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Loved Ones,

Late on a Sunday on my quarterly rounds, when I begin calling to confirm visitation with our shut-ins, I will confess there are times I wonder if I will have the stamina to continue. Yet, after visiting, I always feel uplifted and energized as my thoughts fill with joy and the stimulation of talking with, being with, interesting and intelligent people—our faithful home-bound. In many ways I receive much more than I give.

On one visit, I was given a calendar with a “church-sign saying” for every day of the year. Now these are catchy and funny, as you’d expect, but they also are sermons in themselves, better framed than any I could craft. A couple of examples:

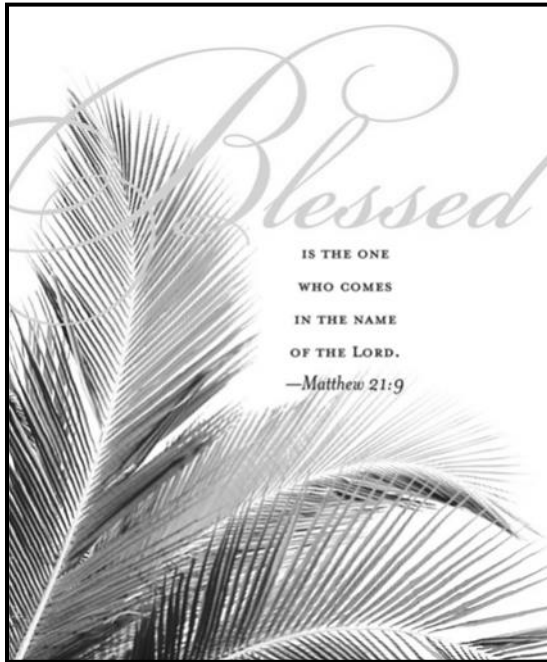
“Love everyone; God will sort ‘em out in the end.” How simple! How profound a guide for getting through life with a minimum of stress.

Today’s saying is (I write this on Wednesday, March 11th) *“Less me time, more knee time”* —a concise description of the Christian life and what it can, or should, be.

Oh, and did I mention that I never cease to be energized and filled with joy after visiting with our home-bound? May our LORD grant speedy relief from viruses and cares of all kinds that we may continue to be with each other, learn from each other, as together we walk the walk our LORD has given us during this season when we remember His walk to the cross.

In Christ,
Judy

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020

Adult Sunday School	8:30am
Coffee Hour	9:00am
WORSHIP	10:00am
Children's Sunday School	10:15am
Adult Bible Study	11:00am



EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2020

Breakfast	8:30am
Adult Sunday School	8:30am
WORSHIP	10:00am



"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said." Matthew 28:6

******Be sure to check the church's website (www.centralucc.com) and Facebook page for updates on cancellations due to the coronavirus.***

EASTER MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM LISTING

“Each year the Easter Memorial/Honorarium Listing provides members and friends an opportunity to lift up loved ones and special people in their lives. There are a couple of ways to participate: 1) provide a lily which will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter morning, & 2) make a monetary donation to the church.

Please complete the form below and mail it to the office by **Monday, April 6**. If making a monetary donation, checks are also due April 6 along with your form. If you are providing a lily, we ask that you bring your lily to the church on Friday, April 10. You may contact the church office with any questions by emailing office@centralucc.com or calling 635-1041. ***You can also stay updated regarding worship cancellations due to the coronavirus, on the church’s website (www.centralucc.com) and Facebook page.***”

EASTER MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM FORM

Please mail completed form/check to the office by Monday, April 6

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX: Lily (you provide)

General Fund

Other Fund _____

WORDING FOR LISTING: In memory of In honor of

(Please Print) _____

FROM: _____

FESTIVAL OF SHARING APRIL/MAY KIT: CWS Cleanup Buckets

During the months of April and May the Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the CWS Cleanup Bucket. Since this is a large kit we will be collecting for 2 months. It is the most expensive kit (estimated value \$75) and has the most items. All cleaning items must be new. Please place your items in our box in the narthex. Donated items must be EXACTLY as listed below:

- 1 bottle of liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz.)
Must be water mixable (no spray bottles)
- 1 **non aerosol** insect repellent (6-9 oz.)
- Clothesline 1– 100 ft. or 2– 50 ft.
- 2 pairs non-surgical latex gloves
Should be durable for multiple uses.
(remove packaging)
- 1 scrub brush (plastic or wooden)
- 1– 50 oz. liquid laundry detergent
(bottles only)
- 1 liquid disinfectant dish soap (16 – 18 oz.)
- 18 reusable cleaning wipes (**like easy wipes**)
- 7 sponges, including 1 large sponge
- 24 – 48 **heavy-duty or contractor** type trash bags sized 36-45 gallon in a roll
(remove cardboard packaging)



With flooding being forecast this year along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers the demand for cleanup buckets could be high. Last year 1,418 cleanup buckets were shared with people dealing with disasters. Menards is a good place to get most of the items listed above. If you would like to donate money the Mission and Outreach Ministry will shop for items. We do our best to get sale items and make the money stretch.



Thank you to Becky Buchholz for leading our Lenten Quiet Hour yesterday. Her Lenten message was that of Forgiveness, as exemplified by the life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. As an analogy, she used the recent film "Won't You Be My Neighbor", detailing a portion of the life of Fred Rogers and his interactions with an interviewer who needed to, and eventually did, come to understand how forgiveness can heal your soul. Thank you Becky for sharing your insight. You left us with much to ponder. Thank you as well to the Elenor Circle and the officers of the Women's Fellowship who provided salads and desserts for our lunch.

FAITH IN ACTION

APRIL BENEVOLENCE “Unleashing Potential”

One of St. Louis’ oldest and important nonprofits has set a new direction for unleashing potential of St. Louis’ children, families and neighborhoods. Programs include early childhood, after school, youth development, and enrichment camps.

The staff for early childhood education program work diligently to administer a high quality program. The goal is that children are equipped to enter kindergarten emotionally, socially, and cognitively ready for learning.

After school programs provide a safe and educational option for busy parents. Children receive creative expression with cooking classes, art classes and dance classes. The program provides a curriculum-based approach to math, literature, character education, fitness and nutrition. Homework assistance is available. A hot meal or nutritious snack is provided every day.

The youth development program combines positive youth development and valuable work experience. All positions are paid, and youth build strong team-building relationships with fellow youth, adults and clients through Magnificent Creations. Magnificent Creations is a t-shirt screen-painting social enterprise business located in North City.

Enrichment camps ensure parents have affordable and safe options for their children during the summer months. Older campers enjoy a week at Camp Mo-Val.

You can help this mission by providing a donation.



Join with churches and community friends as we give back to our city on Sunday morning, April 26. Mission JC is a morning of worship *through* service in our community. It began in 2013 with one church. Today it includes nine churches, over 600 volunteers and over 50 projects.

Volunteers like you are the heart of Mission JC. All ages are welcome and families are encouraged to serve together! We’ll begin our projects around 11:00 a.m. following worship. To see projects, go to www.missionjc.org or watch the bulletin announcement for projects from the Mission and Outreach Ministry.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your blessing of forty-seven pounds of food that you recently brought over to the Samaritan Center. Please know that all the families who come to us for food are so grateful to have it for their kids and babies. With Easter arriving soon, we will need extra food for our families’ Easter dinners and Easter baskets for the little ones. Your help means so very much to us. We want them to have extra to Celebrate Our Risen Lord like all their classmates and neighbors. Your helping them means the world to them. God bless each one of you for your generosity to others.

For Him,
Marylyn DeFeo,
Executive Director

OUR SHARED LIFE



90+ BIRTHDAYS April

Florence Guhleman (4/14)
5815 American Parkway, #311
Madison, WI 53718

Wilburn Rowden (4/24)
1301 Gladstone Ct.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will have their carry-in luncheon meeting at noon on Tuesday, April 28. Kay Rackers Scott who was scheduled to speak in January will be our speaker. She has lost a daughter to suicide and will speak on that subject. I hope you will be able to attend. Kay is a very inspirational speaker.

BROTHERHOOD HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 3, 2020

- ♦ The Bell Choir served a delicious meal to 13 men.
- ♦ Discussed the roof at Camp Aurora; will work on it this in May.
- ♦ Had updates on the air conditioning duct, storm water problem, and the Search and Call process.
- ♦ Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,929.00

Carl Ernst,
Secretary

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT...

