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Here's what to expect this year:

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## **Time in Community—**

- Sunday morning Spiritual Formation topics during Lent are clustered around our identity in the United Church of Christ. We'll explore "What Matters" to us as a community of faith.
- Wednesday Connections—this time together in prayer helped us through the long year of disconnection when the campus was closed for the pandemic. We will return to this practice during Lent.

