

**Readers' Note:**

*The Tidings newsletter will not be published at the turn of the month when The Bell comes out. But to make sure you're up to date, The Bell will carry any urgent news of vital interest to the HUCC family.*

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# The Bell

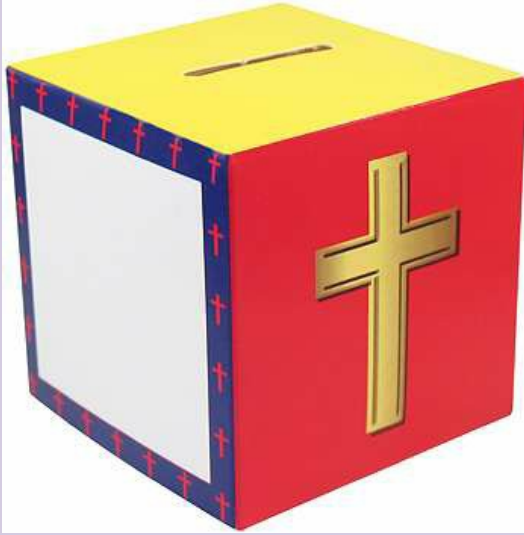
**A Monthly Calendar of Faith Formation at HUCC**

**March 2020**



“It is spring again.  
The earth is like a child  
who knows poems by heart.”  
— Rainer Maria Rilke

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



### Let's Talk...Kids

#### The Depth of Giving

Lent is the 40 days when we get ready for Easter. We focus on the things that are important to us and make our lives deeper.

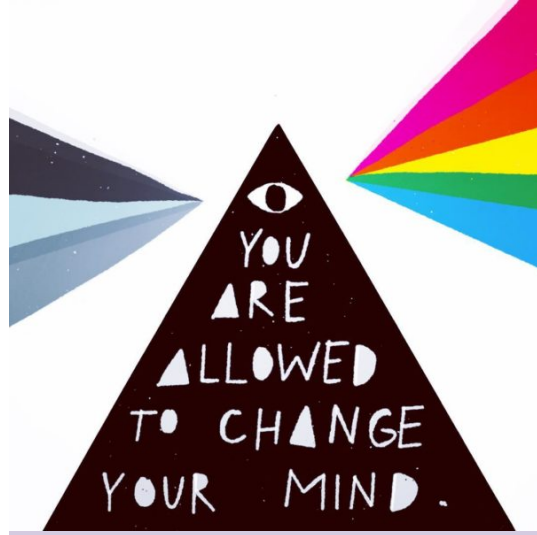
This is a time when we are invited to give more time and money to the church. This Lent we will be giving lentils, simple soups to feed our church friends on Wednesday nights. We will be giving our attention to people much younger than us and much older than us, as we explore the wisdom of Harry Potter in Pastor Marijke's class.

The grownups will be giving careful consideration to the truths of Judaism during Adult Forum. Our six confirmation students will be exploring Greek Orthodoxy and Hinduism.

Sunday School students will be collecting coins for the church's One Great Hour of Sharing. One of our older members said about these Lenten coin banks, "Those sweet paper boxes sat on our kitchen table for years, during Lent. A visual reminder of sharing before we began our own suppers!"

The high schoolers will be fundraising for National Youth Event. They will dish up bingo on March 28 and pancakes on Easter morning. Lent asks us to give. In turn Lent rewards us - not with busyness, but with depth.

Happy Lent!



### Let's Talk...Adults

#### The Roots of Repentance

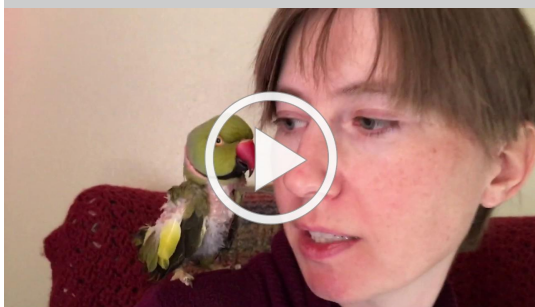
Paraphrase of a sermon by Marcus J. Borg in *Days of Awe and Wonder* (& Art from Austin Kleon)

"Lent is historically a season of repentance, and for many of us, repentance has meant feeling really sorry for disobedience to God. But, the biblical meanings of repentance are much richer and much more important. The Greek word for repentance is to go beyond the mind that you have, the mind you have gotten from culture. To repent means to go beyond the mind that you have to a mind in Christ.

"The home of the word for 'repentance' in the Hebrew Bible is the Jewish experience of exile. To repent is to return. To return from exile, to return from that state of separation, to begin the journey of return from the separated self to a new self in God." [Learn more about the Hebrew roots of Christian spirituality in Adult Forum in March, and in Pastor Marijke's bible study on Acts!]

