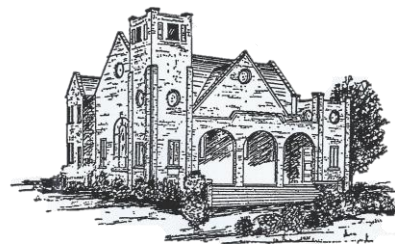


# HEDRICK'S GROVE REFORMED

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

3840 Allred Road  
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## NEWS AROUND THE GROVE

February 2024

Pastor Joshua W. Rau



Join us Sunday morning

at

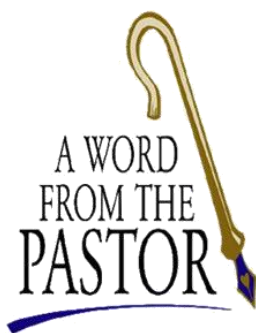
9:45 for Sunday School

10:45 for Worship Service

or

any day online

[www.hgrucc.org](http://www.hgrucc.org)



Dear Friends in Christ,

I was asked recently about some of the things we do in worship. One question was "Why do you process in now?" That got my mind thinking that I should spend a few moments talking about some of the things we do in worship. So let me start by explaining the procession.

The idea of the procession is simple. We are gathering for worship from outside, from our daily lives and community. We are approaching God, through Christ, therefore the light of Christ is brought into worship followed by the pastor who presides and preaches the word to us. As we leave, we are being sent back out into the world, with the light leading the way. We are under the light and cross of Christ, and we follow that light and cross of Christ into the presence of God, and into the world.

Another question I have gotten is, "Why do we stand in worship?" There are so many Biblical examples of believers standing in worship, the better question might be, "Why don't we stand more?" Standing in worship is a way that we praise God, show our honor and respect. Our standing has great significance and tradition.

1. Unity - When we stand together, we "stand together." We show with our bodies that we are collectively affirming what is being said; for example, rising to recite a Creed or sing praises.
2. Recognizing God's presence – As we stand for the Gloria Patri and Doxology, we stand to show respect for God's presence among the gathered Body of Christ.
3. Preparing to March – Jesus' healing words were often simply, "Stand up and walk!" Although at the beginning of worship, we may have been battle-worn and in need of healing, after our time of worship, Jesus says to us, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Our Sending Forth gives us marching orders and a blessing, and we follow the Light of Christ into the world to serve.

Now I know that it's difficult to impossible for some to continually stand up, but we can all "rise as we are able"! Whether we actually rise to our feet, or straighten up and sit at attention, our rising is an intentional expression of worship.

I hope that this has been useful to you in some of the questions about worship. Next month I will have talk more about our liturgy and our order of worship.

Yours in Christ,

Josh

## PAY-A-DATE FUNDRAISER

PICK DATE(S) TO SPONSOR AND PAY THE DATE  
[ 1ST = \$1, 29TH = \$29 ]



## Flower Calendar

### Altar Flowers

Feb.	4:	Tony & Pansy Frank
Feb.	11:	Boy Scouts
Feb.	18:	<b>Needed</b>
Feb.	25:	<b>Needed</b>

A sign-up sheet to provide Altar Flowers is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

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## COUNTRY BUFFET BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
6:30-10:00 AM

