

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC ZUMBROTA
and
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORONOCO**

November 2016 Newsletter

(O) Painting Fundraiser

We will be hosting a wonderful night of painting, refreshments, and fellowship! We will be joined by Nicki Novotne from Art on the Go in Rochester (www.artonthegorocheater.com). There will be painting (all materials provided)! There will be delicious treats! There will be gourmet coffee and wine! And all the funds raised will go toward Peace Camp 2017!

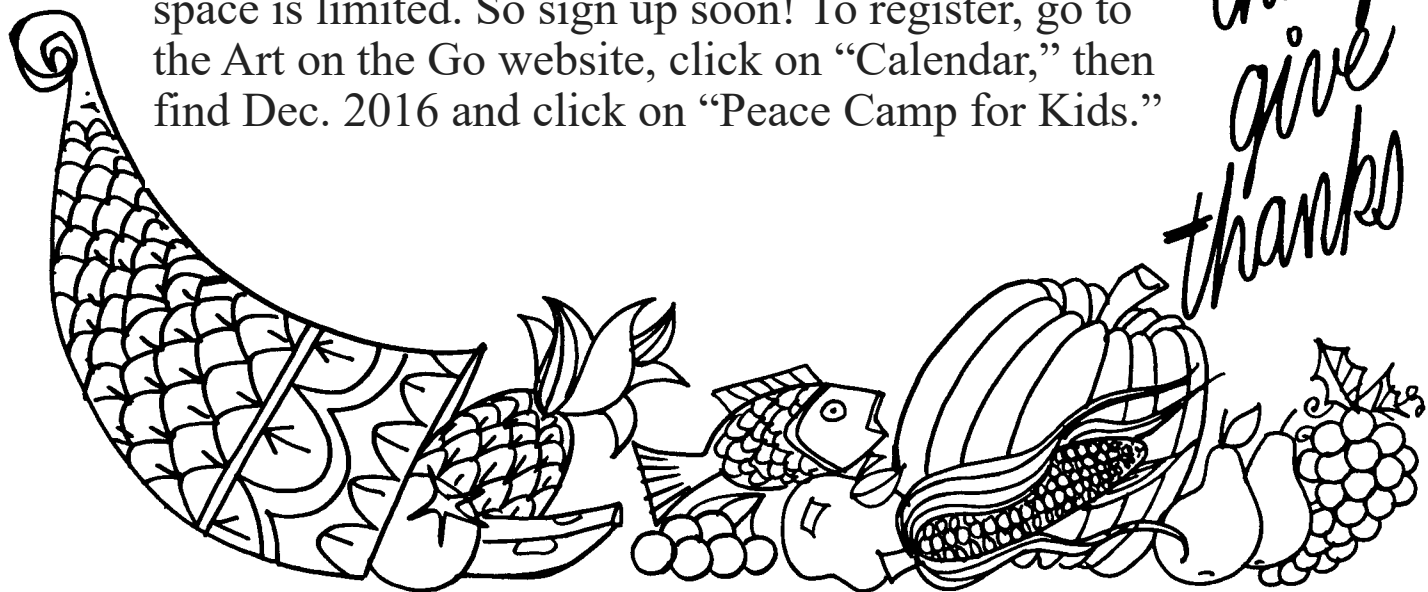
When: Fri., Dec. 9, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Where: Presbyterian Church of Oronoco

Cost: \$35 per person (*This is different from what we originally advertised. \$10 of each \$35 will be given back to the church for Peace Camp. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.*)

Pre-registration for this event **IS REQUIRED**, and space is limited. So sign up soon! To register, go to the Art on the Go website, click on "Calendar," then find Dec. 2016 and click on "Peace Camp for Kids."

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From Our Pastor



Pajamas.
Nighttime diapers.
Teeth brushed and flossed.
Read stories (at least four).
Read a few pages from the Bedtime Bibles.
Say a prayer.
Snuggle into bed.
Lullabye.
Good night.

That's what the nightly bedtime routine looks like at our house. Every night ... like clockwork. This is what we do before we put our little munchkins to bed.

