

Upcoming Events (www.fccstjoseph.org/events/)

<i>Sunday, March 19</i>	10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
	10:30 a.m. Worship (4th Sunday of Lent)
	4:00 p.m. ArtsBridge at First Presbyterian Benton Harbor
	6:30 p.m. Pastor Jeffrey's Book Study
<i>Tuesday, March 21</i>	9:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen
<i>Wednesday, March 22</i>	5:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
	6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
<i>Thursday, March 23</i>	5:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
<i>Saturday, March 25</i>	8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry
<i>Sunday, March 26</i>	10:30 a.m. Worship (5th Sunday of Lent)
	1:00 p.m. Soup Bowl Tournament
	6:30 p.m. Pastor Jeffrey's Book Study

"We welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ to Discover God, Equip One Another for Life, and Reach Inward and Outward to Serve"

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First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday of Lent (New Members)

March 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome / Announcements / New Members

Sharing the Peace [screen]

You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Prelude

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus" J. S. Bach

All stand if able

Call to Worship [screen]

Kathryn Anderson, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#419 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Discovering

Children's Message

Children PreK-5th grade may come forward. The nursery is open during worship. Following the message, students can return to their families.

Ministry of Music

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Joel Raney

Chancel Choir; Susan Dietrich-Reed, cello

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture John 9:1-7, 13-16, 24-25, NSRV

Message "Seeing, Shaping, and New Creation"

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

All stand if able

Message Hymn [screen]

#502 "Be Thou My Vision"

Thanking

Morning Prayer
Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Have Mercy, My God" J. S. Bach

Serving

Doxology [screen] *All stand if able*

Benediction
Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "Prelude in A Minor" J. S. Bach

*You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly.
Peace be with you!*

If you missed coffee with us this morning, join us after for fellowship!

The altar flowers are in memory and honor of the life of Eileen Resch,
from Mac and Kathy MacTavish

Ushers: Fran Chickering, Wes Brazel, Dave Hilbink, Ruthann Miller-Sipe, Kristin Malsch,
Cindi Collum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our New Members today: Bruce Anderson, Kristin Malsch, Don-Nee German, Sharon Cole, Alex, Elizabeth, Kevin and Matthew Svetlev, Phil and Becki Utigard—come share in cake in the Gathering Room after and say hello!

If you are **new and would like more info** on FCC, please contact the office! **Sign the fellowship pads** in the pews with updated contact info or comments.

To receive text updates, send a text to **81010** with the message **@fccstj**

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Lenten Devotional!** Check out this great resource online: www.fccstjoseph.org/worship/

Tower Hill Camp & Retreat Center is hosting an open house to celebrate **100 years of service today from 1-5 p.m.** 12173 Tower Hill Rd, Sawyer.

Our own Brenton Offenback will be playing at **ArtsBridge at First Presbyterian Church** in Benton Harbor at **4 p.m. today.** Come and enjoy a host of music and arts!

Join Pastor Jeffrey and company at **Taproom Hours on Thursday, March 30 at Community Tap** in the Market downtown St Joe anytime from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** It's a great opportunity to get to know your fellow members in a more relaxed setting!

Men's Ministry will meet **Saturday, March 25 at 8:00 a.m.** Contact Bill Bock at wbock31@gmail.com or 313.0724. Breakfast first, then discussion.

Please join us for a **Stations of the Cross** worship on **Friday, March 31 at 6 p.m.** This will be a special time, preparing us for Holy Week and Easter.

CE Board is looking for **Easter egg hunt donations:** bag of chocolate candy (no peanuts or peanut butter); bag of nonchocolate candy or treat - both individually wrapped and fits inside an Easter egg (no hard candies). Contact Alison for info.

Book group will discuss *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on **Tuesday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m.** Contact Faith for more info (festiv@comcast.net).

The **Missions Board** is collecting **items for hygiene kits** for **Carol's Hope's** crisis intervention. Full list of items and collection bin available in entryway. **Donations accepted through April. Kit assembly on Sunday, May 7** after worship.

If you need a **pastoral visit or would like an appointment**, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Jeffrey (605.6809434).

Help **Soup Kitchen** at our **monthly spot (third Tuesday)**, contact Lori Hellenga - 269.921.7919.

Sign-up for Sunday ushers on the main bulletin board. Anyone can do it!

