

Welcome to Samuel UCC
No matter where you are on life's journey,
YOU
are welcome here!

- We are **REQUIRING** everyone wear a facemask. (*Children 3 years and younger would be exempt from the mask requirement.*)
- You may move about and greet one another during “The Passing of the Peace.” As always, be respectful of other’s comfort levels regarding touching.
- The offering plate will be at each entrance to the sanctuary.
- Congregational singing of hymns is permitted for those who have been fully vaccinated.
- At this time, we will not be having a formal indoor fellowship time after church, but you are invited to talk with each other after worship in the sanctuary or outside.
- Children are invited to stay in service for Children’s Time (called “*A Story for All Ages*”) and then join Sunday School.
- Children aged 3 and under are welcome to join our staffed and vaccinated Nursery in the fellowship hall.

A Loss in our Church Family: Richard Davoli

Our heartfelt compassion and support are extended to the family and friends of Richard Davoli who unexpectedly entered life eternal Monday, May 2, 2022. Richard was an active member of English as Second Language and Chinese Language classes. A Memorial service was held yesterday, May 7. Memorials can be made to Samuel United Church of Christ or by planting a tree in Richard's honor. Please keep Richard's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Looking Ahead

Here are some important upcoming dates:

May 8: Mother’s Day (no fellowship)

May 14: Confirmation Class

May 15 : Celebration of Student Pastor Chris Trousdale

May 20: Youth Lock In

May 22: Celebration of Melissa Harlow’s Ministry

May 29: Confirmation and Melissa’s Last Day

May 30: Memorial Day



Paper Good Collection: Last Day will be May 15th

Hello there! My name is Kaelyn Krysowaty. I'm a 12 year old confirmand, and I'm here to share with you a justice issue I care about.

About a month ago, went to a church, (north, east of here) centennial church. They have a program where they distribute boxes of food to people in the neighborhood who need it I was there to organize and count their food supply. I found a lot of corn, beans, tomatoes, peanut butter, applesauce, apricots, green beans, and a lot of food that can be stored longer, but still turn out good. The problem is the church has yet to be given things that we use every day. Things we think we can't live without.

Those things are paper products. Imagine: stuffy nose, can't blow it, wet hands, can't dry it. Imagine having to go to the bathroom but there's no toilet paper waiting for you. This is obviously an issue, but I'm not even to the worst part! Recently I learned that people aren't allowed to use the money they receive from food stamps on paper products!

I'm inviting you all to help me collect these much-needed paper products including things like toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, etc. The collection will last for two more weeks : May 8th and 15th. A blessing will be given on that last week, May 15th. And finally, we'll give our collection to Centennial.

Thank you so much! ~ Kaelyn Krysowaty

Sunday May 8, 2022

10am Samuel United Church of Christ

The Third Sunday After Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday – Mother's Day Sunday

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and hearing assistance devices are available.

**indicates all who are comfortably able, please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome & Gathering Music

Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

Call to Worship

One: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a good shepherd, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

All: We give thanks for all those who have been loving and nurturing to us.

One: The Source and Sustainer of life of created us to care for one another.

All: Let us worship, let us be renewed, and let us be the people God created us to be!

*Opening Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (English Verses) #252 NCH (black)

***A Prayer of Transformation**

(Based on the Twenty-Third Psalm)

One: Lord, you are my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: And yet my life is so structured around what I want. Forgive me God, for the ways I have squeezed you out of my life.

One: You make me lie down in green pastures; you restore my soul.

All: There are times when I allow life to overwhelm me, God. I get so busy and so far behind, I see no way out. I need the rest and new life you offer.

One: You lead me in right paths for your name's sake.

All: Sometimes I can get off track God. Thank you for inviting me back, again and again and again.

One: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

All: When I feel alone – and those times happen – I thank you God for the people you have given me and for the many ways you remind me that I am not alone.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: You have called me to be a part of a community that sees the world differently – a community that invites me to live differently. Give us courage, God, to be the people you have created us to be.

