

March 2025



# THE BELL TOWER



The First Congregational Church, Spencerport UCC  
65 Church Street Spencerport, NY 14559

Spencerport Ecumenical Ministries

## Ash Wednesday Community Service

Host Location

Ogden Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2025

6:00 pm

Ogden Presbyterian Church  
2400 S Union St  
Spencerport, NY 14559

### LENTEN



STUDY GROUP

#### LENT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 2025

Dates/Times:

Wed., March 12 - 6 p.m.\*

Wed., March 19 - 7p.m.

Wed., March 26 - 7 p.m.

Wed., April 2 - 7p.m.

Wed., April 9 - 6 p.m.\*

Wed., April 16 - 7 p.m.

Wed., April 23 - 7 p.m.

Please contact the office @ (585) 352-3448 or [admin@spencerportucc.org](mailto:admin@spencerportucc.org) if you have any questions.

### Finance Ministry

#### FINANCE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> @  
7:00 PM Via Zoom\*\*



Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am  
Women's Guild Meeting  
Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Lunch Bunch

#### COUNCIL AND BOARDS MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30/7:00 PM  
HYBRID - Zoom and In-person

### Church Council



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Save THE Date

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**October 5, 2025, Church  
175-year Celebration.  
More information to  
come!**

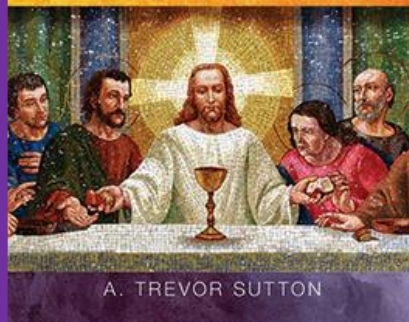
**BE A PART OF HISTORY!**

Join the planning committee for the church's 175<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Contact Jesse for details. Jesse Diehl by voice or text @ 585-315-1578 Email [jesse.diehl61@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.diehl61@gmail.com)

**An Irish Blessing**

*"May God grant you always,  
A sunbeam to warm you,  
a moonbeam to charm you,  
a sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you.  
Laughter to cheer you,  
Faithful friends near you,  
And whenever you pray,  
Heaven to hear you."*

SAVIOR  
SERVANT  
FRIEND  
DEVOTIONS FOR LENT



**LENT DEVOTIONALS 2025**

**Savior, Servant, Friend Devotions for Lent by A. Trevor Sutton** is our Lent Devotional this year. Devotionals are available on the back table in the sanctuary. If you would like to have it mailed to you Please contact the office at 352-3448 or [admin@spencerportucc.org](mailto:admin@spencerportucc.org).

BE THE LIGHT

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST One Great HOUR OF SHARING

You're here to be light, bringing out the God colors in the world. [ucc.org/oghs](http://ucc.org/oghs)



**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) 2025 Special Offering  
Be the Light – Collected Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities.

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### MARCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### GREETERS:

2 – TBA  
9 – TBA  
16 – TBA  
23 – TBA

#### COFFEE HOUR:

2 – TBA  
9 – TBA  
16 – TBA  
23 – TBA

#### USHERS:

2 – TBA  
9 – TBA  
16 – TBA  
23 – TBA

#### LAY READERS:

2 – Gwendoly Tappenden  
9 – Ellen M Kern  
16 – Julie Nelson  
23 – TBA

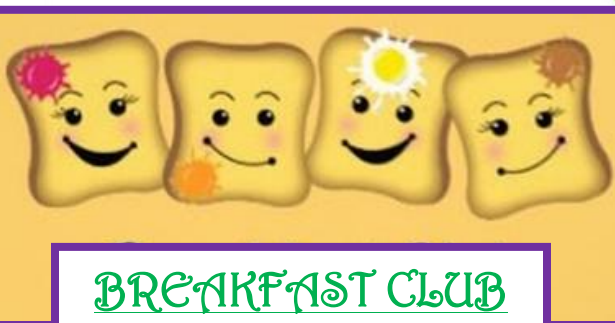
**\*\*IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH ANY OF THE WEEKENDS LABELED TBA PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR CONTACT THE OFFICE @ (585) 352-3448 OR [admin@spencerportucc.org](mailto:admin@spencerportucc.org)\*\***

Thank you for the Lovely Xmas plant. ~C. Cervini



Dear Friends, It was so nice of you to remember me in such a thoughtful way. Thank you very much for the beautiful hand-crafted blanket and for your thoughtfulness.

