



January Offerings Received: $2,877.00

Budget: $8,381.47 January (+ or -) ($5,504.47)

**Received February 8, 2024:**

“Pastor Dave and U.C.C. members, Thanks so much for the recent donation of pancake mix & syrup, Kleenex, toilet paper & Nesquick mix. It will help many in need. Thanks again. It’s much appreciated!! God bless

Sincerely,

Harvard People’s Project,

Elaine Almond, co-Treasurer”

**Guest Speaker**

Brad Hindsley, the new Director at Kamp Kaleo, will be preaching here on March 10 so we hope there are many youth and their parents in worship! All are welcome to talk with Brad during fellowship to find out about great summer camping opportunities.

**EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of someone, there is a sign-up sheet in the entryway or call Deb Tobler – 402-772-8041 or 402-705-0475. Price is unknown at this time. Palm Sunday is last day to sign up.

**THE NEWSLETTER**

**Harvard United Church of Christ**

**Harvard Nebraska**

 **MARCH 2024**



MARCH

 1 – Jarod Owens

 4 – Kylie Doupnik

 5 – Kurtis Porter

 8 – Katie Owens

 11-Tina Buerer

12 -Tarsala S Matthews

14-Brandi Owens

 16-Joshua Burbach

 17-Teresa Gaughen

 19-Celina Chrisman

 22-Rick Schwindt

 24 – Isaac Bergen

 25 – Katrina Bradley

 30-Janet Hachtel

 31-Randy Chrisman

**COUNCIL**

Church council met on Wednesday, February 21 and elected the following officers:

 President – Chuck Conway

 Vice-President – Kelley Owens

 Secretary – Trisha Burbach

Members were assigned committees and will be calling members soon to ask you to serve. SAY YES!

**YOUTH PAGE**

Registration for Kamp Kaleo is **NOW open: $100.00 off** when you register **before March 1** so why not register now?! Visit [www.kampkaleo.com](http://www.kampkaleo.com) or scan the poster on our Youth Bulletin Board/north entry.

May 28-31- AIC Kamp

June 2-6- Junior Kamp

June 7-9 Little Kampers #1

June 16-21- Jr/Sr. High Kamp

July 5-7- Little Kampers #2

July 7-12- FAFA/Fans Kamp

July 14-17- Robotics Kamp

August 1-5- Adult Kamp

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Kamp Kaleo is still accepting applications to fill two Resource Team Member positions for this summer. As a Team Member you will:

Create fun everyday for campers.

Make new friends!

Create memories!

Inspire young people!

Spend the whole summer at Kamp Kaleo!

Eat delicious food! If you are interested, please check out the link below. If you would like to apply, e-mail kampkaleo@gmail.com for an application

<https://kampkaleo.com/jobs>

**CONGRATS** to Randy Chrisman for being on the Superintendent’s Honor Roll at Harvard Public Schools for the 1st Semester & 2nd Quarter. Keep up the great work!

**Thank you for your prayers for the Youth/Young Adult Mission Immersion Trip to Chicago March 7-10. Please pray that Jessica Jarzynka, Allee Jarzynka, Brian Pair, Faith Pair, Dylan Pair & Pastor Dave serve with kindness and listen and learn from all those we serve and meet along the Way. Thanks again to all those who were part of the Potato Bar Fundraiser on February 18 in any way. Served approximately 80 people and took in $500.00. THANKS!!**

**RUEBENS** are tentatively set to be served on March 17 after worship. Free will donation! Watch bulletin for further information on this.

**A WORD FROM PASTOR DAVE…**

 **Delight in Worship**

Here is a quote from John Piper in *Let the Nations be Glad*: “Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is…. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not (humanity). When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But **worship abides forever.**

Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions. It’s the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the enjoyment of God’s glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God. ‘The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!’ (Psalm 97:1). ‘Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!’ (Psalm 67:3-4).”

What a joy to worship with 11 guests and many of you on January 21 followed by fellowship and a very inspiring FCA gathering led by Christian Wiegert and Drew Christo. What a joy to worship and celebrate the baptism of Nora Raelee Bunner with many more guests on February 11 and many other guests again on February 18. “The joy of the LORD is our strength!” (Neh 8:10). Thanks to all of you who invite friends to worship on a regular basis and make regular worship top priority per your baptism and membership vows and commitments.

One article about the importance of having our children worship was utilized for this message twice. Thanks to all of you who drag/bring your children to Sunday School and worship as a spiritual habit of love to draw them closer to Jesus. Thanks for inviting/bringing your kids, grandkids, foster kids, neighborhood kids and others. If any of them need a ride, please let me know and we’ll make arrangements.

