



# Shalom

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**“THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT”**  
by Richard L. Floyd, reprinted from the  
UCC devotional *Re-Lent*

“For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.” Romans 1:11-12

Our thoughts about Lent are too often shaped by a very solitary notion of what it means to follow Christ. But a much-neglected dimension of the Christian life is how communal it is. In the writings of Paul, especially, to be “in Christ” nearly always means to be “in the church,” the living community which is his body.

We get a hint of that in this first chapter of Paul’s letter to the Romans. He was planning to visit this congregation for the first time, and in introducing himself he says he wants to share with them a spiritual gift. Then he corrects himself and hopes they “may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.”

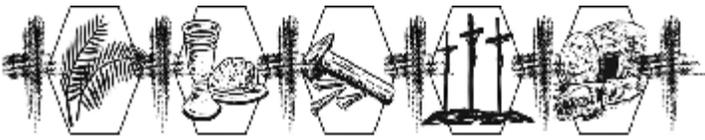
The word “encouragement” literally

means to “give heart.” The Christian life is a team sport. Like any good team the members of a congregation support each other as they work together for a common purpose. As I get older I have become more aware of special people who encouraged me at various times in my life, who “gave me heart” when I needed it. And I try now to be encouraging to others in their faith journey as I know many are to me.

**Help us, O God, to help others in their faith by the ministry of encouragement.**

*If you liked this devotional and would like to read more, please pick up the UCC 2015 Lent Devotional in the office. Suggested donation is \$3 per booklet.*





## LENT AT OUR CHURCH

**Focus on prayer:** Make this the season when you reinvigorate your prayer life. Pick up one of the UCC devotionals we've ordered for the congregation (there are still some available in the office) and/or subscribe to the Stillspeaking daily devotionals of the UCC at [http://www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional) and/or utilize the household morning and evening prayers with your family, or on your own, which we will insert into the bulletins each week.

**Focus on worship:** Come to our Sunday morning services at 10:30 and also come to our special weekly Taizé Prayer Services.

### Attend the Weekly Taizé Services

This Lent, we are pleased to offer *weekly* as opposed to monthly Taizé worship services on Wednesdays (beginning Feb. 25, ending Mar. 25), from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Mayflower Chapel. Come and let these meditative, musical and prayerful services soothe your soul and uplift your spirit. If you haven't tried one yet, this is a great time to do so!

### Engage in active spiritual disciplines for the healing of God's creation and the health of God's beloved children.

Sign up for the Ecumenical Carbon Fast for Lent. <http://www.macucc.org/carbonfast>. During Lent, participants receive a daily email with the day's suggested carbon-reducing activity. Many will also suggest ways to engage others. Take real action to reduce your carbon footprint, respect creation's limits and take small steps toward the big goal of a

healthy planet and healthy people. If you are participating in this, let us know

### Participate in Drink Water for Life—

During Lent of 2006, under the visionary leadership of FCUCC member Susan Smith, our church embarked on its first Drink Water for Life Lenten campaign. Since that time, with the help of sister churches and schools, Drink Water for Life has financed over \$100,000 worth of water, sanitation, as well as health promotion education in Kenya, Honduras, and Haiti.

We collect our offering on Palm Sunday. Some save money for the offering by drinking tap water instead of expensive beverages as their Lenten practice (and by doing so are reducing their carbon footprint as well). Others prefer to pay an equal amount for each expensive beverage they consume. And, of course, some choose to donate generously to Drink Water for Life even if they do not use it as a Lenten practice.

Bring your Drink Water for Life savings to church on Palm Sunday, when we will receive this special offering. The church will send 100% of the money received to a clean water project in Haiti. Susan Smith will be happy to talk with your about this and answer any questions you might have.



PRAYERS  
of the  
CHURCH

### IN OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers of comfort and peace for **Rebecca Ralston** who is grieving her father's death, and has just returned with one of her sisters to her mother's bedside upon receiving the news that she is now dying as well. Our hearts go out to Rebecca, and her sisters

Carol and Deb in this time of grief and loss ...Prayers of healing and smooth recovery for **Rick Bingham**, who had a hip subluxation (similar to a dislocated hip) last Monday, not quite two weeks after his hip replacement. Prayers for continued and uneventful healing for him... Prayers of healing for **Russ Fowler**, who is undergoing radiation treatment and for **Russ's brother George** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery... Prayers of healing for **Scott Taber**, who has an ear infection and possible pneumonia ...Prayers for strength for Scott's mom, **Diane Corner**...and prayers for **your community** this week, whoever they are - come to children's time on Sunday with reports on how you prayed, and what you did to be a blessing to them!

