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Worship Schedule

February 5

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with Holy Communion

February 12

**8:00 a.m. Media Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**

February 19

**8:00 a.m. Media Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**

February 26

**8:00 am Media Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**

March 4

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with Holy Communion

Special Points of Interest:

- **Friday, February 3—**
Sunday, February 5
Confirmation Retreat at the Pilgrim Center
- **Sunday, February 5**
First Sunday of the Blended Worship Service 9:30 am
- **Thursday, February 9**
Women's Fellowship to meet at Tony's Pizza 11 am
- **Tuesday, February 14**
Happy Valentine's Day!
- **Sunday, February 19**
Mardi Gras Celebration
- **Sunday, February 19**
Game Night/Potluck 5-7 pm
- **Wednesday, February 22**
Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm worship service
- **Wednesday, February 29**
Soup Supper 6:00 pm with children and adult program to follow

Game Night/Potluck

It's chilly outside so warm up with good food, fun, and fellowship at our game night. February 19th from 5-7pm, bring a dish to pass and yourself for some fun with your church family. Hope to see you there!



Mission Statement

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



Mission Spotlight

Mission Opportunities in February:

Please continue to support the Food Pantry with your individual donations of food.

Looking Ahead:

Our church will be hosting the Community Table on Friday, April 13. Please mark your calendars now! We'll need help from 9 - 12:00 and 12 - 3:00.

The Spiritual Corner



From Your Pastor's Pen: A Except from "A Gift From the Sea" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
 "A good relationship has a pattern like a dance, and is built on some of the same rules. The partners do not need to hold on tightly, because they move confidently in the same pattern, intricate but gay and swift and free, like a country dance of Mozart's. To touch heavily would be to arrest the pattern and freeze the movement, to check the endlessly changing beauty of its unfolding. There is one place here for the possessive clutch, the clinging arm, the heavy hand, only the barest touch is assign. Now arm in arm, now face to face, now back to back—it does not matter which. Because they know they are partners moving to the same rhythm, creating a pattern together, and being invisibly nourished by it. The joy of such a pattern is not only the joy of creation or the joy of participation, it is also the joy of living in the moment. Lightness of touch and living in the moment are intertwined.

When you love someone, you do not love them all the time, in exactly the same way, from moment to moment. It is an impossibility. It is even a lie to pretend to. And yet this is exactly what most of us demand. We have so little faith in the ebb and flow of life, of love, of relationships. We leap at the flow and the tide and resist in terror its ebb. We are afraid it will never return. We insist on permanency, on duration, on continuity; when the only continuity possible, in life as in love, is in growth, in fluidity—in freedom, in the sense that the dancers are free, barely touching as they pass, but partners in the same pattern.

The only real security is not in owning or possessing, not in demanding or expecting, not in hoping, even. Security in a relationship lies neither in looking back to what was in nostalgia, nor forward to what it might be in dread or anticipation, but living in the present relationship and accepting it as it is now. Relationships must be like islands, one must accept them for what they are here and now, within their limits—*islands*, surrounded and interrupted by the sea, and continually visited and abandoned by the tides."



One Service Sunday

Beginning the first Sunday in February and every following first Sunday of each month, your U-CC will be uniting in body and

Spirit to worship as one at 9:30 a.m. This will be a "blended" type service—media/contemporary & traditional elements. Holy Communion will be shared. Children/families strongly encouraged to attend.



Thought to Ponder: *Pray for Your P-A-S-T-O-R*

P - Purity. Pray that your pastor will remain pure in the face of constant pressure in an immoral culture.

A - Adversity. Pray for your pastor that he will be able to confront adversity with faith and endurance.

S - Strength. Most pastors work long hours and at least six days a week. Pray that he will have the strength to continue his ministry.

T - Teaching. Pray for your pastor that his teaching and preaching will be effective, powerful, and clear.

O - Organization. Your pastor has more to do than any one person can handle. Pray for your pastor that he will be able to prioritize correctly.

R - Rest. Your pastor needs rest. Pray that your pastor will sleep well each night and that he will take enough time away from ministry so that he does not get worn out.



Heavenly Humor: Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in kindergarten. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful. His grandmother remarked..."doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?" Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left handed." This confused his grandmother a bit, and she asked him "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?" "Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"



Program News



Women's Fellowship

We will be meeting

Thursday, February 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Tony's Pizza for lunch. Everyone is invited to come join us including the young and the young at heart! We're growing by leaps and bounds. It's great to see old familiar faces and new faces. The weather is cold outside so come join us for a dish of hot food, with a side of warm laughter. We can't wait to see you there!



