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Events for February:

- February 2nd** – Communion
Sunday 10 a.m.
- February 3rd** – Deacons
Meeting 6 p.m. /Church Council
7 p.m.
- February 9th** – Worship 10 a.m.
- February 16th** - Worship 10 a.m.
- February 17th**- President's Day
- February 23rd** – Worship 10 a.m.

The Spire



Hello Park Place Friends and Family,

Now, more than ever, as we are in the midst of many changes in our country, we need to reach out to all of our LGBTQ siblings and so many others who will be affected by the many changes that may be coming to be. We need to show love and the need for caring for so many whose lives may change drastically. We need to offer our support by standing up for what we believe as members of the UCC. God's love is a promise to all that we are united in the love of God and that, in our faith, all are beloved in Christ.

Reach out to those who need to be reminded of God's love. Let us continue to be a beautiful example of God's love in our community and the world. And may we live with compassion for all the marginalized in our world.

Please take a few moments to offer up in prayer so many in our churches, in our communities and in our world that need to be reminded of God's love and ours!

With Love in Christ's service,
Pastor Wayne



Worship Schedule

Please join us for Worship Service each Sunday @ 10 a.m.!! All are welcome! Can't make it to worship? Tune in to Facebook for a live feed and it can be viewed anytime.

YouTube viewing Mondays for later viewing!

If you would like to attend worship but need a ride, please call the church office no later than Friday 3p.m. and we will try to arrange transportation.

February 2nd, Holy Communion Worship 10 a.m. – Please join Pastor Wayne, Bill McMillan – lay reader, our chancel choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard for

worship. Holy Communion is open to all. Communion Servers: Anna Cote & Koami Zolinou.

February 9th, - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Worship Service - 10 a.m. Please join Pastor Wayne, Kristine Gervais – lay reader; our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

February 16th, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - Worship Service - 10 a.m.- Please join Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

February 23rd, Seventh Sunday after Epiphany - Worship Service – 10 a.m. - Please join Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

Worship Assisting for January: Thank you for all you for assisting with worship!

Greeters/Ushers: Anna Cote, Terry May

Readers: Cindy Boulay, Sara Morrissette, Darlene McMillan, Maria Tavarozzi



Church News & Upcoming Events!



We continue offering weekly posts on Tuesdays: “A Moment with Pastor Wayne,” Thursdays: “Words & Music” with Pastor Wayne & Jane Bedia on keyboard; Saturdays: “Love Stories of Our Faith,” hosting duties are lovingly presented by D & Andy, Sara Morrissette, Carlene Neves with niece Amiyah, or Maria Tavarozzi. We hope you enjoy all of our online posts!

Updates to our Directory:

Please make these corrections to your new church directory: Jean's phone number and Liz's last name. Thank you.

David & Jean Winnege
Jean's cell: 401-215-4597

Elizabeth Williams-Golding
New phone: 401-786-3722

Park Place Congregational UCC Missions

Please remember All are welcome to join any activity or just drop in to see what is going on!



Stop by the Thrift Shop! Our Thrift Shop has been going through some big changes! Shop hours Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1p.m. When making a donation, please do not leave your donations in front of the store, please bring in while we are open. Thank you for your attention.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is ongoing, please continue to knit and crochet at home. Our Prayer Shawl meetings are on hold for the time being, we'll keep you posted as to when we'll return our meetings. Shawls can be either knitted or crocheted and should measure 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length. Thank you in advance for supporting our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

February Mission - collecting SOCKS, hats and gloves for the unhoused community. All donations should be in church by February 16. Thank you for your generosity.



Kindness Kickbacks

Random Acts of Kindness Day, observed each year on February 17, is a reminder of the power of altruism. Followers of Jesus express kindness selflessly, out of love for God and our neighbors. Yet in return, we reap emotional — and even physical — benefits.

Researchers have identified a “helper’s high” that can ease anxiety and depression. Spontaneous or planned acts of “pro-social spending” have been shown to reduce blood pressure, improve heart health, reduce pain and even extend longevity.

For maximum impact, experts recommend getting creative with random acts of kindness and mixing them up. But no matter how you spread kindness, you’re bound to experience blessings in return!



Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

The following names are current however, if you would like to add your loved one's name to this prayer list, please contact the office via phone (401) 726-2800 or email office@ppucc.necoxmail.com. Thank you for your attention!

Please keep these people in your daily prayers:

California fire victims and firefighters/first responders; Susan; Bonnie for healing; JoLyn (Glenn's sister); Diane; Mike & Joann; Maureen; Jean W.; Dororthy; Liz; Laurie – cancer; Zachary; Joey & Kelly; Barbara; Nikki - cancer; Judy; Raymond; Steve – cancer; Rachel; Harry & Santa; Amy with mental health issues; Brenda; Laila 13 years old with leukemia & her parents George & Meagan.

