



MAY 2021

# THE VOICE

Official Newsletter of  
Friedens United Church of Christ

**May will be filled with opportunities to Go Deeper ...deeper into the soil of our soul and to Bloom!!**

**May 2nd we will Dig Deep into how to get right with God and with one another as we celebrate Communion Sunday.**

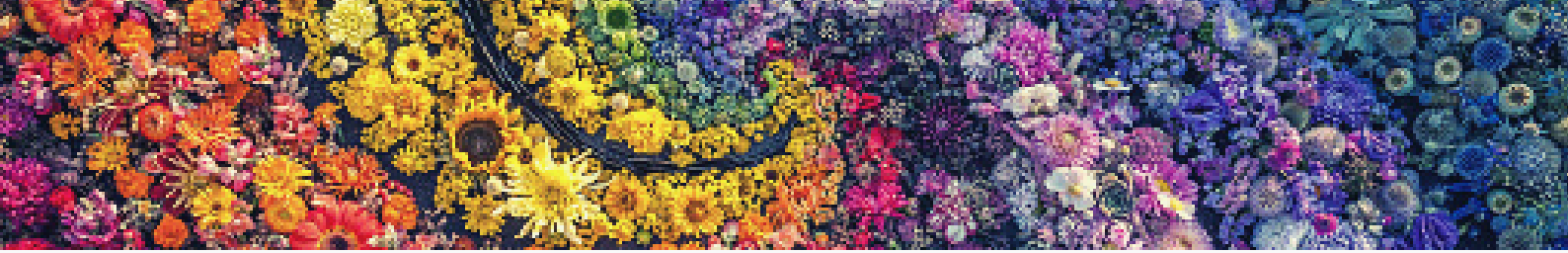
**May 9th we will celebrate Mothering Sunday and Graduate Sunday.**

**Everyone is encouraged to invite someone who has been a mothering influence in their life to worship with us either online or in person. Also we will be recognizing our graduates for the year. Please private message or call Pastor Stacy or Pastor Tarrah if you are a graduate this year.**

**May 16 we will celebrate Mental Health Sunday and dedicate our church as a WISE congregation <https://ucctcm.org/wise/>**

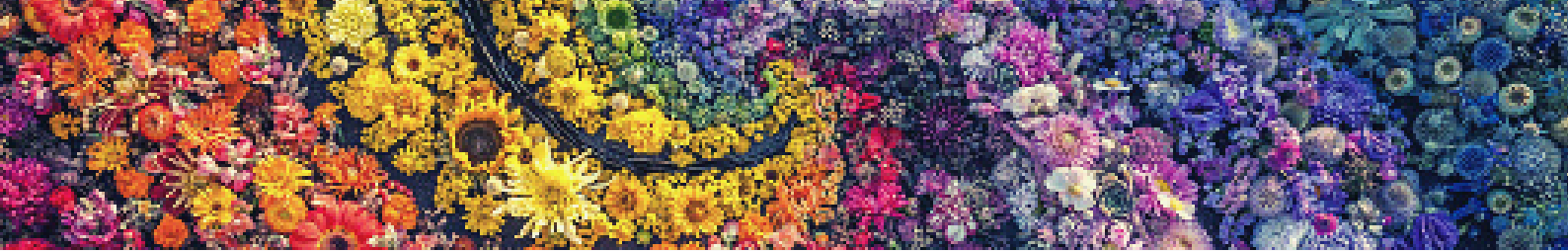
**May 23 is Pentecost Sunday! Wear your fire colors and let's light up this church. This is an especially special day this year as Pastor Tarrah will be ordained later that day at her home church. Online access will be shared closer to the date.**

**May 30 will be the last Sunday in our Go Deeper Easter Series. We hope you will join us we explore more deeply what is meant when we speak about God in Trinitarian terms. It will be a music filled celebration!**



## **Go Deeper with us this Easter season!**

Join us for worship each Sunday morning at 10am as we take a "deeper" look into ourselves, our spiritual and social connections and how each of those things (self-spirit-social) are intricately connected and inseparable.