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, my whole life long.

All: Your blessing far exceeds our expectations; your mercy is far greater than we deserve. In light of this love, help us to be a light of love to others. Amen.

Children and Youth Minister Search Committee – Job Posted

If you know of anyone interested, please contact someone from the Search Committee: Susan Craig, Leslie French, Pastor Jeff, Christine Krysowaty, Danielle Lindsey, and Alex Miller.

Director of Music Search Committee

The search committee for a new Director of Music has been formed and we are working on updating the job description. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this part-time position, please contact a committee member: Deni Bouillon, Penny Chou, Scott Driemeier-Showers, Keith Karau, or Pastor Jeff.

Saturday, May 14 - Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will meet at First Congregational Church from 10-12. Bring your Statements of Faith with you. We will then come back to Samuel Church for lunch and Confirmation Worship Rehearsal. We will finish by 2pm.

Save the Date for Confirmation on Sunday, May 29th

Youth Group Events

- Tuesday, May 10th: Celebrating our Graduates Part 2
- Tuesday, May 17th: Virtual Camp MoVal on Gathertown (meet on Zoom first)
- Tuesday, May 24th: TBD
- Tuesday, May 31st: No Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Mother's Day

- Mother's Day celebrates all of the moms in our lives -
- the ones with children and without
 - the ones with furred, scaled, and feathered children
 - the ones with us and distant from us
 - the ones with a nurturing heart

We thank you for all of the love and care you have given us over the time you have been in our lives. You helped us grow in so many ways that "thank you" is not enough to truly convey the depth of love for you.

Fellowship Time Next Sunday after service with Kitchenette dedication

There will be no Fellowship today due to Mother's Day. Next Sunday, May 15th, during a special fellowship time, we will be dedicating the new Ziercher Room kitchenette in memory of Terry Atherton, Dick Moore and Magda Nemes.

Music for Service

If you are interested in playing special music for an upcoming Sunday, or in leading the hymns, please let Pastor Jeff know.

Graduates of 2022

Please let us know of anyone who is graduating this spring – from school, college, or program. We will share a list of all graduates at the end of the month.

Next Conversation on Race & Justice Sunday, May 15 7:00pm

The Passing of the Peace

If you are worshipping with us on Zoom, we invite you to wave your hands to those around you. You may also want to unmute yourself and greet one another with the "Peace of Christ be with you." For those who are in person, we invite you to greet one another, but be attentive to those who may not want to shake hands. If someone waves that is a cue for a wave back.

***The Response**

"Halleluja"

#236 NCH (black)

Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja. Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja.

Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja. Halle-lu-ja, Halle-lu-ja.

A Story for the Ages - Acts 9:36–43

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Response *“Easter People” (St. 1) # 304 UMH (purple)*

**Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.**

A Story for All Ages - *Children’s Time with Mellissa*

Hymn: *“God, Bless our Homes” #429 NCH (black)*

The Message – *Pastor Jeff Groene*

Special Music – *Larry Pry*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

***Closing Hymn:** *“God Made from One Blood” #427 NCH (black)*

The Challenge and Blessing

One: One this Good Shepherd Sunday, Gracious God, we celebrate your love and compassion know to us in Christ Jesus.

All: We give thanks for mothers and all those who have been nurtures to us in our lives.

One: We grieve with those who have wanted to be mothers, but have found that not to be their path.

All: For those whose mothers are not here because of death or distance.

One: For those whose mothers have not been the nurtures that they needed.

All: God of the Ages, we ask your blessing upon the great variety of that make up our families by blood and by choice.

One: Lead us from this place to be Good Shepherds - the people of compassion you created us to be.

***The Postlude**

Liturgist: Alex Miller

Altar Flowers are placed by Erin & Keith Linnenbringer in honor of their Anniversary.