"To repent is to reconnect with the one from whom we came and in whom we live and move and have our being. We do both - return and go beyond the mind that we have - by hearing the voice of God, which says to us: Listen to him. Listen to Jesus. Listen to the way that he teaches, and follow him on this journey of Lent."

Submitted by Teri Jewell



### Can a Little Bird Listen?

Wherein Pastor Chelsea shares a pretty song with her friend Turkey. You can listen to the whole song on our worship series [preview](#).

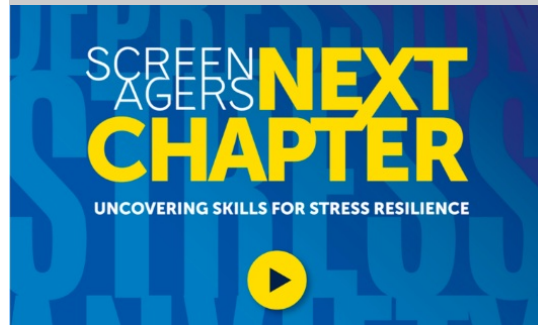
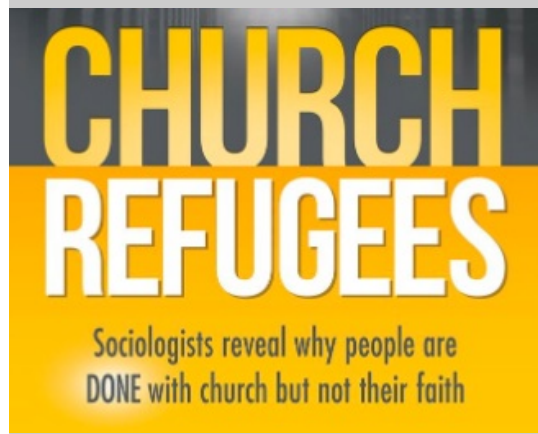
### Your Appointment with God

For the first Sunday of Lent, we will have three prayer stations during worship - a baptismal station, a communion station, and a microphone station. These are all ways to listen deeply to God and each other. Our Lenten theme this year is "Listen," and each week we will add a new prayer station.

This Sunday, children will be learning more about Holy Communion in an all-ages children's chapel during worship. We have a dinner date with Jesus!

There are many ways to keep the appointment the Holy One has set with you.

Come and rest, come and listen!



### Parents' Recommendations:

Our parents around church have not been afraid to dive into hard topics. The book *Church Refugees* explores why many committed church families leave - because they can get better conversation, nonjudgmental community, and ways to make a difference elsewhere! The *Screenagers* documentary, which battles teen anxiety, will be screened at Rowland Hall's Larimer Center on March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

**Save the Date! National Youth Event fundraiser  
March 28, 6 p.m., Mac Hall**



**You've heard about MADD...but did you know there's a  
La Foret summer camp for middle schoolers?**



**Voyager Camp (Grades 6-8) July 5-11:** At Voyager Camp, youth are invited to come with an open mind, a fun spirit, and a friendly attitude. During the week, trained counselors and staff will set the stage and hold space for amazing friendships and growth to occur! We seek to create a memorable week filled with laughter, music, reflection, self-exploration, and don't forget the ropes course! It's the perfect environment for preteens to play, explore, and grow. Youth will form memories and friendships they'll hold dear for the rest of their lives! SPECIFICS: Open to all kids entering grades 6-8. \$490 early bird registration is from January 20th to May 10th. \$530 registration closes June 22nd.



## **FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

*Please note the plethora of summer travel opportunities listed below. Registration is due soon to Pastor Chelsea.*

*Talk to Kate Palmer, Sara Schneider, or Chelsea for more info on camps and mission trips!*

**Every Sunday:**

- Sunday School for grades K-8 (during worship, after children's chat)**
- Childcare during worship and after-church programs (in the nursery)**

**THIS WEEKEND**

**Saturday February 29 - Annual Preschool Fundraiser dinner-dance is sold out!**

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

**Sunday March 1 - First Sunday of Lent. Morning Brew for adults & teens from 8:30-9:30 in youth room; Holy Communion and Children's Chapel during worship; Confirmation field trip to the Orthodox Cathedral; NYE fundraising meeting after worship; Adult Forum begins reading *A Jew Named Jesus*.**

**MARCH & APRIL 2020**

**Wednesday March 4, 6 p.m. - Soup supper and all-ages Harry Potter class.**

**March 5-7 - Pastor Chelsea is on vacation.**

**Sunday March 8, 11:15 a.m. - Second Sunday of Lent. Confirmation class in youth room; Rebellious Spirituality discussion group for ages 17-21 at 3 Cups.**

