



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. (when school is in session)  
 Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M. 700 Poyntz Avenue  
 Second Helping Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Manhattan, Kansas 66502  
 Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M. telephone 785-537-7006  
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## Stepping Forward Together

When I was a child, we frequently sang a hymn with these words:

The Church is not a building.  
 The Church is not a steeple.  
 The Church is not a resting place.  
 The Church is the people!

I am the Church.  
 You are the Church.  
 We are the Church - together.  
 All who follow Jesus, all around the world....  
 Yes! We're the Church together.

Each day when I come into our church building, I give thanks for the people who constructed and maintained this building that we inhabit. Almost 160 years ago a group of missionaries from New England constructed our original building, which we still use each week for Taizé worship, Second Helping, [continued pg. 2]



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fellowship hour, adult education and more. After fundraising and painstakingly constructing that original structure, a tornado came through about two weeks before the dedication of the new building and caused extensive damage. Much of the work had to be re-done and the founders desperately wrote to their friends and acquaintances back East to raise funds....again. Their supporters came through, and the building was dedicated in July of 1859, only six weeks later than they originally planned.

It's so true that the Church is not a building or a steeple. The Church is US and all who are trying their best to follow Jesus, all around the world. Our ability to walk in the Way of Jesus is greatly assisted by this gathering space. Our building provides a place for us to worship, support one another, dream and plan, and learn together. It is also an important community center here in Manhattan. Every week we serve the community by hosting five 12-step groups, a community choir, a free community meal, free classes for people of all ages and more. Groups like MAPJ, AAUW, the MLK Committee, and other community organizations use our space on a regular basis. And, of course, we frequently host one-time events for those who are walking hand-in-hand with us as we try to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."

I am so thankful when I think about the generosity of our congregation. We are a congregation that loves to have our building used by the community. Time and time again we say "yes!" to the many ways this space can be used to bring people together, creating and sustaining community. As we continue to Step Forward together, we have an opportunity to consider a one-time special gift to our congregation. Our Board of Trustees has generously given their time in the past 18 months to consider badly-needed updates to the flooring in Pioneer-Blachly, the kitchen, and the lobby and bathrooms near the kitchen. They have worked carefully with the expertise of local architects and contractors, prayerfully making decisions on our behalf. It is now time for the rest of us to boldly Step Forward together, providing the funds our congregation needs to update these spaces. On page 5 of this newsletter, you'll find an invitation from our Church Cabinet with details about how you can be involved.

What a blessing to be able to Be the Church together in this particular time and place, carrying forward the legacy of the cloud of witnesses who came before us, carefully stewarding this space for the generations that will come after us. Let's Step Forward together!

*Pastor Caela*

***E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN*** – If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact [marianfuller@gmail.com](mailto:marianfuller@gmail.com). It is a quick and easy way to stay up to date with your church family.



## Sharing and Caring

### *Prayers and Concerns*

- For more information, please contact the church office.

## Thank You

- We would like to thank our church family at First Congregational for the many thoughtful cards and calls we received following Jim's heart surgery and the loss of my brother. Words can't express how much your prayers and support meant to us during this difficult time.  
*Peace, Jim and Julie Appino*
- Ann and David Smit want to thank the congregation for your thoughtfulness toward us through cards, meals, visits, and prayers while Ann is recovering from a hip revision. They keep her going!

## Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim/Carolyn Hodgson, Bill Pallett, or Jeff Keller.
- **Home Communion Visits** The Deacons can bring communion to your home on the first Sunday of the month. Visits at other times can be arranged with the pastor.

## Finding First Congregational Friends - Our Church Directory

Did you know we have a church directory where you can find contact information for other folks who are a part of our congregation? You can ask Sandy for a print copy OR access it online or via the free smartphone/tablet app. Instructions are available at [www.uccmanhattan.org/church-directory](http://www.uccmanhattan.org/church-directory). It's also important to be sure and keep YOUR information in the directory up to date, so please contact Sandy ([office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org)) with any changed information or to share a photo. Photos make it easier for everyone to put names with faces and any digital photo can be shared with the office and we will upload it into the directory.