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICE KEN HEWITT**

The memorial service for Ken Hewitt will be held at our church on Thursday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

#### **GROWING COMMUNITIES OF GENEROUS PEOPLE**

##### **AT FCUCC THIS SATURDAY**

This Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Talkington Hall. Join UCC Pastor and Teacher Tony Robinson as we seek to deepen our stewardship ministry at First Congregational UCC in Salem. We will look at stewardship as a spiritual practice which changes lives. We will consider strategies for strengthening our church's financial resources to support mission and ministry. Tony Robinson will also be preaching on Sunday and engaging in a Q&A forum with any members who wish to stay after the service in Huntington Hall for about 30 minutes. Tony Robinson is the author of many books, including "Stewardship for Vital Congregations." He was Senior Minister

at Seattle's Plymouth Church for fourteen years. For more information go to [www.anthonibrobinson.com](http://www.anthonibrobinson.com)

#### **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

For those who are interested in becoming members of our congregation, we are offering a New Member Class on Sunday, March 22nd, immediately following worship. We'll dig a little deeper into what it means to be a member here. If you haven't attended the Getting Acquainted Lunch, you can still attend the New Member Class. Just let Pastor Janet know, so she can fill you in. A light lunch will be served. If you are planning to attend, please let the office know. Thanks!

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ADULT LEARNING HOUR IN APRIL FEATURING STEVE PATTERSON**

Steve Patterson, New Testament scholar, former member of our church, and George H. Atkinson Chair of Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University, will lead Adult Learning Hour on **April 19 and 26 at 9:15 a.m.** The topic is his new book, "The Lost Way: How Two Forgotten Gospels Are Rewriting the Story of Christian Origins," It's not necessary to read his book prior to attending. The book is widely available for those who do want to read it. If you are free on Mondays at noon, you might consider joining the Monday Adult Study Book Group who have chosen to read this book, starting March 16. See the next article.

#### **MONDAY ADULT BOOK STUDY GROUP**

Tying in nicely with the April 19 and 26 Adult Learning Hour program, the Monday Adult Book Study Group will start reading "The Lost Way" on Monday, **March 16**. The book explores

the earliest Christian origins through the study of two forgotten gospels: the "Gospel of Thomas" and the "Book of Q". In a scholarly yet accessible book, Patterson introduces early wisdom traditions and communities of the Way. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up in the church office so that we can make sure there are enough chairs. We can also order the book for you from the Book Bin for \$26.99. For more information, contact Don Lundberg [lund3735@gmail.com](mailto:lund3735@gmail.com) or 503-877-0596.

### **LGBTQ DINNER GROUP**

Join the LGBTQ Group for dinner this Saturday, **March 7** at Kwan's Restaurant, at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Rex Lampert is hosting. Please RSVP to him, so he knows for how many people to make reservations: [rexlampert@yahoo.com](mailto:rexlampert@yahoo.com) or 503-510-7448. Thanks!

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING EVENT**

On Saturday, **March 14** at 10 a.m., the Women's Fellowship is hosting an all-church potluck brunch and a presentation on WWII Operation Market Garden. All are invited. Join us!

In September of 2014, Dick Ford, father/father-in-law of Rich and Dell Ford, was invited as an honored guest to the 70<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Operation Market Garden, in the Netherlands. He was accompanied by his son and daughter, and their spouses. Mr. Ford was a pilot whose assignment was to drop US and Polish paratroopers into airborne assault in The Netherlands. He will be at the Spring Event and will give a first hand account. Also hear a short liberation story told by Annemieke Laport about her mom who was 9 when the Polish Army liberated her village in the

south of the Netherlands. Dell & Rich Ford will talk about the 70<sup>th</sup> Commemoration -- a story of a people full of love and respect for the bravery of the veterans who came to help and who are committed to educating their children about the devastation of war. The movie "A Bridge Too Far" is based on the events of Operation Market Garden. Put it on your calendar, bring a dish to share, and join Women's Fellowship for a morning of living history and good food and fellowship.

