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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

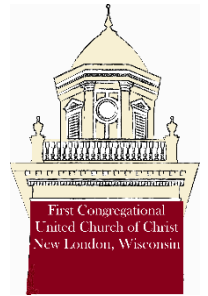
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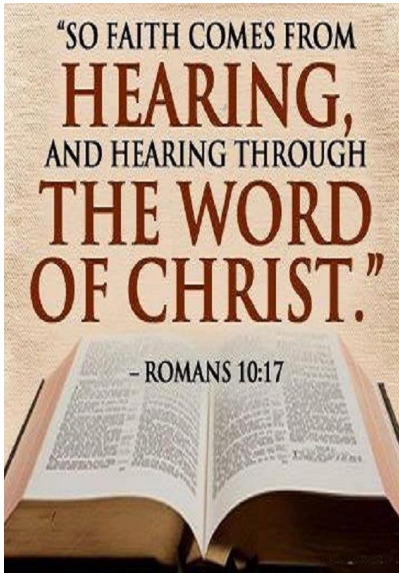
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A Stephen Ministry Church



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“I HAVE SET YOU AN EXAMPLE”

A laywoman from one of the churches in our Wisconsin Conference told a story about her grandson. Her little grandson has been receiving treatment for leukemia but his cancer, thank God, was in full remission. The three-year-old boy had a routine checkup at the doctor's office. He sat up on the examining table, his little legs hanging over the side, while the nurse got a stethoscope. “What's that for?” the little boy asked. “I'm going to listen to your heart,” the nurse told him as she held it up to his chest. After a moment of silence, the little boy quietly asked her, “Do you hear Jesus?”

Sometimes our faith, so often difficult and confusing, is simple - “Do you hear Jesus?”

Today we desperately need those who would speak the Gospel by following Jesus' example. In our present culture of greed and violence, we need an example of selfless service rather than self-serving greed. We live in a one up/one down culture - where we want to divide people and situations into winners and losers, who's up and who's down. And yet here is Jesus, the one whose name is exalted above all others, who ties the towel around his waist and goes down to his knees; who washes and heals; who acts as servant. How different an example Jesus provides us from those that surround us in our culture.

I remember UCC pastor and scholar Douglas Meeks commenting on the lack of young people in our churches by saying the problem is we are not different enough from the world to interest our children. What kind of example do we set? When our children listen to us, do they hear Jesus? When they watch us, do they see Jesus?

For our Maundy Thursday service this year, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall and including a hand washing in our service. This is how we will remind ourselves of Jesus' example of service. It's an example we need to follow every day. Will we faithfully follow the example of our Lord and Savior and devote ourselves to healing, to serving others? In us, will others hear and see Jesus?

Your friend and fellow minister,
Rev. Steve Savides

HEAR OUR PRAYERS, O LORD”



Of Healing and Comfort for:

- ☀ Emily Calabria
- ☀ Gaylord Hedtke
- ☀ John Pieper
- ☀ Jerene Managan on her battle with cancer

If you would like to be listed in the prayers, please contact the office.

WE DON'T SAY THANK YOU ENOUGH

Maybe you have someone to thank for doing things, especially behind the scenes, to make things happen here at church. If you have a thank you to offer, please submit it in writing to Kathy in the church office, or by email.

- ♥ Thank you to all those that have volunteered on Sunday mornings.
- ♥ Thank you for your continuous support of First Congregational United Church of Christ.
- ♥ Thank you to all those who brought soup and desserts for Souper Bowl Sunday. Also, to the people that set up and organized the Souper Sunday event, especially Sherie Bressler.
- ♥ Thank you to all those who donated shoes and monetary donations to Shoes for Belize. And a big thank you to Debi & Jim Williams for leading this fantastic mission project.

Do you have a thank you to offer? Please let Kathy know in the office for the next newsletter.

HERE'S THE BEEF

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Washington Center Community Cupboard. Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase approximately 1200 pounds of ground beef. Thank you for your continued support of the Washington Center Community Cupboard.

Rita, Mike and Michelle



Thank you for giving of your Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Our Church will use these precious resources to further our vision of "Blessing Our Communities." Together, the efforts of our church members, friends, guests, and visitors are changing lives.

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY- 82

GENERAL OPERATING INCOME TO DATE IN 2024: \$20,994.05

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES TO DATE IN 2024: \$12,049.41

NET INCOME: \$8944.64

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.