## From the Moderator

You have probably noticed that the flooring in Pioneer and Blachly halls and the kitchen are showing a great deal of wear and tear after their twenty-five years of service. On these floors, we have conducted roughly 72,720 minutes of adult education classes, served 49,000 meals at Second Helping, and hosted 8,496 meetings by community groups.

Now it's time to replace the tile in the kitchen, the kitchen lobby, and the bathrooms off the kitchen, as well as the carpets in Pioneer-Blachly. The cost, which will include leveling the floor in Pioneer Hall, is \$40,000. We invite you to join our Step Forward campaign and contribute to our new flooring.

If you received the No Fooling postcard in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, you know that you can make a one-time donation by simply depositing cash or a check in the offering plate, mailing your donation to the church, or through electronic giving. In each case, make sure you indicate what your donation is for. If you would like to pledge a larger amount and pay it in installments, using the pledge card, we would like to receive your pledge card by April 30, and your total pledge to be paid by December 31, 2018.

You will be able to follow the installation of the new flooring beginning on Tuesday, April 10. The new flooring should be installed by May 1. During this time, we will be having our after-church Fellowship Hour in Andover Hall in the basement.

Thanks to all of you for your dedication to First Congregational Church, and I hope to be able to talk to you after church on our new flooring in May.

Dave Smit, Moderator



# Save the Date – Special Worship Services in May

We will worship offsite for the first two Sundays in May.

**On May 6th** we will worship at First Christian Church (115 Courthouse Plaza) in a combined worship featuring The Thundering Cats Big Band. Several members of the Thundering Cats are a part of our congregation. This shared worship service at First Christian will feature lots of great music and we will be able to share communion with our neighbors who are a part of this Disciples of Christ congregation. Worship is at 10:45am and there are more details to come about kids' and adults' Sunday School (classes are still happening but location is TBD).

**On May 13th** we will have our annual worship in the park and blessing of the animals at Longs Park (17th and Yuma). More details coming soon!

## Lunch Bunch April 4

We join together in an opportunity to get to know one another. Wednesday, April 4 at **Baan Thai** (17th & Ft. Riley Blvd). It's not for women only—everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (Find monthly Lunch Bunch locations by clicking on Community Life/Events Calendar on the church website at [www.uccmanhattan.com](http://www.uccmanhattan.com).)



## Ministry of the Decorative Scissors

The Ministry of the Decorative Scissors meets April 19-21. Everyone is welcome. There are no guarantees that you will complete any projects, but you will have fun and meet delightful people. Come for an hour or for the whole time! Feel free to bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Sue Gerth



## Thinking of You post cards...

The “Thinking of You” cards located in the church pews are an awesome way to write a message to a member of our church family. It might be someone that you know is ill and needs some encouragement or someone you’ve missed seeing in church for awhile. All you have to do is write the person’s name on the front and the message on the back. Sign the card, then drop it in the offering plate and Sandy, our administrative assistant, will mail the card. It might brighten someone’s day beyond measure!

## Spring Clean Up

The Board of Trustees invites you to help us with our spring clean up. There will be indoor and outdoor jobs available beginning at 9am on Saturday, April 7. Plus: coffee and treats!

We'll pack up the books, artifacts and other items in the cases in Pioneer and Blachly Halls before construction begins. Anyone who wishes to help with this important task should plan to attend. Boxes and wrap will be provided.

For outside tasks, please bring along shovels, clippers, trimmers, gloves, etc. if you'd got them. Otherwise, just bring yourself. Many hands make light work!



## Ready to Become a Member?

On April 29, we will welcome a new group of members who desire to join with us in covenant as the people of First Congregational United Church of Christ. If you are interested in membership and haven't yet had a chance to sit down with Pastor Caela to talk about what membership means and have your questions answered, please contact her ([pastor@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:pastor@uccmanhattan.org)) to set up an appointment. You can also learn more and fill out a new member information form [atwww.uccmanhattan.org/become-a-member](http://atwww.uccmanhattan.org/become-a-member).

# Living Room Worship Night

## Sunday, April 8, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

A casual evening of acoustic guitar, singing, prayer, and fellowship.

If you are hungry to deepen your connection to God and each other, join us in the living room!



## Ministers of Care - Update

The Ministers of Care provide care and encourage the wider congregation to provide care for those in our congregation who are unable to regularly make it to worship, are in need of additional connection and support, or are going through a major life transition.