Please continue prayers for:

...Prayers for our brothers & sisters in Israel, Palestine & Ukraine, all the innocent people in the middle east and around the world that are affected by this war.

...victims of our recent natural disasters & violence within our communities all over our nation.

...For peace in our nation, pray for our elected officials during this time of transition. We pray for unity as we show respect for each other, and adherence to the rule of law.

... For our country as we navigate our world of change, understanding, forgiveness, friendship and love.

... for the victims and families of domestic abuse, may the Lord give them strength to ask and receive help. Comfort them during their turmoil.

... our service men and women, and veterans both old and young who have served our country with honor and pride.

Continued prayers for our homebound family members and friends: Sylvia Kaufmann; friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.

A Prayer for Presidents Day



Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest gratitude for this country and the freedom to worship you. Stir up a sense of stewardship so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it.

We pray especially for our leaders, that you will bless them with wisdom and humility. Prompt everyone in positions of authority to pursue righteousness, justice and the welfare of all.

Remind us of the psalmist's teaching: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise be fulfilled "from sea to shining sea." Amen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Thrift Shop 10a.m.-1p.m.
2 Holy Communion 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	3 Board of Deacons meeting 6 p.m. Church Council meeting 7 p.m.	4	5 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sinai Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	6 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	7	8 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1p.m.
9 Worship 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	10	11	12 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sinai Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	13 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	14 	15 Thrift Shop 10a.m.-1p.m.
16 Worship 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	17 	18	19 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sinai Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	20	21	22 Thrift Shop 10a.m.-1 p.m.
23 Worship 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	24	25	26 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sinai Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	27	28	

Happy Birthday!



Our February Birthdays!!

Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday!

4th: Judith Ouellette

5th: Carla Dyer

9th: Maribeth Garlick

9th: Ryan Ventura

10th: David Gervais

12th: Robert Boulay

12th: Marc Champeau

16th: Mary Rose Abbott

16th: Sergio de Oliveira

19th: Terry May Neves

21st: Peter Foss

24th: Audrey Brouwer

26th: Noah McCue

If we missed your special day, please email your info to the office! Thank you!

*Cabaret with Wayne Patenaude &
Jane Bedia on piano!*

*March 1st, 2025 – 6 p.m. doors open,
6:30 – light fair buffet – show 7*

*Reservations happily accepted
beginning Feb 9th. \$20 pp donation*

*We've got some new people joining
us on our Facebook & YouTube
posts:
"Love Stories of Our Faith" for the
children!*


*February Mission -collecting warm
socks, hats, gloves for the unhoused.*



Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live 

Opposite of dark 

Companion

Hand greeting

Male adult

8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5

17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4

13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4

13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16

8 2 16 13 23 10 1 14 21

1 John 4:16, NIV

Answers: House; light; friend; wave; man; God is love; Whoever gives in love lives in God; and God in them; 1 John 4:16, NIV

Kid's Page

Valentines for Kids

Valentine's Day isn't just for schoolchildren and sweethearts. Loving parents should strive to give their children these life-changing gifts during February and beyond.

- Acceptance: Say and show that you love children for who they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- Self-confidence: Help boost kids' trust in themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- Peace: Model how to give your worries to God. Offer this present with laughter.
- Gratitude: Help children be genuinely thankful for each new day and for all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- Faith: Introduce children to Jesus, the best friend they'll ever have. Do this by taking them to church and Sunday school regularly.

Bible Quiz

The short Old Testament book of Lamentations is a set of communal laments (sorrowful songs) about the destruction in 587 B.C. of which city, by which people?

- A. Babylon; the Assyrians
- B. Jerusalem; the Babylonians
- C. Rome; the Greeks
- D. Caesarea Philippi; the Romans



Answer: B (See Bible commentaries.)



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The Work of Racial Reconciliation

Racial reconciliation isn't a new concept. Some 2,000 years ago, the apostle Philip recognized that a man from Ethiopia was just as worthy of baptism into the body of Christ as were the natives of Judea and Galilee.

In *Color-Courageous Discipleship*, Michelle T. Sanchez views racial reconciliation as a personal journey for the greater good. "Jesus seeks to bring about the kind of inner transformation we need to transform our world God's way," she writes. That echoes Martin Luther King Jr.'s statement: "Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit" (Strength to Love).

On Racial Reconciliation Sunday, observed the second Sunday of February, consider how you can address racial issues. Sanchez suggests simple steps such as starting a conversation with someone of another ethnicity or advocating for a friend. Consider how other people's lives and challenges are different from yours. Pray for people of different races and cultures. Ponder how you can come alongside and walk with them — and they with you.

In God's creative and thorough plan, he might transform your own life as you try to transform the world.

—Janna Firestone