We will be remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by beginning our worship service with a Procession with Palm Branches. Our Praise Band will lead us in our music worship.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Gathering in Fellowship Hall around tables, we will engage in hand washing and share communion as we commemorate the Lord's Supper with his disciples. This less formal service will be shorter in length.

Good Friday, March 29, 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran ELCA

We will be gathering with 3 other congregations here in New London, First United Methodist, St. John's Episcopal, and Trinity ELCA, for this Ecumenical Good Friday service. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you in worship.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 9:00 a.m.

Celebrate the great Good News of the Resurrection as we gather for Easter worship. As we sing the great Easter anthems of the Church, the Spirit and Youth Bells and the Angeli Choir will be providing our special music for worship.

SPAM EMAILS

Once again members are receiving emails that claims it is from Pastor Steve requesting financial help and for you to respond back to the email. Pastor Steve or the office would never email asking for personal help financially. Please do not respond back to the emails. The email address they are coming from is not the pastor's or the office. If you have any questions call the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

We began our observance of Lent by gathering with friends and neighbors from St. John's Episcopal Church, Trinity Lutheran ELCA and New London United Methodist Church for a Pancake Dinner. Our dinner included pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, and an assortment of desserts. Thanks to Jerry Wood, Sandy Cuff, Dave Thiel, and Rod Bressler for their help with dinner preparation.

A special thanks to Lois and Sandy Cuff for donating the sausage, maple syrup, strawberry topping, and paczki. Also, to Jim Williams, Dave Thiel, and Sandy Cuff for doing dishes and cleaning up. Thank you to everyone else who stepped in to help along the way and/or provided a monetary donation. We couldn't have done it without you all!

Approximately 45 attendees joined for the Pancake Dinner and 97 attended UCC's Ash Wednesday service. Thanks to everyone who attended! Not bad for our first time hosting this event. We are looking forward to hosting again in four years. We welcome any feedback on our first Pancake Dinner, as well as for future events.

With appreciation,
Sherie Bressler

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY.....RECAP!!!!

Once again SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY (SBS) was a huge success! There was a nice turnout of 63 folks who stayed to sample the 13 soups that were prepared by members of our church. Plus, there was a good supply of desserts to sample. All in all, everyone had a very good time! And there were also good donations given which amounted to \$150.00. This will be divided between the "Mission of Hope House" and "Camp Awesome".

Now we are already planning for next year. "Yes" it is always a good idea to start way ahead of time as "one" may forget what they were going to do. Next year SBS will be either one day sooner or perhaps one day later. I can never figure out how that works. And... if it is a "leap year" SBS will be even more days off. But enough about that. Regardless, we will be having SBS in 2025. And the "best" news is.....ta da, the Packers will probably be playing in the Super Bowl next year!!!! Yeah!!! Well, we can always hope they will be in it. They will have a better chance next year than they did this year.

So, planning ahead, circle the 2nd Sunday of February on your calendar. You might also begin thinking about what soup or dessert you will want to bring next year. As you already know it is "good" to plan ahead.

If you have any questions, please contact Stosh or Gale or his twin brother Dale. I'm sure they will be able to answer any of your inquiries. You may not want to talk to Dale as he has not been around much of late.....which might be a good thing.

I'm sure more news regarding SBS will follow in ten or eleven months!

Respectfully Yours,
Stosh Wandke or Gale if you wish



IT'S TIME TO SHARE – ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing, and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. Throughout the month of March, we will be collecting for OGHS. Envelopes are available on the round table in the narthex or use your own envelope and in the memo of your check, put OGHS.

FOLLOW-UP FROM ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting, Kathy Foster asked a question during the discussion of the 2024 proposed operating budget. She wanted to know why we spent \$1,200 on Bank Service Charges. My response was that I did not know the exact details for those expenses, but that I would find out and get back to the congregation with an answer. I have now, through several email exchanges with our Financial Bookkeeper, come up with a detailed explanation. First of all, the \$1,200 was actually the amount the Council proposed to spend on Bank Service Charges for 2024. The actual amount that was spent in 2023 for Bank Service Charges was \$1,112.03 (so based on the amount spent in 2023, the Council conservatively proposed \$1,200 in the Bank Service Charges line item for 2024). The expenses posted to the Bank Service Charges line item in the 2023 Operating Budget were as follows:

Checking - \$427.21 (These bank fees include a flat monthly service charge and set amount per transaction.) ACH - \$28.80 (This is a yearly fee that allows us to provide automated payroll services for our employees, pay taxes, receive automated deposits for giving, etc.) Cornerstone Funds - \$500 (This fee, authorized by the Council, would renew the Church's Line of Credit for another five years. This Line of Credit has been in place since 2008, but never used.)