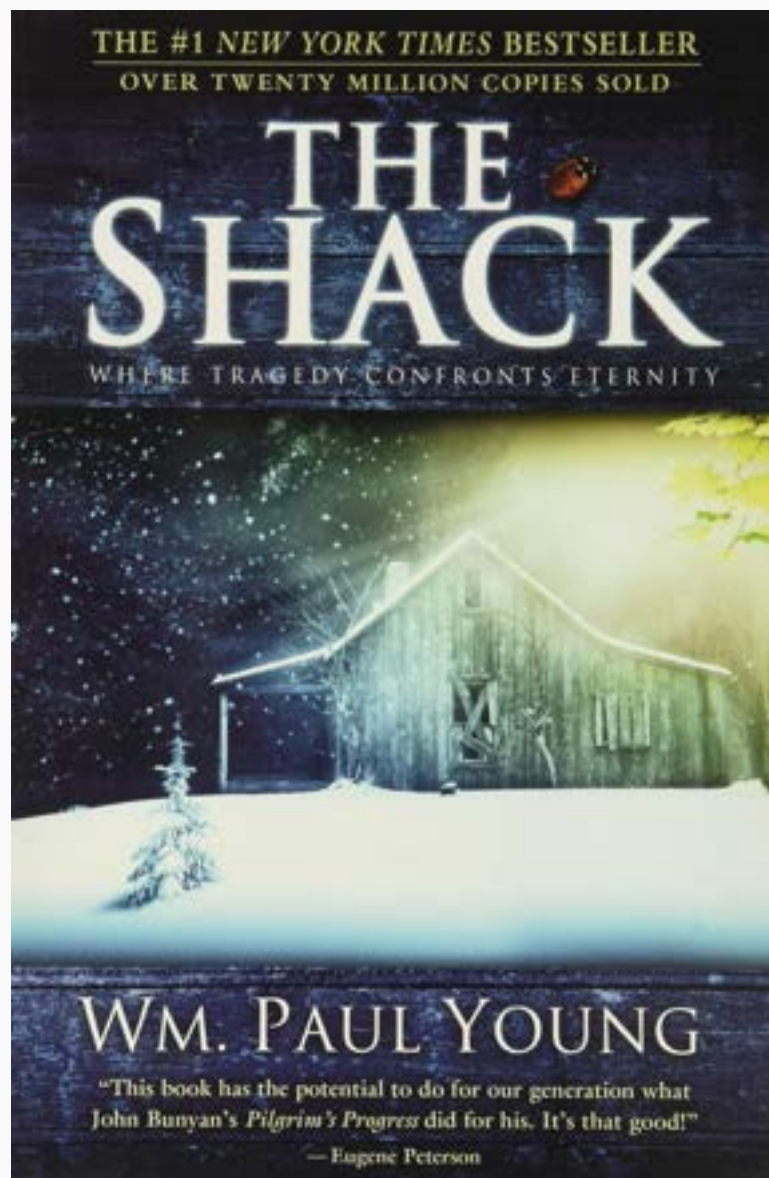


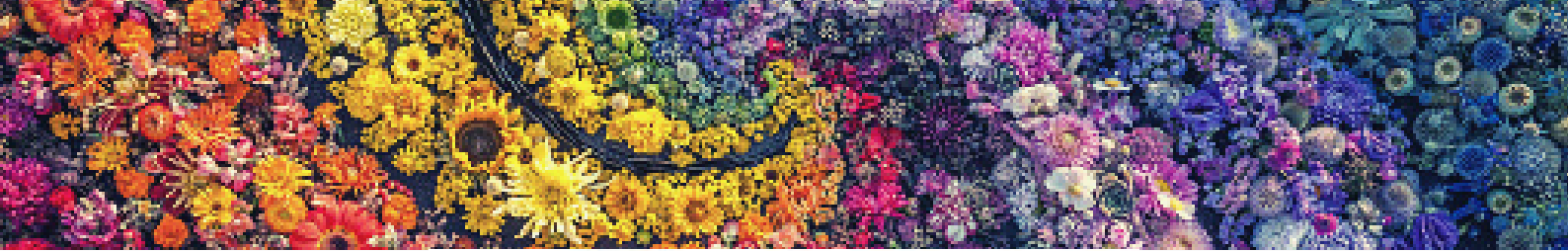
## Go Deeper into 'The Shack' with us!