**Tuesday March 10, 7 p.m. - Confirmation field trip to the Sri Sri Radha Temple to Krishna in Salt Lake City.**

**Wednesday March 11, 1 p.m. - Transitional Faith Formation Team meeting.**

**Wednesday March 11, 6 p.m. - Soup supper and all-ages Harry Potter class; high school youth group from 7-8 p.m.**

**Thursday March 12, 4-6 p.m. - Pastor Chelsea available for drop-in visits at HUCC. Enter through the back door.**

**Saturday March 14 - Community benefit concert at HUCC.**

**Sunday March 15, 3 p.m. - Third Sunday of Lent. High school youth group ice skating and dinner in Cottonwood Heights.**

**Tuesday March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

**Wednesday March 18, 6 p.m. - Soup supper and all-ages Harry Potter class; high school youth group from 7-8 p.m; Screening of documentary *Screenagers: The Next Chapter* at Rowland Hall at 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday March 19, 4-6 p.m. - Pastor Chelsea available for drop-in visits at HUCC.**

**Thursday March 19, 6 p.m. - Operation Sandwich at HUCC.**

**Saturday March 21, 4:30 p.m. - Confirmation class with**

mentors.

**Wednesday March 25, 6 p.m. - Soup supper and all-ages Harry Potter class.**

**Thursday March 26, 4-6 p.m. - Pastor Chelsea available for drop-in visits at HUCC.**

**Thursday March 26, 7-8 p.m. - High school youth group.**

**Saturday March 28 - National Youth Event "Bingo" fundraiser; whole congregation invited, bring friends and family to support our high school youth.**

**Sunday March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent. No Sunday School; all-grades service project during worship.**

**Tuesday March 31, 6 p.m. - Pastoral Relations Committee meets with Pastor Chelsea for feedback.**

**Wednesday April 1, 6 p.m. - Soup supper and all-ages Harry Potter class. April Fools!**

**Thursday April 2, 4-6 p.m. - Pastor Chelsea available for drop-in visits at HUCC.**

**Saturday April 4, 4:30 p.m. - Confirmation class.**

**April 5-12 - Holy Week! April 8 is the last Wednesday night soup supper.**

**Sunday April 12 - Easter Sunday; pancake breakfast youth fundraiser.**

**Thursday April 16 - Operation Sandwich with confirmation class; high school youth group dinner outing.**

**Sunday April 19 - Youth Worship for Earth Day; 11:15 a.m. Confirmation class.**

**Tuesday April 21, 5-7 p.m. - Sunday School teacher meeting; New member class at 7 p.m.**

**Sunday April 26 - Preschool Sunday.**

#### **MAY - AUGUST 2020**

**Sunday May 3, 11:15 a.m. - Confirmation class with mentors.**

**Sunday May 10 - Last day of Sunday School celebration; Happy Mother's Day!**

**May 14-16 - OWL training at La Foret.**

**Sunday May 17 - Confirmation Sunday.**

**Monday May 25 - Memorial Day.**

**Sunday May 31 - New Member Sunday.**

**Sunday June 7 - Worship moved from HUCC to the Pride Parade!**

**June 8-13 - Family Promise shelter at HUCC.**

**Sunday June 21 - Happy Father's Day!**

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

**July 5-11 – Summer Camp at La Foret in Colorado; includes Voyager Camp for incoming and current middle schoolers!**

**July 12-18 - MADD Camp (Music, Art, Drama, Dance) for youth who will have completed grades 8-11, at La Foret in Colorado.**

**July 20-27 – UCC National Youth Event for current 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 Church.**

**August 2020 - Stay tuned for Camp Sunday!**

### **The Clapper**



*"Applauding Our Kids"*

In 2020, we have forty children (ages 0-18) listed in our church's faith formation roster. In the Hebrew Bible, 40 is a number that means "very many"! What a blessing each child is to us in our church life. They bring joy to others just by being themselves. This Lent, see if you can pray for one child by name, for each and every one of Lent's forty days.

### **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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Thursday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (enter through back door)

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## *Tidings*

February 28, 2020

### **Pastor's Corner**

We have begun Lent worship this week with the Ash Wednesday service and the Soup Supper. What a blessing to begin with a listening meditative practice.

The services are very different for this time of Lent so be prepared to relax and go with the listening theme.

Here is a poem by Esther Manning called "Listen":

How can I show compassion  
if I do not, first,  
listen.  
When words are spoken  
From searching eyes  
or tell the story from face  
to arms outstretched,  
from the heart,  
where is my heart in hearing?  
I can either stop  
and be present to listen,  
or walk away from truths  
I may gain from another  
traveling my way.