Meal by donation ~ Give with your heart

**Menu:**

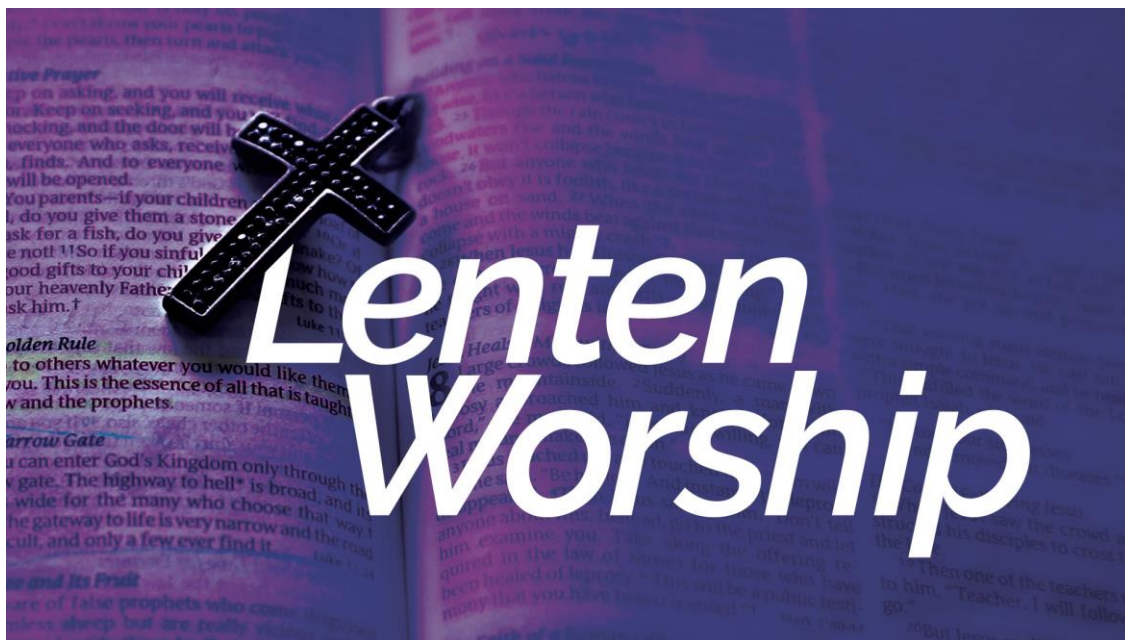
Eggs	Grits
Bacon	Stewed Apples
Sausage	Milk
Country Ham	Juice
Biscuits & Gravy	Tea
Toast	Coffee

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Safe serving standards will be observed.







This Lent, we will be sharing Lenten special services with other local UCC churches. Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) will be at Hedrick's Grove, Maundy Thursday (Mar. 28) at Mt. Tabor, and Good Friday (Mar. 29) at New Friendship, with pastors from all three churches leading worship. We will also have a joint choir made of members of all three churches. All services will start at 7 PM and be 50 minutes or less to accommodate young families.

The joint choir for our Lenten special services is open to all. Practices will take place at 6 PM at the host church on the days of the services (Feb. 14, Mar. 28, and Mar. 29). If you have time and inclination, you can also practice on the Wednesday before these services (Feb. 7 and Mar. 20) at 7 PM with the choir at Hedrick's Grove.



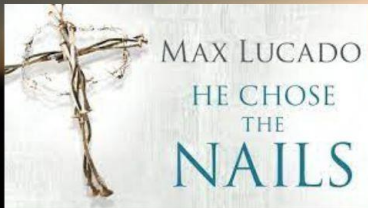
# Lent Bible Study

Hedrick's Grove Reformed UCC

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm

February 13, 20

March 5, 12, 19



# Ash Wednesday Service

of Mt. Tabor UCC, New Friendship UCC and Hedrick's Grove Reformed UCC



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 | 7:00 PM

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*"For dust you are and to dust you shall return." -Genesis 3:19B*

Maundy

# Thursday

Worship Service

of Mt. Tabor UCC, New Friendship UCC,  
Hedrick's Grove Reformed UCC

Thursday March 28, 2024 ~ 7:00 pm  
Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ



"Do this in remembrance of Me"

# Good Friday

WORSHIP SERVICE

of Mt. Tabor UCC, New Friendship UCC, and Hedrick's Grove Reformed UCC



Friday March 29, 2024 ~ 7:00 pm  
New Friendship UCC

## OUTREACH NEWS

As we start the New Year, let us give thanks to God for all our blessings! Our church is blessed to have our Outreach Ministry to help others during a time of need. We continue to provide food to students weekly to Stoner-Thomas School and monthly to Silver Valley Elementary. Again, we are very fortunate to have our Backpack Program which is part of Outreach. All donations are always appreciated; we keep a container at the mailboxes if you would like to bring food. This year we bought Christmas gifts/clothes for several children at Fair Grove Elementary. While Karen and I were shopping for them, we met a few others with Angel child lists which truly makes your heart happy knowing all these kids will have a Christmas. Outreach helped Fair Grove Family Resources with financial assistance. They provide numerous families with food and were very appreciative. Throughout the year, we have assisted folks who are having financial issues... helping with groceries, gas, medical bills, etc. We also support Shriners Children's, Hospice of Davidson County as well as local Food Pantries.