Join Pastor Stacy and Pastor Tarrah as we take a deeper look into "The Shack" and our relationships/beliefs about God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.

This book study will begin in May with meetings held on Tuesday evenings at the church at 6pm AND online via ZOOM.

Please RSVP to Pastor Stacy or Pastor Tarrah if you would like to attend and indicate whether you prefer in-person or online so we have adequate socially distanced seating available.





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IT'S A SECRET



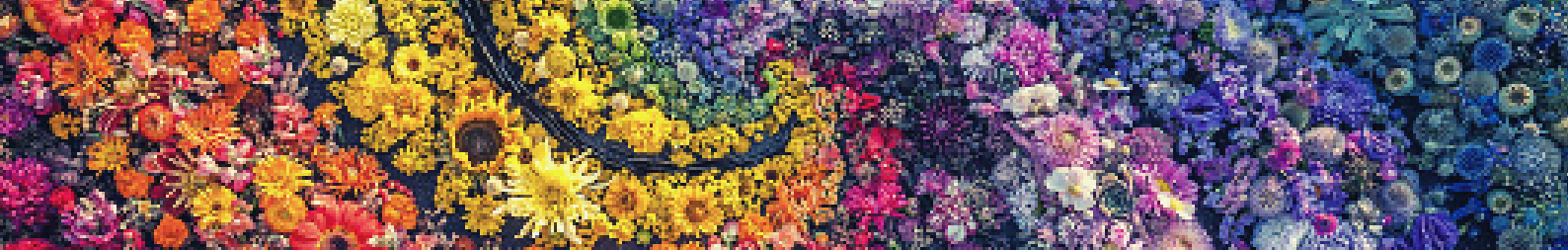
Rev. Dr. Paul Schippel will be celebrating his 90th birthday on May 1st with a surprise car parade which will meet at 3 p.m. at the Old IGA in Centralia. We hope Friedens will join this and make it a BIG parade!

The family is also celebrating with a card shower for his actual birthday which is April 29.

If you would like to participate in the CARD SHOWER:

Send your birthday card to him at:  
1002 E. 2nd St.  
Centralia, IL 62801





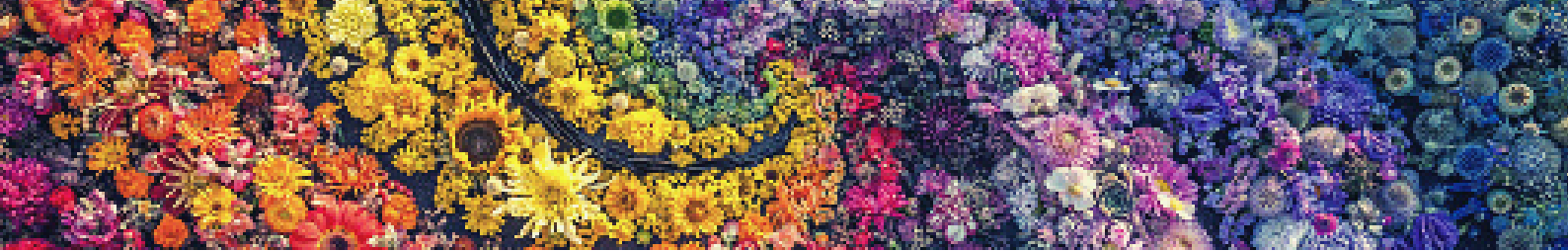
# Confirmands

Confirmands will meet each Sunday after church, except for the third Sunday of each month, until October 3 which is our planned confirmation day.

