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Pilgrim Messenger

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 7

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, August 21

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, August 28

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, September 4

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Special Points of Interest:

- Wednesday, August 10
Women's Fellowship 11:00 am
- Friday, August 12
VBS 8 am - 11 am 3-4 years
8 am - 4 pm 5-12 years
- Friday, August 19
Brandon Brat Fry
9:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Saturday, August 20
Brandon Brat Fry
9:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Sunday, August 21
Food Pantry Sale Following the Worship Service
Silent Auction bidding begins

Mission Spotlight

August Mission Opportunities:

- **Food Pantry Food Sale**
Sunday, August 21
- **Baby Care Kits**
(through October 2011)
before donating or shopping, please pick up a list of needed baby items, located next to the coffee window - - or access the list on the U-CC website
- **KIVA Micro-Loan**
donations accepted

Looking Ahead:

Community Table Meal
Friday, Sept. 30, 11:00 - 2:00
Sign up to donate food or to serve (sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall)

Mission Statement

Love God's Creation-
Share in Fellowship-
Live Christ's Example



Brandon Brat Fry

Fri, Aug 19

9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Sat, Aug 20

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Sign up now in the fellowship hall to volunteer! Proceeds will go to the Christian Ed Fund.



The Spiritual Corner



From the Pastor's Pen What are the elephants in the room? I'm asking you to help me identify them as I'm considering a Fall sermon series on "the elephants in the room."

The expression refers to things that are obvious truths but are being ignored, or challenges that no one is talking about. What important or difficult issues do you feel should be publicly explored from a Christian perspective but haven't been? What do you feel we're too afraid to talk about?

These "elephants" could be but don't need to be limited to current trends/events here at Union-Congregational. They could be current theological trends or the state of the Universal Church. They could also be current events of a social or political nature that are on everyone's mind, are therefore relevant to all our lives whether we agree with them or not. What "elephants" are effecting and influencing us, our loved ones, our communities, in significant ways that therefore should rightfully be explored within the most important context of our lives, worship? What would you like us to bring before God that you feel hasn't been?

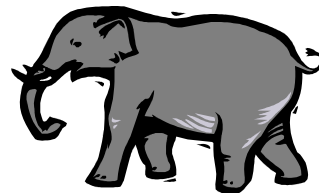
I'd love to take credit for what I believe is a brilliant idea but credit goes to where credit is deserved: Teri Wilke, our interim Administrative Assistant. Teri happened to share with me that her pastor at First Presbyterian, Fond du Lac was doing an "Elephants in the Room" sermon series over the summer. I thought it was way neat and innovative.

You've no doubt noticed that I haven't suggested any "elephants" as examples. This is intentional. I don't want to curtail your responses, suggestions and input in any way. So, I await receiving your "elephants"! I also welcome your reaction to this idea. Perhaps you are afraid to now discuss things that we have been forever afraid to discuss. Perhaps you feel there are "elephants" that should never be discussed publicly? Perhaps you feel some things are best left alone. If so please share them (the elephants, your fears and your reasoning) with me, and I will prayerfully consider them as well. Should I decide to go ahead and speak on an "elephant" that you're uncomfortable with it will be a great benefit to me to know your thoughts in advance so I can tread more cautiously.

Let's flesh out the elephants and have fun with them! We just never know how the still speaking God will speak to us!

Stay cool my friends,

Pastor Mark



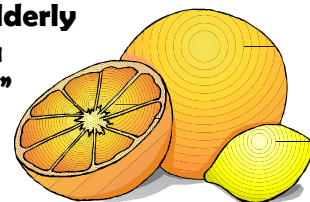
Thought to Ponder Call To Action

- 1). Focus on people's positives. Tell of all the good things you see.
- 2). Compliment, advise, never criticize.
- 3). Cooperate with others, don't compete.
- 4). If your tongue is loose and your words are sharp people will avoid you.
- 5). Genuinely be interested in others activities.
- 6). It is Christlike to put your interest second.
- 7). Always be respectful, especially in disagreement.
- 8). Your personal insecurities are your business—don't dump them on others.
- 9). When you fail to build others up you tear down the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 10). Be especially generous in volunteering when there is no clear "reward".