I remember that first drive to Jefferson City, hoping I'd find the Church in time, walking into a room filled with friendly people and fresh doughnuts, wondering how I would be used, how I could help, could I even be heard in such a large sanctuary, how people would react to a short female minister who had to step out from behind the pulpit to be seen.

I left that morning to the tune of glorious music, filled with energy that left me completely unmindful of the length of the drive ahead, hoping I might be asked to return on occasion. And here we are today, on the better side of two years, permanently joined for whatever the days ahead bring. Floods, a tornado, now Covid-19; what next? But we meet each new challenge together now in God our Father, secure in the ever-growing knowledge of not only our love for each other but of the love our Lord and Savior has for each of us, standing firm in the gifts the Holy Spirit provides.

Again, I say: "It is MY joy to serve you." Thank you.

Judy

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CARD CLUB

Join us on Wednesday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room for our first card game fellowship. Please call Faye Rinaldi at 893-5749 if you have any questions.

CELEBRATING WOMEN BANQUET

Save the date for this year's Celebrating Women Banquet on Thursday, April 23 in the church gym. Watch for more information to follow as details unfold.

YOUNG YOUTH

Wednesdays after school ... As a quick reminder, Young Youth only meets on those Wednesdays that school is in session. With the recent school closings, I have been using alternative ways to interact with the kids and get the Bible lessons to them. If you have someone who might appreciate those contacts, please let me know and I will get them added. When we are back together in person, kids in grades K-5 get together on Wednesdays after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship. Supervision begins at 3:00 and we end at 6:00.

Easter Egg Hunt ... Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.

With hundreds of eggs, it's more of a dash than a hunt and it goes quickly, so you don't want to be late! Bring friends to join the fun, family to cheer you on, and something to hold your eggs. This activity is for all ages up through 5th grade.

Vacation Bible School ... July 6-10, 9:30 a.m. – noon daily

Join us for our Lava Lava Island: Where Jesus' Love Flows adventure. More info coming soon, but save those dates!! VBS is for ages 4 thru those just finishing 5th grade.

Rene Miserez, 694-6022

Young Youth Director



Saturday, April 11 7:00-11:30am

All-You-Can-Eat

Made-from-Scratch Biscuits Scrambled Eggs Pancakes Gravy

Sausage Bacon Coffee/Milk/Juice

\$10 adults; \$5 kids 5-9; kids under 5 free. Carry-outs available.



Easter egg hunt at 10:00am
for children up through 5th grade



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CENTRAL UCC WOMEN'S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM FUNDRAISERS



This is the 13th year for Central UCC Women to participate as a team in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life-Cole County which will be held on Friday, June 5. By the time you receive this Tower, fundraising by the team will be underway.

One fundraiser is a raffle for four tickets (300 level) to the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates game on Sunday afternoon, August 30 (American Cancer Society Day at the St. Louis Ballpark). Raffle tickets are \$2 for one or \$5 for three. Tickets can be purchased from team members Jeanne Kujath, Connie Pack, and Mary Ann Wippermann. They will also be available on Sunday mornings during coffee hour and after church and at the April 11 Breakfast Bonanza. The drawing will be April 27.

The other fundraiser is the sale of the 2020 MO Hope short sleeve shirt. A team member will have a sample at church on Sundays. Adult sizes XS through XL are \$15 and XXL and XXXL are \$17. The team will receive \$10 for each shirt sold. Orders will need to be placed with a team member by April 8 or May 10 and must be accompanied with payment.

Another option for supporting the team is by doing a luminaria for someone in your life who has been affected by cancer. A luminaria can be done for a \$5 donation. A luminaria is a candle inside a small paper bag. At the Relay for Life event all the luminarias line the track and are lit after dark for the luminaria ceremony. A luminaria can be given in honor of a cancer survivor, in memory of someone who has lost their battle, in support of a caregiver, or in honor of a childhood cancer survivor (can be a child or an adult who had cancer as a child). If this is something you wish to do, contact one of the team members who will provide you with the luminaria dedication form for you to complete and return to a team member by May 10.

Lastly, if you wish to just make a cash donation to the team, any team member will be happy to accept the donation.

