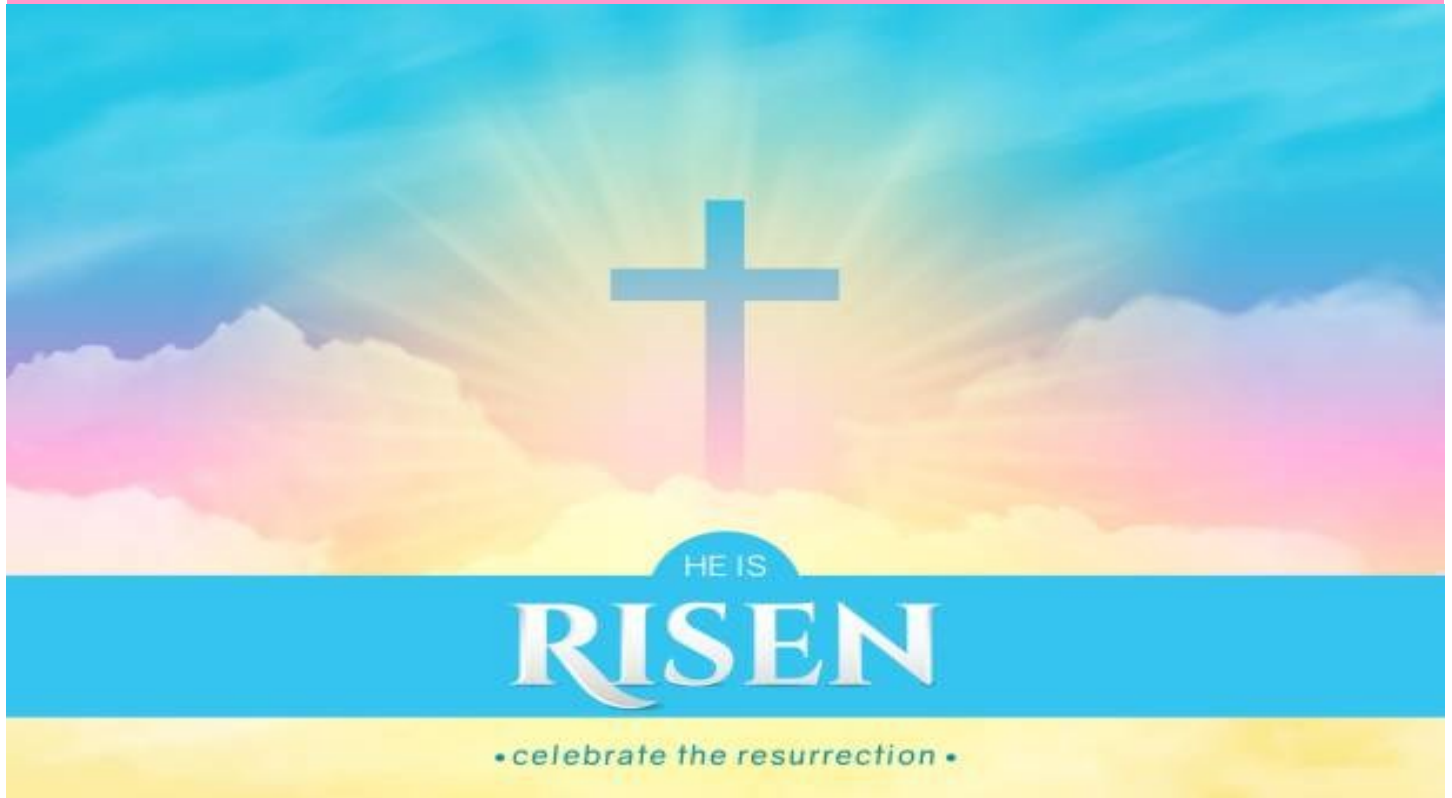


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St. Paul's UCC Delano, Minnesota



*****Birthdays*****

04/05 Cliff Specht
04/07 Geralyn Lucht
04/08 Darold Zick
04/14 Shelly Hussing
04/23 Jeanne Zick

Check out page 3 for information about Earth Day events being held at the Mayflower UCC in Minneapolis on Saturday, April 22, 2023