Psalm 27:4 is great verse to encourage all of us to delight in worship: “The one thing I ask of the LORD- the thing I **seek most-** is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD’s perfections and meditating in his Temple.”, New Living Translation. I pray that this is true for all of us as the body of Christ at Harvard UCC as we more fully enjoy the abundant life in Christ right now.

Shalom with blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dave

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS**: “May the glory of the LORD last forever! The LORD rejoices in all he has made!” -Psalm 104:31

**JOY** of the feast after our Annual Meeting, the Potato Bar Fundraiser for our youth on February 18 and so many other feasts!

**CONGRATS** to Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Sandy (Jarzynka) Brophy who were married on January 29!!

**JOY** of watching the geese, cranes and other water fowl flying north on migration.

**JOY** of the new crochet group that started during February and meets on first and third Thursdays, 7:00-8:30P.M. All are welcome.

**Thanks** for your continued prayers for Celina Chrisman and Faith Pair as they continue their education through Hastings College. **Please add** Riley Lambert to the list since she is studying online to be a teacher through Chadron State College. **Prayers for Dakota & Riley** as they raise three young children and for all of our parents, foster parents & grandparents.

**Prayers for Brett Dillman** who is taking a break from college and then plans to return to the Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City starting next fall.

**JOY to receive a call from Rev. Peter Wiley** from the First Congregational UCC Church in Hudson, Ohio. Rev. Darrel Goodwin, our Associate Conference Minister about four years ago, spoke in Ohio & told folks about all the unique outreach ministries we engage in. Peter was happy to hear about what we have tried and intends to implement some new ideas in Akron all glory to God.

**Thank-you card received February 2:** “Uncle Dave & the Harvard UCC Church: The family of Scott & Marsha Johnson & kids thank you for your gifts and bright and beautiful flowers. God bless you guys! ‘Psalm 27:4’” This is Scott’s life verse which I hope you will look up and embrace. Thanks also to all of you who traveled to Central City for worship during the Celebration of Life, for the beautiful cards of sympathy and for your heartfelt prayers for Scott, especially during the last seven months. In Christ’s love, Pastor Dave

**JOY** of one of Scott & Marsha’s grandsons, Ethan Merchant, getting married to his sweetheart on March 16 and then moving to Kansas City where he will be studying to be a Youth/Music Pastor. Please pray that Ethan & Tab find on-campus housing and good employment.

**CONDOLENCES** to Scott & Denise Schuck, Greg & Chris Schuck and families on the passing of Scott & Greg’s aunt, Glenda Schuck Cook.

**CONDOLENCES** to all the family of Vicki Todd on her passing on 2/14/24.

**CONCERNS:** Prayers for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and Russia.

**Military:** Families of all soldiers serving throughout the world such as Richie Emil, son of Kim Emil, in Poland & Alex Beeson, son of Rhonda Beeson. Thanks to God’s providence and Veterans for many freedoms we enjoy.

**Health:**

Keith Ljunggren Alexis Schuck Jerry Owens Steve & Shirley Stolhand Dakota & Riley Lambert Doris Bieck Lori Peter Deb Tobler

 Eunice Turnquist Carol Hamburger Anna Jean Smith Mark Gerlach

Rick Minnick Sharon Greenlee Gary Glantz Bob & June Wahl Tony Stec Brenda Keasling Brenda Prieksat Jerry & Sandy Sadd Laurie Doyle Consbruck Vera Smith Butch Long Misty Pair

Jim Taylor Kim (Mihm) Emil Kelly Kimmer-Keizur Paula Pair

Kris Pair Dale Keasling Kathy Freking Max Keasling

Korinne Tanner

**\*Harvard Rest Haven**: Gayla Disney, Shirley Brown, Lyle Leichleiter, Sherol Stone, Jim Taylor

**\*Aurora Memorial Hospital Nursing Home**: Doris Bieck

**Missionaries:** Chris & Crystal Clinchard in Norfolk, NE. Crystal is a daughter of Keith & Sue Ljunggren.

**\*For everyone** at the Chifundo Rural Health Clinic in Zambia and adjacent Bible college (Ambassador International University) including the Voices of Zambia.

**\*Kristin Hamner**, Dominican Republic and her son Nico. **Al & Ellen Smith**, Eastern Europe; Jason Courts and family as they provide clean water and & offer the “Living Water” of Jesus to people in great need of both via “Filter of Hope”.