Wojahn Family Thank

Marilyn Wojahn and family, including

the Keith & Carla Wojahn family, would like to thank all members of the Union Congregational Church for their thoughts and prayers during the recent illness and passing of Carl Wojahn. Prayers and wishes, support and condolences during this time by our church family is very appreciated. And the work and food prepared by church volunteers for Carl's "Celebration of Life" was tremendous! Thank you, and God's Blessings to all!

Marilyn Wojahn and the family of Carl Wojahn

Thank You

Treasurer's Report

As most of you know the West

Doors are in and paid for 100%! Also, as most of you were not aware there was still a balance due on the East Doors which has now been paid 100% as well. This was paid with the remaining balance in the West Door account. Please direct your donation now to the Parking Lot as we still owe \$1,890.00. This years OCWM obligation is \$14,500.00. Watch your Sunday bulletins as I will be including this total weekly along with the amount given to the General Fund. A new light has been installed by the East Doors. This was paid for with accrued funds from the interest on the Money market account and from Building Maintenance. My goal this year is to keep you as informed as I can without boring you to death with numbers! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask. Until next month.....Chrissy

Book Club

Book club is open to all women who enjoy reading. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. This month's book discussion is "Cleopatra: A Life". A Novel by Stacy Schiff hosted by Debbie Scheller at church.



For more information, contact Sandra Champion at 324-8500.

Funeral Luncheon Help Needed

Did you know that

the average funeral luncheon attendance is about 85 people? Now in order to serve that amount of people you need around 10 salads and 7 desserts. That's 17 people that need to be called to bring food. That's not even including the help that's needed in the kitchen or the volunteers that set up and prep the tables. Now imagine a large funeral of 150 people, we would need twice that number of volunteers. This is why it's so important to bring your salad or desert if you said you'll bring one. It makes it hard when there's not many people to call and you need to call on the same people all the time. Luncheon's are such a very important way to minister to the family members and friends that just lost their loved one. We're asking for your help to make this happen. We need people to help serve the meal, set up and prep the tables. You too can help make salads or desserts. Please call the Church office 324-2801 and volunteer today. What a great way to strengthen our church family in it's time of need while serving Christ!



Are you missing a pan or dish?

There are Pans and Dishes in the Kitchen that need to be picked up. Please pick yours up if you haven't gotten yours yet. Check your kitchen cupboards, you never know it might be yours!



Christian Ed Corner & February Birthdays



Update on Sunday School

The survey that was conducted with regards to the Sunday school time was reviewed at the last Christian Education Committee meeting on January 9th. Members of the committee were given the opportunity to read through them. It was decided that until the church is firm on the service times, the current Sunday school time would remain as is. It is the thought of the committee that we do not want to make a change now, with only ten more weeks of the spring semester left, only to possibly change it again for the fall semester. The Christian Education committee and Diaconate committee will be meeting together to work toward a unified answer. We ask that you pray for guidance and wisdom for the members of the Diaconate and Christian education committees as take into account the many voices of our congregation and families to move toward what is best in the glory of God.



It's Back!

The Christian Education Committee would like to invite you to join in a U-CC Mardi Gras celebration after the 9:30 service on Sunday, February 19th. Get your fill of goodies and beads! We can't wait to see you there!



Confirmation Updates:

Thank you for all those that supported our confirmation group in their coffee/tea fundraiser. They were able to raise over \$450 to put toward their retreat, February 3-5 at Pilgrim Center in Green Lake.

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Soup Suppers

On February 22, 2012 Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and we will be having soup suppers starting the following Wednesday. Soup suppers give people a chance to share a meal with old and new friends. The serving of the meal will begin at 6 p.m. with a program to follow. We will be again offering a special Lenten program for children ages 4 and up during the adult program. There will be games and activities to help the children learn more about Lent and Easter.

Please, make this a family night. Take time out of your busy schedules to enjoy a meal together, surround yourself with your church family, and allow yourself time to reflect on how God longs to shelter and protect us, about God's will and God's way, renewing our friendship with God, and experiencing gifts of outpoured love.



February Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Wednesday February 29
Start of Soup Suppers
6:00 p.m. Soup supper to be served by Diaconate with adult and children program to follow



Happy Birthday!