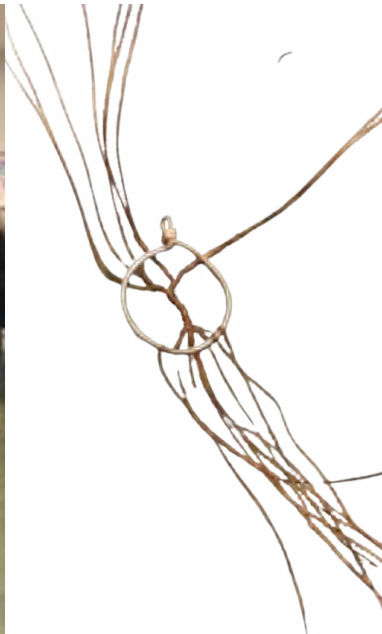
The third Sunday of each month we will not meet after worship as a group.

We will also be scheduling 2 over night "lock-ins" and several retreats in order to meet all the requirements to begin our journey of discipleship as full voting members in the church.





# CONFIRMANDS LEARN ABOUT THE TREE OF LIFE AND MAKE THEIR OWN AT SHRODE CENTER FOR THE ARTS





It's almost time for camping at DuBois Center! For more information visit the website: [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org) Early-bird registration ends on May 10th! Sign-up today:)

## Summer Camp Schedule – 2021

Week	Main Camp	Rustic Village
June 6-11	Just You & Me* Camp Quest* (1-3) Settler (3-5)	Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekkin' It (5-8)
June 13-18	Just You & Me* Boy Meets Camp* (1-3) Settler (3-5)	Outback (6-9)
	— LEAD	(10-12) —
June 20-25	Girl Power* (1-3) Splash! (5-8) Trail Mix (5-8)	High School Week Wrangler (8-12) X-Plore (8-12)
June 27 – July 2	Settler (3-5) Nature's Lab (5-7) Splash! (5-7)	Outback (6-9) Saddle 'Em Up (7-9)
July 11-16	Discovery* (1-3) Camp Quest* (1-3) Imagine That! (4-7) Movin' & Groovin' (4-7)	Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekkin' It (5-8) Saddle 'Em Up (7-9)
July 18-21	Family Camp* (Adults & Children)	

(Grades Completed) \*Part-Week Sessions

If you are unable to join us in person this summer, **DuBois Delivered!** will come to you.



## STRENGTHENING THE TIES THAT BIND US TOGETHER

### Day of Discipleship - May 1, 2021 - via Zoom

Our ministries, our ways of connecting with our members and our community, and our ways of utilizing technology have changed and evolved during the past year. Let's gather to learn how we can share resources and ideas which can strengthen the work of the Church. The event will take place on Zoom with the opportunity to attend 3 of 6 different workshops. Click [here](#) to register.

**WORKSHOP Choices**—*You do not need to choose your workshops at this time! You will choose your workshops during the event.*

#### **WORKSHOP #1 – “Blest Be the Zoom that Binds”**

*Panelist – Rev. Christy Eckert, St John UCC Trenton and Dale Ritzel, COGS, Carbondale*

Learn more about using Zoom for worship services, meetings, & staying connected. Join a frank discussion about pros & cons, costs, what works & what doesn't, & future possibilities for using Zoom.

#### **WORKSHOP #2 - “From the Mail Box to the Zoom Box: Communicating Effectively with Multiple Generations.”**

*Panelist – Rev. Michelle Torigian, St Paul UCC Belleville*

This past year has made us rethink much of the way we communicate with each other. While many are embracing Zoom, others are still relying on newsletters, phone calls, and radio. Let's talk about creative ways to communicate with ALL generations in our churches and communities to ensure that no one gets left out of our communications.