Heavenly Humor

A strongman at a circus demonstrated his great strength to the audience by squeezing the juice from a lemon with his hands. He then announced, "I will give \$200. to anyone who can squeeze just one more drop from this lemon. A thin, elderly looking woman came forward, took the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was flabbergasted, and paid the woman. "What is your secret," he asked. "Practice." the woman replied. "I've been the treasurer at my Church for thirty-two years."



Program News



Missions Items Still Needed for Mission Baby Care Kits



Thanks for your donations to date!
 If you are still hoping to donate items from your own closets or purchase items for our mission kits, please remember to check our "wish list" located near the coffee window or on the U-CC Website. Clothing items that are especially needed at this time include:
 short-sleeved shirts (no onesies), sleepers (without feet), and hooded jackets or sweatshirts, sizes 18 – 24 months, for boys or girls. We also need more lightweight receiving blankets (single layer of flannel or lightweight fleece). Other needed items include new cloth diapers (not the pre-folded style) and new, dark-colored hand towels.

Book Club



Join us on Tuesday, August 23, at 7 pm, as we discuss the book "The Hundred Foot Journey" by Richard Morais Hosted by Cheryl & Yavonne Koch at Church

Treasurer's Report!

Just a few quick notes.....during

the month of June \$3,000.00 was borrowed from the Revolving loan to pay some of the Church expenses. West Doors project is still in need of approximately \$5,000.00 to meet our goal, so PLEASE keep the contributions rolling in!



Community Outreach Opportunity

Please consider helping to serve a meal at Wau-pun's Community Table or to donate a salad or dessert bars for the meal.

Sign-up sheets are located on the cabinet next to the coffee window.

Community Table Friday, September 30th

1st Shift: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

2nd Shift: 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is in their summer fun

schedule by going to different restaurants to have lunch and conversation. We invite you to join us on Wednesday, August 10, at 11 a.m. We will meet at church and then venture out to a fun place for lunch and laughter. If you need a ride please call Julie at 324-4881 or Marilyn at 324-4967. All are welcome!



Happy Birthday!



08/01 Andrea Fenrich

08/02 Emma Sperger

08/03 Jacy Krueger,
Jacob Krueger

08/05 Mark Arbisi, Amy Huenink

08/06 Lindsey Buchholz

08/07 Lisa Mischler

08/08 Carla Amberg

08/10 Joshua Engelhardt,
Aimee Wilson

08/11 Lucas Vellema

08/13 Hillary Johnson,
Brady Groenewold

08/14 Rich Smith,
Holly Manchester

08/15 Dan Posthuma,
Mike Manchester

08/16 Lisa West

08/17 Ross Dary, Jean Wagner,
Benjamin Schrank

08/18 Brian Johnson,

Bryce Greenfield,
Max Moede, Daryll Amberg

08/19 Adrian Friese,
Alyssa Kuzulka

08/20 Lucas Murray,
Daswen Whitehouse

08/21 Mark Johnson

08/22 Myriah Saduske,
Cody Holbach, Jim Lund

08/23 Tammy Buchholz

08/24 Dewey Lemmenes,
Rada Krohn

08/25 Donna Van Buren,
Pj Loomans,

Benjamin Fisher

08/26 Cody Searvogel,
Benjamin Bradley

08/27 Amy Toutant

08/28 Linda Kuhn,
Jack Pargeter,
Tanya Dolske

08/30 Jeff Berry, Colton Pluim

08/31 Joshua Dewitte

Christian Ed Corner



Vacation Bible School

Friday, August 12

8:00-4:00 Kindergarten - 12 years

8:00-11:00 for Preschool ages 3 & up



In this café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's word. Children will learn the secret recipe, the 9 Fruits of the Spirit, for living in tune with God and becoming more like the image of God's son Jesus Christ. By learning more about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, they will learn how they can apply these fruits to their daily living, grow in character and become faithful followers of God.

Your child's day will be packed with messages from the Bible, arts and crafts, science experiments, games and music. Lunch will be provided along with snacks throughout the day.

To make your child's reservation and be a part of all the excitement:

Call Leann in the church office at 324-2801.

Call Heather at 296-4110.

Fill out the form at Church and place it the offering plate or offering stands.

Sign up electronically on the church's website at www.uccwaupun.net.

If you are interested in helping with supplies and snacks, please call Leann or Heather to see what is needed or check the website, www.uccwaupun.net, for an updated list.

We appreciate your help in making VBS a success!