*Esther Manning, 2/11/2018*

Let us be blessed by this time of Lent as we stop to listen, as we find a place that is quiet enough to listen to that still small voice.

Blessings,  
*Marijke*

### **Learn, Grow, Serve: Become a Stephen Minister**

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister.



HUCC will be training another class of Stephen Ministers starting March 15th. Information available after church in Mac Hall. Contact Kathy Gamble text or voice message on cell 801-651-1161, email [cjkgamble@hotmail.com](mailto:cjkgamble@hotmail.com).

Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Kathy Gamble and Laura Osburn.

## **Lentils for Lent (Get it, Lent-ils?)**

At our soup suppers during Lent, the HUCC Mindful Eating Group will provide a vegan lentil soup option each week. Give it a try! If you would like to contribute a plant-based option for Lenten dinner, please let us know.

The HUCC Mindful Eating Group is open to all and is a chance for us to come together to try new foods, discuss plant-based food options, and mindfully consider how our food choices affect our bodies and the planet. Everyone is welcome to participate, wherever you are on your mindful-eating journey.

Our next event is a plant-based potluck on Sunday March 29th, 2 to 4 pm, hosted by Brian and Allie Crofts at their home. This event is a family-friendly, alcohol-free event. Kids welcome!

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact:

*amy.spratling@gmail.com*  
*jen.smith@mac.com*  
*jani.gamble@comcast.net*

~The HUCC Mindful Eating Group

## **Simple Soup Suppers**

We'd love for you to join us every Wednesday evening during Lent for a soup and bread supper, followed by a an all-ages activity. Here's our schedule:

March 4th - April 8th: Lenten Dinners (6:00) and Hallows and Horcruxes (6:30)

**We need your help to make these dinners a success! Please sign up for as a helper [here](#)! If you have questions, please contact our dinner coordinator [Tiffini Adams](#). Thank You!**

Please note: If you require food that is gluten free, starch/sugar free, vegetarian, etc., please consider bringing that to share.

Cook Prep: begin at least by 5:30 PM Set up 6 round tables with 7 chairs.  
Serving Time: 6:00 - 6:30 PM; Clean up after activities end at 7:30.

## Huh? Hallows and Horcruxes?

"Horcruxes and Hallows - Life lessons we can learn from Harry Potter books by JK Rowling". Wednesday evenings at 6:30, March 4 - April 8th.

Each week after our soup suppers, we'll meet in Mac Hall and discuss the deep spiritual meaning behind the intriguing items that make up the "horcruxes and hallows."

## A Jew Named Jesus

Just a reminder that Adult Forum will meet this Sunday. All the books are gone -- *The Jew Named Jesus* by Rebekah Simon-Peter, but, they can be purchased on line. We will discuss through page 22, basically how a Jewish girl became an ordained Methodist minister! Even if you didn't get a book or haven't read the assignment, discussion should be lively. Plan to come to our discussion after worship, in the Chapel. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

## Acts, Not by the Numbers

Join Rev. Marijke at 12:15 pm in the conference room, to study the Book of Acts -- just the words, no numbers for chapter or verse. You'll find this technique helps focus on the message for better contemplation of how the early church developed.

## Keep Families Together

The Utah Coalition to Keep Families Together is hosting a community event — **Creating a Beloved Community**— on February 29, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Mary Jackson Elementary (750 W 200 N, Salt Lake City, UT 84116).

The Utah Coalition to Keep Families Together aims to bring awareness about Evanston, WY immigrant/migrant detention center that would house a little over *a thousand* detainees. The goal of the coalition is to stop all construction and further plans for a detention center.

The Evanston, WY center would primarily serve 4 surrounding states: Nevada, Idaho, Montana, and Utah. The *majority of the detainees are predicted to come from Utah*, as we have the largest immigrant/migrant population.

The Enriching Utah Coalition is bringing Ashley Dixon to Salt Lake City. Ashley is a former employee of CoreCivic, the company currently proposing to build the Evanston detention facility. Ashley will be able to share her own perspective regarding the conditions and treatment of detainees as well as the effects these facilities leave behind in the communities they stand on.

## **Drop in for Some Contemplation**

Morning Brew every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the downstairs youth room. Join Revs. Marijke and Chelsea to sip, listen, connect, meditate and share. Ends by 9:30 a.m.

Meditation Mondays beginning at 6:50 p.m. in the chapel. Newcomers welcome, no experience necessary.

HUCC Choir rehearses the first two Wednesdays of each month and we'd love to have you join us! Contact Eric Richards for more info.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Upcoming Dates: March 5 and 12, April 1 and 8, May 6 and 13, June 3 and 10 Time: 3 p.m., until 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to accommodate everyone interested.

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