Those expenses total \$956.01. That is \$156.02 less than the \$1,112.03 listed as the final amount paid for Bank Service Charges in 2023. The difference is explained by two transactions. First, there was a \$168.02 charge paid to First State Bank in order to exchange dollars for euros for the Bells to Baltics trip. The second transaction was a \$12 deposit to cover a lack of sufficient funds charge (one of the checks we deposited was returned for insufficient funds, and the check writer paid the Church for the fee that occurred because of that).

We have now moved the \$168.02 charge for the exchange fees to the Spirit Bells specified fund. That specified fund will soon become a separate checking account, like Christmas for Kids, as the Spirit Bells begin to fund-raise for their next trip (Bells to Britain). In addition, the Council decided not to renew the Cornerstone Line of Credit after a check had been issued in September of 2023. We received that \$500 fee back on January 14, 2024. Assuming that the Bank Fees for the Checking & ACH Services remain similar to the 2023 charges (\$427.21 + \$28.80), along with the fact that we received our \$500 back from Cornerstone, we will end up with about a \$50 surplus in the Bank Service Charges line item for 2024 (not the \$1,200 that was listed in the approved 2024 Operating Budget). That, of course, will reduce the projected 2024 Operating Budget deficit to about \$13,000. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions regarding this explanation.

*Sincerely,
David Thiel, Council Moderator*

UCC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 – 10:00 AM

1. The 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dave Thiel at 10:10 AM. It was established that a quorum was present.
2. Pastor Kevin Dembinski offered an opening prayer for unity and community.
3. **Approve Annual Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024**
MOTION by Sandy Cuff, second by Pat Toney, to approve the Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED by a show of hands.
4. **Discussion/Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendments**
MOTION BY Tina Clegg, second by Jim Williams, to approve Amended Articles **III** (Policy), **IV** (Membership), **V** (Governing Body), **VI** (Church Council), **VII** (Committees/Boards), **VIII** (Pastors), **IX** (Pastoral Transition) and **XII** (Amendments). Following a brief discussion, David Asman called the question, Dave Thiel called the vote. **Thereupon the subject Constitutional Amendments, as indicated, were APPROVED by a show of hands. Accordingly, the Church Constitution was duly amended on this 11th day of February 2024.**
5. **Discussion/Vote on General Operating Fund Transfer to Balance the 2023 Operating Budget**
MOTION BY Jerry Schulz, second by Mary Schulz, to approve the transfer of \$15,292.20 from the General Operating Endowment Fund to balance the 2023 Operating Budget. Concerns and questions were raised regarding the General Operating Fund. Moderator Dave Thiel explained that said fund could be utilized by the Council to transfer up to 4 per cent of its principal to cover or cure any annual deficit in operations; if more than 4 per cent was needed to cover or cure an annual deficit, the amount to be transferred would require a two-thirds vote of the Congregation at a special meeting to approve the requested transfer. He further stated that the purpose of this fund is to support the operations of the Church. **MOTION CARRIED** by a show of hands.
6. **Discussion/Vote on Mattick Fund transfer to the General Operating Endowment Fund**
MOTION by Barbara Wiegele, second by Jim Williams, to transfer \$49,311.45 from the Mattick Fund to the General Operating Endowment Fund. Michelle Campbell and Gloria Kjer expressed concerns about transferring endowment money to the General Operating Endowment Fund. Thereafter, it was explained that Jay and Mary Mattick bequeathed \$94,000 to the Church to be used as the Congregation saw fit. Mary Schulz stressed the importance of keeping our church doors open. **MOTION by** Pat Toney, second by Gloria Kjer, to amend the original motion by limiting the amount of money that could be transferred from the Mattick Fund to the General Operating Endowment Fund. **MOTION CARRIED BY A SHOW OF HANDS.**
MOTION by Barbara Wiegele, second by Kandice Nussbaumer, to amend the amended motion to limit the transfer of funds from the Mattick Fund to \$25,000 to the General Operating Endowment Fund. **MOTION CARRIED** in excess of the two-thirds requirement by a show of hands.
7. **Discussion/Vote on 2024 Proposed Budget**
MOTION by Tina Clegg, second by John Wiesner, to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget as presented and distributed. **MOTION CARRIED** by a show of hands, thus approving and adopting the 2024 Budget.
8. **Discussion/Vote on Church Council Candidates**
Moderator Dave Thiel indicated that two current Church Council members, Dorea Brandt and Sherie Bressler, had agreed to stand for re-election to the Council for two-year terms. **MOTION** by John Wiesner, second by Sandy Cuff, to elect Dorea Brandt and Sherie Bressler to the Church Council for two-year terms each. **MOTION CARRIED** by a show of hands. Debi Williams thanked the council for their excellent work over the course of the year.
9. **Adjournment**
MOTION by John Wiesner, second by Pat Toney, to adjourn the 2024 Annual Congregation Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David F. Asman, Recording Secretary



GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Hi, my name is Judy Priest. My husband Pat passed away in January 2021. I have three adult children, 8 grandkids - 4 were welcomed into our family by marriage and 5 great grands. We're a loose noisy bunch!

How long have you been a member of this church? My daughter and I have been coming to services here for about 10 months and have recently been accepted by the council. We will meet with Pastor Steve and soon become official members!

How have you been serving in the church? Just getting to know the opportunities available and enjoying the company of the Ladies group.

What is it that you enjoy about the church? The welcoming attitude, the positive and active approach to community needs.

What are your outside interests and hobbies? I am a quilter. Love that fabric!! But my greatest joy would be my great grands!

Anything else you would like to share? Looking forward to becoming active in the church life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to meet the first and third Sundays of the month studying the Ten Commandments. We are through the sixth commandment as of the end of February. We will continue to meet into May to complete all our lessons. All kindergarten through 7th graders are welcome.

CAMP REGISTRATIONS

Camp registrations are open!! Start registering for exciting youth camps, adult camps and volunteer opportunities (think Camp AweSum or work camps). For the artistic, look into the grand classes offered at Cedar Valley. Our camps have wonderful things planned for you! Check out ucci.org to register.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST UCC SISTERHOOD MEETING

The UCC Sisterhood is strong and looking forward to spring (fingers crossed).

New London Family Dinner 1601 N. Shawano St. New London 920-982-9060

We will meet at the New London Family Diner at 11:30 on March 21st. I will need to let them know on Monday, March 18th a count of how many is coming so they can prepare.

As always, invite your friends, neighbors, or someone you haven't seen in a while—every lady is welcome!

See you then!

Blessings,

Sandy Conrads, sandy.armin@yahoo.com - 920-538-4114

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Memorial Committee will be accepting requests for the Endowment Fund 2023 interest money during the month of March. Please put your requests in writing and place in the Memorial Committee mail slot or send/give to Wendy Dallman (sewfine126@gmail.com).

“YOU CAN MISSION TRIP” TO BELIZE – "SHOES FOR BELIZE"

Thank you to all who so generously gave monetary donations and/or shoes. We raised \$3305.00 to purchase shoes from an auction at Wausau Covenant Community Presbyterian Church the last week of February. All proceeds from the auction go to the church's food pantry. You are helping two separate charities with one donation. What a wonderful mission project to be involved with. God is on the move! Thank you to Jim & Debi Williams for leading this amazing mission project for First Congregational.

To Volunteer: Help us get the big spring shipment of shoes and other supplies ready for Belize. The sorting and packing literally takes hundreds of volunteers.

At: Ascension Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

SORTING: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 (6:30-8:00 pm)

PACKING: Saturday, April 6, 2024 (8:30-11:30 am – Pizza Lunch Provided)

901 County Road V, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Join us on 8-day mission trip to Belize. Team members are responsible for paying for their own expenses and need to be at least 13 years old. Our next YouCan Missions Team will be serving in Belize: June 10-17, 2024. For more information, please talk to Debi Williams or check the poster on the bulletin board.

WASHINGTON CENTER COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Open every Wednesday 8 am to Noon and 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

We continue to be very busy at the pantry. Our volunteers are wonderful, caring people who never seem to tire of the amount of work involved in our ever-increasing number of clients we see.

Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase 1200 pounds of hamburger at only \$2.00 a lb. One of our donors who works for a meat processing firm was able to offer us this great deal. He thought there might be other opportunities in the future to purchase meat through them. Since we depleted our church pantry funds, we are asking for your help in building up this account again.