When we become aware that someone is in need of additional support, we will ensure that they have a point person from the Ministers of Care. That person may visit in person, call on the phone, send notes, or otherwise check in to see what this person might need. When it seems appropriate they will also expand the circle of care by inviting others in the congregation to show support in whatever way needed (notes, visits, prayers, meals, etc.).

If you know of someone in our congregation who is in a time of transition or needs additional support, please contact one of the Ministers of Care or the church office.

Current ministers of care: Andrea Chamberlain, Gayle Doll, Jean Hill, Carolyn and Jim Hodgson, Gretchen Lewis, Brent Maner, Martha Miller, and Dona Sidorfsky.



## Vitality News

**April 3 – 5 - Unite to End Racism.** The National Council of Churches invites us to unite to end racism! Join faith leaders in Washington, DC April 3-5 in the clarion call to heal the soul of the nation as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination. Visit [www.rally2endracism.org](http://www.rally2endracism.org)

**Wednesday, May 9,** 6:30pm. KIFA Annual Event, First Christian Church, Topeka. Keynote speaker, Rev. Kristin Stoneking, serves as senior pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church in Berkeley, California. For four years she was the Executive Director of Fellowship of Reconciliation, the nation's oldest interfaith peace and justice organization. She has deep experience in social justice and multi-faith leadership in a variety of settings. Rev. Kristin is a native of Kansas City, Kansas, so she has a lot of knowledge both of our political context and the faith-based justice work we do. Dinner and program begin at 6:30 p.m. A meet-and-greet with advanced donors and Rev. Kristin begins at 5:45. For tickets, see the KIFA website at [www.KansasInterfaithAction.org](http://www.KansasInterfaithAction.org) or see Linda Thurston who is on the KIFA board. The Vitality Committee will help arrange carpools to the event.

### **Stay informed...**

Want to keep up with UCC social justice actions at the national and global level? Sign up for info-packed newsletter, [Take Action](#), of the United Church of Christ, Justice & Peace Action Network, at [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) They also have a Facebook page.

## Christian Education

### **Sunday School Opportunities for Adults and Youth**

All classes are at 9:30a.m. The nursery is open for babies and toddlers. Sunday School classes for preschoolers and elementary-schoolers take place on the second floor. Middle-schoolers and high-schoolers are invited to the classes below or may be interested in helping teach younger children. Please contact Andria Anderson ([children@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:children@uccmanhattan.org)) or Tai Amri Spann-Wilson ([youth@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:youth@uccmanhattan.org)) for more information about options for children and youth.

### **Adult Sunday School:**

**Apr. 8 through May 13 (six weeks)**

### **We Sing Freedom!**

**Led by Tai Amri Spann-Wilson, Richard Pitts, and David Wood**

Movements of liberation and resistance have always been built upon the mind-body-spirit connection of music. In this six-week class we will honor the sacred song of silence, explore the history of freedom songs, and leave plenty of room for making music together as Tai Amri and David teach us songs from various freedom movements. Our special guest Richard Pitts will be with us on Apr. 22 to share about the new living history project he is launching as a part of his work with the Underground Railroad tours in our community.

On April 22 at 9:30 am, Mr. Richard Pitts, co-founder and director of Wonder Workshop Children's Museum is offering a Sunday program at our church. For those of you not familiar with Wonder Workshop Children's Museum, it is located on 506 S 4th street, and it has as its mission "to promote education in the arts, sciences, and humanities. Our goal is to develop self-reliant children, families, and community members. Our hands-on activities and exhibits instill a desire for life-long learning, recognizing our cultural diversity, and fostering creative potential." Because Mr. Pitts has extensive knowledge about slavery and the Underground Railroad in Kansas, we have asked him to come to our congregation to share. One reason for this request is because we understand the roots of racism started in slavery. For the past few years we have seen a number of events related to race take place in our beloved town of Manhattan. There are many legacies that affect our lives today that originated in American slavery. We see this as an opportunity to gain insight to not only the history of slavery and the

Underground Railroad but just as important, to explore solutions that we are able to implement on a daily basis for ourselves and families.

