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Pilgrim Messenger

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 2

10:00 am at Green Lake Pilgrim Center with Holy Communion
—ONE SERVICE—

Sunday, October 9

Special CROP Walk Offering
8:00 am Media Service
9:30 am Traditional Service with 5th Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, October 16

Food Pantry Sale following both services
8:00 am Media Service
9:30 am Traditional Service

Sunday, October 23

8:00 am Media Service
9:30 am Traditional Service

Sunday, October 30

8:00 am Media Service
8:34am—8:45am & 9:15am—9:25am
Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
9:30 am Traditional Service

Sunday, November 6

Each One Bring One Sunday
8:00 am Media Service with Holy Communion
9:30 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Mission Statement

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



Special points of interest:

- **Sunday, October 2**
Pilgrim Center Worship service
- **Tuesday, October 4**
Rummage Sale 12 pm—6 pm
- **Wednesday, October 5**
Rummage Sale 8 am-6 pm
- **Sunday, October 9**
5th Grade Bible Presentation & Special CROP offering
- **Saturday, October 15**
Waupun CROP Walk 9:00 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church
- **Sunday, October 16**
Food Pantry Sale
- **Wednesday, October 19**
Movie Night "Soul Surfer" 6pm
- **Saturday, October 29**
Halloween Party 6 –8 pm
- **Sunday, October 30**
UNICEF Trick or Treat

Mission Spotlight

Mission Opportunities in October:

- **Baby Care Kit Donation**
ending 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
- **CROP Special Offering**
Sunday, October. 9
- **Waupun CROP Walk**
Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church
- **Food Pantry Food Sale**
Sunday, October 16
Following both services 111 items, at a value of \$111.00, will be offered for sale to jump start our Nov Mission: 1 food drive

The Spiritual Corner



From Your Pastor's Pen: A new program year has begun at Union-Congregational and we're off and running! It is an exciting time and it is good to be back into full swing! It's always good to be busy with each other! And where there is business and life there is inevitably change, as change is inseparable from life. Change is also a sign of vitality, and from our faith perspective, a sign that the Still Speaking God is doing a new thing among us for which we cannot not but be grateful.

That being said, we are all familiar with how times of transition require a bit more from us, things like perspective, patience and flexibility, which are good things when we think about it. When change occurs within the Church we perhaps forget that change has always been evidence that God is moving in our midst. For example, when Stephen, the first apostle, started preaching about Jesus and the implications of faithfulness people panicked before truly understanding what was unfolding.

*¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us."*¹⁵ *And all who sat in the council looked intently at [Stephen], and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel (Acts 6: 13,14).*

Did you notice that last bit? When the council calmed down and took a second look, Stephen appeared to them as an angel. I like that! They then, in other words, saw God at work right before them! Their concentration was then on God, not the change.

Let's look at where God may be at work in our new Sunday morning schedule. Families are now able to worship as a family as Sunday School is not running at the same time as worship. And families are now able to choose either of two types of worship experiences at two different times of the morning. Sunday School teachers are now able to attend worship! And they too now have the flexibility of choosing between two different types of worship. The new schedule now makes a common fellowship hour possible—people may linger after the first service and come early for the second service. People who regularly attend either of our two services now have an opportunity to cross paths on a weekly basis, building relationships and community. Also, it is hoped that in the near future I and other adult leaders will be leading "adult discussion opportunities" between the services when children are in Sunday School. A regular discussion group opens up all kinds of exciting possibilities.

We have much to share, much to enter into together, much to experience and be an active part in. United as the body of Christ we can make our program year truly rewarding. May everyone's face appear as the face of an angel—Pastor Mark



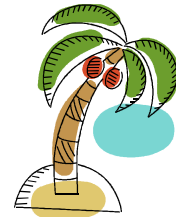
Thought to Ponder: The following is a testimony of a high flier in the circus! "Once you know the net below will catch you, you stop worrying about failure. You actually learn to fly more successfully! What I mean is, you concentrate on catching the trapeze swinging toward you and not on falling. You're able to do this because repeated falls in the past have convinced you that the net is strong and reliable when you do fall. The rope in the net hurts only if you stiffen up and resist it. The result of knowing how to fall and knowing you'll be caught by the net produces a mysterious confidence and daring on the trapeze: You fall less, yet each fall makes you risk more!"

God never promises we won't fall. But God does encourage us to risk all for the coming kingdom of God. Are we high fliers held secure by the mysterious confidence that God is with us? Has our trust in God been bolstered by our repeated falls? Is our goal each day to learn to fly by the grace of God ever more successfully?

