



The Messenger

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Join us for
Easter Sunday
10:00 A.M.
April 21, 2019



First Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday, April 7 in the parlor. Join us for good food and conversation as we discuss the topic that relates to our Lenten 4.5 study.

Board Meeting March 31

Come and have lunch after church for free! Join us for the Board Meeting after church on March 31. Learn what the Disciples at UPCC are accomplishing.



2019 Spring Gathering

April 29 from 10-3 we will be meeting at Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. Carpool with our group which will leave around 8 am. The main speaker is Rev. Chesla Nickelson speaking on How to Still Love Ourselves While Still Loving Others: The Art of Self-Care.

Register at <https://cciwdisciples.org/2019/01/the-gathering-2019/>

Trivia Night and Silent Auction

April 6 @7 pm

We will be hosting the third Trivia night which helps fund the Community Dinner Program. It is sponsored by the Uniplace Student Organization. Join us for a night of fun and facts plus the chance to go home with amazing items created by our congregation.

Musically Speaking

Historically the season of Lent - including the Holy Week before the Eastertide - inspired remarkable musical masterpieces, most notably Johann Sebastian Bach's *Passions* (*Matthew* and *John* - the other two are either apocryphal or misattributed).

The immense, infinite musical gift of Bach (1685-1750) is hardly a secret to our music-loving community, but what is equally astonishing is his theological acumen. His in depth study of the Gospels led him to write surprisingly different music in the settings of the two complete *Passions* we have. Different not only in (inevitably) using different melodies and rhythms, but in the very ethos of the music which, like the canonical Gospels themselves, emphasizes different threads, nuances, and even emotions of the two narrative variants.

While we ourselves will be accompanied by a variety of classical and contemporary songs during our Lent journey, this year I will listen at home to the entire *Passion according to John* (alternating between those two treasures every year).

This film provides English translations and the interpretative quality is consistently high:

u.nu/tz7x for Johann S. Bach video.

On Easter we'll exclaim once again "Hallelujah" (with trusted Georg Friedrich Händel), but also proclaim "Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" (Donald Fishel).

... A heartfelt word of thanks to University Place Christian Church, to the members, to the music program contributors, to Kris, for the kindness and generosity in which they've enveloped me on our "Music Sunday" and throughout these many years.

Samir

** ShayLyssa Alexander won first place in a competition in Chicago over the weekend and goes on to regionals. Keep her in prayer as she competes.

Disciple Women

Regular meeting times– 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 pm . Ann Smith will be sharing the lesson and Elizabeth Slifer will provide refreshments on April 8.

Do you Shop ?

Help us by shopping at smile.amazon (instead of the regular Amazon site), choose UniPlace as organization to donate to and .05% of your total purchases will be donated to UniPlace. How much easier can giving be?

Flowers, anyone?

Would you like to give flowers in May or June or July? We have openings. Let Elizabeth Slifer know which Sunday you wish. Email upccmessenger@gmail.org or call my cell 217 493 3132. Thanks!

Open Door

Please bring boxes of cereal and canned fruit for this month. We will use this in our Tuesday food pantry.

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Send a note or card and let them know they are loved!

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The joy of the Lord is your strength Nehemiah 8:10

Our sympathy and love go out to the family of Sam Felton who passed away this week. Services will be held

Website features sermons!

Please make sure you visit our website:

<https://www.uniplace.org/sermons/>

to hear the latest from Pastor Kris.

Serving Schedule

April 7

Liturgist-Vicki Southern

Elders-Kevin, Eyamba

Hospital Calls-Eric

Flower Delivery-Luz

Communion prep-Deb

Sound system- Dorie

April 14

Liturgist-Kevin Price

Elders-Dorie, Kay

Hospital Calls- Judy

Flower Delivery- Jennifer J.

Communion prep-Jennifer H.

Sound system- Jeremy

April 21 EASTER SUNDAY

Liturgist-Elizabeth S

Elders-Jane, Renee

Hospital Calls-Kevin

Flower Delivery-Laurie

Communion prep-Ed

Sound system- Fred C.

April 28

Liturgist-Rod Peavler

Elders-Ed, Jim T.

Hospital Calls-Dorie

Flower Delivery-John H.

Communion prep-Emily

Sound system- Dorie

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For the Beauty of the Earth As we continue in the journey toward Easter, we are practicing spiritual disciplines at UniPlace. In March we highlighted the values of repentance, sacrifice, humility, listening and lamentation. In April we will circle back to the disciplines of simplicity and prayer, our constant guide rails in the Christian journey. For more information about our Lenten Series, see the Lent 2019 box in this newsletter.

What's Your Story? Did you know that UniPlace has a storytellers' group which meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the parlor? This is a generous and encouraging group of folks who are working on the craft of sharing the truth about their lives with other people. The group meets from 6-7 pm once a month. All are welcome!

Many of the UniPlace storytellers also participate in the Do Not Submit Chambana storytellers' night at Seven Saints restaurant in downtown Champaign. Come see a show and hear your friends and neighbors tell stories! The sign-up sheet is available at 6:00 pm (this is an open mic event) and the stories are told from 6:30-7:30 pm. Do Not Submit Chambana takes place on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Come join us for a fun night out on the town March 26 and April 23!

Kitchen Interns As part of our mission to serve the needs of our neighbors, UniPlace is home to the Just Food internship program for youth. We currently have eight teenagers meeting with Pastor Kris, Jessi Delost and Jason Patton twice weekly for mentorship, nutrition education, job skill training, and cooking lessons. You can see these interns in action at Community Dinner on Wednesday nights. Come join us at the table and meet your neighbors!