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The Pilgrim Messenger



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Sunday, June 5

Art Wille to preach

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

Graduation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Cake and Ice Cream in honor of the graduates

Sunday, June 12

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, June 19

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, June 26

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, July 3

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Special Points of Interest

Sunday, June 5

Graduation Sunday

Mission Opportunities
June

- Food Pantry Food Sale
Sunday, June 19

- Baby Care Kits
(through October 2011)

help us collect gently used and new baby items for a world relief organization – only particular items can be included in the kits, so before shopping, please pick up an itemized list of needed items, located next to the coffee window, or access the list on the U-CC website

Mission Statement

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



The Spiritual Corner



Thought to Ponder

When You Attend Church

(excerpt from U-CC Pilgrim Messenger, Jan. 1959)

"When you attend church, it's not an ordinary act. It is something tremendous. You take a stand for faith and for spiritual interpretation of life. You testify and witness to the faith that is in you.

When you attend church you take the side of the angels, you count on the side of the spiritual, you tell the world you believe in God and eternity and immortality, and that's tremendous.

When you attend church you challenge all that is evil, all that which is contrary to the will of God. When you attend church you say to the world that you are against lying, cheating, immorality, drunkenness, war and everything that hurts human beings.

When you attend church you tell your neighbors who see you to that you are not giving up all your time to creaturely pleasures, that you are seeking something higher.

When you attend church you salute Christ and his Church. You appreciate what the Church has done for humanity.

When you attend church you come to God's house, to adore, to worship, to praise. You become a part of that host that has been worshipping God down through the ages. You have been caught up in spirit."

-Attributed to George Macklenburg

"One of our worst mistakes in strategy, in Protestant circles, has been to minimize church attendance. We have said, endlessly, that real religion is an affair of the heart and that no particular rite or ceremony is necessary. In this we have told the truth, but it is a half-truth and, like all half-truths, profoundly dangerous....Attendance is of vast importance. And the sooner we begin to realize this the better."

-Attributed to Elton Trueblood

From the Pastor's Pen

As I write, Spring is finally beginning to strut its stuff. And Summer, with its altered routines and schedules is beginning to call us by name. Equally, as I write, the next

Sunday on the calendar, the Fourth Sunday of Eastertide, is what has long been traditionally identified as "Good Shepherd Sunday." And with that phrase countless wonderful images of God known to us through our Christ easily come rushing to mind. God as Shepherd is a timeless metaphor and with excellent reason. It is rich with imagery that just keeps on resonating with our hearts.

One of the basic teachings of our Congregational tradition is that it is the responsibility of each generation—in 2011, that's you and me!—to claim our faith in ways that meaningfully speaks to us in our day and age. This is both our responsibility and the pleasure of the Still Speaking God. One of the ways we accomplish this is using words and metaphors more appropriately suited to our time and setting. This is not to say we discard the old when remains viable and valuable. It is to say we eagerly make room for God's new thing to move us in new ways that grow new and deeper faith.

What follows is a contemporary paraphrase of the 23 Psalm said to have originated in Christ's Church in Japan. You'll notice it has replaced the Shepherd imagery, which immediately enable us to listen with fresh ears: enjoy.

The Lord is my Pacesetter. I shall not rush.

He makes me stop for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness which restore me.

He leads me in paths of efficiency through his guidance in peace.

Even though I have a great many things to do each day, I will not fret for his presence is here.

His timelessness will keep me in balance.
 He renews me in the midst of my activities with his oil of tranquility,
 My cup of joy overflows.
 Surely harmony shall be the fruit of my hours,
 and I shall walk in the pace of the Lord and dwell in his house forever.

Do you love it? During this calm before the Summer storms it struck me as a blessed reminder of where we always find comfort, shelter, relief, even during our busiest times. I encourage you to be possessive with the metaphors. They will renew your soul. Stop for quiet intervals to restore stillness. Know God's timelessness keeps you in balance and that the paths he leads you on lead to efficiency and peace. In the midst of your many activities may harmony be the fruit of your hours. Walk the pace of the Lord. Know how privileged you are to be in the position of being so loved and so tended to; equally in the position of being lovers and tenders to each other.