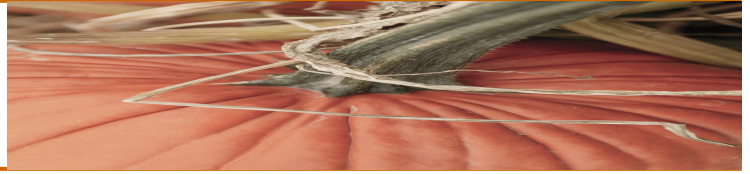


Heavenly Humor

There were two men shipwrecked on this island. The minute they got on to the island one of them started screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!" The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy, "You don't understand, I make \$100,000 a week....we'll get found soon" The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?!? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to DIE!!!" The second man answered, "You just don't get it, do you: I make \$100,000 a week, and I tithe ten percent of that \$100,000 each week to my church--I give \$10,000 each week to my church." The First Man, still dumbfounded said, "I still don't understand!" The Second Man said: "Listen, I said to relax, I TITHE \$10,000 a week to my church, BELIEVE ME, My pastor will find me!"



Program News



Mission: 1

**Union-Congregational Church
joins the nation-wide
United Church of Christ mission
for 11 powerful days in November**

11.1.11 – 11.11.11

Each family will be challenged:

- To donate 11 items for the Waupun Food Pantry
- To donate \$11 or up to \$111 to Neighbors In Need
- To write 1 or more letters to Congress for the alleviation of world hunger



Book Club Book club is open to all women who enjoy reading.

We meet the 4th Tues of each month at 7pm. This month's book discussion is from the book "The Lonely Polygamist" by Brady Udall. We will meet on Oct 25 at Church hosted by Amy Pike. For more info call Sandra 324-8500.



Women's Fellowship Women's Fellowship will continue with our lunch schedule. We will meet for lunch on Oct. 12th at 11am. Place to be determined. Hope to see you there :)



CROP Walk

The CROP Walk is an event where people choose to take a stand against hunger in our world and in our local communities. Together, we can raise awareness and funds for this important cause.

Some people might wonder...what's the point of walking? Hungry people in developing countries can walk as much as six miles per day to get food, water and fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to show that we care and want to end their hunger.

In the last 20 years, CROP walks have raised more than \$294 million to help people around the world and people just down your block who are struggling to feed their families. Please help us in helping others to attain this very basic human need.

The walk is on Saturday, October 15 and registration starts at 8:30 am at St. Joseph's Church in Waupun. There will be a light breakfast served, then the walk will begin at 9 am. You can choose to walk 1 mile, 3 mile or 5 mile routes. If you are interested in walking with us, please contact Leslie Ganske at 920-319-1591 or lesliej76@att.net . I hope to hear from you soon! God bless!



Come join the U-CC Choir! The choir practices on Sundays at 8:30 am and sings at 9:30 am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month. Any questions or if your interested you may call Deb Manchester at 324-5038. There are great seats waiting for you!



Community Table Thank You! A special thank you goes out to everyone who helped to make our Sept. 30th Community Table a successful mission. Food was donated, desserts were baked, and the meal was prepared and served, reaching out to neighbors in our community. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!



Meals on Wheels Thank You!

A special "Thank You" for the people who participated during the month of August for "Meals on Wheels": Bob & Kathy Cosgrove, Jim & Harriet Laird, Deb VandeZande, Ardell Stelsel, Merrill & Norma Smith, Jim & Winnie Smith, Connie & Dick White, Jim Schultz



Program News

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Ley Chapel Worship Service Sun., Oct. 2

Don't forget this very special worship service at the Ley Chapel, Pilgrim Center on Sunday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be served at the chapel with only one service that Sunday. Coffee and sweets will be provided after the service. Be sure to bring a friend!



Are you a Wisconsin snow bird headed for warmer weather?



Please let the church office know if you will be moving to warmer weather during the cold months. This way you can keep getting church mailings while your staying warm.

Thank You From Your Stewardship Committee



Again, our UCC family came through with great contributions of time, talent and treasure for our 2nd annual silent auction. Close to \$1700.00 was raised this year with the help of the Christian Ed raffles held during the Reunion Sunday festivities. The money raised will be split between the doors project and the Christian Home. Also thanks to Diaconate and Christian Ed for the great job planning and arranging an excellent Reunion Sunday!

