

Church of Christ, Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Our Mission

We seek to be a Christian community
by worshiping God through prayer, music, and the proclaimed Word.

Following Christ's example,
we enthusiastically reach out to everyone with compassion, respect and love
so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.



February 16, 2025

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Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love

Sunday February 16, 2025 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude: *Across the Lands*

by Townend & Getty

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *The Summons*

***Call To Worship**

One: God is an invitation—an open door, a call to live differently.

All: Always present before us, God offers the possibility of transformation.

One: Though the routines of daily life often mask wrongdoing and conceal sin,

All: God searches our hearts and reveals what lies hidden.

One: Love intervenes, offering its aid. We are never left powerless in our pursuit of what is right.

All: With faith, we proclaim: the power of God dwells within us.

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Holy Spirit, flowing like a river through the landscapes of our lives, we humbly seek the renewal of our daily rhythms through the grace of your life-giving breath. Where we are bound by rigid paths or caught in the shadows of monotony, plant seeds of wisdom to help us grow. Root us like ancient oaks in the faith of the saints who bloomed boldly for a greater good, trusting that in your light, all life will flourish. Amen.

***Hymn B#173** *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

A Time For All God's Children

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Profit vs. Prophet

***Hymn R#179** *We Yearn, O Christ, For Wholeness*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (please use the wording with which you are most familiar.)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Prayer Response *Here Savior, In This Quiet Place*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Like A River Glorious* by James Mointain

***Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above your heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication** (together)

O Spirit of justice and mercy, you greet us in the whispering winds, in the rustle of leaves, and the rush of

rivers, stirring questions in our hearts like seeds in fertile soil. You kindle in us a yearning for balance, for a world rooted in fairness, where care stretches wide as an open sky. You unsettle our quiet comfort, like a storm urging the trees to reach higher. Do not let fear bind us like roots entangled in stone. Take what we offer—our hours, our strength, our resolve—and sow it in fields of justice, that we may harvest a future of growth and renewal. Amen.

***Hymn B#52** *There Is A Name I Love To Hear*

***Benediction**

Postlude *One Thing Remains*

arr. Labenske

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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**Have a prayer request?
Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at mejensen7@verizon.net**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&M's (Monday Morning Needlework Group)

Join us from 10am-12pm in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone

Call or text (774)-993-9407

Christian Origins Book Club

No Book Club this week due to Annual Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 16

10:00 am ~ Worship
11:00 am ~ Annual Meeting

Monday, February 13 ~ M& M's

10:00am-12:00pm in the Parlor

Saturday, February 22

5:00-8:00pm Chili Cook Off & Movie Night

Sunday, February 23

10:00 am ~ Worship
11:00 am ~ Refreshments
11:15 am ~ Christian Origins Book Club
Meets in the Parlor (Please read chapters 2 & 3)

Mary Magdalene Understood

a progressive Christian book club reconstructing the historical figure of Mary Magdalene

1st Meeting - Sunday, January 19th @ 11:30 am
Bring your coffee hour refreshments!

Please come having read the introduction & first chapter. We will decide on 4 more meeting dates together.

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Join the choir!

Rehearsal Sundays 9AM
followed by Singing in worship at 10AM

Do you love to sing?!

No audition or musical experience required. Come make a joyful noise!

NOTE: No choir rehearsal on January 12th as Becki will be away.

Becki Waters Abalutzk,
Music Director

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 22 ~ 5:00-8:00pm
Chili Cook Off & Movie Night

Tuesday, March 4 ~ 4:30pm
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Wednesday, March 5
8:00-9:00am Ashes 2-Go Morning Session
4:30-6:00pm Ashes 2-Go Event Evening Session
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, March 7 ~ 6:30pm
Trivia Night



1st Annual CHILI COOK-OFF & MOVIE NIGHT!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND 5PM-8PM

Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards!

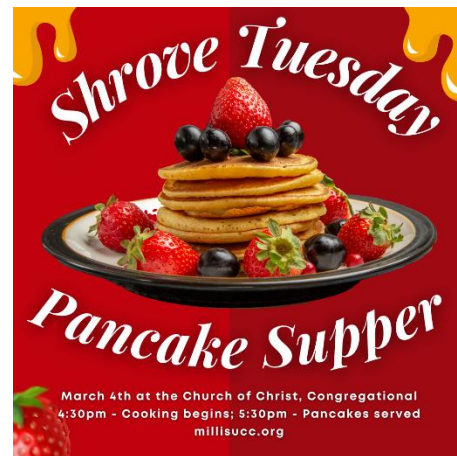
WHY JOIN?

- Delicious Chili
- Fun for All Ages
- Win a Prize!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

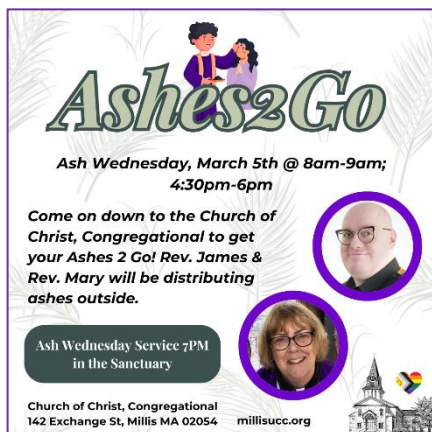
Let us know you're bringing a chili dish to share!
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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4th at the Church of Christ, Congregational
4:30pm - Cooking begins; 5:30pm - Pancakes served
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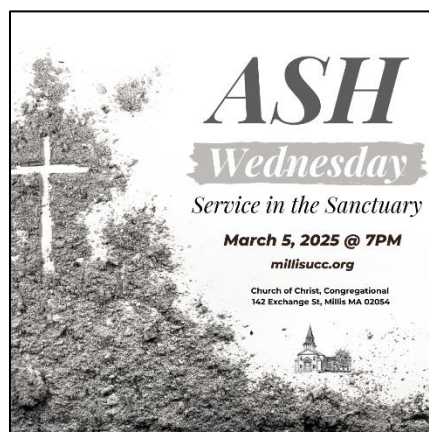
Ashes 2 Go

Ash Wednesday, March 5th @ 8am-9am;
4:30pm-6pm

Come on down to the Church of Christ, Congregational to get your Ashes 2 Go! Rev. James & Rev. Mary will be distributing ashes outside.

Ash Wednesday Service 7PM in the Sanctuary

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ASH Wednesday

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TRIVIA NIGHT

MARCH 7
6:30 P.M.
AT MILLIS UCC