Dwelling in his house forever together,

Pastor Mark

A Summer Parable

Now it came to pass that as the day of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church thought of cool streams where fish were found, his children thought of sand beaches and his wife thought of cool mountains. And this church members said, "Lo, the hot days come, and my work lieth heavy upon me. Come, let us depart and go where fishes bite and where the cool winds bring refreshment and the land is beautiful about us."

"Thou speakest words of wisdom," his wife said. "Yet three, nay, four things must we do first." "Of three things I can thinkst," said her husband: "That we ask the neighbor to minister unto our flowers, that we arrange for the grass to be mowed and watered, and that we have our mail forwarded. But no other thing cometh unto my mind."



"The fourth is like unto the three, but far greater than all," said the wife, "that thou diggest into thy money bag and pay thine obligations unto thy church, in order that the good name of they church may be preserved and that the heart of the treasurer may be gladdened and that all may go well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt when thou returnest.

And the husband replied, "Verily thou art noble and wise among women," and he did keep his financial obligations unto his church up to date all summer longeth. And the treasurer did rejoice greatly with exceedingly great joy, saying, "Of a truth, blessed are they who care for the good work of the Church."

Heavenly Humor

The Sunday School teacher asked a little boy, "So tell me, do you say your prayers before eating?" "No Sir," the boy replied, "we don't have to. My Mom is a good cook!"



It is now possible to subscribe to Daily UCC Devotional, sent from our National Office. I would strongly encourage you to subscribe. I was unaware of this ministry of outreach to us until some anonymous soul gave them my email address and they simply started appearing in my inbox. They are short, timely, excellent and well worthwhile. Again, I encourage you to subscribe. I trust you will find it an enriching way to begin each day.

Pastor Mark

UCC Daily Devotional:

i.ucc.org/FeedYourSpirit/Subscribe/tabid/101/Default.aspx

Program News



Christian Education

Happy Birthday!!! We often consider Pentecost as the birthday of the church. Without the Holy Spirit that came at Pentecost, there would not be a church, because it was the Holy Spirit that ignited the flame of evangelism that spread the message throughout the world.

On June 12, during the 8:30 service, children ages 3 through 9th grade are invited to join me for a special morning to celebrate Pentecost. Children will have the opportunity to learn more about this important church celebration through fun and activities. I hope to see you all there!

I would like to congratulate all the children and youth of our church for an outstanding job they did for the spring program! It was such an energizing and uplifting morning. Many of us moved to shed a few tears for the joy it brought to our hearts.

Thank you to the praise band and the choir for their gift of music and song, not just during the program, but throughout the whole year. And Sue Stelsel, your music each week is never unnoticed. Linda Alsum-O'Donovan, you spoke into each of our hearts. And to the Christian Education committee for providing and serving the yummy ice cream sundaes. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members of one of another." Romans 12:5

We are blessed by each and everyone one of you!

A special thank you also goes out to all the teachers and classroom shepherds. You have touched the hearts of many children over the past school year. To the members of the Christian Ed committee: you have given so much time and effort over the past year to offer everyone an opportunity to learn more about our loving God. For that we are so very thankful.