#### **WORKSHOP #3 – “From Virtual to Hybrid—How do we choose?”**

*Panelist – Katie Hotze-Wilton, Eden Theological Seminary*

There is so much technology to choose from and so much to learn. What questions should we be asking? And who will become the tech steward? Finding the answers together.

#### **WORKSHOP #4 - “Live-streaming Your Church Events”**

*Panelists: Rev. Jeremy Wood, Salem UCC, Alhambra and Rev. Don Wagner, St. Paul UCC, Lebanon*

Live-streaming\* is not as scary as it sounds. With the expertise of two of our ISC churches that have been live-streaming their services, you can learn why you should and how you can implement live-streaming, as well as learn how to avoid the pitfalls of live broadcasting.

#### **WORKSHOP #5 – “From Despair to Hope: Addressing Mental Health & Suicide”**

*Panelist – Rev. Tim Darmour-Paul, Grantfork UCC & Rev. Lori Schafer, St John Midway UCC Moro*

Through the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the stresses that provoke mental health challenges, including suicidal thinking. What can people of faith say and do to promote mental health in these difficult times? How can our congregations get involved? Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to talk about it. Come to this workshop to get involved in the conversation and to perhaps learn a skill that could save a life.

#### **WORKSHOP #6 - “Town Hall Conversation with Low-Tech & No-Tech Congregations”**

*Panelist – Rev. Andy Wilson, St John's UCC Smithton & Rev. Rosemary Captain, St John UCC Fairview Heights*

Are you a member of a low-tech or no-tech congregation, and are you feeling overwhelmed by all the technological demands of the pandemic? Do you feel like your congregation is being left behind in ministry and outreach because your congregation is not technologically savvy? This breakout session will talk about engaging in fruitful ministry, even though they are not serving technologically advanced churches. Also, this will be a space for open dialog and exchange of ideas for all churches (laity and clergy alike) to share their experiences.

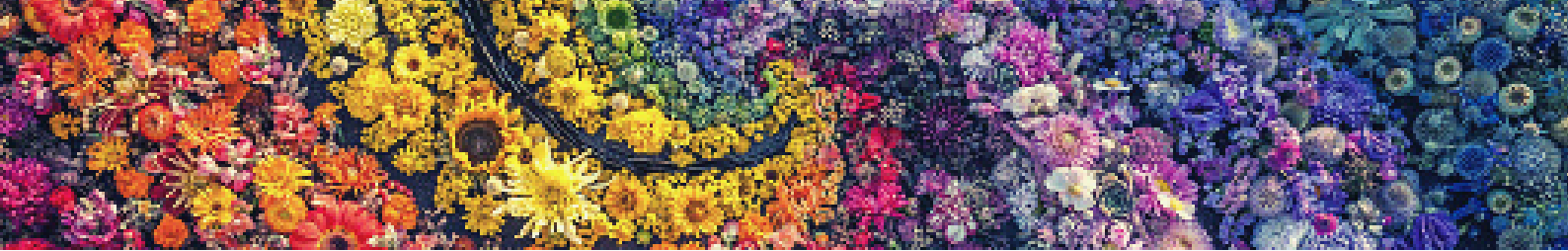
- **Fee for the event:** \$25/person. Registration [link](#) *If you need assistance with the fee, please contact the ISC registrar at [jriechmann@iscucc.org](mailto:jriechmann@iscucc.org)*
- **Schedule for the day:**

8:45 am - 9:00 am	Participants log in
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Opening devotion and presentation of schedule
9:30 am - 10:10 am	Session A
10:20 am - 11:00 am	Session B
11:10 am - 11:50 am	Session C

The 40-minute session times are intended to offer the last ten minutes (at least) for questions and comments from the attendees. Ten-minute breaks between the session will allow all participants to get away from their screens for a bit and choose their next workshop. All six workshops will be available for all three session times.