And every night, there are parts of it that are endearing and parts of it that drive me crazy. Trying to get them to slow down long enough to put their pajamas and their nighttime diapers on is always a struggle. I love reading to them, but sometimes, the reading part is a challenge. Narrowing down which books we're going to read can be a problem. And sometimes they get hooked on a couple of books, and I end up reading the same 3 or 4 stories for a week straight. But as I said, I love to read to them, and I love to sing them to sleep ... or at least a little closer to sleep.

As you can imagine, prayer time with the boys is always interesting. We have the same formula that we follow every night: *"Thank you, God, for Mommy and Daddy and Ian and Luke. Thank you for ... Please keep me safe. I love you, God. Amen."*

It's that "... section that gets interesting. That's the point in the prayer in which I ask the boys to name some of the things that they are thankful for that day.

Sometimes they parrot back the things we've already said – Mommy, Daddy, Ian, Luke.

Sometimes they name other people that come to their minds – Nana, Grandma, Grandpa, Amy, friends at daycare, etc.

Sometimes they name things from activities during the day – riding bikes, the park, books, movies, the

current favorite toy, food, milk, water, etc.

And sometimes, they simply glance around the room and start naming things they see.

In these seemingly random prayers, I find inspiration. It's November. Thanksgiving is right around the corner – a holiday centered on gratefulness and a recognition of the blessings in our lives. And on that day, when we are surrounded by good food and loved ones (the families we're born into and/or the families that we choose), it's easy to see and name those blessings.

But during the other 364 days a year, how often do we pause to just look around us and thank God for whatever it is that we see? How often do we ground ourselves, not in the past or in the future, but in the present, saying, "Thank you, God" for even the most mundane elements of our days? How often do we set aside all the things that distract us as adults – bills, responsibilities, expectations, to-do lists, electronics, chores, work, and so on – and look at the home and the world around us with the innocent and searching eyes of a child?

Then Jesus called a little child over to sit among the disciples, and said, "I assure you that if you don't turn your lives around and become like this little child, you will definitely not enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who humble themselves like this little child will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
~ Matthew 18:2-4 (CEB)

Look around you.
Open your eyes.
Open your heart.
And begin:
"Thank you, God, for ..."

Pastor Lisa

(O/Z) All Saints' Day Commemoration

This year, we will once again be taking some time to commemorate those who have gone before us – those who have been beacons of hope and grace and love in our lives but whose light now fills the halls of heaven. Throughout the month of October, we will have the colorful prayer flags and some markers available in the back of the sanctuary. Putting one name on each flag, please feel free to honor as many people as are near and dear to your heart so that during our All Saints' Day commemoration on Sun., Nov. 6, we may be surrounded by the vibrant color and light of those whom we love and miss.

(O) Presbytery Meeting

The next Presbytery meeting is **Tues., Nov. 15 at 4:00 p.m.** at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. As always, Presbytery meetings are open to anyone. If you're interested in coming, please contact Pastor Lisa.

(O/Z) Christmas Eve Worship



Worship will be Z at 4:00 p.m. and O at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendars.

(O/Z) Christmas Poinsettias

We will again be offering Christmas Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary. Look for details in early December.

(O/Z) Advent Readers

Believe it or not, Advent is just around the corner. If you're interested in being one of our advent readers/candle lighters, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary (Z) or on the bulletin board (O). Pastor Lisa will get the readings to you as soon as she can.

(O/Z) Readers of OZ



Our book selection for November is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick Backman.

A feel good story, Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down", according to a review by "Booklist".

Behind Ove's cranky exterior, there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning, a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heart warming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendships, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association.

Be sure to join us for our discussion on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm at the home of Coleen Johnston.

(O) In Gratitude

A big shout to all the people who made food and served dinner to the Dorothy Day House residents on Sept 28th. As usual, the residents were especially grateful with one resident stating it was best pork roast she had ever tasted! Special thanks to Carol Tiede for preparing the pork roast, potatoes, and carrots!!!

Thank you to all who prepared the treats for the Pine Haven Nursing Home residents on Oct 19th. Special thanks to the confirmands, Pastor Lisa, and Lance for helping the residents with Bingo and serving them some delicious treats! A good time was had by all!

(O/Z) Executive Presbyter Visit

On Sun., Nov. 6, we will be welcoming Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga, current transitional Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, into our worship. He will be sharing God's Word in a sermon and presiding alongside Pastor Lisa at the table for communion. Please plan to stay after worship for a little while so Rev. Dr. Japinga can get to know our wonderful OZ congregations a little better!

