

#### A Spiritual Response & Reminder

In today's political climate, it's easy to become disheartened, frustrated, or even angry. The promises, policies, and rhetoric of administrations often stir deep emotions; dividing families, communities, and even churches. But as people of faith, how should we respond to politicians and political discourse?

#### 1. Pray for Our Leaders

Scripture reminds us to pray for those in authority, regardless of our personal opinions about them. In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul urges believers to pray for kings and all those in high positions, "that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." Praying for politicians—whether we support them or not—softens our hearts and aligns us with God's will rather than our own frustrations.

#### 2. Seek Wisdom Over Emotion

Political decisions have real consequences, and it is easy to respond emotionally. However, James 1:5 encourages us to seek wisdom from God. Instead of reacting in anger or fear, we should seek understanding, ask questions, and approach political matters with discernment and patience. We can take action to care for those in the cross-hairs of political orders, but we need to do so diligently and with a level head.

#### 3. Hold Leaders Accountable with Grace

It is our responsibility to hold politicians accountable for their words and actions. However, this must be done in a way that reflects Christ's character—through truth, love, and justice. Ephesians 4:15 calls us to "speak the truth in love." Whether advocating for justice, writing to representatives, or engaging in political discussions, we should strive for a tone that reflects God's righteousness rather than personal resentment.

## 4. Remember Where True Hope Lies

Political systems will always be flawed because they are made up of imperfect people. While we should be engaged citizens, our ultimate hope does not rest in any leader or government but in Christ alone. Psalm 146:3 reminds us, "Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save." Our faith should be in God's eternal kingdom, not temporary political victories.

## 5. Be a Light in Political Conversations

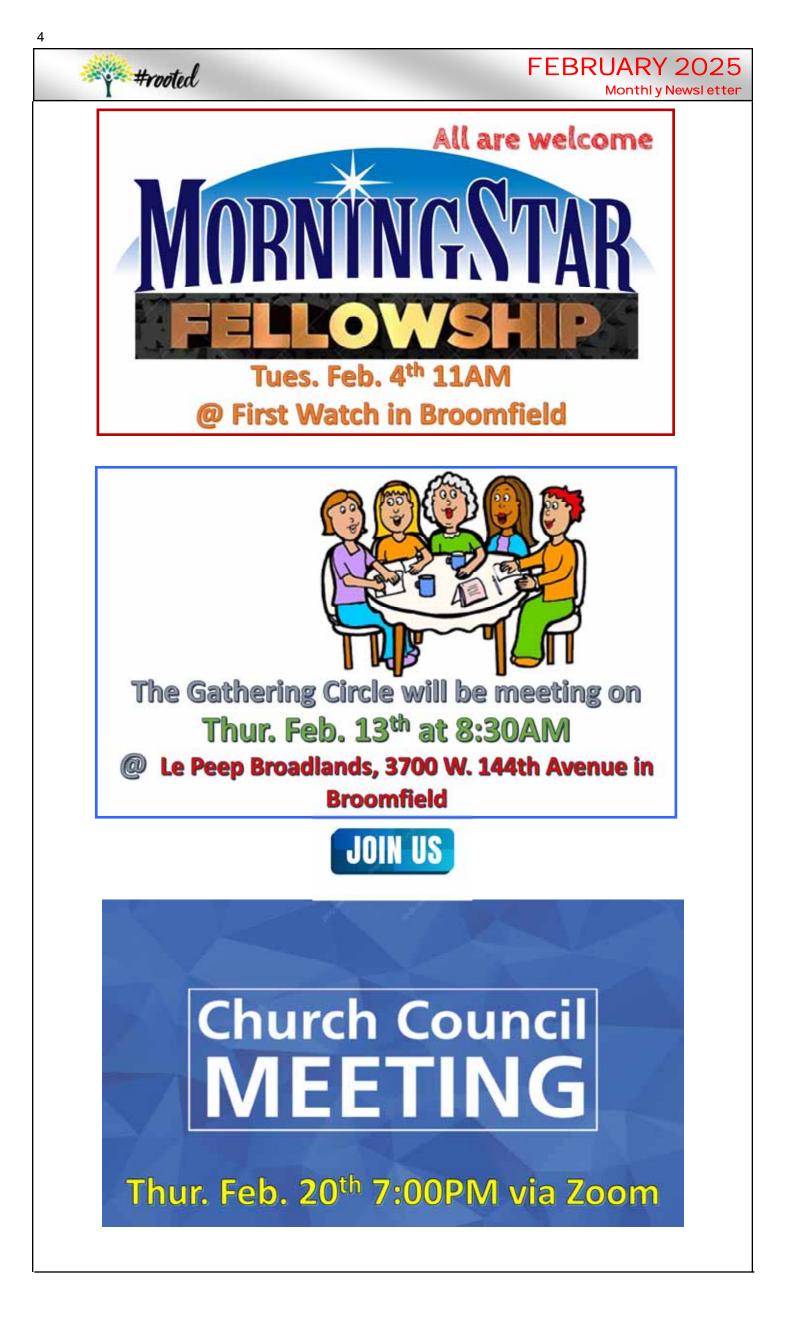
In a world of division, let us be voices of peace, wisdom, and reconciliation. Our words and actions should reflect the love of Christ, even when engaging with those who hold different political views. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