Of course, we always appreciate your food donations too. The items that are requested weekly are: Hot and cold cereal, soup, crackers, canned pasta and peanut butter.

Thank you for your continued support. You make a difference in a lot of people's lives.

Rita, Mike, Michelle and Jim



SPIRIT BELLS INTERNATIONAL TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT

Greetings Friends, Members, and New London Community,



In June of 2023, the Spirit Bells embarked on their first international tour, to the prestigious **Festival of Three** in the Baltics. After months of fundraising, rehearsing, and rallying from the UCC congregation, we were able to present three life-changing concerts in Finland, Latvia, and Estonia. After this triumphant experience, the Spirit Bells have garnered an international reputation, and so too the United Church of Christ, New London.

It is with great pleasure that today the Spirit Bells announce their next international tour, **The Spirit Bells in Britain!**

In June of 2025, the Spirit Bells will yet again traverse the Atlantic to bring our rich history of ringing to the historic regions of Bristol, Chester, and London! We want **YOU** to join us for this experience. Britain stands as one of the most historic and tourist-traveled destinations in the western world, and for good reason. You won't want to miss a performance in the awe-inspiring Bristol Cathedral, seeing Stonehenge, and spending a week meeting other ensembles, friends, and followers of the faith.

Please note that final prices are still being negotiated, but we know that they will be under \$3,800 per person. In the coming weeks we will be putting out an official Intent to Travel form. If you have any questions, please ask!

Again, we invite you along for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see Great Britain along with the Spirit Bells in 2025!

Many Thanks,
~Billy Brandt, *Director of Ensembles, UCC-New London*

MISSION OF HOPE HOUSE

Spring brings change!

As the season changes, and we look outside to warmer weather, sunshine, trees beginning to bud and the awareness of the calendar days marching along, it is sometimes easy to forget how difficult it can be "to change".

For the vision and direction of Mission of Hope, we know we must be current with the change to make a difference in the lives of others. Without programs, support, intensive outpatient treatment and counseling, meetings and continued advocacy, the underlying issues of trauma, addiction, poverty and dysfunction will continue to thrive.

WE make a difference when we offer our time, talent and treasures to resources in our communities that are working diligently to support individuals and communities in being healthy, in mind, body and soul.

Our Food pantries, our Thrift Stores, our Resiliency Center at MOH, our church programs, our individual support to others, and other community resources **ALL** combine to build healthy individuals, families and communities.

Seasons change, we change, and we can embrace this process for the betterment of all.

Blessings,
Patricia Toney, MOH Board President
www.mohwi.org



HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

The 2024 Help for the Homeless Hygiene drive is February 11 – March 3. Purchase new, unused hygiene and cleaning supplies and drop them off at the boxes located at participating stores. There is a box in the narthex.

Most urgent needs include:

- Soaps: laundry, dish, soft, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo
- Trash bags (shelters especially need these for bedrooms)
- Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups)
- Deodorant (unscented)
- Wet wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Disposable razors
- Tampons and maxi pads



HARBOR HOUSE

Harbor House is the singular agency in Outagamie and Calumet Counties committed to the awareness and prevention of domestic abuse. As passionate advocates, we constantly seek to start, drive, and shape the conversation around domestic abuse and the services needed to break the cycle. We do everything in our power to keep individuals and families safe through knowledge and connection. There is a box in the narthex for your donations.

CURRENT NEEDS:

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| Women's winter pajamas- size S and M | Standard size bed pillows | Microwave popcorn |
| Peanut-free snack items | Reusable water bottles | Pinesol |
| Fabuloso | Disinfectant wipes | Kids' toothpaste |
| Hair brushes | Bath towels | Dawn dish soap |
| Dishwasher detergent | Comet | Disinfectant spray |
| Liquid laundry soap or pods | Bathroom cleaner spray | Windex |
| Full-sized laundry baskets | Multi-purpose cleaner with bleach | Bleach |
| New twin-sized sheet sets | Twin-size bed bug covers | |
| Textured Hair Care Products (<i>shampoo, leave in conditioner, oil, cream, bristle/boar brushes, tail combs, edge gel, do-rags</i>) | | |
| Gift Cards (<i>Target, Walmart, VISA, Woodman's, Pick-n-Save, Amazon</i>) | | |

Thank you for supporting Harbor House!

NOTE: We are only able to accept new/unused items.

Please no travel size/sample items

Harbor House accepts donations 7 days a week. Please visit us at 720 W Fifth St to drop off donations.