Go to <http://www.iscucc.org> to register.





# Giving Snapshot

Thank you for your faithful giving so far this year. Your support is appreciated and we would be unable to continue our life-giving ministry without YOUR support. Unfortunately, we haven't met our giving budget so far this year.

January Giving Budget: \$13,846

January Actual Giving: \$12,884

January Deficit: \$962

February Giving Budget: \$13,846

February Actual Giving: \$8934

February Deficit: \$4912

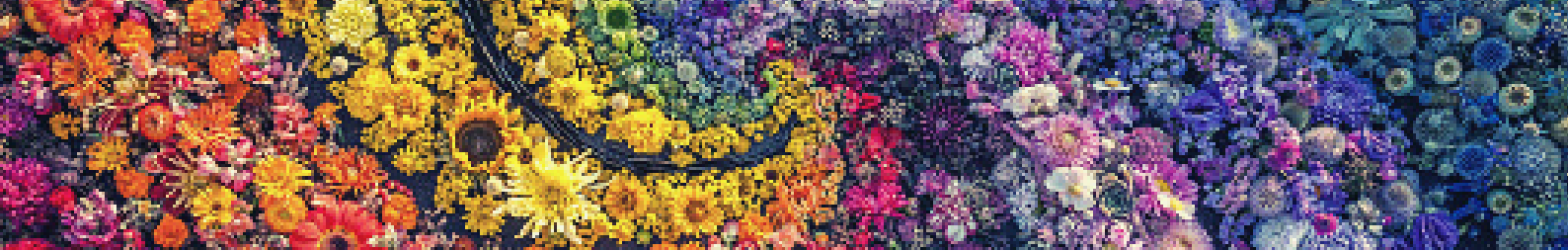
Mar 7th: Goal=\$3,462 Actual=\$3901

Mar 14th: Goal=\$3,462 Actual=\$ 3175

Mar 21st: Goal=\$3,462 Actual=\$1025

Mar 28th: Goal=\$3,462 Actual=\$ 967

Deficit= \$4,780



# Giving Options to support Friedens Ministry

Monthly Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%
\$500	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25
\$1,000	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50
\$1,500	\$150	\$135	\$120	\$105	\$90	\$75
\$2,000	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100
\$2,500	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$120
\$3,000	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150
\$3,500	\$350	\$315	\$280	\$245	\$210	\$175
\$4,000	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$280	\$240	\$200
\$4,500	\$450	\$405	\$360	\$315	\$270	\$225
\$5,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250

To determine your weekly giving, divide the % by the number of Sunday's in the month.

Example: Monthly income=\$500; 10% Tithe in a month with 4 Sundays=\$12.50 each Sunday.

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Matthew 6:21



# Online Giving Options

Did you know that you can send your offering electronically? You can! We use Vanco as our online giving processor and the link is

<https://giving.irvingtonucc.com>

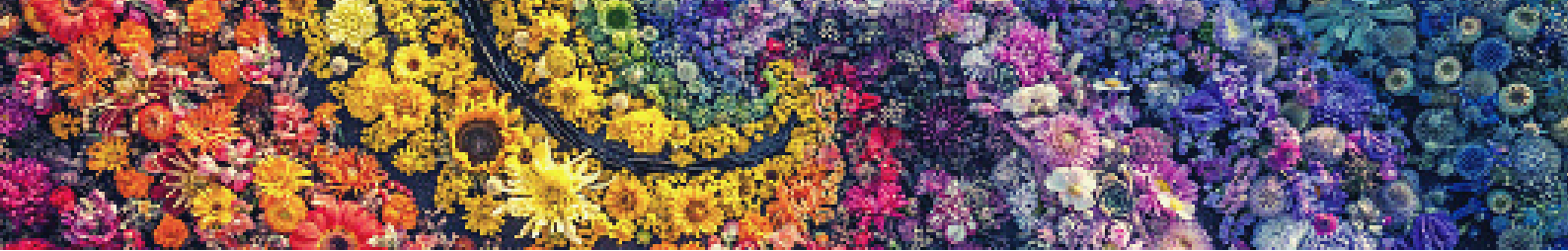
Unfortunately, Vanco charges Friedens a 2.75% fee (based on the amount of the donation) for each debit/credit card transaction which adds up over time.