I have done knitting and crocheting – but have never seen this stitch. It is truly impressive – both the needlework and the thoughtfulness. Thank you – God Bless You. ~ Olga D.



### BREAKFAST CLUB

### MARCH DATES/LOCATIONS

- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Town & Country (3205 Chili Ave.)
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Slayton Place (26 Slayton Ave.)
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Original Steve's Diner (3240 Chili Ave.)
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Johnny D's (2139 N. Union St.)

Please call or email the office if you would like to include any information, special news, or occasions into the weekly FlockNote or our monthly newsletter. Thank You!



Pastor: Rev. Michael L. Sloan, D. Min.  
Cell: (309) 262-6543  
E-mail: [pastor@spencerportucc.org](mailto:pastor@spencerportucc.org)  
Hours: Tues – Thurs 10 am – 1 pm



#### UPDATES:

Please remember to contact the office to add or remove anyone from the prayer list. [admin@spencerportucc.org](mailto:admin@spencerportucc.org) (585) 352-3448

Administrative Assistant: Paula Jackson  
Office: (585) 352-3448

E-mail: [admin@spencerportucc.org](mailto:admin@spencerportucc.org)

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

When the Hilton Schools are closed due to weather conditions, the office may not be staffed. Please call ahead before coming to be sure someone is here (585) 352-3448. We will always try to send out and email notifying everyone, but it is always best to call first.

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## CHRISTIAN ACTION

### Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing and generous support to the Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf.

This month, the following items are especially needed:

**UPDATED 3/5:** Canned Assorted Veggies, Canned Chicken, Bagged Rice, Hot Cereal, Baked Beans, Canned Fruit, Hamburger Helper, Cold Drinks, and Canned Pasta.

A bin is available in the Fellowship Hall to drop off your donations.

If you know of anyone residing in the Spencerport School District, in need of food, they can call 397-0290.

Cash donations can be sent to Tom Olney, Food Shelf Treasurer, 26 Ogden Parma Townline Road, Spencerport, NY 14559. Checks should be made out to the Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf.

Questions or concerns: Contact Melanie Ippolito at 352-3891.



### 40 days 40 food items

In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to "give up" something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative to or perhaps in addition to this observance is to "take on" something new. Please consider contributing shelf stable food to our food shelf. You can collect an item for each day of Lent—40 days yields 40 much-needed items. You will have a great impact on our community while you are reflecting on your life and making personal changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

1. Canned Chicken
2. Baked Beans
3. Hot Cereal
4. Hamburger Helper
5. Bagged Rice
6. Peanut Butter
7. Jelly/Jam
8. Cereal
9. Canned Potatoes
10. Canned Fruit
11. Canned Peas
12. Canned Carrots
13. Applesauce
14. Rice-a-Roni
15. Cooking Beans
16. Canned Tuna
17. Juice
18. Mac 'n Cheese
19. Canned Stew
20. Chili
21. Ready to Serve Soup
22. Canned Mixed Vegetables
23. Beef Hash
24. Cake Mixes
25. Canned Corn
26. Water
27. Coffee
28. Toilet Paper
29. Muffin Mix
30. Instant Mashed Potatoes
31. Pasta Roni
32. Crackers
33. Cornbread Mix
34. Juice Boxes
35. Tea Bags
36. Toothbrush
37. Toothpaste
38. Soap
39. Toilet Paper
40. Paper Towel

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## FCC MUSIC MINISTRY

### Praise Band



UPDATE



### OLD IRISH BLESSING

MAY GOD GIVE YOU  
FOR EVERY STORM, A RAINBOW,  
FOR EVERY TEAR, A SMILE,  
FOR EVERY CARE, A PROMISE,  
AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.  
FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,  
A FAITHFUL FRIEND TO SHARE,  
FOR EVERY SIGN, A SWEET SONG,  
AND AN ANSWER FOR EACH PRAYER.

### PRAISE BAND SUNDAY'S IN MARCH

The Praise Band will perform during worship service on Sunday, **March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The members of the band include:

- Mark DiNitto, bass
- Doug Schott, drums
- Mark Schott, guitar
- Dori Swarhout, keyboard
- Darcy Colby, vocals



### FCC BELL CHOIR

The FCC Bell Choir will perform during Easter worship service.