*Due to limited storage space, please donate any used clothing items to our partner agency, the Community Clothes Closet, where they provide clothing vouchers to the individuals we serve.

If you have any questions regarding your in-kind donation, contact Harbor House, at 920-832-1667. Thank you!

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Check out our new website: firstconougouccnl.com



www.facebook.com/UCCNL



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Pastoral Support: Pastor Kevin Dembinski

MARCH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. -Adult Study

9:00 a.m. – Worship Service: in person and virtual

<https://m.facebook.com/UCCNL>

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school 1st & 3rd Sunday's

10:00 a.m.-Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall



*Communion will be on
March 3rd*



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First Congregational UCC

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>					1	2 10:00 a.m.- AA in Fellowship Hall
3 Communion 8:00 a.m.- Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.- Traditional Service- receive new members 10:00 a.m. – Sunday school 10:00 a.m.- Fellowship	4 4:30 p.m.- Overeaters Anon.	5 7:30 a.m.- Contemplative Prayer on Zoom	6 Noon- Book Study	7	8	9 10:00 a.m.- AA in Fellowship Hall
10 8:00 a.m.- Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.- Praise Service 10:00 a.m.- Fellowship	11 4:30 p.m.- Overeaters Anon. 6:00 p.m. – Council Meeting	12 7:30 a.m.- Contemplative Prayer on Zoom	13 Noon- Book Study 6:00 p.m.- Youth Bells 6:30 p.m.- Spirit Bells	14 6:30 p.m.- Angeli Choir	15	16 10:00 a.m.- AA in Fellowship Hall
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24 Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.- Praise Service 10:00 a.m.- Fellowship	25 4:30 p.m.- Overeaters Anon.	26 7:30 a.m.- Contemplative Prayer on Zoom	27 Noon- Book Study 6:00 p.m.- Youth Bells 6:30 p.m. - Spirit Bells	28 Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.-Maundy Thursday Service	29 Good Friday 1:30 p.m. -Good Friday service at Trinity	30 10:00 a.m.- AA in Fellowship Hall
31 Easter 8:00 a.m.- Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.- Traditional Service/ Choir/Bells 10:00 a.m.- Fellowship						<i>End of First Quarter giving</i>

March Worship Volunteers

<i>Please sign up to fill the open dates.</i>	March 3, 2024 Traditional Service	March 10, 2024 Praise Service	March 17, 2024 Traditional Service	March 24, 2024 Praise Service	March 28, 2024 Maundy Thurs.	March 28, 2024 Easter Sunday
Lay Reader	9:00 a.m.- Mary Schulz	9:00 a.m.- Wendy Dallman	9:00 a.m.- Pat Toney	9:00 a.m. – Karen Henke		9:00 a.m.-Deb Calabria
Media Shout	9:00 a.m.- Chou Lee	9:00 a.m.- Kris Drath	9:00 a.m.- Chou Lee	9:00 a.m.-Gary Henke	6:00 p.m.-Wendy Dallman	9:00 a.m.-Kris Drath
Fellowship	10:00 a.m.- Clegg & Allen	10:00 a.m.- Manthe's & Bressler's	10:00 a.m.-Thiel & Cuff	10:00 a.m.- Manthe's & Bressler's		10:00 a.m.-Managan & Priest

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1-Caleb Dusek
 2-Connie Morton, Ted Williams, Halia Sternhagen
 3-Connie Darkow
 9-Katelyhn Thyssen Gunderson
 11-Ginny Pharr, Kevin Clegg
 12-Brady Peterson
 15-Heidi Dusek
 16-Darlene Krake
 17- Pat Toney

19- Kiley Peterson, Veronica Kent
 20-Kathy Baumgart
 21-Logan Gross
 22-Kara Darkow
 23-Sawyer Clegg
 29- Katie Morton, LaWayne Zirbel
 30-Jason Behling
 31-Kaylene Kloehn-Pluger, Evan Korth

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

9-Jeff & Susan Weyenberg
 11-Jim & Laura Buschke
 17- Dee & Steve Savides
 17-Travis Lehnherr & Payton Campbell
 21-Dan & Linda Heimbruch
 27-John & Karen Pieper
 27-Sandy & Armin Conradt

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 If you would like to get your offering in, you can mail it, drop it off at church on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings between 8:15 & noon, use Venmo or PayPal or set up automatic withdrawal through Kathy.