### **COLLEGE YOUTH TREAT BOX THANK YOU**

A huge Thank You to all who participated and contributed to the treat boxes for our college youth. We assembled eight boxes this year for youth attending college. There was great abundance and imagination in the items contributed for the boxes. Thanks also to my friend Liz who helped with the packing and delivery to the post office. *Kathy Crummer*  
Women's Fellowship Co-Chair

### **SUMMER DAY CAMP**

Who: Kids entering grades K-6 (friends welcome!)

What: Summer Day Camp, with a special focus on poverty and homelessness in Oregon

Where: Here at FCUCC

When: June 15-19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Why: This will be a great way for our youngest disciples to learn about a justice issue that matters so much to our church! We'll talk about different causes and understandings of poverty and explore what this all means for us as Christians. More details to come! Questions? Talk to Pastor Emily or Emma Brewer-Wallin [ebrewerw@gmail.com](mailto:ebrewerw@gmail.com)

## SALEM INTERFAITH

### HOSPITALITY NETWORK (SIHN)

Our next week for hosting the homeless families is April 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

This is the first of four weeks in 2015 that we will be hosting the families in the network. These are families who are working with social workers at the day center to find work and housing. Last year, SIHN worked with 39 families (137 individuals: 79 kids and 58 adults). Each family who completed the program left for a home (only two families did not complete the program). This is a valuable and successful ministry to homeless families in our community. Look for our sign up table beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>. Join in on the fun. *M&O Committee*

### ACTIVE HOPE: HOW TO FACE THE MESS WE'RE IN WITHOUT GOING CRAZY

Saturday, April 18, 2015.

9 a.m.—4 p.m. in Talkington Hall.

Hope is what we do, not something we have. *Active Hope* helps us find and offer our best response to the challenges of our time and place. Based on the revolutionary work of eco-philosopher Joanna Macy, this workshop combines ritual, music, and small group work to help participants move through disempowering despair and numbness to a sense of connectedness and capacity to use their gifts in service to all. *Take time out for a day of respite, healing, creativity and fun.* Facilitated by Barbara Ford: Activist, therapist, facilitator, singer, and artist with over 30 years experience working with individuals and groups to explore the convergence of spirit, creativity, and living an engaged life. More information and

**required registration** at

<http://www.barbaraford.net>

For more information, contact Sue Koger, [skoger@willamette.edu](mailto:skoger@willamette.edu)

### CONFIDENTIALITY PASTORAL PROTOCOL SHARED

Last fall the Pastoral Relations Committee (consisting of Susie François, Chair; Laura Perez; the Rev. David Watson and Pastors Janet Parker and Emily Goodnow) determined that it would be helpful to the pastoral team and to the congregation to put a set of pastoral protocols around confidentiality in writing. While pastors receive training in confidentiality and ethics in seminary, it is still worthwhile to try to define the needs of such in conjunction with our own congregation. Below is a copy of the protocol that the Pastoral Relations Committee will be submitting to the church council for it to maintain along with the bylaws and other established policies of this church. Should you have questions/concerns about the protocols listed, please address them to a member of the committee. The membership now includes Rick Bingham, and drops David Watson who has stepped up to be our church's Vice Moderator.

#### Protocol on Pastoral Confidentiality

Pastoral Confidentiality is a sacred trust, one that First Congregational UCC and its pastors take very seriously. What pastoral confidentiality *means*, however, is not always clear. Because lack of clarity can lead to misunderstandings or distress, the Pastoral Relations committee has been reviewing the question of pastoral confidentiality in dialogue with Pastors Janet and Emily and with some outside help from other experts in the UCC. With an eye to best practices, we have settled on the following as our protocol for pastoral confidentiality at First Congregational, Salem:

\*Pastoral confidentiality means that when you share something in confidence with one of our pastors, you can be assured that it will not be shared outside the pastoral team unless not to do so places your life or another person's life at risk or falls under the legal requirement for mandatory reporting.

\*Pastors may consult with one another, discuss the ministry of the church, and seek advice from one another in order to be the best ministers they can be for this congregation.