**Bell Choir Rehearsals will start Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** following worship and will continue every Sunday till Easter.



### CHOIR SUNDAY'S IN MARCH

The Choir will perform during worship service on **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**\*\*Rehearsal will be 7 pm the Thursday prior to the Sunday performance and 9 am on the Sunday of performing. \*\***

**EASTER PLANTS for 2025**

ORDER FORM

**Please select quantity and color as needed**

**- \$10 EACH PLANT**

**\*\*Color Subject to Availability\*\***



**Easter Lilies**  
(6" Pot, 5+ Blooms)  
# \_\_\_\_\_



**Tulips**  
(Red, Yellow, Pink\*\*)  
#/Color \_\_\_\_\_



**Hyacinths**  
(Purple, Pink, White\*\*)  
#/Color \_\_\_\_\_

This plant is given **IN HONOR OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This plant is given **IN MEMORY OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Address*

*Phone Number*

Please make checks payable to:  
**First Congregational Church**

Completed forms can be put in the collection plate on Sunday  
or mailed to the church office.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>**

**First Congregational Church,  
Spencerport UCC  
MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**Please wish a Happy Birthday To:**  
**Wendy Vonhold 3/10!**  
**Wendy your Church Family Wishes you a**  
**Very Very Happy Birthday!**  
**Gods Blessings!**

**Please wish a Happy Birthday To:**  
**Melva Owens 3/15!**  
**Melva your Church Family Wishes you a Very**  
**Very Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!**  
**Gods Blessings!**

**Please wish a Happy Birthday To:**  
**Suz Nichols 3/25!**  
**Suz your Church Family Wishes you a Very**  
**Very Happy Birthday!**  
**Gods Blessings!**


**MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Let's celebrate each other! We would like to include special dates  
in The Bell Tower Monthly Newsletter. Please send us your  
Anniversary or Birthday (without year) to be included in the  
monthly newsletter, please contact the office at (585) 352- 3448  
or Admin@spencerportucc.org.



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**PENCERPORT UCC**  
**MARCH 2025**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Transfiguration Sunday 2	3	4	Ash Wednesday 5	6	7	8
10 am-Worship / Praise Band Performing Lunch Bunch Following Service		9 am- Breakfast Club @ Breakfast Club @ Town & Country (3205 Chili Ave.) 7 pm - ALANON	SEM Ash Wednesday Community Service - 6 pm @ Ogden Presbyterian Church	3 PM - SEM Meeting @ First Congregational Church 7 pm-Choir Practice		9:30 - Women's Guild Meeting
1st Sunday Of Lent 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9 am - Choir Practice 10 am-Worship / Choir Sunday **Communion**		9:00 am- 9:00 am- Breakfast Club @ Slayton Place (26 Slayton Place) 7 pm - ALANON	6 pm** - Zoom Lent Bible Study 7:00 pm - Zoom Finance Board Meeting			
2nd Sunday Of Lent 16	St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19	20	21	22
10 am-Worship / Choir Praise Band Performing Bell Choir Rehearsal following worship service		9:00 am- Steve's Original Diner (3240 Chili Ave.) 6:30/7 pm - Boards/Council Meeting 7 pm - ALANON	APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7 pm - Zoom Lent Bible Study		7 pm-Choir Practice	
3rd Sunday Of Lent 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 am - Choir Practice 10 am-Worship / Choir Sunday Bell Choir Rehearsal following worship service		9 am- Breakfast Club @ Johnny D's (2139 N. Union St.) 7 pm - ALANON	7 pm - Zoom Lent Bible Study			
4th Sunday Of Lent 30	31					
10 am-Worship / Praise Band Performing Bell Choir Rehearsal following worship service			7 pm - Zoom Lent Bible Study			

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**65 Church Street  
Spencerport, NY 14559-1311**



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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  
Telephone: (585) 352-3448**

**Web site: [www.spencerportucc.org](http://www.spencerportucc.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SpencerportUCC](http://www.facebook.com/SpencerportUCC)**

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E-mail: [pastor@spencerportucc.org](mailto:pastor@spencerportucc.org)**

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**Music Director: Darcy Colby  
E-mail: [musicdirector@spencerportucc.org](mailto:musicdirector@spencerportucc.org)  
Accompanist: Emily Cao**