THOSE WHO MINISTER TO OUR CHILDREN

2010-2011

Sunday School Teachers:

Lisa Roth-Sharp
Michelle Pluim
Angie Cook
Jessica Sullivan
Sara Koerner
Becky Smith
Tabitha Bossenbroek

Classroom Shepherds:

Alia Hutchison
Carly Bronkhorst
Callie Mischler
Hailey Mischler
Emilia Hurst
Alyssa Thomas
Clairborn Bronkhorst

Nursery:

Amy Toutant
Jill Moede
Judy Kuzulka
Kris Mathison
Sara Koerner
Tabitha Bossenbroek
Levi Bossenbroek
Melissa Searvogal

Confirmation Mentors:

Linda Alsum-O'Donovan
Diann Thomas
Sue Wiggins

Keeper of the Worship

Bags:

The Sullivan Family

Board of Christian Education:

Amy Huenink Mary Hartgerink
Jackie Blankenberg Liz Buteyn
Jessica Sullivan Vicky Stelsel
Julie Schmidt
Kris Mathison
Tabitha Bossenbroek
Tiffany Bohnert
Tim Bossenbroek

VB\$ Volunteers:

Leslie Ganske Tabitha Bossenbroek
Julie Schmidt Levi Bossenbroek
Vicky Stelsel Claiborn Bronkhorst
Mary Hartgerink Callie Mischler
Tim Bossenbroek Savannah Boersma
Jessica Sullivan Carley Bronkhorst
Tiffany Bohnert Hailey Mischler
Ted Sullivan Ardell Stelsel Brady Huenink

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Confirmation Youth Fun Night!

For working so hard over the past year, on June 12, from 6-10 pm, the Confirmands are invited for a night of games, movies, activities and of course FOOD!!! We can't wait! Please call Heather if you have any questions.



Rummage Sale Thank you to all who helped make the rummage sale a success. We raised \$426 for the Family Emergency Fund and \$160 for VBS. We also donated 5 bags of clothes to the hospital for their PAVE program. We will be holding another rummage sale in the Fall, so please save your rummage for us. Julie can find a place for it if you just can't wait to get rid of it.

Book Club

Join us on June 28, at 7:00 pm, as we discuss the book

"The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake"

by Aimee Bender.

Hosted by Lois Alsum at U-CC



Silent Auction

Once again, the Stewardship Committee will be holding a Silent Auction, starting in August and ending in conjunction with Reunion Sunday, September 11. You can start thinking about time, talent and treasure to donate to this cause. More information will be passed along as the time draws near. Any questions can be directed to any member of the Stewardship Committee.

Picnic Mark your calendars for July 10. We are bringing back the Summer Church Picnic. It will be at West End Park, right across from the church. Diaconate will provide the brats and dogs and we are encouraging you to bring a dish to share. We will have games and fun planned for all ages. Do not miss the chance to hang out with your church family. Call Julie, 324-4881, with any comments, questions or ideas!



Women's Fellowship



Women's Fellowship is starting their summer fun schedule by going to different restaurants to have lunch and conversation. We will meet at church on THURSDAY, June 9, at 11 a.m. and return after the meal. If you need a ride please call Julie at 324-4881 or Marilyn at 324-4967. All are welcome!

Happy Birthday!



06/01 Harriet Laird, Kayla Ebert

06/02 Jean Peters

06/03 Gerald Graunke, Kim Gerritson

06/05 Jacob Teletzke

06/06 Deborah Vande Zande, Marcia Stancer, Ashley Baker-Bade, Abby Hartgerink, Dick Malter

06/07 Lindsey Markus, Kash Lemmenes

06/08 Mark Roll, Alene Heeringa, Julie Flegner, Laura Leu, Alyssa

Thomas, Leah Martens

06/09 Jeni Giedd, Michael Van Buren, Jane Vellema

06/10 Hannah Greenfield, Livia Westhuis

06/11 Samantha Haas, Jak Lenz

06/12 Judy Kuzulka, Dennis Jaeger

06/13 Vicky Stelsel

06/14 Shawn Turnes, David Hull, Todd Kobishop

06/15 Loretta Claggett, Devan Vossekuil, Austin Kobishop, Wesley Ramage

06/17 Angie Cook

06/18 Gary Streekstra, Cindi TeBeest

06/20 Mark Nickel

06/21 Abigail Fisher, Jean Meyer

06/22 Bob Engelhardt

06/23 Jeff Meyer, Max Lenz, Jason Vande Zande, Grace Browne, Sally Schafer, David Mischler

06/24 Rose Baker

06/25 August Haas, Calvin Devogel, Barbara Loomans, Ann Fisher

06/26 Debra Weyer

06/27 Carl Wojahn

06/28 Benjamin Brewer, Benjamin Lund, Warren Mecklenberg

06/29 Kayleigh Krohn

06/30 Tim Vanderkin, Fred Krohn

If you want to change the world, don't just give . . . INVEST!