Clergy have a particular responsibility to share information and consult with one another if:

- 1) something is divulged to them which involves law enforcement, the justice system, outside agencies, the media or a threat to the life or bodily and mental integrity of a person in the congregation.
- 2) something is divulged to them which significantly affects the ability of the pastors to carry out their ministry to the church.
- 3) when the pastor with whom the information is shared needs support and advice from their colleague on the pastoral team.

\*Pastors will exercise discretion and judgment in relation to what they share with each other under the cloak of pastoral confidentiality. Sharing confidential information on the pastoral team is generally on a "need to know" basis. What do the pastors need to know in order to be an effective team and in order to minister appropriately to members and families within the congregation? In other words, many things that a parishioner shares

with a clergy person do not rise to the level of "need to know" for the other member of the pastoral team.

\*Following the above protocol will protect the privacy of confidential information shared with our pastors, strengthen their capacities to offer effective pastoral care, and protect against triangulation in a multiple-staff church.

Adopted 2-22-15  
Pastoral Relations Committee

### **FELLOWSHIP TIME NEEDS HELP**

The Community Committee needs assistance with our Sunday Fellowship Hour duties. We offer on-the-job training and no meetings!! If you enjoy Fellowship Time on Sundays, please consider being a part of the team who makes that happen. Stop by the kitchen on a Sunday morning to let the crew on hand know you are interested or call Maya Close 503-585-2348 or email [mayajim\\_close1891@q.com](mailto:mayajim_close1891@q.com). We even have a short "how to" handout to share.

### **CONFLUENCE CHORUS CONCERT "FLOWER POWER"**

Friday, March 13 @ 7:30 p.m.  
in our Sanctuary.

Buy your tickets from a  
chorus member or online at  
[www.confluencechorus.org](http://www.confluencechorus.org)

### **WND YOUNG ADULT GROUP TO START!**

Are you around the age of 18-35? Do you like delicious food and good friends? Do you want a community of people to journey with, to have spiritual conversation with, to laugh with, maybe even to dance with? Cameron Cruscial and Pastor Emily are starting a young adult group at church, and all 18-35 (ish) folks are invited! We're going to try a **Wednesday Night**

Dinner (WND) model, of meeting once a month (ish) for food and fellowship and wherever the night takes us! First dinner is **Wednesday, April 1, 6 p.m.** at Cameron's house on Liberty St. near the train tracks - RSVP to Cameron or Emily for the address. [cameronmc@riseup.net](mailto:cameronmc@riseup.net) or [emily@uccsalem.org](mailto:emily@uccsalem.org). Have ideas for what you'd like to do, or how you'd like this group to go? We're all ears. Be in touch.

**THE YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!**  
For this year's Earth Day celebration, they will be participating in a recycled materials craft booth at Riverfront Park making masks and other fun *thingamabobbers*. They are in need of plastic milk jugs, egg cartons, and toilet paper rolls to get the project going. If you have any of these items, you may drop them off in the appropriately labeled bin at the church. If you are interested in learning more, or if you want to join (we're looking for another adult to help out!) you may contact Cameron Crucial 503-383-9537 or [cameronmc@riseup.net](mailto:cameronmc@riseup.net).



**Sunday, March 8**  
Senior High, 2-4 p.m.: Global Missions. Hear from former Peace Corps Volunteers Amy & Tom Vandegrift, and Cameron Crucial who's did volunteer work in Nicaragua. What's it like to live abroad? How does service abroad connect to our faith? Those of you who went to El Salvador are especially en-

couraged to come and reflect on how that experience has affected you.  
Leaders: Michelle & Cameron

Mid High: 2-5 p.m., Our Whole Lives!  
Topics: Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Healthy Relationships. Come to this comprehensive, values-based sexuality education program, whether you've come to every session or whether this is your first! Leaders are Kris Rieck, Steve Bearden, and Pastor Emily.

### **Sunday, March 15**

12-4 p.m., What is death? Both youth groups travel to Tualatin to visit Crown Memorial Center, tour the crematorium, and meet with Cheri Bobeda, Funeral Director there. We will divide into mid and senior high groups to have engaging, safe, and age-appropriate conversations about death and dying. What happens when we die? What happens to our bodies, and what do we believe or wonder about heaven? Trip is co-led by Pastor Emily, David Watson, and Lori Ensign. Please RSVP so we can plan for transportation to and from the church, and bring \$5 for pizza.