Let us care for those around us. Hold tight to friends, family and our church community. Listen to one another to be "in the know," whether that's about current events or how someone is doing, physically or mentally. We have many connections and outlets at our fingertips to actively be involved in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Politics matter, but they should never overshadow our faith or our calling to love God and others. Instead of being consumed by political turmoil, let's respond with prayer, wisdom, accountability, and a steadfast trust in God's sovereignty. By doing so, we become spiritual beacons in a world that desperately needs the light of Christ. Let us move forward with faith, hope, and love—knowing that no matter who is in office, God remains on the throne.









As always, thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift! I continue to feel very fortunate to be creating, collaborating on and offering music with all of those who contribute to UCB's Music Ministry, and to be giving of my and our time



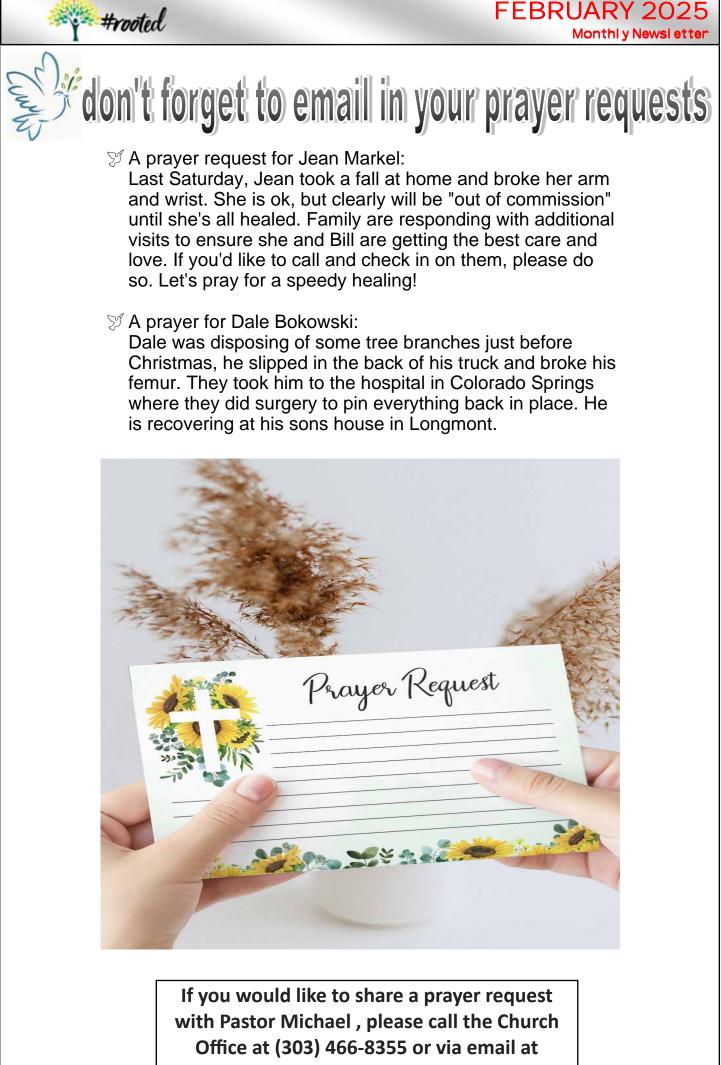
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and talents to such a gracious and kind community. I am very grateful for your continued support, and I hope UCB's Music Ministry is continuing to enhance your worship experience. You all remain a blessing to me, Kevin, Nicholas, and our extended families beyond! -Keri Jacobs







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Our Mission Statement Our Church is dedicated to the love of God as demonstrated by Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We demonstrate our love of God through everyday living. Everyone is welcome to join us as we grow in our faith and in our relationship with God and each other through worship, teaching, caring and fellowship.



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