Mary Ann Wippermann
Team Captain, Central UCC Women



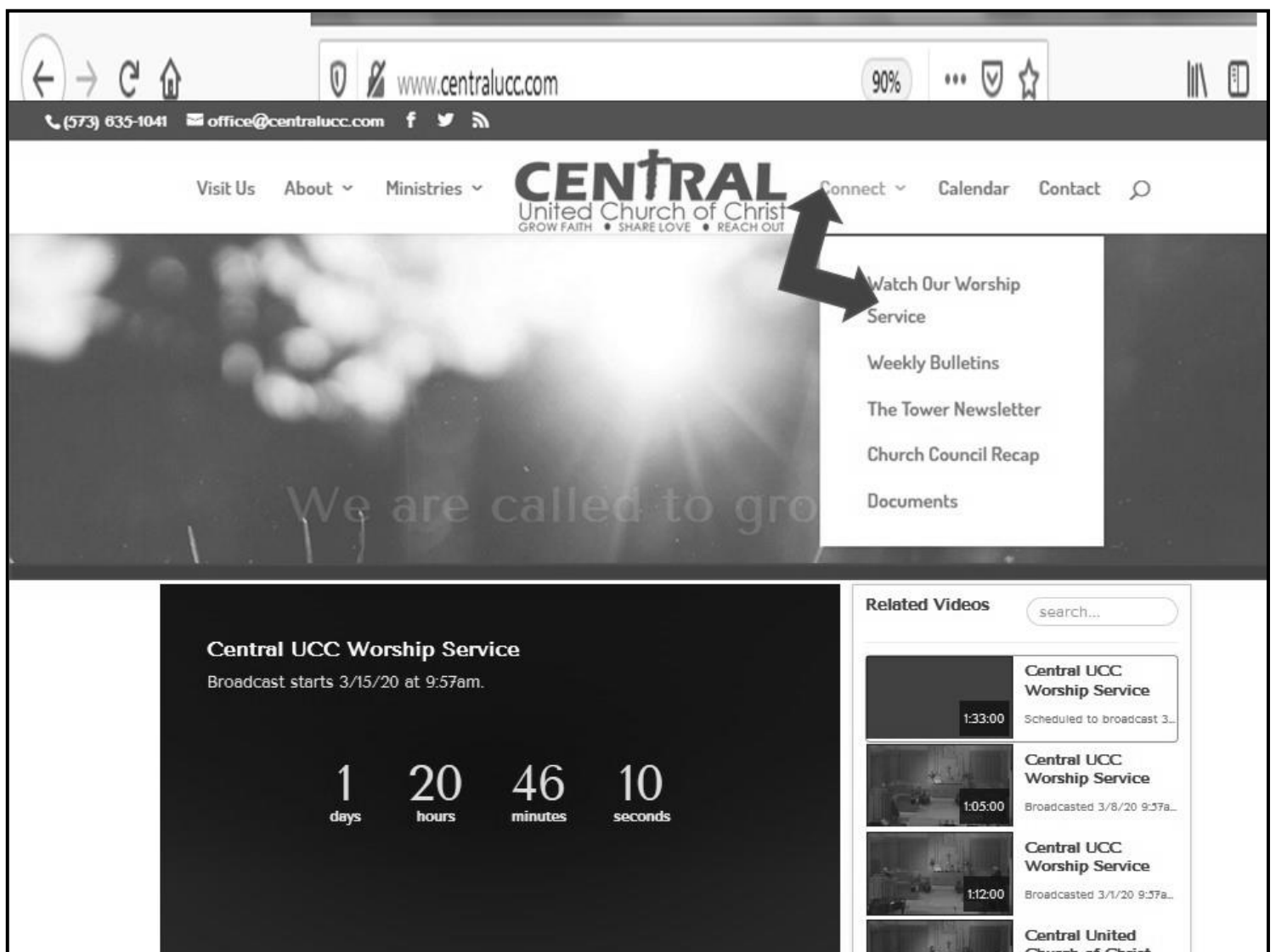
CAMP AURORA WORKDATES

Each year Camp Aurora is seeking volunteers to help on specified work dates to prepare the camp for this year's summer camping season. Work dates are: April 18, May 16, May 30 and June 6. If you would like to help, please call Matt Kujath at 573-619-5724.

WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICE ON CENTRAL'S WEBSITE

If you are unable to attend church on Sunday mornings and have access to the internet, you can watch our worship service live on our website. Go to centralucc.com. You do not need to log in, just hover your mouse over the heading at the top right of the page that says CONNECT and click on "Watch our Worship Service". This will bring up the video player, which will show a countdown timer until the beginning of the next service. On the right side of the page are links to previous archived services. These previous services are also uploaded weekly to our Facebook page.

If you have any questions about either of these, please feel free to contact Alan Bagnull at 616-1302 or biggle@mcholland.com, and he will be happy to walk you through the steps.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website www.centralucc.com. The browser's address bar shows the URL and a 90% zoom level. The website's header includes navigation links: Visit Us, About, Ministries, Connect, Calendar, and Contact. The 'Connect' dropdown menu is open, showing options: Watch Our Worship Service, Weekly Bulletins, The Tower Newsletter, Church Council Recap, and Documents. A large black arrow points from the 'Connect' link to the 'Watch Our Worship Service' option. Below the header, a large banner image features the text 'We are called to grow'. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, a dark box displays 'Central UCC Worship Service' with a broadcast start time of 3/15/20 at 9:57am. Below this is a countdown timer showing 1 day, 20 hours, 46 minutes, and 10 seconds. On the right, a 'Related Videos' section includes a search bar and a list of video thumbnails with titles like 'Central UCC Worship Service' and their respective broadcast times.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

April 2020

WORSHIP USHERS

2020 Team Schedule:

January & July — Mary Ann Wippermann
February & August — Gary Woodward
March & September — Carl Ernst
April & October — Monty Schmutzler
May & November — Russell Rottmann
June & December — TEAM CAPTAIN NEEDED
(formerly Dick Kettenbrink's)

April:

Team Captain — Monty Schmutzler

Mark Mueller	Allen Schmutzler
Roger Schneider	Roland Warmann

COMMUNION PREPARATION

April 12 (Easter) - Barb Schmutzler

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

April 9 — Patti Schmutzler

MEALS ON WHEELS

April 15 — Prime Time Club

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

- ♦ Financial Report by Allen Schmutzler showed the General Fund is very strong.
- ♦ The Council received a letter from the Clifton Ebersold family expressing their appreciation of a donation to the memorial Fund at Frederick Blvd. Baptist Church in his memory.
- ♦ Congregational Life Ministry Chair, Faye Rinaldi, is seeking help to do the Sunday morning Coffee hour. Someone is needed for June, July and August.
- ♦ Warren Witt reported inspection of the air conditioner duct problems by several congregation members shows that the repair work can be done by congregation members at a cost lower than anticipated.
- ♦ Larry Long is working on the gym door problems and wants to remind everyone to be sure the door closes completely when entering and leaving the building by way of the gym.
- ♦ CUCC is one of the randomly chosen congregations doing a survey and report for the National UCC. Tommy Thompson and Larry Long are leading this project. If someone would like to help, please contact them.
- ♦ There was discussion of offering Dr. Judith Scott a contract as CUCC congregation's part-time Pastor.
**This was done during a special congregational meeting held on March 15, 2020. The congregation approved offering a contract and Dr. Scott accepted it during the meeting and expressed her appreciation of this action.

Respectfully,

Gary Woodward
Council Secretary

**Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust!"**

PSALM 91:1-2

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 1:00pm Dominoes/ Fellowship 3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir</p>			<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 10:15am Children's SS 11:00am Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm Brotherhood</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 9:00am CUCC Family Time (Perkins) 3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:00pm Salvation Army Meal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00am Breakfast Bonanza 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt</p>
<p>12</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY 8:30am Breakfast 8:30am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>(Office Closed) 7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:00pm Mission & Outreach Ministry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 10:00am Meals On Wheels 1:00pm Dominoes/ Fellowship 3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30pm Finance Ministry 5:30pm Faith Formation Ministry 7:00pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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OUR MISSION

To be a Christ-centered community of faithful disciples
who are called to grow in faith, and share God's love
as we reach out to each other,
to our community, and to our world.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

8:30am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Coffee Hour
10:00am Worship Service
10:15am Children's Sunday School
(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Ministers..... Every Member
Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music..... Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director Rene Miserez
Organist Shirley Klein
Bell Choir Director Rene Miserez

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