### **Sunday, March 22**

12:30-2:30 p.m., Bowling! It's Spring Break! Let's have fun. Combined youth groups meet at Northgate at 12:30 p.m. for bowling. Bring \$5 for snacks if you want - the church will cover shoes and lanes. Coming from church? We can organize carpools if you RSVP.

### **Sunday, March 29**

Mid-High, 12-2 p.m., Game Day! Bring your favorite game and teach us how to

play! We'll also check in and see how everyone's doing while we stuff Easter Eggs for the little ones.

Senior High, 2-5 p.m., Our Whole Lives! Topics: Sexual Development, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation. Come to this comprehensive, values-based sexuality education program, whether you've come to every session or whether this is your first! Leaders are Kris Rieck, Steve Bearden, and Pastor Emily.

### **Saturday, April 11**

Earth Day in Salem! 10 a.m.-1p.m. Combined Youth Groups meet at Riverfront Park to join in Salem's Earth Day Celebration, put on by the City of Salem and Straub Environmental Center. We'll have a booth there to make recycled art projects and to help people make masks for the parade later in the day. Cameron's organizing this one - see him for questions.

### **Sunday, April 19**

Senior High, 12-2 p.m., Big Questions Come have a conversation about some of the Big Stuff we wonder about, starting with fate and destiny. Who's in charge of our lives? What role does God play in it all? How do free will and faith fit together? And we'll go from there. Bring your questions - we'll go wherever the conversation leads us. And, there will be snacks! Leaders are Cameron and Pastor Emily

Mid High, 2-5 p.m., Our Whole Lives! Topics: Love-making, safer sex, STD's, responsible behavior, conception and

pregnancy. Leaders are Steve Bearden & Pastor Emily.

Stay tuned for more Youth Group activities in April and May, and save the date **May 17**, 2-5 p.m. for Senior High OWL.



**AARP  
EXERCISES  
WITH  
BETTY  
HELM**

Sunday, March 15, immediately after worship, in the Mayflower Chapel, Betty Helm will share four exercises she learned from AARP. There will be printouts. It only takes 15 minutes. The exercises have helped her with sleeping and looking over her shoulders. Come and tell Betty what you think!

### **UPDATE FROM REVEREND DANIEL MEYERS**

Dear FCUCC Community,  
It has been far too long, but I think of my Salem home church often! My ordination service back in August '13 sticks with me every day and I am still strengthened by the wonderful home church community that has supported me through and through over the past decade.

Over the past two years I have been working in the Office of the University Chaplain at Columbia University, getting a chance to really explore higher education chaplaincy. I enjoy engaging students with big questions, cultural exchange, interfaith conversations, centering practices, and lots and lots of

snacks! Janna has been working as the Director for Children, Youth, and Young Adults for Ft. Washington Collegiate Church. She runs the Sunday School programs, youth groups, 20-Somethings conversations and provides lots and lots of snacks too! Between all the snacks, we also enjoy all the awesomeness of NYC!

But, it is time for another big change. My fellowship ends in June, so I have been seeking the next step. I am so excited to share that I have accepted a position as the Director of the Center for Faith and Vocation at Butler University in Indianapolis, IN! I will start in June. Butler is of similar size to Willamette and their Center for Faith and Vocation is the outlet of their chaplaincy, which reminds me a great deal of WU's Lilly Project and their multi-faith chaplaincy. While Indianapolis couldn't be farther from where we imagined ourselves, in many odd and mysterious ways, Janna and I feel like it is returning home as well!

We are not sure what is in store, other than it feels like the right move. Just as my own vocation was forever changed by interning as a Lilly Intern with FCUCC, my work will be to help Butler students encounter their vocations. I hope the ministry and work of justice, which FCUCC so engrained in me, continues to be a driving force for each of you, impacting the Church, Salem, and World. I certainly hope to return to Oregon every so often (my family is still in PDX), and should anyone find themselves in Indianapolis, don't be a stranger!