(O/Z) Food Shelf Sunday is November 6 Our Food Shelves Need Your Help

Our food shelves provide individuals and families with a variety of nutritious food and the opportunity to stretch limited household budgets. The food shelves are sustained by donations of dollars, food and personal care items. Your support is greatly appreciated.

(O) Please Note: The food shelf will be open from 4-6:00pm November through March to accommodate those who have difficulty driving in the dark.

(O/Z) 50th Anniversary of the Yoke

Believe it or not, we are coming up on this incredible milestone – on the 50th anniversary of the OZ yoke!! We are in the process of planning a joint celebration (including a joint worship service) for April 2017, but we need your help ... especially those of you who have stories about the yoke. Maybe it's a story of your own experience. Maybe it's a story that you heard from one of our dearly departed saints of the church who was present during the yoking. Please feel free to share those stories with Pastor Lisa or anyone on our planning committee:

- Z: Nattalie Vath, Hailey Vath, Bonnie Rolland
- O: Jenny Rand, Gail Rucker

Also, if you're interested in being a part of this planning committee, please let Pastor Lisa know. The more, the merrier!

(O/Z) In Our Prayers

Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am therein the midst of them.

Matthew 18:19-20

Joyce Rucker, Eunice Markham, Sue Wedge and Monica Blue (sister-in-law to Dick & Janice Ostrom).

(Z) A Gathering of Grace and Gratitude



In the past, we have partnered with United Redeemer ELCA and St. Paul's Catholic Church in Zumbrota for a joint Thanksgiving worship service. As this has been so poorly attended for the past few years, we've decided to try something different this year. We will be joining with United Redeemer to help sponsor a gala-type event called "A Gathering of Grace and Gratitude." It will be an afternoon of live music, hors d'oeuvres, local artists, and fellowship. If you know anyone – individuals or groups – who may be interested in providing some of the musical entertainment, please contact either Pastor Lisa (507-696-8753) or Pastor Marggi at United Redeemer (507-732-7303).

Here's the basic info:

Date: Sun., Nov. 20, 2016

Time: 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Place: United Redeemer Lutheran Church – 560 3rd St., Zumbrota

(O/Z) ICC Meeting

There will be an ICC meeting on **Thurs., Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Z church.**

(O/Z) Chocolate Affaire Recipes

WHAT?! You missed the Chocolate Affaire?! Bummer. We had a wonderful event that was a lot of fun and full of delicious food. Chocolate ... YUMMM!! But wait ... just because you couldn't make it to the event doesn't mean you can't have a little of your chocolate and eat it, too. We have the recipes for all the dishes that were set out during the Chocolate Affaire! If you're interested in getting a copy of these recipes, please contact Pastor Lisa.

November 2016 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Tuesday, November 1
All Saints' Day
Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13, 19–21
Rev. 21:9–11, 22–27 (22:1–5) or Heb. 11:32–12:2
Matt. 5:1–12

Wednesday, November 2
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Zeph. 2:1–15
Rev. 16:1–11
Luke 13:10–17

Thursday, November 3
Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Zeph. 3:1–7
Rev. 16:12–21
Luke 13:18–30

Friday, November 4
Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Zeph. 3:8–13
Rev. 17:1–18
Luke 13:31–35

Saturday, November 5
Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Zeph. 3:14–20
Rev. 18:1–14
Luke 14:1–11

Sunday, November 6
25th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Joel 1:1–13
1 Cor. 14:1–12
Matt. 20:1–16

Monday, November 7
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Joel 1:15–2:2
Rev. 18:15–24
Luke 14:12–24

Tuesday, November 8
Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Joel 2:3–11
Rev. 19:1–10
Luke 14:25–35

Wednesday, November 9
Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Joel 2:12–19
Rev. 19:11–21
Luke 15:1–10

Thursday, November 10
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Joel 2:21–27
James 1:1–15
Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

Friday, November 11
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Joel 2:28–3:8
James 1:16–27
Luke 16:1–9

Saturday, November 12
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111

Joel 3:9–17
James 2:1–13
Luke 16:10–17 (18)

Sunday, November 13
26th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Hab. 1:1–4 (5–11) 12–2:1
Phil. 3:13–4:1
Matt. 23:13–24

