



Congress Street UMC
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 765-447-4158; www.cosumc.org
 Office Hours: (see weekly calendar)

We ask you please to silence or shutdown
 your cellular devices.

CCLI #1365195; CVLI #503659382

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS=The Faith We Sing Songbook

CHILDREN are always welcome in our
 worship service! Nursery Care is in Rm.
 202. Worship Bags are available for the
 young ones among us who want to color,
 read books, or do activity pages during
 Worship and remain with their families.
COMFORT CUSHIONS are available in
 the back pew. Please use them to make
 yourself comfortable.

**Complete your Connection Card every
 Sunday to help us grow the community!**

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Last Week's Attendance	45
Small Group Participants	22
Outreach/Volunteer Participants	8
Tithes Paid	\$ 0.00
OES Food Pantry Ministry	\$ 851.51
January Income	\$ 10,405.61
January Expenses	\$ 17,775.79
2017 Over/Under	\$ -7,350.18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Garden Meeting TODAY: All persons interested
 in participating in the community garden project are invited
 to attend a short meeting after church (11:15 a.m.) in the
 back of the sanctuary on Sunday, March 12. We'll discuss
 what vegetables we want to grow this year, and any upgrades
 to add to the garden beds. If you can't attend the meeting,
 but are interested in helping, please contact Jean Clithero.
 Email is best: jmclithero@gmail.com

**The Indiana Supreme Court's Commission on Race & Gen-
 der Fairness** presents *Community Forums on Race & Gender
 Fairness in the Judicial System*. Members of the public are in-
 vited to meet with members of the Commission and partici-
 pate in small group discussions about the status of race and
 gender in the judicial system within their community. **Mon-
 day, March 13, 6pm @ TCPL (627 South St, Lafayette) in
 McAllister A & B rooms. Email: Ashley.Rozier@courts.in.gov
 to register your attendance and help in preparations.**

SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) has organized in the
 Greater Lafayette area. Their first meeting will be March 26,
 4:30pm at Hanna Community Center (1201 N 18th St). SURJ
 is a national network of groups and individuals organizing
 white people for racial justice.

LUM Good Samaritan Fund FOLLIES will be on Friday, May 5
 at St. Andrew UMC in West Lafayette. Tickets are \$45/piece
 or \$360/table of 8. If interested in providing TALENT for the
 show, please have conversation with Rev. Crawford about
 how to proceed. Deadline for talent application is March 15.
 There is also a need for volunteers to help set-up and break-
 down. If interested in volunteering, please see Penny Glot-
 zbach, CSUMC LUM Board Representative.

Pizza with the Pastors has moved to Mondays during Lent as
 a trial period. Same time (12 noon) at Pizza Hut on Teal Rd.

Announcement? Email: crawford@cosumc.org

* - this symbol when found in the service means stand—if able.



A podcast (audio version) of today's service is available by Wednesday each week at www.cosumc.org.

THIS WEEK @ CONGRESS STREET

Today:

9:00am	Adult Small Group
9:00am	Children's Class
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:00am	Worship
11:15am	Community Garden Mtg.
12:45am	TLCC B-Day Party
2:00pm	South Oakland Neighborhood Association Mtg.
4:30pm	America's Original Sin Study Group @ MatchBOX

Monday:

10:00am	Moseying on Mondays
12:00pm	Pizza with the Pastors
2:00pm	Balance Class
6:00pm	Teen MOPs
6:30pm	Circle of Joy* Mtg.

Tuesday:

11:30am	Office Open
3:30pm	TLCC Chapel
6:00pm	TLCC Board Mtg.
7:00pm	AA (Rainbow) Mtg.

Wednesday:

9:00am	Office Open
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

2:00pm	Office Hours
6:00pm	OES Food Pantry
7:00pm	H3: Holy Happy Hour @ Ami's Pizza (Market Square)

Friday:

10:00am	Flying on Fridays
2:30pm	OES Food Pantry
6:00pm	Sheeza Rehearsal
6:00pm	Fellowship Hall Painting

Saturday:

All Day	Fellowship Hall Painting
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*United Methodist Women Small Group

Evolving followers of Jesus
for the transformation of
the world!

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Please complete both sides of your Connection Card; drop in the offering plate.

Please write down any prayer requests (paper at the end of pew) you would like to have made public and pass to the center aisle. There is some paper provided at the end of each pew near the center aisle. During the Prayer Hymn, Ushers will collect these from the center aisle and give them to the pastor leading prayer.

Organ Prelude "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" (arr. Ritter)

***Processional Hymn #269** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

***Opening Words & Prayer:** Joel 2:13

One: Rend your hearts and not your garments; turn back to the Lord your God: who is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering and abounding in love.

One: Gentle Parent, show us our sins as they really are so that we may truly renounce them and know the depth and richness of your mercy.

