

# THE PULSE

MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

a church with heart - weekly newsletter

*"I will put my teaching in their minds and write it on their hearts..!"*  
Jeremiah 31:33

**April 8 - April 15, 2021**

## HAPPENING EVERY WEEK

You can find brief descriptions of these weekly programs on our website:

[mcfarlanducc.org](https://mcfarlanducc.org)



**SUNDAY Morning, 10 am Zoom Worship**

<https://zoom.us/j/97010988439> Password: **bettogether**



**SUNDAY Morning, 11:45 am Bible Study**

<https://zoom.us/j/262314649>



**MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8 am Morning Devotion**

<https://zoom.us/j/94276813637>



**TUESDAY Eve., 6:00 pm Bible Study & Discussion**

<https://zoom.us/j/95481817891>



**WEDNESDAY Eve., 6:30 pm Midweek Inhale Spiritual Practices**

<https://zoom.us/j/123020606>

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

(In addition to regular weekly programs listed above)

***Sunday, April 11th at 10 a.m.***

**New members will be received during zoom worship this coming Sunday, April 11th.**

If you missed the new member informational meeting and are interested in possibly joining our church this coming Sunday please contact Pastor Bryan (608-577-8716) by noon on Saturday, April 10th.



***Sunday, April 11th at 3 p.m.***  
***COVID-19 Vaccination Information  
Zoom Meeting with McFarland UCC  
member Helene Benink.***

<https://zoom.us/j/95908645301>

Helene is a cell biologist and has put together a wonderful presentation on the vaccines available for COVID-19 and why it is important to get vaccinated. Helene has already offered her presentation twice, but this one will include information on the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. If you have questions about the vaccines or you know someone who is questioning whether or not to get vaccinated, this would be a great meeting to attend.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



***Thursday, April 22nd at 6 p.m.***  
***Racial Justice Group Next Meeting to discuss  
"Caste," by Isabel Wilkerson. See the following  
note from Jayne Fischer.***

Hi All,

The next book we'll be reading and discussing for the **Racial Justice book club** is "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson (who also wrote, "The Warmth of Other Suns," the National Book Critics Circle Award Winner in 2011).

**Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, April 22 (Earth Day!) at 6:00 p.m. Please read Parts One, Two and Three for the meeting.**

I've heard that the book has a long waiting list at the library, but you can order the book from one of Madison's independent booksellers such as The Frugal Muse or A Room of One's Own.

Hope to see you at our meeting on April 22! I will send out the Zoom link a few days before the meeting. Thanks.

Jayne Fischer

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## **The 2021 Girl Scout Cookie Sale!** **March 13 to April 18**

The Girl Scout cookie sale may look a little different this year. For example, fewer booths at grocery stores, more electronic ways to place and pay for your order, and contactless delivery. Troops and Girls have many options for getting cookies to you, and we encourage you to reach out to them to see how they'll be setting up their sale. The girls are eager to engage with you!

***Below is a list of Scouts from our congregation and the best way to contact them regarding cookies.*** Feel free to order from one (or more!) and thank you so much for supporting your local Girl Scouts.

Troop 8044, 2nd grade, **Lorelei Pfohl**,  
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*dmikelbank@gmail.com* (608)217-1518

Troop 2651, 9th grade, **Nora Wroblewski**,  
*norawroblewski@gmail.com* or *Nora's Instragram*

Troop 2109, 12th grade, **Larissa Mikelbank**,  
*dmikelbank@gmail.com* (608)217-1518



## A Few Words From Pastor Bryan

Well we all made it through Holy Week and Easter. I want to thank all of you who took the time to join us for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as well as Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Your presence and engagement helped to make this a very meaningful Holy Week for me, and I look forward to continuing to develop and deepen these traditions together.

The week after Easter in most churches is typically a bit of a let down after all the extra activities connected to Holy Week and the joy of Easter. But that's not going to be the case for us, because **we will be receiving a bunch of new members in this coming Sunday's zoom worship. So far there are 16 people joining for sure and a few more still considering.** You'll get a chance to meet them all briefly on zoom. It's going to be a joyful and meaningful time of celebrating our circle of faith, and of reminding ourselves of who we are and why.

I'm so grateful for all of you and for the simple but powerful truth that when we read our opening statement each Sunday--you know--"Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here," we really mean it. What a beautiful and powerful thing to offer each other and this world--the Extravagant Welcome of Christ.

Hope to see you Sunday. Let's celebrate who we are and who we are always in the process of becoming together.

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