



## NOTES FROM THE ROAD

I'm drafting this note on the spring equinox. Snow happened to be flying this morning at the precise moment of balance between the length of day and night. It seemed unfair for the first day of spring, especially since it's *astronomical* spring. Meteorologists and climatologists started the season back at the beginning of the month, for pity's sake.

I'm holding out for what might be called experiential or just downright Doug's idiosyncratic spring, when winter loses its grip and I feel like a flower turned to the sun. Maybe we'll get there by our frost-free date. A body can hope.

And spirits can yearn toward an "eastering," the waking of life that makes all things new. I pray for it for me, for you, for Abbey Road Christian Church, for all our relations. In God's time, it shall surely come. Maybe, even in the cold, we can find some spring to put in our steps, and gladly meet it on its way.

*What I'm listening to:* "Champion," the title track from Nora Jane Struthers' new album ( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KTSDLkYtME> ). Written during her first year of marriage to a fellow musician and band-mate, it's a rousing anthem to commitment that takes seriously the cost. We all need a champion. Struthers has learned that the way to have one is to be one.

—Doug



The Easter Cantata, *The Light of the World*, will be presented by Barefoot on Sunday at 1pm on Sunday, March 25. The Cantata is an original piece by Steve Jordan and David Giles. The event will be at ARCC and is open to the public. Invite your friends!



*Conversations That Matter* study continues in Green Room

Last Sunday 15 of us listened to Celeste Headlee's TED Talk: "Ten Ways to Have a Better Conversation" ( [https://www.ted.com/talks/celeste\\_headlee\\_10\\_ways\\_to\\_have\\_a\\_better\\_conversation](https://www.ted.com/talks/celeste_headlee_10_ways_to_have_a_better_conversation) ). We generally agreed with her that conversation is suffering in our culture and were stimulated by what she said about what we can do to improve our own.

On this and coming Sundays at 10:45am in the Green Room, we'll dig deeper by reading and discussing Headlee's 2017 book: *We Need to Talk: How to Have Conversations That Matter*. Whether you're a Green Room regular or not, if you'd like for the church office to order a copy for you, please e-mail or call the church office at [capearcc@gmail.com](mailto:capearcc@gmail.com) or (573) 335-3422. Our price for a hardcover edition will probably be \$15.35. It's also available in e-book formats from the usual outlets.



### Lilies

Lilies will once again grace the narthex/sanctuary on Easter morning. If you would like to place a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, you may bring a lily (or lilies) to the church. Please let the office know for whom the lily is placed & who it is from. If you want to take your lily home after Easter service, please put your name somewhere on the pot.

*Please do not bring your plant before Thursday, March 29.*



### 2018 Easter Offering

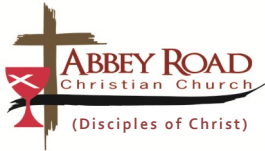
The grace of God is overflowing in the gift we have in Jesus the Christ. God walked among us in the person of Jesus and God continues to give us treasures unbounded through the Holy Spirit. Our response to this great generosity of God is overflowing compassion, joy, faith, gratitude, and love.

Supporting the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by giving to the Easter Offering is one of the many ways you share your response to God's generosity. The work of these ministries overflows "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth."

Some of the ministries the Easter Offering supports are: Disciples Women, National Benevolent Association, Disciples Home Missions, Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation—and the list goes on.

When you give to the Easter Offering, you are a part of all of these life-giving ministries.

**Easter Offering received March 25 & April 1**



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**Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.**  
**Please note: Names will be removed from the prayer list after 3 months unless an update is made to the church office.**

### Worship Notes March 18

**Attendance: 65**

**1st time guests: 1 Regular friends: 14**

**Offering: \$1,769**




**March 25**

*Palm Sunday*

### Serving on Sunday, March 25

At the Table: Jim Main (c), Steve Piker (o)  
Distribution: Charles & Rebecca Baldwin + ushers  
Communion Prep: Linda Hill  
Scripture Reader: Darla Snider  
Greeters: J. Ronald & Edna Ruth Fischer  
Ushers: Dick & Linda Hill  
Abbey Road Adventures: Karen Piker  
Worship Capt.: Dick Hill  
Soundboard: Breedon/Dean




- ◇ **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.
- ◇ A donation to the Food Bank was made by Randy & Judy McLain in memory of their son, Colin McLain, for his birthday.
- ◇ **Are you missing an umbrella?** Please check the umbrella stand in the narthex to see if yours is there. 
- ◇ Our sympathy is extended to Linda Dillman & family in the death of her brother, Wendell Honey.

### CALENDAR

#### Thursday, March 22

8:00am Women's Breakfast Group at Sands on Morgan Oak

#### Sunday, March 25 *Palm Sunday*

9:30am Worship   
9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:45am Sunday School  
1:00pm Easter Cantata presented by Barefoot on Sunday

#### Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30

7:00am Holy Week Breakfasts and Devotions


#### Tuesday, March 27

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake

#### Wednesday, March 28

9:30am Bible Study  
6:00pm New Life Singers practice  
6:45pm Chancel Choir practice

#### Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Maundy Thursday meal & worship service 



#### March 25 Palm Sunday

9:30am Worship (regular Sunday schedule)  
1:00pm Easter Cantata *The Light of the World*  
Presented by Barefoot on Sunday at ARCC

#### Monday through Friday March 26-30

7:00am Breakfasts and Devotions

March 29 Maundy Thursday  
6:00pm Maundy Thursday meal & worship service

#### April 1 Easter Sunday

8am Easter Breakfast  
9:30am Worship