



# The Bell

A Monthly Calendar of Faith Formation at HUCC

February 2020

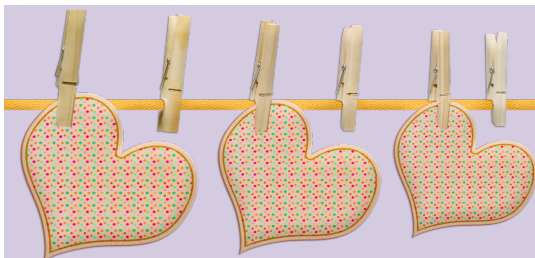


“To Love Big is to love despite differences, to love in the face of hardships and despair, to love ourselves and others deeply and passionately, to love in ways that change us all.”

— Rozella Haydée White

Author of *Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World*, former director of young adult ministries for the Lutheran Church

Scroll down for a calendar of upcoming events for kids of all ages.



## Let's Talk....Kids

### The Three Great Loves

To guide our civic activity at church and our social justice advocacy, the UCC proposes that the church has *Three Great Loves* - love of children, love of neighbor, love of creation - and we speak up when policies encroach on these.

On Valentine's Day weekend, we will celebrate our love of neighbor by packing up new underwear donations for the VOA Women's



## Let's Talk...Adults

### How to Talk to Your (Church) Family about Sex

Thank you so much to everyone who filled out our Our Whole Lives (OWL) survey! OWL is a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate, and science-based sexuality education curriculum for youth in UCC churches. We now also have a brand new "older adult" OWL curriculum!

Resource Center.

On **Saturday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m.**, middle schoolers and church friends and family of all ages are invited to make cookies for the event at church. We will have a guest expert cookie decorator guiding us to make cookies in the "Three Great Loves" theme.

On **Undie Sunday, February 16**, all are invited to an intergenerational luncheon and workshop after the worship service. This will be like the "Sock It To Me" event held in the fall - all ages working and learning together.

We appreciate you taking your family shopping for women's (or if you prefer, children's) underwear!



### Friends of Jan and Jesus

Wherein Pastor Chelsea interviews some of Jan's friends, and learns how good it is to have someone to walk with you.

### Come meet prophets old and young this Sunday!

Epiphany is the season of light, and this Sunday is Candlemas, the ancient church festival balanced halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. In this dark week, we recognize we need light in our lives, to give us hope to move forward.

This Sunday's scripture will celebrate the "in-between" child Jesus, who is no longer a Christmas newborn but not yet a full-grown prophet. It is a time to celebrate the young people in our midst. We recognize that, just as they are in-between and growing, so our church is in-between and growing because of our pastoral search and transition. Let us walk together on this journey of "in-between"!

In worship we will hear from some unlikely prophets, including a special goose named Mathilda. We will consider the example of the child Jesus, who is promised to be "the light to reveal God to all."

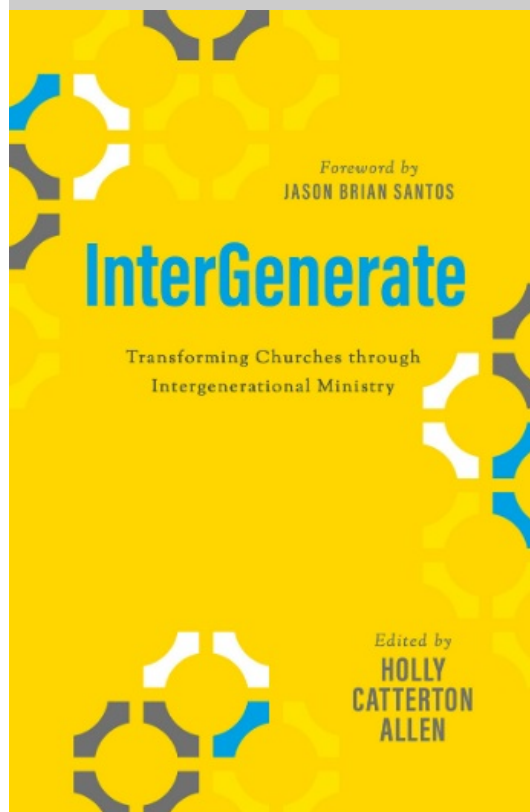
Service will begin with Holy Communion, before the children leave for Sunday School. Let's have fun trying something new!

To get ready for the relaunch of HUCC's OWL program after Easter, we would like to invite adults in our congregation to prayerfully consider becoming trained as an OWL facilitator. Here is the list of upcoming trainings. Please contact Teri Jewell or Pastor Chelsea for more information and how to register.