ReUnion Sunday

That's right, it's that time

of year again! The first day of Sunday school and our annual ReUnion Sunday celebration are coming up soon. Please mark your calendars for September 11th to join us for some Food, Fun, and Fellowship! More details soon so watch your bulletins.

**SAVE THE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 11TH!**



WE ONLY NEED TWO PEOPLE TO SAY "YES"!

The Christian Education Committee is searching for two more individuals to help co-teach the preschool/kindergarten class and 1st/2nd grade class next year. You don't have to have a strong knowledge of background, and there is no need to worry about the planning the lessons. Each week, the lessons are all laid out for you in your teacher's guide, and supplies and handouts are in your classroom. All you have to do is follow along! This is a fun group of kids and a great opportunity to learn more about the bible while teaching the youth of our church. Please contact Heather Vanderkin at 324-2801 or 296-4110, with any questions you may have or if you are interested.



Sign up for VBS NOW Electronically



You can now sign up for VBS electronically at www.uccwaupun.net. There is a link on the bottom left that will take you to the registration form. Interested in volunteering your time? You can also sign up for that electronically. Go to www.uccwaupun.net > Christian Education (on the top menu bar) > Vacation Bible School > VBS Volunteer Form.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 August	1 6:00 pm Christian Ed	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship Service with Holy Communion 8:30 am Fellowship Hour 9:30 am	8 Trustees 6:30 pm	9 Diaconate 6:00 pm	10 Women's Fellowship 11:00 am	11	12 VBS 8 am—11 am 3-4 yrs 8 am—4 pm 5-12 yrs 	13
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21 Worship Service 8:30 am Fellowship Hour 9:30 am Food Pantry Sale 9:30 am Silent Auction Bidding Begins  	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 Book Club At Church 7:00 pm	24	25	26	27 SHARE 8:30 am
28 Worship Service 8:30 am Fellowship Hour 9:30 am	29 Christian Ed 6:00 pm	30	31			

"Freely you have received, freely give."
Matthew 10:8

Date	Deacon on Duty	Offering
August 7		Nick Kuzulka
August 14	Ted Sullivan	Bob Cosgrove
August 21	Angie Cook	Bill Wiggins
August 28	Linda O'Donovan	Cindi Wojahn

Mission Projects Available Online
Missions projects will now be available online. Just go to www.uccwaupun.net > Our Church > Our Church's Mission Projects. It is currently under construction but make sure to keep coming back to see what's new. The Baby Care Kits are available online to view.



Do you have a son or daughter off to college?
Do you wish for them to receive mailings from church? If so please be sure to supply the Church Office with their mailing address.





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CALLING ALL STEWARDS! SECOND ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

This year your Stewardship Committee has chosen to raise funds for our front doors **AND** also for the Waupun Christian Home which our church owns a stake. UCC members have used the Christian Home in different capacities for many years. We are asking for your time, talent or treasure for this year's silent auction with proceeds to be split evenly between these two very worthy beneficiaries.

Don't think you have anything to give?? Here are some ideas-

TIME- examples could be donating your services- washing someone's windows or car, mowing or raking a lawn

TALENT- donate handmade knitted or sewn items, a fresh homemade apple pie or other baked goods, build a bird house or feeder, how about a birthday song to be delivered to the purchaser's requested recipient

TREASURE- donate something of value you have but no longer need or want. How about the signed Bart Starr football sitting in your closet or Mickey Mouse watch in your dresser? Something from your business or where you work? Or donate money! (Of course we will need your treasure also as a bidder!)

So use your imagination! Have fun with it! Get your kids involved! A sign-up sheet to list your donation is in the Fellowship Hall OR you can send a description of your donation via email to Leann at unioncong.ucc@sbcglobal.net. Donations can also be done anonymously to Pastor Mark. Any questions can be directed to any member of the Stewardship Committee listed below. A complete list of items for bidding will then be displayed in the Sunday school room off the Fellowship Hall and advertised by email starting August 14th. Please try to have your donation pledged by then to be included in all advertising.

BIDDING BEGINS AUGUST 21st ENDING ON- REUNION SUNDAY SEPT 11th
BID HIGH AND BID OFTEN!!

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 Jo Vanderwoude - 948-7342 Keith Wojahn - 324-4931
 Pastor Mark - 324-2801 pastormarkucc@gmail.com



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