We ask that you prayerfully consider covering that charge as a part of your online giving

All you have to do is click the box that reads:

"Optional: - Give additional 2.75% to help offset the processing fee".

The amount of your donation is then automatically calculated to include this new amount.



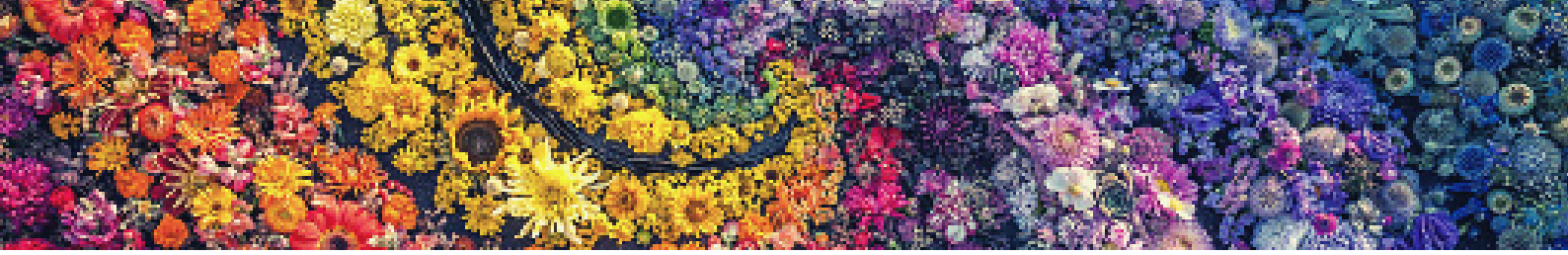
We welcomed the following new members to our church family on Easter:

Brenda Anderson  
Sandy Begulin  
Mark Cameron  
Marla Cameron  
Mary Helen Niebaus  
Gracelynn Norgaard  
Morgan Tate  
Sharon Tate  
Teresa Tate  
Jasen Vaupel  
Nancy Winkler

Nancy also was baptized into the Body the Christ on Easter. Through her baptism, Nancy affirms her call of God and being God's beloved child, the embracing of the way of Jesus in faith and works, and the acceptance of the nurturing of the Holy Spirit in her daily life. We welcome Nancy into the care of Christ's church, our Christian faith, and lived expression of the example Jesus taught.

As all of these beloved children of God have chosen this congregation as their faith family, we extend an extravagant welcome and enfold each of them in love and prayer as they walk alongside and within our family.

Welcome home, beloveds!



The honor of your virtual presence  
is requested at

*The Ordination of  
Tarrah Suzanne Vaupel*

Sunday, the 23rd of May, 2021

4:00pm at O'Fallon United Church of Christ  
206 W. Adams St, O'Fallon, IL 62269

The service will be presented  
live via Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 854 3563 9560  
Password: 840260

## **Pastor Tarrah is getting ordained!**

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused limits to be placed on the number of people gathering in-person for this event.

As a sign of your support and presence at the ordination service, please consider completing a ribbon that will be placed upon Pastor Tarrah as she is blessed and affirmed into ordained ministry.

Pick up a strip of ribbon in the basket by the sanctuary entrance, sign your name, and if you'd like, include a particular scripture, prayer or words of support. Ribbons must be returned no later than Sunday, May 9th.



# IN PERSON WORSHIP 10 A.M.SUNDAYS

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