*****Dates to be Noted*****

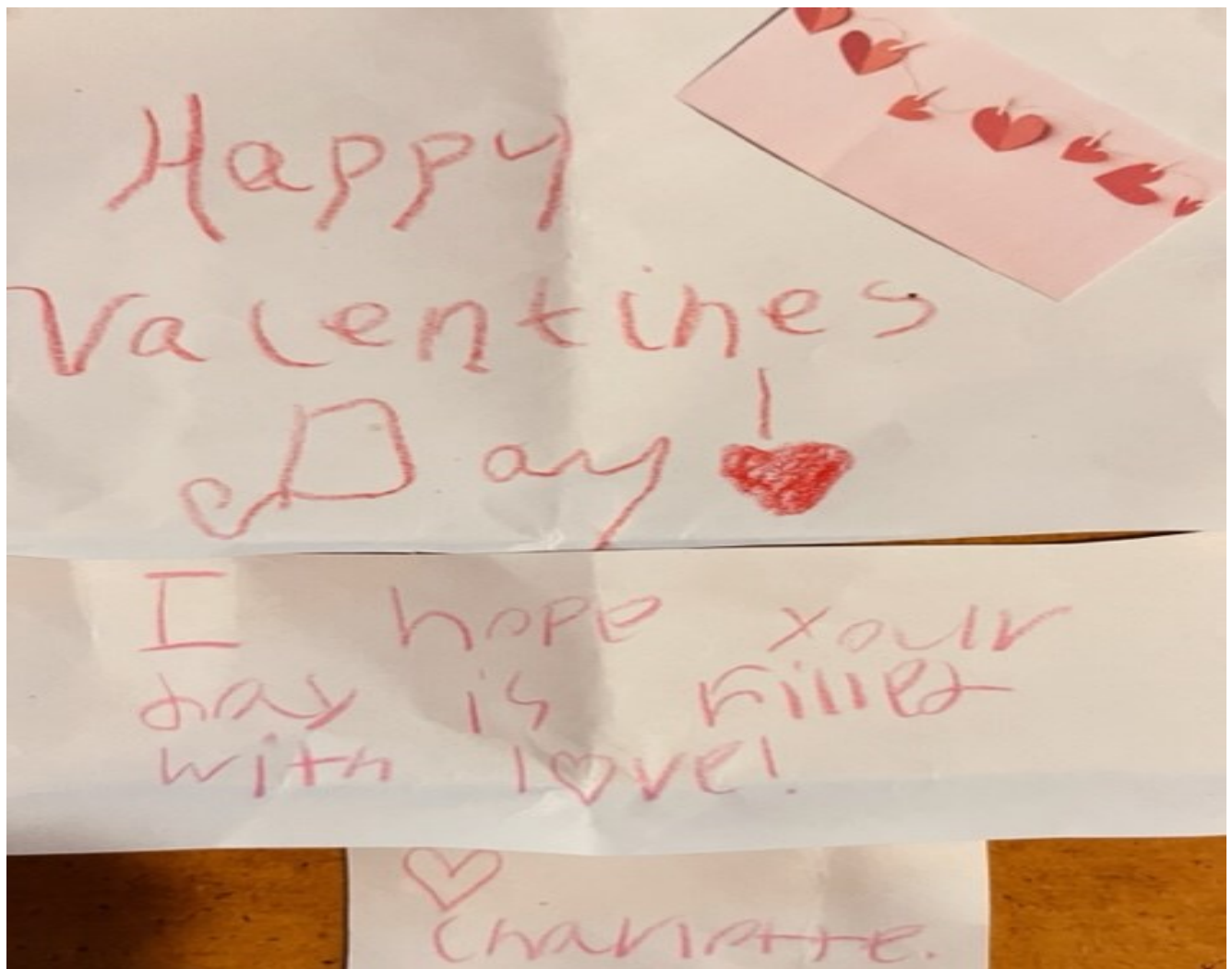
04/02 Communion/Palm Sunday
04/02 Council Meeting after fellowship
04/06 Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:00 pm
04/07 Good Friday-NO SERVICE
04/09 Easter Sunday Service @ 9:15 am
04/22 Cultural Responsive Dinner Argentina (See page 3 for details)

*****Fellowship Hosts****

04/02 Leck
04/09 Rieder
04/16 Holm
04/23
04/30



During our Lenten soup supper on March 7, we celebrated Charlotte Johnson's 11th birthday a day early. Charlotte had handed out Valentine cards in February to everyone at church sharing the love! We need more of this in the world today. Thank you Charlotte!



Ecosense

Use Your Voice

We are the first generation to know we're destroying the world, and we could be the last that can do anything about it. Speaking up is one of the most powerful things you can do especially if it's to the right people. It's not just about speaking to the people in charge. Talk to your friends, neighbors and colleagues and get them to make positive changes too. Speak up, speak to everyone, and make your voice heard.