WE are asking for a NEED at Silver Valley Elementary School for their Clothes Closet. They have contacted us to share this. If you have ANY children's clothes (Elementary) that you no longer need and would like to donate, please bring to the church and leave them in a bag at the mailboxes. Here are a few sizes that was mentioned: Boys pants - all sizes. Girls pants size 6 or any size. Boys & Girls shoes, any size (11-1 a big need). Thank you so much!

The gift of giving to others is such a wonderful service. God Bless!  
Bennie Frank, Outreach  
Karen & Randall Parks  
Sally Kernstine

# FEBRUARY 2024 CALENDAR



Thursday	Feb	1		Youth Pay-a-Date Fundraiser Kick-off
Thursday	Feb	1	7 PM	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Saturday	Feb	3	6:30 AM – 10 AM	Men's Brotherhood Country Buffet Breakfast
Sunday	Feb	4	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Feb	4	10:45 AM	Worship
Sunday	Feb	4	5 PM	Bell Choir Practice
Monday	Feb	5	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Monday	Feb	5	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Wednesday	Feb	7		Devotions from the Grove
Wednesday	Feb	7	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Wednesday	Feb	7	6:30 PM	Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting
Wednesday	Feb	7	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesday	Feb	7	7 PM	Crossroads Young Adult Ministry ZOOM Meeting
Thursday	Feb	8	7 PM	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Sunday	Feb	11	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Feb	11	10:45 AM	Worship
Sunday	Feb	11	5 PM	Bell Choir Practice
Monday	Feb	12	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Monday	Feb	12	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	Feb	13	7 PM	Lent Bible Study
Wednesday	Feb	14		Devotions from the Grove
Wednesday	Feb	14	6 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesday	Feb	14	7 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	Feb	15	7 PM	Consistory
Sunday	Feb	18		Newsletter Articles Due
Sunday	Feb	18	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Feb	18	10:45 AM	Worship
Sunday	Feb	18	5 PM	Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday	Feb	20	7 PM	Lent Bible Study
Wednesday	Feb	21		Devotions from the Grove
Wednesday	Feb	21	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Wednesday	Feb	21	6:30 PM	Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting
Wednesday	Feb	21	6:30 PM	Grove Friends Meal & Meeting
Wednesday	Feb	21	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesday	Feb	21	7 PM	Crossroads Young Adult Ministry ZOOM Meeting
Sunday	Feb	25	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Feb	25	10:45 AM	Worship
Sunday	Feb	25	5 PM	Bell Choir Practice
Sunday	Feb	25	6 PM	Men's Fellowship Meeting
Monday	Feb	26	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Monday	Feb	26	7PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	Feb	27		Davidson Co. Civitan Clergy Appreciation Meal
Wednesday	Feb	28		Devotions from the Grove
Wednesday	Feb	28		Youth Pay-a-Date Fundraiser Closing
Wednesday	Feb	28	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Wednesday	Feb	28	6:30 PM	Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting
Wednesday	Feb	28	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice



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### News for Next Month

Please electronically submit  
information, by February 18,  
for March's newsletter to  
the office email address:  
[hedricksgroveucc@gmail.com](mailto:hedricksgroveucc@gmail.com)

## Hedrick's Grove Reformed UCC Staff

### Pastor:

**Joshua W. Rau**

### Pastor Emeritus:

The Reverend David L. Crook

### Director of Music:

Patty Hedrick

### Organist & Handbell Director:

Trudy Vossburg-Keating

### Administrative Assistant:

Pixie Philemon

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## *final thoughts...*

“But when the fullness of the time  
had come, God sent forth His Son,  
born of a woman, born under the  
law, to redeem those who were  
under the law, that we might  
receive the adoption as sons.”

~Galatians 4:4-5