- 02/01 Shirley Williams
Leann Devries
- 02/02 Duane Stelsel, Lindy Hull
- 02/03 Josh McCullough,
Carrie Schouten
- 02/04 Kelsey Thompson,
Daniel Krohn
- 02/05 Betty Mocco,
Sara Koerner
- 02/06 Amy Pike, Richard Rank
- 02/07 Ted Sullivan
- 02/08 Chris Van Buren,
Kiah Krohn
- 02/09 Karen Deboer,

- Mikenna Brown
- 02/11 Madelyn Austin,
Clint Vanburen
- 02/12 Sue Gerrits
- 02/13 Lance Moede,
Alyssa Hutchison
- 02/14 Linda Engelhardt
- 02/15 Richard Brown,
Dick White
- 02/16 Alana Clark
- 02/17 Daniel Devries, Erin Drews
- 02/18 Bridget Nickel
- 02/19 Gordon Alsum,
Katy Jo Smit
- 02/20 Caitlyn Winning,
Owen Hull

- 02/21 Kolsen Whitehouse
- 02/22 Sue Stelsel, Sheila Kast,
Mitch Johnson,
Jo Vander Woude
- 02/23 Teri Dary,
Diane Vanburen
- 02/24 Sandra Champion,
Ronda Mecklenberg
- 02/25 Nicole Drews,
Wayne Buteyn
- 02/26 Rebecca Smith,
Tyler Krohn
- 02/28 Hazel Rahn,
Jim Edmunds,
Grace Lenz,
Noah Russell



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed	2	3 ← Confirmation Retreat	4
5 Blended Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 10:30 am Program 2/3-2/5 →	6 Christian Ed 6:00 pm	7 Media Team 6:30 pm	8	9 Women's Fellowship Tony's Pizza 11 am 	10	11
12 Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am	13 Trustees 6:30 pm	14 Valentines Day  Diaconate 6:00 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am with Mardi Gras celebration to follow Game Night/ Potluck 5-7pm  	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Council 6:00 pm	22 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 pm 	23	24	25 SHARE 8:30 am
26 Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am	27 Book Club 7:00 pm	28	29 Soup Supper 6:00 pm Adult and Childrens program to follow 			



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



	<u>Deacon on Duty</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
February 5	Angie Cook	Angie Cook	Gordon Alsum	Don Cook
February 12	Linda O'Donovan	To be Determined	Chris VanBuren	Fred Krohn
February 19	Duane Stelsel	Fred Krohn	Nick Kuzulka	Bossenbroek Family
February 26	To be Determined	Don Cook	Cindi Wojahn	Don Cook



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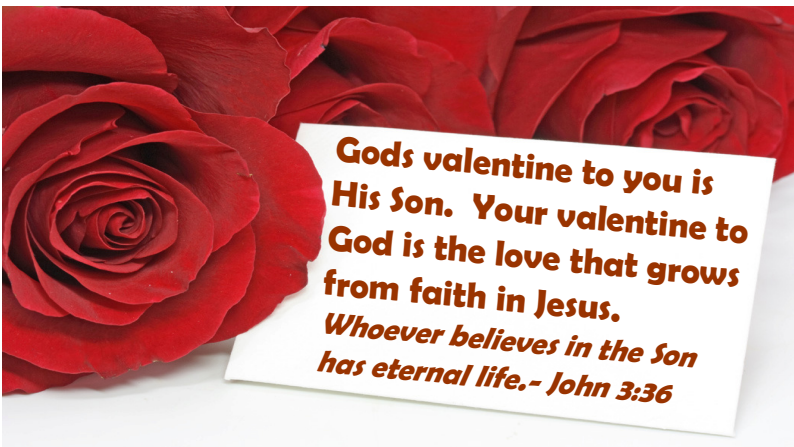
Church Rummage Sale

Was your new years resolution to clean out your closet or get rid of things you don't use anymore? Here's your chance to keep that new years resolution and help your church at the same time. Start cleaning out those closets and save your items for the Church rummage sale this Spring.



An Invitation to the Church from the U-CC Book Bags

In February the book group will be reading **CLEOPATRA: A Life** by Stacy Schiff. We invite everyone to read this book and then join us on March 31, 2012 for a day at the Milwaukee Public Art Museum to view the **CLEOPATRA** exhibit. Cost of the ticket is \$20.12 and this event is open to men, women and teens and children accompanied by their parents. Please contact Leann in the church office with your reservation and a check or cash for \$20.12. Reservations must be in by March 11, 2012. This covers the cost of getting into the museum and timed entrance to the Cleopatra Exhibit. Make your checks payable to Sandra Champion. After we get a count we can arrange to car pool. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor! Join us in viewing Cleopatra - The Last Queen of Egypt!



Gods valentine to you is His Son. Your valentine to God is the love that grows from faith in Jesus. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.- John 3:36

Changing the World Two by Two

We did it! We gave generously and surpassed our \$5,000 Heifer Ark goal! Our donation to Heifer International will provide more than 15 pairs of animals to impoverished families around the world. Our gifts will keep on giving as these families receive training and acquire a sustainable source of food and income.