Missions

A New Mission: Micro-financing to help alleviate poverty

The U-CC Mission Board would like to support the KIVA nonprofit organization by financing a modest micro-loan for one or more individuals identified on the KIVA.org website. Generally, these micro-loans help alleviate poverty conditions around the world by empowering small business entrepreneurs. After a loan has been repaid, lenders can withdraw the original investment or reinvest their money in a new loan.

If any U-CC members are interested in joining the Mission Board in a microfinance project, an interest group could be formed in order to combine small, individual contributions that could collectively support one or more micro-loans.

Please contact Kathy Cosgrove at 324-2930 for more information or to express an interest in participating in a micro-loan activity.

Treasurer's Report

How are you doing on the 6 month challenge? Have you missed any of that additional money you have been giving? I have seen an increase in contributions which is fantastic! Don't ever think, "Oh, my \$2 isn't going to make a difference."...because it does. **Any** amount that you give to your Church is greatly appreciated and needed. Currently we are still struggling. Over the past 2 weeks we are short \$2,200, which means when paying bills, some of the funds may have to be borrowed from our revolving loan, which is not helping us out in the long run, it is a short term fix. In your weekly bulletins, some of you may have already noticed the new information being provided. In each bulletin you will see the expenses and contributions for the previous week. If you are ever curious and want more information on the financials please let me know. I would be happy to include more information in the bulletins and/or answer any questions you may have. One more quick note: **West Doors Project** is in need of approximately \$6,500. The current fund balance is \$18,610.91 and we need an estimated \$25,000. Please continue to contribute to this much needed improvement.

Chrissy Whitehouse

| Date | Deacon on Duty | Offering |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| June 5 | Linda O'Donovan | Nick Kuzulka |
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Community Event

The WAHS girls Spanish group will be hosting a fundraiser event at the Waupun Pizza Ranch on June 6 from 4:30-close. Please come out and show your support for this wonderful group of girls. They will be going to Mexico next Spring to explore and learn about the Mexican Culture by going to the Ruins and grottos and even spending a day in a local school. So, PLEASE come out and help these girls reach their goal.



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Graduation Sunday 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship Hour | 6 6:30 pm Christian Ed. | 7 6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Team | 8 | 9 11:00 am Women's Fellowship | 10 | 11 |
| 12 8:30 am Worship Service 9:15 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Fellowship Hour | 13 6:30 pm Trustees | 14 6:00 pm Diaconate | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Father's Day 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship Hour Food Pantry Sale after service  | 20 Newsletter Articles Due | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 8:30 am SHARE |
| 26 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship Hour | 27 | 28 7:00 pm Book Club | 29 | 30 | | |



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Join Your Church Family on

The U-CC now has a facebook group. Join us won't you? Merely follow the link on our website We're waiting for you there!



VBS- Join us on Aug. 12, from 8:00-4:00, in this café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, and chalkboard menus to explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for daily living.



Springtime, a time for growth in season and spirit.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."
-Ecclesiastes 3:1

Services Online

We know you can't



always make it to church and so to feed your soul for the week, services are available online, under the worship tab of our website, www.uccwaupun.net, or CD format available in the fellowship hall.

Support Your Church Online

Union-Congregational Church is pleased to offer congregation friends and members the convenient option of making donations right on the church's website at:



www.uccwaupun.net. All info. provided online is kept strictly confidential.