



# Congregational Connections

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As we are on the doorstep of April, it seems like the month of March flew by. The expression for March is, "in like a lion and out like a lamb". I was waiting for the 'lamb' part of March to arrive. Crazy how the weather for the Brewer's home opener on March 31 called for snow. I think Mother Nature threw us an opening pitch curve ball!

I sense that we are all adjusting to what having a regular part-time pastor will be like, especially me. I have truly appreciated your patience and adjustments as we grow accustomed to working and worshipping together. I thank all who took the time and opportunity to attend one or more of our Meet & Greets. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and hearing hopes and dreams for the future of our church. Thank you for accommodating my learning of names and faces by wearing name tags! I will continue office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and I look forward to an occasional drop in with the Men's Breakfast group. Please know that you are welcome to meet with me personally at church, or in a location of your choice. Simply contact me or the church office. I will also be working with our talented staff to prioritize home visits and connections as well. I believe it is important that I am available to you in emergency situations. During church office hours you may call the church, or you may call me directly on my cell phone (262) 384-8124.

March has also shared the full circle of events in church life, worship, Holy Communion, Executive Team and Church Council Meetings, loss of a beloved member, a funeral for a friend of the church, prospective new member conversations, and baptism planning. We have immersed deeply in our first formal month together and I appreciate all of the opportunities to share church life and ministry with you.

April brings us into the final weeks of Lent, hosting our ecumenical worship, Palm Sunday, Holy Week services, and the joy of Easter morning. You will find details of all these events further in our newsletter. *(continued on next page)*

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE...CONTINUED...

I encourage you to immerse as fully as possible in Palm Sunday and our Holy Week and Easter services as we share the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the heartbreak of the last week of Jesus' earthly life, and the joy of Easter morning!

With appreciation and blessings,  
Pastor Jim



## TWO MORNING SERVICES ON APRIL 6

Sunday morning, April 6, we will have our 9:00 Communion service in Fellowship Hall and hold a second Communion service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. In addition to Communion, the Confirmation students will assist with the 9:00 service and Church School will be held. Join us for the Fifth Sunday in Lent.



## CHURCH WORKDAY ON APRIL 19 - MULCH & MORE



Come lend a hand at church on Saturday morning, April 19, starting at 8:00. Help clean out the shed, rake the grounds, and lay down mulch. Don't forget your work gloves! Many hands make quick work! Rain date will be May 17. Thanks!



## MEETING WITH PASTOR JIM ON THURSDAYS

Pastor Jim has reserved Thursday morning as an intentional time to make visits and meet with folks by appointment. Whether it be individual or small groups, he is happy to meet at church, a local restaurant, or your home. Email Pastor Jim: [pastorjim@portucc.org](mailto:pastorjim@portucc.org)



## JOIN US

We have one Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 each week. On the first Sunday, an additional service is held at 10:30.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The first Sunday morning of each month we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, open to all who seek to follow in the way of Christ, both children and adults.

## LINKED UP

Be on the lookout for orange text - it's linked up to documents and web pages you might find helpful or interesting.

## SUBMIT INFO FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you have a celebration, prayer request, or other contribution for the newsletter, please email the church office 7-10 days before the first day of the month.