All: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

***Hymn of Praise TFWS #2071** "Jesus, Name above All Names"

***Psalter (p. 844, sung response #2)** Psalm 121
Bill Meinweiser, Leader

***Gloria Patri #70** "Glory Be to the Father"

Confession & Pardon:

One: Love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

One: Let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

SILENCE—Individual confession. (The kneeling rail is always open.)

One: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart. We have not loved others as Jesus loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENCE—Reception of God's forgiveness.

Ministry of Music "Lord, Make Us Worthy" (Sleeth)
Dennis Manning, Soloist

Centering Silence:

One: Let us take a moment to sit and settle into the silence.

All: In this brief moment of silence may we find strength. May our lives be rich in affection, deep in understanding and sympathy for each other.

One: May the blessings of life be known to all.

Silence & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Hymn #349 (sung twice)

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

***Gospel Acclamation #297**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*Gospel Reading:

John 3:1-17

A Reading from the Gospel According to Saint John:

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Response to the Lesson:

One: Let us hear what the Spirit is speaking to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Silence for Personal Reflection

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #95

"Panis Angelicus" (arr. Hopson)

Sung in Unison

*The Great Thanksgiving:

One: God is with you. **All:** And also with you.

PRAYER LIST

Mark, Andrew M. for "safety and clarity," Jan, "restful sleep," Mary, Gina and family, Amy's Dad, Zack K. "continues down the right road," Rick, Tim, "Jeff and family, keep him safe," Linda, Ron

Prayer Requests may be submitted online, via the Connection Card, or through the Prayer Request Form found on a back table in the Parlor/Narthex. Last names are printed for individuals already in public information, direct individual requests, or with explicitly given permission and a fully completed Prayer Request Form.

USHERS

Dick Best

Bill Crowell

Jerry Crowell

We could USE YOU!

BELL RINGER & ACOLYTE

Creedyn Nelson

REFRESHMENTS

Pam Detamore or Betty Henderson

The wild goose in front of the Sanctuary is an ancient Celtic image for the Holy Spirit—wild, powerful, not easily controllable. It's a reminder to us throughout the church's seasons we cannot domesticate the Spirit of God! (but we can put really cool goose vestments on it...)

Online Giving



Pizza with the Pastors!
Monday, 12-1pm
Pizza Hut (Teal Road)
Join the pastors for discussion!

No matter your religious affiliation, Congress Street Church welcomes you to fully participate in all of the service, including the Sacrament of Holy Communion—a moment defined by you and the Host.

*Once the pastor breaks the bread, please begin coming forward via the center aisle in **two lines**. You are asked to come forward to the rail—kneel if able (but standing is perfectly acceptable)—to receive the bread and juice. The rail is open and available to all. Please return to your seat via the side aisle. Keep the center aisle, and the kneeling rail, full at all times as this will help the process. If you are unable to come forward to receive, but wish to receive the elements, they will be brought to you.*



**PLEASE
RECYCLE**

- One: Lift up your hearts. **All: They are lifted up in sacred celebration.**
- One: Let us give thanks. **All: It is right and good to offer thanks.**
- One: Holy is this cosmos, whirling, expanding, living, dying, yearning for abundance and freedom, imperfect holiness, reaching for a promise of wholeness, yet always, already a perfect reflection of Spirit.
- All: We come to this table, awe-struck creatures, conscious that as we take these few short steps to the bread and the cup, the whole cosmos—gathered up in us—journeys with us, and in us, into the sanctifying heart and mind of the Christ-figure.**
- One: In these 40 days of Lent, we also remember the love made manifest in the birth, life and death of Jesus of Nazareth. In his healing acts and radical teachings we recall the words he spoke to call forth love, care and respect for one another. We are grateful for his assurance of love amidst human betrayal, care amidst hatred, respect amidst oppression. And so, with Elizabeth who prophesied a birth, Martha who longed for the Christ, and James and John who sought to follow in the Way, we continue our thanks and praise, saying:
- All: Holy, holy, holy God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**
- One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
- All: Hosanna in the highest.**
- One: On the night before he was to give up his life on the cross he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: this bread symbolizes the spiritual nourishment given freely to you by God, even as I have been given to you. Do this in remembrance of me.” After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this all of you: This is the Cup of Blessing, which, like the blood of the martyrs, is poured out for you and for many, that you may embrace God’s constant forgiveness, and be merciful as God is merciful. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me. Holy One, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength, for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Jesus, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
- All: Amen.**

***Lord’s Prayer #894 (Ecumenical Text)**

***Breaking of the Bread:**

- One: Jesus, the Bread of Heaven.
All: Jesus, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Communion

***Blessing & Dismissal:**

- One: Let us go in faith to ponder the mystery and the wonder of this season.
All: We go in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, Amen!

***Recessional Hymn #605** “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

***Postlude** “Marche Royale” (Lully)