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<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, Feb. 3	Worship 48
Sunday, Feb. 10	Worship 48
Sunday, Feb. 17	Worship 52
Sunday, Feb. 27	Worship 40

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the COMPASS

“The Lord hath yet more light and truth
to break forth from The Word.” pastor John Robinson

more light

I grew up singing a hymn based on these parting words of pastor John Robinson to the pilgrims who set sail for the new world in July of 1620.
*“We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
by notions of our day and sect, crude, partial, and confined.
No, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred:
The Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from The Word.”*

Ironically, what got me thinking about these words was the gladdening mantra that keeps welling up from within me: More Light! More Light! Mostly, I’m celebrating the end of winter, even as we are pelted with more and more snow. I know that spring is on its way as each day brings more light. More Light.

Light is a precious gift, without which no life can survive. As we approach the holiest time of the year, we welcome the more light. Even as we gather in the darkness of Good Friday, we await more light. And as we rise early on Easter Sunday, we expect to be greeted with the gift of more light.

The world can be a dark and brutal place where deep snow and cloudy days are the least of our worries. We need and welcome more light. Where ignorance and small minds lead to violence and hatred, we need and welcome more light. May God enlighten us with love and understanding as we strive to be people of the light, in a dark and sometimes brutal world. May you be blessed with More Light.

We are spiritual seekers working to grow in our love of God,
 deepening our connection to each other and
 sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

... journey up. . . to grow in our love of God.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Worship

March 28th, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt @ Covenant

(With Urbandale UCC)

Saturday, March 30th, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Early Service: 8:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.

Easter Worship: 10:00 a.m.

From our Education Coordinator, Sarah Hughes

February has been an active month among the children and youth here at Covenant Christian Church. At our Wednesday night gatherings, we have been doing an activity called "Lint for Lent." Tom Small built a cross covered with chicken wire for us, and each week, we place pieces of dryer lint on the cross. The idea is this: we all have icky stuff—we are imperfect. Sometimes, like lint, that stuff seems to stick to everything! During Lent, we bring it forward to the cross, remembering that God loves us more than we can imagine—even our icky stuff.

This week I invite everyone to bring dryer lint to church on Wednesday evening or Sunday morning to turn "Lint for Lent" into an intergenerational activity. There will be space during worship on this Sunday, March 3, to participate in "Lint for Lent."

During the month of March, we look forward to our continued Wednesday night gatherings. We will have educational offerings for the children, shedding light on the significance of Holy Week and Easter. On **Saturday, March 30**, we will host the annual egg hunt in our beautiful outdoor space, joined by our friends at Urbandale UCC. As we look forward to the coming month's activities, let us remember with gratitude and joy what a blessing it is to contemplate Lent and celebrate Easter with our youth.

... journey out. . . sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

... that they may have life ... abundantly ...

Together, our Church family gave over \$540 to the Easter Offering in 2012. As people of faith, we know and experience the generous and powerful love of God in our lives. And yet, we recognize the brokenness in our communities and in the world. We are a church that reaches out so that wholeness is experienced, and our faithful witness creates a just and merciful world.

The scripture passage in the gospel of John 10:10b guides the message for this year's offering. Your financial gifts directly sustain the general ministries of the Christian Church (D.O.C.) - our Church in the world. Your prayerful discernment and benevolent gifts embody the abundance of God's love for all of creation.

We plan to collect our offerings for this special **Easter Offering** on **Sundays: March 24 and 31**, to experience the Joy of Giving.

... journey in. . . deepening our connection to each other.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand
 Paul Ratashak
 Shirlee Holmes
 Donna Wilcox
 Don Twombly
 Gretchen Pope

NOTES & NEWS

- Thank you for the calls, cards and prayers during my mother's illness and death. - **Olin and Jane Shane.**
- Congratulations to **Sarah Hughes** who has been accepted into seminary at Pacific School of Religion in California. Sarah will be taking most of her classes online but will spend some time on campus in the coming years. Congratulations Sarah!
- Thanks to everyone for your cards and well wishes during my illness. And a special thanks to **Don Hiscox** for filling the pulpit on Sunday morning on very short notice!—**Paul Witmer**
- **United in Prayer Day** Saturday, March 16 at Grace United Methodist. Join us for centering prayer and program, 8:30 to Noon.

Easter Morning Breakfast!

Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m.

Plan to join us for our annual Easter Morning Breakfast this year following the early worship service which begins at 8:00 a.m. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall at approximately 8:30. Look for a sign-up sheet at church if you are able to bring a breakfast casserole or pastries.

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You're invited!

A Birthday Celebration
 for

Gretchen Pope
 on Sunday, March 3
 2-4 p.m.

Fellowship Hall
 Given by her family,
 Judith Shafer and Linette Boden



March

BIRTHDAYS

Gretchen Pope	3/3	Sue Stookey	3/7
Eric Guy	3/7	Don McCaleb	3/12
Stuart Isaacson	3/15	Ray Heckert	3/17
Donna Adamson	3/21	Reese Isaacson	3/26
Greg Warwick	3/20		

ANNIVERSARIES

Ray & Helen Heckert 3/20