Monday, November 14
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Hab. 2:1–4, 9–20
James 2:14–26
Luke 16:19–31

Tuesday, November 15
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Hab. 3:1–10 (11–15) 16–18
James 3:1–12
Luke 17:1–10

Wednesday, November 16
Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Mal. 1:1, 6–14
James 3:13–4:12
Luke 17:11–19

Thursday, November 17
Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Mal. 2:1–16
James 4:13–5:6
Luke 17:20–37

Friday, November 18
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Mal. 3:1–12
James 5:7–12
Luke 18:1–8

Saturday, November 19
Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Mal. 3:13–4:6
James 5:13–20
Luke 18:9–14

Sunday, November 20
Christ the King/Reign of
Christ Sunday
Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Zech. 9:9–16
1 Peter 3:13–22
Matt. 21:1–13

Monday, November 21
Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Zech. 10:1–12
Gal. 6:1–10
Luke 18:15–30

Tuesday, November 22
Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Zech. 11:4–17
1 Cor. 3:10–23
Luke 18:31–43

Wednesday, November 23
Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Zech. 12:1–10
Eph. 1:3–14
Luke 19:1–10

Thursday, November 24
Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Zech. 13:1–9
Eph. 1:15–23
Luke 19:11–27

Friday, November 25
Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Zech. 14:1–11
Rom. 15:7–13
Luke 19:28–40

Sunday, November 27
1st Sunday of Advent
Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Isa. 1:1–9
2 Peter 3:1–10
Matt. 25:1–13

Monday, November 28
Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Isa. 1:10–20
1 Thess. 1:1–10
Luke 20:1–8

Tuesday, November 29
Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Isa. 1:21–31
1 Thess. 2:1–12
Luke 20:9–18

Wednesday, November 30
Morning: Pss. 50;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Isa. 2:1–4
1 Thess. 2:13–20
Luke 20:19–26

(Z) Outdoor Labyrinth



Our labyrinth has been fully installed!

Walking the labyrinth in a meditative practice that has been used for more than 4000 years. So how do I walk the labyrinth? How do I use this as a spiritual practice? *“The entrance can be a place to stop, reflect, make prayer or intention for the spiritual walk you are about to take. The walk around the design to the center can be a “letting go” – a quieting of the thoughts, worries, lists of tasks to do, a letting go unto the experience of being present in the body. Arrival at the center rosette – a place of prayer/meditation – “letting in” Gods guidance, the divine into our lives. When ready, the walk out “letting out” takes us back into our lives, empowered by spirit to transform our lives and actions.”* (from “Guidelines for Walking a Labyrinth,” <http://sacredwalk.com/guidelines>)

Our labyrinth, located out on the east lawn, is roughly 40' in diameter and even has a beautiful stone bench in the middle, giving you the opportunity to sit and pray, think, meditate, or listen for God as long as you like before journeying out again. We are also working on a sign that will explain the purpose and function of a labyrinth to anyone that chooses to stop by.

Readings for the Month of November



Sunday, Nov. 6 – *guest preacher,*
Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga
All Saints' Remembrance Day

Sunday, Nov. 13
Isaiah 12; Ephesians 1:11-23

Sunday, Nov. 20
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Matthew 22:34-40

Sunday, Nov. 27
Isaiah 2:1-5
1st Sun. of Advent

November Birthdays

11/4 Michael Vath
11/7 Anthony Vallejo
11/8 Richard Rolland
11/10 Helen Craft
11/12 Tessa Paulson
Sarah Johnston
11/13 Bob Erredge
11/14 Caleb Matthees
11/15 Josh Quammen
11/18 Kamyn Peterson-
Rucker
11/20 Parker Quammen
David Quammen
Karen Vallejo
11/21 Chad Vath
11/24 Carol Tiede
Margie Lowrie
11/28 Angie Gustafson
11/30 Joe Maguire



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Worship Times for the Month of November 2016



11/6	9:00 (Z)	11:00 (O)
11/13	9:00 (Z)	11:00 (O)
11/20	9:00 (Z)	11:00 (O)
11/27	9:00 (Z)	11:00 (O)

Confirmation	11/2	6:00—8:00 at O
	11/16	6:00—8:00 at Z

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