Please be prepared to understand Mr. Pitts will be speaking of some of the horrors of slavery and its effect on Black Americans for over 300 years. It is not a pretty picture, but it is one that must be shared and understood because it helps us as a people place ourselves in the footsteps of those who were enslaved, and those who came here to Kansas as free-staters and abolitionists. Most of us are probably aware, but some may not be aware that our first Reverend Charles Emerson Blood started our church in 1855 and was an abolitionist himself. In fact, many of members of the congregation at this time were abolitionists and assisted in concealing African Americans who were on their journey to freedom. Mr. Pitts will speak further into these topics when he presents this historical Underground Railroad story.

One way in which Mr. Pitts and the Wonder Workshop team lives out its mission of diversity and education is through the upcoming program “Our Continuing Journey: From Bondage to Freedom.” During this living history immersion program, participants will obtain first-hand experience living as enslaved individuals. They will also meet important characters along the Underground Railroad, hear their stories, and also explore their own roles in today’s race relations. This will help educate the participants by giving them the hands-on experience that they wouldn’t receive from reading about slavery. Individuals, groups, and families are encouraged to sign up for this important experience by contacting the Wonder Workshop using the information above.

### **Midweek Class:**

**Thursdays from 11:30am-1:00pm**

**Book Study: *The Misunderstood Jew* by Amy-Jill Levine**

**Led by Sue Zschoche**

On February 15, we began a midweek Bible study group exploring various topics in depth.

The first, seven-week study is Amy-Jill Levine’s book, *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*. Levine notes that most Christians have difficulty remembering that Jesus was an observant Jew and that his message was deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and life in first century Palestine. Put another way, Jesus was not a Christian. Her point: understanding the Jewish roots of what became the Christian faith is a necessary corrective to centuries of Christian misunderstanding, and persecution, of Judaism.

## The Youth Movement:

Saturday, March 24th will go down in history for being one of, if not the largest, youth marches in the history of our country. It was so powerful to hear the voices of so many strong and courageous young people. It gives me hope about the world that we live in. When I see it, I can hear one of my activist mentors, the late Grace Lee Boggs, remind us that we have to nurture the seed of this movement, and not just forget about it or lay it aside. I see it as my job to support the next generation in any way I can so that there will be a future for my daughter. The way and the gift that I have been given to do so, is to provide youth trainings for peace and social justice. I think it is so important to support not just youth with these trainings, but also to support those who work with youth. We've heard a lot about how to train teachers to use guns against perpetrators, how about training teachers how to de-escalate a conflict, or how to work with those who are traumatized and ostracized? That's why I offer these trainings to adults and parents also. The last training of the school year will take place at the Mennonite Meetinghouse since we have so much going on during the weekends at our church. Please consider joining us, the date and address are below:

**WHAT:** Help Increase the Peace Training

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 14th 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Manhattan Mennonite Church, 1000 Fremont Street

**HOW MUCH:** Free (w/ Lunch Included)

**IF COMING:** contact [youth@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:youth@uccmanhattan.org)



## Cobb Corner — Going Green

*“It would go a long way to caution and direct people in their use of the world if they were better studied and known in the creation of it. For how could man find the confidence to abuse it, while they should see the Great Creator stare them in the face in all and every part thereof.”*

– William Penn (1644-1718) in the *Green Bible*, I-104.

A recent brochure from the World Wildlife Fund reminds us we can go green and save green at the same time. Most of you already know ideas for greener living but you may not appreciate how much “green” you can save by heeding their advice. For example:

1. Refrigerators and freezers typically account for 1/6th of a home’s energy costs. Dryers and dishwashers are also energy hogs. Selecting efficient energy star appliances can save a lot.
2. Buy local. Fruits and vegetables typically travel 1500 miles from where they are raised to your plate! A wide variety of foods can be grown right here in your own backyard!
3. Replacing an incandescent lightbulb with a CFL light saves about 150 pounds of carbon annually. LED bulbs save even more and both cut energy costs dramatically. Since many of us have 60 or more bulbs in our homes, the savings to us and the environment are considerable. Also, if you are a klutz like me, changing bulbs is never pleasant and often downright dangerous.
4. Unplug devices when you are not using them. Even “off” they use power if plugged in.