There is no greater power on Earth than Story.
—Libba Bray

10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CST
Virtual National UCC Summit featuring Keynote Speaker, renowned climate activist, theologian, and author, **Jim Antal**, and a panel of expert organizers from Minnesota.

Click here to register with Zoom.
A screen will also be set up in the dining room if you choose to attend the Zoom in the company of others.

1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. CST
A program held at Mayflower Church, both in person and live-streamed. Music, prayer, a call to Action, and a Readers' Theatre presentation, **Hope From the Front Lines: Personal Stories of Courage & Hope from Rural, Small Town, and Urban Minnesota**

Mayflower Church is honored to host the First Annual National UCC

Earth Day Summit

Saturday, April 22, 2023

from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Plan to attend all or part of a special day filled with inspiring stories of hope!

Mayflower UCC
106 E Diamond Lake Rd
Minneapolis MN 55419

Visit mayflowermpls.org to find the links for the events.

Council Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2023

Call to Order @ 10:41AM

Attendees: Judy Crosby, Mike Hagerty, Dave Rieder, Laura Johnson (Michael Johnson as spectator /member) and Pastor Bridget. Absent: Jim Holm

Old Business:

Review and approval of council minutes from January, motion to approve, second by Mike, motion carried.

Review and approval of financial statements, noted investment expenses (\$1097.70), Mike motioned that we accept treasurer's report, Dave seconded, motion carried.

New Business:

Assign roles:

Mike Hagerty nominated Laura Johnson for **Secretary**, Dave seconded, motion carried.

Dave nominated Mike for **President**, Laura seconded, motion carried.

Mike made a motion for a Vice President position, Laura seconded, motion carried.

Mike nominated Dave for **Vice President**, Judy seconded, motion carried.

Marketing:

Easter ad for the Delano Herald Journal, small photo is \$97, large page came out to \$500+ after a call into the paper, council decided to do a small photo and use the extra funds elsewhere.

Plans:

-5 year plan was added to with specifics to ensure we are continuing to add value to each area.

-Spoke about our retiring organist Margaret and how we may fill in the gaps (if we can't find a new organist) with a pianist, recorded music, etc. We will continue to search and make adjustments as needed.

-Due to the continual change in interest rates, a meeting with Green Wealth Management seems appropriate. We may have better options out there with guaranteed interest. Potential for other vehicles for short term investments?

Pastors Report:

-Continuing Lenten suppers, while adding in the wellness wheel each week

-Potential post Easter bible study of Acts, Tuesday evenings.

-The Palms for Palm Sunday are to be ordered along with Easter flowers.

News:

-Big anniversary for UCC church, when to celebrate is on the table.

-Delano 150th year happens in 2026

-Battery in the organ was replaced 3/14/2023 by Athens Organ.

-All are happy to see the communication insert in the Sunday bulletin.

Laura Johnson will talk with Mike and Jim about the use of free marketing tools available- Facebook, Instagram, increasing traffic to the website, etc.

-Laura Johnson brought up yard signs, hoping to find one or a few options for purchase to show support of and also market the Delano UCC church- all feedback welcome.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

- We may need a special meeting for Cemetery by-laws specificity/update
- Pastor Bridget to speak with Shala about palm leaves for Palm Sunday
- Dave volunteered a pancake breakfast Easter Sunday after church service with help from all available
- Next meeting scheduled for April 2, 2023

Financial Review March 1–31, 2023

Income (offerings): \$2,745
Total Expenses: \$4,702
Total Income/Loss: (\$1,957)



April's Cultural Responsive Dinner to Celebrate Argentina



On Saturday, April 22 at 4:30 pm we will hold our next cultural dinner celebrating Argentina. With the amount of snow remaining, we will hold this dinner in the church fellowship hall as we have during the winter months.

Next week you will receive a booklet of popular recipes from the culture through email. You are encouraged to select one to try cooking and share at our dinner. Popular beverages of Argentina are also welcomed. If you are not a cook and wish to attend, please join us for this cultural experience. We always have plenty of food to share. A cash donation for paper products is always an option too.

Again, we will have a PowerPoint of highlights, but Gwen and Miguel Bottali (both citizens of Argentina as well as U.S. A.), Delano guests at our last dinner, have agreed to come back and answer questions as needed.

This will be our first South American culture, but probably not our last with so many countries to explore. Please mark your calendar and join us for this celebration of Argentinian food, music, and other highlights.



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Pastor Bridget's Usual Office Hours

Mondays: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 9:30 am - 11:30 pm

(Other times as requested. Call Bridget anytime!)

All are welcome at our in-person services, Sundays at 9:15 AM, or a Zoom link is also available.

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