But a BIG thank you to all who donated and to all that bid (even if you weren't the high bidder) that made this a success! Plans are to do this again next year so start thinking of what time, talent or treasure you may want to share with us then.

Card of Thanks: Your prayers, kindness and words of comfort during a very difficult time in our lives will be remembered forever. A special thanks to Pastor Mark, Werner-Harmsen funeral directors and Ron and Jean Vande Zande for making the memorial service comforting and filled with compassion. Thanks to all who came to show support, who gave flowers or contributed to the memorial fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the ladies who prepared and served the luncheon. Thanks to Home Care for their love and concern. Our deepest gratitude to all of our family and friends.

*Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory
no one can steal.*



The family of Milan Stelsel

Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale

The Women's Fellowship Rummage sale will start on Oct. 2nd with set up. Oct. 3rd will be another set up day. Oct. 4th the sale will start at noon-6pm. October 5th 8am-6pm. We are looking for rummage and for people to help set up and sell. We are also looking for bakers for the bake sale. Proceeds will go to help fund the family emergency fund.



Treasurer's Report I have lots of numbers for all of you this month!

West Door contributions are still coming in at approximately \$5-\$75 per week. Keep 'em coming in! Also please remember to contribute to the parking lot project. The total expense for that was approximately \$2,200.00.

Silent Auction raised \$1,696.50. \$848.25 will go to West Doors and \$848.25 will be given to the Christian Home.

The Brat Fry raised \$1,518.66, expenses were \$537.85 leaving \$980.81 for the Christian Ed Fund. Revolving loan is currently at \$48,500.00 borrowed to date.



Christian Education Corner



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

On Sunday, October 30, the Christian Education Committee would like to invite the Sunday school children to dress up in their Halloween costumes to trick-or-treat for UNICEF. Children will be trick-or-treating following the 8:00am service from 8:34-8:45 and preceding the 9:30 service from 9:15-9:25.

Please be prepared by bringing your coins, dollars and even your checks to support this honored tradition and worthwhile cause. **THANK YOU!**



Movie Night and Discussion

The Christian Education Comm. is inviting you to join us for the showing of *Soul Surfer* (Rated PG) on Wednesday, October 19th at 6pm.

Soul Surfer is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. The film features an all-star cast, including Anna Sophia Robb and Helen Hunt, with Carrie Underwood in her film debut, and Dennis Quaid

This movie is a great movie for children of all ages and all are welcome. There is one quick scene of the movie showing the shark attack, giving it the PG rating. Although this scene is not very intense, it may scare small children. If you choose to attend, I will let you know at which point you may wish to excuse yourself for a couple of minutes.

Feel free to bring a small snack and beverage for yourself. After the movie there will be a discussion. Also, the nursery will be staffed upon request. Please call the office to sign up or there will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you!



A Great Big Thank You!

Plaster the Pastor and Others another "HIT"!



\$123 was raised as people vied for the opportunity to throw a pie at Pastor Mark, Kevin Laird, John O'Donovan, and Keith Wojahn. Thank you to all who supported the event and to those brave souls who took the "hit"!

Safe Sanctuary Background Checks

Did you know that U-CC has a Safe Sanctuary policy in place? Are you interested in working with our youth and children? If so, please stop by the office to pick up a copy of the policy along with an application for a background check. Even if your not presently involved in our young people but there is a possibility that you maybe in the future please take this opportunity to fill out an application.



Fifth Graders will be presented with a new Youth Study Bible on Sunday October 9th during the 9:30 service.

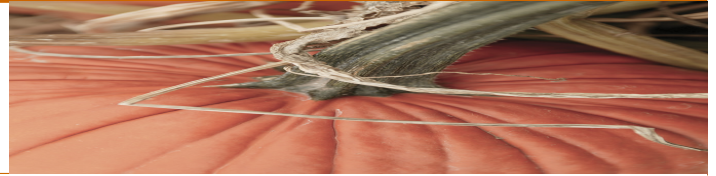


3rd ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join us for a bit of Halloween fun from 6-8pm on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th. It was moved to Saturday this year because, due to changes in the Wapun Area School District, the kids will have school the next day and this way kids are welcome to come over right after Trick-or-Treating, still in their costumes. Dinner will even be provided! Watch the bulletins for more details.



October Birthdays and Volunteers



Happy Birthday!