For more ideas, come to the Zoo Earth Day, April 21, for there will be many vendors eager to show you how to “green” your life in every sense of the word. You can also visit some of the inmates who depend on us to keep their wild relatives thriving. Then on the national Earth Day, April 22, you can start putting some additional green activities in action.

Also, I encourage you to participate in Grow Green Day on Friday, April 20th. Thanks to the incredible and continuing generosity of a local benefactor your donations - up to \$1000 - will be matched at 50%. You can choose to give to over 50 local charities, including our church and ECM! Last year over \$300,000 was collected for local charities. Don’t miss this one-day opportunity to Grow Green!

Finally, let me indulge my own personal mantra: “Save the Earth! It’s the only Planet with Chocolate.” – *Linda Richter*

*P.S. I was delighted to discover the Magazine Exchange in the church library alcove. Hope there will be donations of children’s magazines as well.*

*Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter*

# The Second Helping

Our Second Helping ministry continues to be a wonderful way in which our church extends its mission to the community of Manhattan. We regularly serve 25-35 people each week. Many of you have helped with this mission in a variety of ways, and that is much appreciated!



Currently we are hoping to add some more volunteers to our list of "regulars." We are particularly in need of individuals who would be willing to serve as Head Cook and Church Host. If you are interested in learning more about either of these positions, or volunteering in other ways, please contact Mary Ellen Barkley at the church office.

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***April 1, 2018***

**Dessert:** Mechelle Martinez

**Volunteers:** Kathy Bleam, Allison McClendon, Anna Sharp, *NEED 1*

**Chief Cook:** Andy Barkley

**Church Host:** Mary Ellen Barkley

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***April 8, 2018***

**Dessert:** Gayle Doll

**Volunteers:** MATC Dental Hygiene Students, Matha & Meg Stevens

**Chief Cook:** Angela Hubler

**Church Host:** Susanne Gilmore

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***April 15, 2018***

**Dessert:** HyVee

**Volunteers:** MATC Dental Hygiene Students

**Chief Cook:** Linda Thurston

**Church Host:** Kathy Bleam

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***April 22, 2018***

**Dessert:** Kerri Keller

**Volunteers:** ESA Sorority

**Chief Cook:** Gretchen Lewis

**Church Host:** Jim Lewis

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***April 29, 2018***

**Dessert:** HyVee

**Volunteers:** Samantha Rose, Chasity Castro, Julia Johnson & friend

**Chief Cook:** Brent Maner

**Church Host:** Pastor Caela

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**Volunteer by going to  
[uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups](http://uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups)**

## Mission Statement

The Mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is

- To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.
- To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.
- To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

We hold ourselves accountable before God for this mission.

## Graduate Recognition

The Graduation season is upon us, and we would like to recognize all our graduates. If you are graduating or have a family member who is soon to be a graduate—high school, college, technical college, graduate school, or any other—please let the office know soon so that we may properly honor our 2018 graduates. We would like to feature the accomplishments of our graduates in the May and June church newsletters. Drop off information at the church office or e-mail it to [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).



## Free Money!

Do you participate in our Dillons fundraiser? It's easy! Just go to [dillons.com](http://dillons.com) to link your shopper card. If you need help, contact the church office. (Our organization number is #10145.) Check your enrollment by checking the very bottom of your Dillons receipt. You should see "...donating to First Congregational UCC."

If you ever shop at HyVee, the church can gain support through your use of pre-purchased gift cards from the church (which buys them at a 6% discount). Please contact Dave Manning and let him know of your interest. If enough people are interested in these cards, we will continue to have them available.



## Summer Camps 2018

### WhiteMemorialCamp.com

Taking part in The Camp White Experience is the perfect way for your youth to make new friends, grow faith in God, learn new skills, and create lifetime memories in a safe, beautiful, natural environment. There are residential camp sessions for a wide variety of ages and interests.

Registration forms are available at the church. For scholarship information, contact the Board of Christian Education.

#### **Family Camp**

(all ages)

*July 27-July 30*

#### **Young Adventurer's Camp**

(grades K-3)

*July 29-July 31*

#### **Last Blast!**

(grades 4-12)

*July 29-August 4*

Register at [www.whitememorialcamp.com](http://www.whitememorialcamp.com).



