given by Scott Henke

In Honor of:

Jeffrey Dodson's ministry among us given by Loren and Deanna Boone

Dorothy Lassegard given by Susan and Preston Osteen



Easter Family Photos

Tim Lyke has graciously volunteered to take photos of families in our sanctuary before our Easter worship service (9:30-10:15). We will use these to update our directory and Tim will send the digital files to you, too. We'll have coffee and some light treats available in the Fellowship Hall during this time.



Members of the Faith Formation Committee will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter worship service. Children ages 2-12 are welcome to participate.



Faith Formation - Sunday School News



Easter Week Activities - Please join us as we celebrate this most important moment in our church year.

- **Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 6th, 6:30 PM** - This is a kid friendly service that will help children learn the story of the Last Supper and the significance of our monthly celebration of communion.

- **Good Friday for Kids** - Children ages 4-12 are welcome to come to the church on Friday, April 7th from 9 AM until noon for stories, songs, crafts, and cook-

ing that will help them understand the events in Jesus' life that lead up to the glory of the resurrection that we celebrate on Easter. Friends are welcome!

- **Family Photos** - From 9:30 until 10:15 on Easter Sunday, Tim Lyke will be in the sanctuary to take photos of families and individuals. These will be used to update our directory, but digital files will also be available.

- **Easter Egg Hunt** - The Faith Formation Committee will sponsor an Easter Egg hunt for children ages 2-12 after the 10:30 service on Easter.

Sunday School Every Sunday at 9 a.m. but ... No Sunday School on Easter Sunday! After Easter we will return to learning about Jesus' parables with the younger kids and older kids will be learning about Buddhism in our World Religions class.

First Congo Kids' Time - Children who attend Sunday School may return to the classrooms after the Children's Moment in the worship service for a snack and time for play and craft activities. We will bring children to the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour at the end of the service.

Nursery Care - Our Sunday School staff will provide nursery care for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers during the Sunday worship service. If no one is in the nursery when you arrive or when you need to leave the service to calm a child, just ask two staff members to accompany you to the nursery. We are very happy to have this one to one time with our youngest First Congo Kids.

Spring Family Activities - Please join us for these activities:

- **Friday, April 21st - 5:30-8:30 PM - Parents' Night Out**

We will provide a light supper and activities for children ages 1-12 so that parents can have an evening of adult time.

- **Friday, May 5th - 9 AM-3 PM - Field Trip to Bookworm Garden in Sheboygan**

Families and children (ages 3-12) will travel to Sheboygan to visit Bookworm Garden, an interactive garden that celebrates children's books. Everyone should bring a lunch for a picnic on the grounds. Entrance fee will be paid by the church. Transportation can be arranged for children whose parents have to work that day. We will leave from the church parking lot at 9 AM.

- **Sunday, May 21st - 9:00 AM - Noon - Children's Sunday, Last day of Sunday School, All Church Lunch**

We will celebrate all we have learned in Sunday School with special activities during the church service, a lunch during coffee hour, and some special games and activities.

We Will Continue our Plastic Recycling!!! Keep bringing your plastic bags and film to church so that we can earn another recycled bench. The cabinet will decide on the use of this second bench at the church or as a gift to a local organization.

Fill Your Piggy Banks for Heifer!!! Once again this year, Faith Formation and Outreach will sponsor a collection for the Heifer Foundation during Children's Sunday on May 21st. Stash away your coins and small bills to help us help a family get the livestock or gardening supplies they need to support themselves

— Submitted by Barb Splittgaber, Faith Formation Committee Chair, and Jeanne Williams, C.E. Director


HOLY WEEK
 APRIL 2 - APRIL 9, 2023
at First Congregational

Palm Sunday
10:30 AM | Worship & Palm Procession

Maundy Thursday
6:30 PM | Maundy Thursday Service
A service of Communion and Anointing around table.

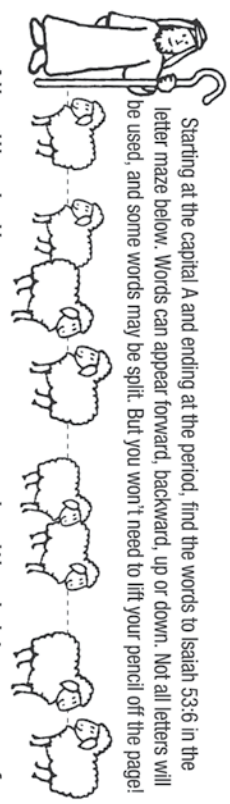
Good Friday
9:00-12:00 | Good Friday for Kids
Children will engage in activities to learn the Holy Week story through cooking, crafts, stories, and songs.

6:30 PM | Ecumenical RAMA Service
At Ripon Immanuel Church | A shared service of scripture, prayer, and song telling the story of Jesus' arrest, crucifixion, and death on the cross.

Easter Sunday
8:30 Sunrise Service
9:30-10:15 | Family Photos
Come early for a few photos of your family in your Easter best!
10:30 Easter Service
12:00 Easter Egg Hunt

Puzzle!

Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!



Allwelikesbelievewraywecommandsodtherighteousnessof
 gospeltoshrevealstarehtestimonynsalordtheiniquity
 rightasisepraaisedwiltfoaputowntwayaposahumcornerfo
 heavenouerisagoneadogiviscaruoogercorlaidoirasonsus
 returncaphaventruastedeallturnedrespossesnhruths.Ila

Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6, NRSV)

Worship Participation Schedule

| Date | Lector | Ushers/Greeters | Tech Booth | Coffee Fellowship Hosts |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| April 2 | Barb Mitchell | Kathleen Hones & Andy Lyke | Daniel Volkmann | Boone, Volkmann/Tumas |
| April 9 | Dawn Scholtens | Michele & Skip Wittler | Sarah Seidler-Halwas | Seidler-Halwas and Retzlaff |
| April 16 | Deanna Boone | Janis & Cal Edwards | Tim Lyke | Tim Lyke, Solberg family |
| April 23 | Stephanie Prellwitz | Katie & Nate Berndt | Daniel Volkmann | Del Ponte and Reilly/Henke |
| April 30 | Preston Osteen | Dave & Rachel Minch | Erik Dietrich | Nelson/Harper and Konecny |
| May 7 | Grace Retzlaff | Solberg Family | Katie Del Ponte | Capelle and Manuel families |
| May 14 | Mike Boscaljon | Erin & Casey Ter Beest | Gary Scholtens | Neill and Christ families |
| May 21 | Gerry Nelson | Tim Lyke | Sarah Seidler-Halwas | Lyke and Dodson families |
| May 28 | Justus Paul | Jack, Carter & Tom Moniz | Tim Lyke | Grout/Paul, Moniz families |

Thanks

for your participation

- Please try to meet this schedule. If you cannot help on the Sunday assigned...
- Please switch Sundays with someone else and then notify the church office (748-5898 or office@riponcongregationalucc.org) of the change.
 - We all appreciate your participation!

APRIL 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 9 am Sunday School and World Religions 10:30 am Worship (4 pm online) 11:30 am Fellowship 12 pm Confirmation | | 5:30 pm Community Dinner | 5:30 pm Youth Group | 10:30 am Discussion Group 6 pm NA meeting | 9 am Coffee at Mugs | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 am Sunday School and World Religions 9 am Chapel Chat 10:30 am Worship (4 pm online) 11:30 am Fellowship 12 pm Confirmation | 2-4 pm Ripon College Class in Sanctuary | | 5:30 pm Youth Group | 10:30 am Discussion Group 6 pm NA meeting 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service | 9 am Coffee at Mugs 9-12 Good Friday for Kids 6:30 pm Good Friday service at Immanuel | |
| 9 - EASTER! | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 8:30 am Sunrise Service 9:30 am Family Photos 10:30 am Worship (4 pm online) 11:30 am Fellowship 12 pm Easter Egg Hunt | | 12 pm Ripon Study Club meeting 5 pm Sharing Table at Grace 6:30 pm Cabinet meeting, Chapel | 5:30 pm Youth Group | 10:30 am Discussion Group 6 pm NA meeting | 9 am Coffee at Mugs | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 9 am Sunday School and World Religions 9 am Chapel Chat 10:30 am Worship (4 pm online) 11:30 am Fellowship 12 pm Confirmation 2 pm RACT Auditions | | TAX DAY! | 12 pm Spire deadline 5:30 pm Youth Group | 10:30 am Discussion Group 6 pm NA meeting 6:30 pm RACT Auditions 6:30 pm Ripon Area LGBTQ Coalition | 9 am Coffee at Mugs 5:30-8:30 pm Parents' Night Out | 6 pm Ripon Area Community Theater Auditions |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 9 am Sunday School and World Religions 10:30 am Worship (4 pm online) 11:30 am Fellowship 12 pm Confirmation 3:30 pm RACT Auditions | 11:35 am Ripon College- Catalyst project | 10 am STRIVE 5:30 pm Community Dinner | 11:35 am Ripon College- Catalyst project 5:30 pm Youth Group | 10:30 am Discussion Group 6 pm NA meeting | 8:00-4:30 pm Youth Mental Health training 9 am Coffee at Mugs 11:35 am Ripon College- Catalyst project | 8:00-4:30 pm Youth Mental Health training 6 pm Ripon Area Community Theater Auditions |
| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 am Sunday School and World Religions 10:30 am Worship (4 pm online) 11:30 am Fellowship 12 pm Confirmation | 11:35 am Ripon College- Catalyst project | | 11:35 am Ripon College- Catalyst project 5:30 pm Youth Group | 10:30 am Discussion Group 6 pm NA meeting | 9 am Coffee at Mugs 11:35 am RC Catalyst | 5 pm Fellowship of the Grape |

Future Events:

- May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo; Field Trip to Bookworm Garden, Sheboygan
- May 21 - Children's Sunday

First Congregational Church of Ripon

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

220 Ransom Street • Ripon, Wisconsin 54971

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Enter to Worship—Go Forth to Serve