The journey continues and it is so wonderful to share it with the people and place where it all began for me. With love and blessings,  
 Daniel Meyers  
 Lilly Intern 2004  
 Former C. Ed. Coordinator



**MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST**

- 1 Jeff Witt  
 Scott Taber  
 Grace LaDuca
- 8 Ryan Alice
- 9 Nelson Kline  
 Emilie Chau
- 10 Melvin Stewart  
 Aislinn Adams
- 12 Mike Powers  
 Jennifer Johns  
 Kellie Stellmach
- 19 Amanda Wells
- 20 Dick Francois
- 22 Rick O'Grady
- 23 Jennifer Hartung  
 Cheryl Beaver
- 24 Christopher Walker
- 28 Scott Beaver
- 31 Arlene Schneider

If your birthday didn't make it into this list, send in the date to the office so we can celebrate you next year! All who would like their birthdays celebrated in the Shalom are invited to send in the dates to the office.



## CALENDAR

Saturday, March 7	9:00 a.m.	<b>Growing Communities of Generous People workshop with Rev. Dr. Tony Robinson</b> ends at 3 p.m. Talkington Hall
	6:00 p.m.	<b>South Salem High School Gay Straight Alliance's Fundraising Gala</b> , Huntington & Talkington Halls
Sunday, March 8	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service, Rev. Dr. Tony Robinson is our guest preacher.</b>
	11:45 a.m.	<b>Q &amp; A with Rev. Dr. Tony Robinson in Huntington Hall</b>
Tuesday, March 10	6:30 p.m.	<b>Reiki Share Circle</b>
Wed., March 11	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Lent weekly Taizé Prayer Service</b>
Thursday, March 12	2:00 p.m.	<b>Memorial Service Ken Hewitt</b>
Friday, March 13	7:30 p.m.	<b>Confluence Chorus <i>Flower Power</i> Concert</b>
Saturday, March 14	10:00 a.m.	<b>Women's Fellowship All Church Spring Event</b>
Sunday, March 15	11:45 a.m.	<b>AARP Exercises with Betty Helm, Mayflower</b>
Monday, March 16	6:30 p.m.	<b>Woman Spirit <a href="mailto:bevnjenny@comcast.net">bevnjenny@comcast.net</a></b>
Wed., March 18	1:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Fellowship Circles meet in homes: Day Circle at Lyndsey Houser's Former Evening Circle at Lois Alexander's</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Lent weekly Taizé Prayer Service</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Community Committee meeting, Conf. Room</b>
Sunday, March 22	11:45 a.m.	<b>New Member Class see article</b>
	12 midnight	<b><i>Shalom</i> deadline</b>
Wed., March 25	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Lent weekly Taizé Prayer Service</b>

### Weekly Recurring Events at church

#### SUNDAYS

8:30 a.m. **Contemplative Prayer Group**, Conference Room

9:15 a.m. **Adult Learning Hour**, Adult Education Classroom. See article.

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service & Children's Learning Hour**

11:45 a.m. **Fellowship Time**, Talkington Hall

#### MONDAYS

12 noon **Adult Book Study**

Meets in the Parlor. See article.

7 p.m. **Bell Choir rehearsal** Hunt. Hall

#### WEDNESDAYS

3:30 p.m. **Meet up with Pastor Emily at the Ike Box** until 5 p.m.

5:30 p.m. **Taizé Prayer Service** (weekly during the season of Lent)

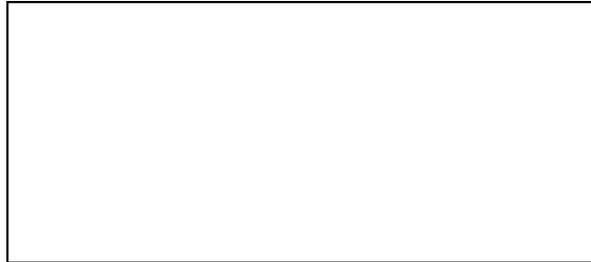
#### THURSDAYS

7:15 p.m. **Chancel Choir rehearsal with Ray Elliott, director.**

New voices are always welcome. Join!

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**Back By popular Demand:**



*Mother's Day Tea —  
Youth Fundraiser*

a fun event with delicious treats  
and  
great, live musical entertainment.  
Sponsored by the Community Committee.

**Saturday, May 9  
3:30—5:30 p.m.**

**\$15 per adult —\$10 per child ages 11 and under**