





## Memo From Michael

**February is Black History month.** I have been asked to talk on the afternoon of February 11 at Paradise Baptist Church about the UCC involvement in Black History. Well, there is no shortage of material, particularly from our Congregationalist forbearers here in Illinois. This was the theme of one of our day camps. Local folks were abolitionists – in fact, in the 1840s they drew a line in the sand. If one was not abolitionist, they should leave the Congregationalist Church here in Illinois! The Underground Railroad ran through the churches of Illinois. One fellow in particular, Rev. Owen Lovejoy, brother of the famous Elijah Lovejoy who was killed by a pro-slavery mob in Alton, Illinois on November 7, 1837, was a pastor in Princeton, Illinois. Owen Lovejoy was a strong abolitionist, and has the distinction of being the person who nominated Abraham Lincoln for president at the Republican Convention.

**February 21 is Ash Wednesday.** Already? We will have a devotional service with the imposition of ashes that evening, following a light supper.

**February 28 begins our Lenten Series.** This year the theme will be Faith in Democracy, and is part of a study series recommended by Quad Cities Interfaith and developed by the Gamaliel Foundation. We will get some training about the series on January 30, so I do not have all of the particulars yet. By participating in this discussion series, we can contribute to a national plan for learning together.

**February 2–10 I will be in Cuernavaca, Mexico.** This is part of a mission seminar where I will be one of seven persons from the Midwest studying with a group of four persons from the school in San Cristobal de las Casas that we in the UCC helped establish. This will be a time for fellowship and planning.

**February 4 is Women’s Sunday.** The Women’s Guild here at the Church of Peace is planning the service, using materials from the national church. So I know that you will be in good hands.

February is a busy month!  
See you in church.

- Michael

## Council Briefs

Highlights from the January Council Meeting:

- Learned that the sustaining fund has increased about \$20,000 this year.
- We are applying for a grant that will allow churches to spread the word about cancer prevention.
- We will be having interviews for the open Outreach Director position.
- There will be a separate Sunday school class for Jr./Sr. High students for the second semester.
- Southside roof leaks in the sanctuary to the church have been fixed. We will now need to fix the damage the leaks caused.
- The community outreach committee reported 2,600 diapers were donated this year for “Diapers for Baby Jesus” - an almost 400% increase.
- The church will be hosting an Oscar-themed trivia night on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Jimmy Sederquist, Secretary



## Good news

On January 8th, the church was awarded the Beautification Award for the nice upkeep of our property from the City of Rock Island.

On Monday, January 15th, Courtney Eaker read her award-winning essay at the MLK Center’s service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Rev. Swartz gave the invocation at the service.





## Altar Guild Schedule

### February

04 Carol Atkins  
 11 Bea Anderson  
 18 Kathy Manthey  
 21 Bea Anderson-AW  
 25 Deb Holmes

### February Flowers

11—In honor Luke's birthday from  
 Meghan Cooley.

No other flowers have been scheduled.  
 Call the office if you would like to donate!

### February Greeters

04 Ed & Florene Feldhan  
 11 Bill & Carol Atkins  
 18 Everett & Shirley Franks  
 25 Myrna Adams

### Church Staff Members

Michael Swartz .....Pastor  
 Nora Steele.....Secretary  
 Brian Wischnak.....Sexton  
 Mary Oelschlaeger..... Parish Nurse  
 Mary Kae Waytenick ... Music Director  
 Jessica Waytenick ..... Choir Director  
 Curtis Oelschlaeger Bell Choir Director

### Soul Food Dinner by the CCC

**Saturday, Feb. 24th • 1-6 p.m.**  
**Eat in at the Rock Island VFW on**  
**9th Street or take out.**  
**\$10 per plate**  
**For delivered pre-orders, call 309-**  
**786-0345 by the Fri. before.**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Earl Snyder
3. Ed Feldhahn  
Joe Schorpp  
Ruby Jecks
6. Virginia Sulser
7. Virginia Milligan  
Jean Held  
Donna Allman
9. Vivian Loui
11. Everett Franks
12. Kalyany Steele
13. Kristin Clark
14. Roger Altman  
Wilford Cantrell  
Joann Love
16. Donna Boyle
17. Rhonda Kelly
18. Megan Bethell  
Scott Colclasure
19. George Bethell  
Breanna Nesseler
22. Hailey Feldhahn
25. Nicholas Stevens  
Lindsay Schroeder
27. Darryl Anderson



I want to say "thank you" for the cards and kind expressions of sympathy I received following the death of my sister, Janet Marx. They were much appreciated.



Virginia Milligan

Thank you for the cards, visits and prayers during my recent hospital visit. Thanks also goes to Rev. Swartz for his visit during my stay. God bless you all!

Richard Timmer

Dear Filiae Pacis Circle:

Thanks for thinking of me at Christmas time. The little tree decoration was very pretty!

Don Johnson

Dear Outreach Committee:

Thank you so much for sending me the picture of the children with their mittens. It really pleased me to see the smiles on their faces! I know they haven't needed the mittens much this year, but maybe they can keep them for next year. I always wonder if I'm making the right size. I can't do much about the color since I have to use the yarn I have. I hope they enjoy wearing them as much as I enjoy making them.

Mrs. Votroubek



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