**Thanks to Joann Norvell** for providing the two latest newsletters which are posted above the narthex table.

**\*Sergey Margin** in Kazakhstan, supported by Harvard residents through Gospelink.

**\*Rob & Christina Johnson, Clay, Zeke & Toby prayer requests:** 1) Faithfulness & fulfillment in various roles at church, school & the Thai Village, 2) Continued peace, strength & energy for the entire family, 3) For Thai Village & financial provision as they add on to reach out to marginalized folks in Northern Thailand. 4) Christina’s continued healing from the Lord.

 \*For Rob & Christina Johnson and their three bo

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* That Christina found a
* Pressing on in our various roles at church, school and with Thai Village. August -
* December was a busier season for us as we both started
* Continued peace, strength, and energy for Rob's fam
* Thai Village has purchased land and they are hoping to build their new facilities soon!
* This is a very exciting time for Thai Village as

**Please** keep us informed as to necessary additions or deletions to the list. At times Pastor Dave simply removes folks from the prayers for health section if they have been in worship on a regular basis or someone says they are doing better. Please let him know if someone gets removed too fast! Prayer chain is also available – contact Terry or Kelley Owens: 402-772-4121 or Pastor Dave: 402-705-4079. Whatever degree of confidentiality you want will be mainta

**Thursdays:** Classes for mothers with babies with Trisha Burbach. Please contact Trisha if interested to set up a time.

**Sundays:** **10:00 AM** Worship followed by fellowship & Sunday School. Youth

 invited to go through the snack line on their way to Sunday School.

**Tuesdays:** **12:30-5:00 PM** Quilting

 **5:15 PM** Bible Study @ Mari Hamburger’s.

**CALENDAR**

 **7:00 – 8:30 PM** Crochet group meets every 1st & 3rd Thursdays, All are welcome.

**Saturdays:**  People’s Project Food Boxes for Harvard folk at the Methodist Church on 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

Regular volunteer help is needed on the Friday before 2nd & 4th Saturdays to pack boxes & on Mondays.

 Please contact President Mari Hamburger if you can help.

**Sunday, March 3** -**10:00 PM** Worship includes One Great Hour of Sharing Minute

 for Mission and the Lord’s Supper which will also be celebrated

 **1:00 PM** at Harvard Rest Haven Assisted Living with Chuck Conway assisting.

 **6:00 PM** Ecumenical Lenten Worship followed by fellowship.

**March 3 – 9 -** UCC Women’s Week

**Thursday, March 7 -7:00-8:30 PM** Crochet group

**Thursday, March 7 – Sunday March 10 -** Young Adult/Youth Mission Immersion Experience to Chicago.

Thank you for your prayers, financial support & to the Christian Education Committee & other elves for the Potato Bar!

**Sunday, March 10 - 10:00 AM** Worship includes guest preacher Brad Hindsley, the new Director at Kamp Kaleo and receiving of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

 **Daylight Saving Time begins!**

**Thursday, March 14 - 11:30 AM**  Senior meal (55+) at the First United Methodist Church followed by games. Meal is only $6.00 & catered by the Legacy. Call Karen Christensen (-3691) or Diane Uken (-7181) by 3/10.

**Sunday, March 17 - 9:00A.M.** New Member gathering. Please let Pastor Dave know if you are interested.

 **After worship -**FCA with Youth Director Christian Wiegert and Ruebens sponsored by Christian Education Committee for a freewill donation for our youth.

**Wednesday March 20 -** **7:00 PM** Council meeting includes announcement of new committee members. Thank you for your commitment to the nine committees within the life and fellowship of our church!

**Thursday, March 21 -6:00 PM**  Grief Support Group

 **7:00-8:30 PM** Crochet group.

**Sunday, March 24 –9:00 AM** New Member Gathering**.**

 **Palm Sunday** so invite/bring friends! **Youth** invited to be part of the Parade of Palms!

**Wednesday, March 27** - **6:00 PM**  Women’s Fellowship Communion, Supper, Meeting

**Thursday, March 28 - 6:00 PM**  Maundy Thursday soup at the Community Room everyone is invited to bring bread.

 **7:00 PM**  worship includes the Lord’s Supper

**Friday, March 29 - 7:00PM**  Good Friday Worship at the Methodist Church.

**Sunday, Mach 31** - Easter Sunday so invite/bring friends!

 **3:00 PM** Worship at Harvard Rest Haven Nursing Home with Sara Marshal assisting.

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**“O sing to the LORD a new song;**

**Sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH**

**DATE LITURGIST GREETERS**

March 3 Cory Marshall Sara & Troy Marshall

March 10 Cory Marshall Sara & Troy Marshall

March 17 McKenna Schuck Jerry & Sandy Sadd

March 24 McKenna Schuck Jerry & Sandy Sadd

March 31 Dakota Lambert Randal & April Hock family

**USHERS**

Rueben and Connie Hock

 