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***“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”***

**CCOWUCC Update and News For The Week of:  
January 23 2023**

**Members and Friends,**



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**WORD FOR THE DAY  
- FROM GRATEFUL.ORG**

***“Gratitude is liberating. It is subversive.  
It helps us realize that we are sufficient,  
and that realization frees us.”  
— Joanna Macy***

**DAILY QUESTION**

***“Which spiritual teacher has inspired my own journey?”***

**You may subscribe to the daily “Word for the Day” by going to  
<https://grateful.org>.**

1. The **January 22<sup>nd</sup> worship service** is posted on [www.uccwalker.com](http://www.uccwalker.com). We explored the concept of being called – ultimately meaning that we become witness, we testify to the power of the call. Enjoy the wonderful music of Leisa Bragg.
2. Another deadly shooting by a weapon of mass destruction! Families are broken at the tragic death of loved ones. **Prayers and actions for those who grieve today at the sudden death of a loved one.**

As the world, **As we**, continues to face so many challenges – may our prayers and actions today be for justice and equity, kindness and love, hope and miracle, wonder and forgiveness.

3. **Would you continue to pray for** Sue who is recovering at home, Josh, Jo and Bob, Andrew, Alison, for August, for the family of Sally Wulfekuhler, for Duane, and for Meryle.

**4. From Chem-Dry who did a deep clean of the church – a word of thanks!**

*Greetings customer*

*We want to thank you for the pleasure of serving you. A fresh, clean space is a treat, and we are happy for the chance to give that to you.*

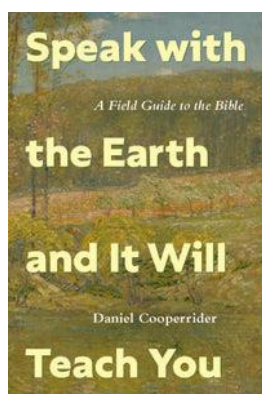
*If you are enjoying the unique clean that Chem-Dry provides, your family and friends are sure to love us. If you haven't already, leave us a review and help our future friends find the best clean.*

*Remember that if you have questions or concerns about our work, we are just a phone call or email away. Either way, we are committed to responding to your concerns.*

Again, we are deeply grateful for your business, and we look forward to seeing you again for your next cleaning. Don't forget that we specialize in spot and odor removal, in case any accidents happen between now and then.

Until next time, Chem-Dry

5. **Newsletter Deadline is Monday, JANUARY 23 2023 - TODAY.**
6. **St. Mark's WELS** meets on **the second and fourth** Monday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at CCOWUCC.
7. **Quilt frame will be** reconstructed in the Fellowship Hall of January 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday morning, by folks from Cass County Sentenced to Serve. There will be some who will continue to work on the quilts.
8. **Book Conversation – Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>** The book ***Speak with the Earth and it Will Teach You*** by **Daniel Cooperrider**.



On the 18<sup>th</sup> we will explore the first section of the book.

**PART I - RIVERS**  
**Creation Element Interlude: WATER**

- 1 · The Source: Rivers of Paradise
- 2 · Mother River
- 3 · Living Waters (Down in the River to Pray)
- 4 · Apocalyptic Hope: Watershed Discipleship & The Round River

This book is published by the UCC's Pilgrim Press and is available (December 21st) through Amazon. The Kindle version is \$11.81 and the paperback is \$24.95.

You may participate in the conversation via a Zoom Meeting. The link is below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86520761843?pwd=QmROV0xCdW8zSndDQTNDc3hVWHIMdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 2076 1843, Passcode: 529351.

## 9. Birthdays

- 1/25 – Joann Pels
- 1/31 – Leisa Bragg

## 10. Anniversaries

11. **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for the UCC is *Health and Human Services Sunday*.** *“We will gather together with the whole United Church of Christ in observing Health and Human Service Sunday. We will bear witness to the tradition, and the history being made today, of how the UCC has embodied extravagant welcome through service. The UCC and its predecessor denominations courageously founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages during times of pandemic, war, and social upheaval. Now, there are more than 400 UCC affiliated health care centers, hospitals, affordable housing and retirement communities, transitional housing for those experiencing homelessness or domestic violence, and service centers for children, youth, families, and those with disabilities. These ministries continue to show up in the most challenging circumstances—and do so with a hope that has come alive. It is thus a day to celebrate how the life of the church*

*is vibrant beyond our church walls and outreach ministries. So, may we give thanks for this collective work of the Spirit. May we uplift God's healers and equity weavers, visionaries of freedom, and frontline responders—that together, we may create a just, caring, and compassionate world. Amen."*

**12. All readings for Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 – The Third Sunday After Epiphany**

- Micah 6:1-8 • Psalm 15 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • Matthew 5:1-12

**13. Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>** the focus texts come from the prophet Micah. The question proposed in this familiar text to God is "What shall I bring when I come before YHWH, and bow down before God on high?" God's answer "simply do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."

**14. Focus Readings January 29<sup>th</sup>: Micah 6:1-8**

- 1 Hear now what YHWH says:  
"Come, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice!*
- 2 Listen to YHWH's indictment, you mountains  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for YHWH has a dispute with the people,  
and is putting Israel on trial.*
- 3 O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you?  
Give me an answer!*
- 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent Moses to lead you,  
and Aaron, and Miriam!*
- 5 My people, call to mind the plans  
devised by the ruler Balak of Moab,  
and how Balaam ben-Beor answered him!  
Remember the journey from Shittim to Gilgal,  
and recall how YHWH brought you justice!"*
- 6 "What shall I bring when I come before YHWH,  
and bow down before God on high?" you ask. "Am I to come before God with burnt offerings?  
With year-old calves?*
- 7 Will YHWH be placated by thousands of rams  
or ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings—  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*
- 8 Listen here, mortal:  
God has already made abundantly clear  
what "good" is, and what YHWH needs from you:  
simply do justice,  
love kindness,  
and humbly walk with your God.*

**15. Questions to ponder concerning the text for Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**

- What is justice? How does its absence impact the world?
- How would you characterize a just world?
- What does it mean to love kindness?
- How does kindness manifest in the world?

- What does it mean to walk humbly with God?
- What challenges does walking humbly with God present to us?

16. Information for bulletin needs to be at the church by Tuesday morning [commchurchucc@arvig.net](mailto:commchurchucc@arvig.net).

17. **A Reminder!!!** – current bulletins, Churchly Happenings, and **Good News, Good News** - our monthly newsletter, and the **Weekly Update** may be found on the church website – [www.uccwalker.com](http://www.uccwalker.com)

18. **Women's Fellowship** meets Valentine's Day – Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

19. **Church Council will meet on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.** This meeting will be a "Virtual Meeting Only". ***(Please note Council Meetings in February and March will also be Virtual Only)*** It may be accessed through a Zoom Meeting.

The link for the Council Meeting is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222500074?pwd=M0lmZmQ4VWkrRGgwQjhOMXVLVXJydz09>  
Meeting ID: 872 2250 0074, Passcode: 272892

20. Addresses – You are invited to be in touch.

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***Prayers and Blessings – Pastor Michael***