## Community News

**Grow Green 2018 is Coming on April 20, 2018!**  
**7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

For the past four years, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF) has sponsored a fundraiser for community nonprofit groups called Grow Green. The event takes place on Earth Day each year (April 20 this year). Thanks to a very generous member of the community, donations – up to \$1000 - made on April 20 to the GMCF accounts for churches and other organizations receive a 50% match. For example, your donation to the First Congregational Church's account at GMCF goes into the principal of an endowed fund held by GMCF, but the 50% match is immediately available to the church. Please be aware that your donation to Grow Green is an additional gift to the church and is unrelated to any pledge you may have made toward the church's annual budget.

You can go to the Grow Green website, [growgreenmanhattan.com](http://growgreenmanhattan.com), to find out more. If you click on the "How It Works" tab on the webpage, you will see that there are some restrictions. For example, the 50% match applies only to donations from \$25 to \$1000, and there are some additional rules that apply to donations made to two or more organizations through Grow Green.

As in previous years, the 50% match funds will go into the church's annual budget in the budget line labeled "fundraising." The endowed accounts at GMCF also support the church budget, in that a return of 4% annually is made available to the church for immediate use. These returns are considered part of the annual contribution of the investments to the church budget.

Please consider a gift to the church through the Grow Green event on April 20. You can do it in person at the Colony Square atrium or remotely from your computer. If you do it in person, your name goes into a hat for a drawing each hour for a \$100 door prize that goes to your chosen organization. The church has benefitted from the door prize in each of the past two years.

**GROW Green**

**Match Day** 

*You make a gift. We make it grow.*

# Pete Seeger Songfest with Jim Scott

Saturday, April 14  
Potluck at 6 pm • Concert at 7 pm



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
481 Zeandale Road  
\$10-\$20 sliding scale for adults  
children under 12 free

Guitarist with the Paul Winter Consort, Jim Scott knew Pete Seeger well and collaborated on many projects with him. We'll raise our voices for the causes Pete championed and remember the great contributions to our American heritage Pete made in his 94 years of life.

## EMPTY BOWLS

Fundraiser to Fight Hunger in MHK  
All Proceeds Donated Locally to Common Table



More information at Manhattan Nonviolence Initiative • [mnvi.weebly.com](http://mnvi.weebly.com)  
Sponsored by Manhattan Arts Center, Bluestem Bistro, Coco Bolos, MNVI and others!

# Ministry Opportunities *(April edition)*



**Second Helping is in need of additional church hosts.** The church host greets the guests, makes sure people have what they need, and generally monitors the progress of the meal. Volunteers will be paired with an experienced host until they feel comfortable with the position. The church hosts often get to know the guests over time, which is a privilege of the host position. If you would like to serve in this important role, please indicate your name and contact information on the line.

**Grounds care** in spring, summer, and fall requires mowing the church lawn, in addition to the church garden lot adjacent to the alley, prior to Sunday's worship (Thursday, Friday, or Saturday). In the winter it's a little different. Sign up for a whole week – Monday-Sunday – and if it snows, you "win" what is affectionately called the snow lottery. You've got to clear the walkways with the church snow blower.

**Worship** volunteers have many Sunday morning tasks. They greet at the door, read scripture, host fellowship hour, usher, contribute flowers, and offer the Word for Children. Sign up is easy!

**Want to be a part of the ministry opportunities? Circle the paragraph that interests you and drop this paper in the collection plate with your name and contact information.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

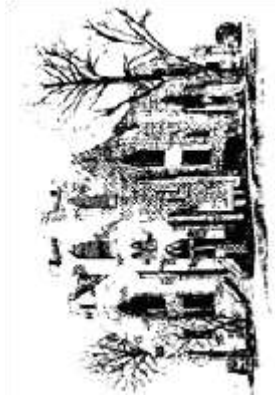
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Easter Breakfast Potluck 10:45 Worship & Communion <i>Fill the Breadbasket</i> 12:00 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00 Second Helping	<b>2</b> 5:15 Yoga 6:45 A Cappella 7:30 NA mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch 5:45 Deacons 7:00 AA meeting	<b>5</b> 11:30 Book Study 7:00 Taizé 8:00 NA mtg	<b>6</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>7</b> 9:00 Spring Clean Up
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