OWL training for middle and high school levels: February 21-23 in Grand Junction; April 24-26 in Ogden

OWL training for adult levels: May 14-16 at La Foret, Colorado

OWL training for all levels: November 13-15 at La Foret, Colorado



### Book Recommendation:

Ever wondered if there's a different way of doing church that might meet your family's spiritual needs in a new way? Wondering about the "method behind the madness" of HUCC's new Sock It To Me and Undie Sunday intergenerational service workshops? This 2018 anthology brings together tons of recent research on the benefits of intergenerational faith formation for people all along the developmental spectrum, including members of our community with disabilities. You might say that "a church that truly prays and plays together, stays together!"

### Article Recommendation:

Pastor Chelsea's call agreement included the services of a clergy coach. In December we contracted with Pinnacle Leadership Associates. They have a [new article](#) about how pastors can learn from the deep yet simple faith of children, by remembering to KISS: "keep it simple (stupid)."

## It's Registration Time

### National Youth Event: NYE 2020 Unite!

Once every 4 years, UCC youth from across the country gather together for a week of spiritual growth, service and fellowship.

Rocky Mountain Conference will be traveling together via charter buses and will have some fun road trip activities planned.

Who: Current 8th through 12th graders.

Where: Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Cost: Early Bird Registration: \$500 from February 1-29.  
Regular Registration: \$575 from March 1-15.

Cost Includes: This fee includes travel to the event via charter bus with other RMC youth and chaperones, event registration, housing, and on-campus meals.

HUCC scholarships will be available.

Registration will open on February 1 on the Rocky Mountain Conference website. **Please do not register on the national UCC NYE event website.** Contact Chelsea Page or Sara Schneider for more information.

You can also register on the RMC conference website for....

### Spring Retreat at La Foret

For middle school and high school youth

## Camps & Retreats for Children, Youth & Families

**Spring Retreat (Grades 6-12) March 13-15:** The Spring Youth Retreat is a vital place for Junior- and Senior-High Youth to build an amazing community! Along with games, songs, and dancing, youth will also be able to discuss their faith, explore profound questions, develop their beliefs and values, and make new lifelong friendships. This year's Spring Retreat is sure to speak to your youth, as it is entirely youth planned! SPECIFICS: This retreat runs from 7PM Friday to 11AM Sunday. Price is \$150 for early bird registration (Before February 1st) and \$175 until registration closes February 28th.



### FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Every Sunday:

– Sunday School for grades K-8 (during worship, after

children's chat)

– Childcare during worship and after-church programs (in the nursery)

## FEBRUARY

Wednesday February 5, 5:00 p.m. - Sunday School teachers meeting.

Thursday February 6, 6:00 p.m. - High school youth group meeting.

Sunday February 9, 11:15 a.m. - Confirmation class (during the Winter Congregational Meeting).

Saturday February 15, 4:30 p.m. - Middle school youth group, friends and family of all ages invited to make "Three Great Loves" cookies.

Sunday February 16 - "Undie Sunday" intergenerational worship, luncheon, and service project for Valentine's Day and the VOA Women's Resource Center.

Thursday February 20, 6 p.m. - Operation Sandwich.

Thursday February 20, 7 p.m. - High school youth group dinner.

Saturday February 22, 4:30 p.m. - Confirmation class.

Sunday February 23 - New Member Sunday and luncheon.

Wednesday February 26 - Ash Wednesday service and soup supper. Lent returns with weekly Wednesday night soup suppers and intergenerational faith formation.

Thursday February 27, 6 p.m. - Pastor Chelsea's Pastoral Relations Committee meets.

Saturday February 29 - Annual Preschool Fundraiser dinner-dance.

Saturday February 29 - Deadline for Early Bird registration for the UCC National Youth Event. Save \$75!

## LOOKING AHEAD

March 13-15 – Spring retreat at La Foret for grades 6-12.

Sunday April 19 - Youth Worship for Earth Day.

Sunday April 26 - Preschool Sunday.

May 14-16 - OWL training at La Foret.

Sunday May 17 – Confirmation Sunday.

June 22-25 - Middle school youth group mission trip to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Moab.

July 5-11 – Summer Camp for Grades K-8 at La Foret in Colorado.

July 12-18 - MADD Camp (Music, Art, Drama, Dance) for Grades 9-12 at La Foret in Colorado.

July 20-27 – UCC National Youth Event for grades 8-12 (travel with the Rocky Mountain Conference from Denver to Indiana).

August 1-6 - "Camp Fellowship" middle school summer camp at Pinecliff Methodist Camp, organized by First Congregational

### **The Clapper**



*"Applauding Our Kids"*

It's time for Sunday School teachers to renew their background checks. (Churches abuse-proof their classrooms like schools do.) Meanwhile, kids have been providing their own form of "background check" by skipping class to hang out with their former teachers at church! Now there's a seal of approval that means something special!

#### **More Ministry Info:**

<http://www.holladayucc.org/childrens-ministries/>

<http://www.holladayucc.org/youth-ministries/>

<http://www.holladayucc.org/adult-ministries/>

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