- 10/01 Don Cook, Julie Schmidt, Ben Heeringa, Ashton Sullivan, Grant Tebeest
- 10/02 Jean Wallendal, Genevieve Ganske
- 10/03 Shelly Meyer
- 10/04 Jeremy Staniec, Felicia Stelsel, Faye Austin
- 10/05 Elton Deboer, Darwin Vande Zande, Garry Fisher, Susan Wiggins
- 10/06 Dawn Greenfield, Ryan Groenewold, Mike Bausch
- 10/07 David Holtan, Carly Bronkhorst, Taylor Holbach
- 10/09 Bob Cosgrove, Kevin Winn, Annika Devogel

- 10/10 Clint Pluim, Caden Bronkhorst, Kacy Kamphuis
- 10/11 Emilia Hurst
- 10/12 Laurie Schmidt
- 10/13 Kris Mathison, James Wilson
- 10/14 Chad Riter, Jessi Winn, Noah Kaufman, Adam Vanderkin
- 10/15 Sophie Vande Slunt
- 10/16 Ardell Stelsel, Julie Bronkhorst, Kaitlyn Boscaljon
- 10/17 Corey Krohn
- 10/18 Karen Evans, Abe Hartgerink, Bradyn Lund, Kylie Pluim
- 10/20 John Turnes
- 10/21 George Yagler
- 10/22 Benjamin Wojahn, Jake Gerrits

- 10/24 Edna Cleveland, Karen Yagler, Devin Wallendal, Macie McGinnis, Beth Whiting
- 10/26 Karen Flier, Melissa Brewer, Levi Bossenbroek
- 10/27 Jacob Holbach, Linn Whiting
- 10/28 Dan Buchholz, Samantha Hartgerink, Zachary Meyer
- 10/29 Cheri Baker, Kassie Leu, Opal Kuzulka, Kayla Lund
- 10/30 Kathy Cosgrove, Pamela Baker
- 10/31 Sandy Firlus, Kris Bentley



Mark your calendars now for the Annual Church Budget Meeting Sunday November 13 at 8:45 a.m.



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



	<u>Deacon on Duty</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<u>October 2</u>	Nancy Wanish	To be Announced	Chris Van Buren	To be Announced
<u>October 9</u>	Wayne Buteyn	To be Announced	Nick Kuzulka	To be Announced
<u>October 16</u>	Jim Smith	To be Announced	Bob Cosgrove	To be Announced
<u>October 23</u>	Sue Wiggins	To be Announced	Bill Wiggins	To be Announced
<u>October 30</u>	Don Cook	To be Announced	Cindi Wojahn	To be Announced

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>2 World Communion Sun. Pilgrim Center 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>  <p>Rummage Sale Set Up</p> 	<p>3 Christian Ed 6:00 pm</p> <p>Rummage Sale Set Up</p> 	<p>4 Media Team 6:30 pm</p> <p>Rummage Sale 12-6</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Rummage Sale 8-6</p> 	6	7	8
<p>9 Pastor Appreciation Day Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 8:30 am</p> <p>Traditional Service with 5th Grade Bible Presentation</p>  <p>9:30 am</p> <p>Special CROP Walk Offering during both services</p> 	<p>10 Trustees 6:30 pm</p>	<p>11 Diaconate 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Women's Fellowship 11:00 am</p>	13	14	<p>15 CROP Walk 9:00 am St. Joseph's Catholic Church</p> 
<p>16 Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am</p> <p>Food Pantry Food Sale to follow both services</p> 	<p>17 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>18 Pastoral Relations 6:45 pm</p>	<p>19 Movie Night 6:00 pm "Soul Surfer"</p> 	20	21	<p>22 SHARE 8:30 am</p>
<p>23 Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am</p>	24	<p>25 Newsletter Assembly 8:30 am</p>	26	27	28	<p>29 Halloween Party 6-8 pm</p> 
<p>30 Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Unicef Trick or Treating 8:34 am-8:45 am & 9:15 am-9:25 am Traditional Service 9:30 am</p> 	<p>31 Happy Halloween</p> 					



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Sound Board Training Offered Do you seek to serve your Church in this way? Please contact either Pastor Mark or Nick Kuzulka (324-5210). Nick will then schedule a time with you to share his technical expertise. You then will have the necessary skills to operate the sound board and media equipment at one of our two services.



Services Online We know you can't always make it to church and so to feed your soul for the week, we now have our services available online, under the worship tab of our website, www.uccwaupun.net, or on a CD. CD's are also available in the fellowship hall.



Support Your Church Online U-CC 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 information provided online is kept strictly confidential.



* **Join Your Church Family on** **facebook** *
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Turning Leaves.
Turning hearts.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God."

PSALM 51:10

