

The Church Mouse – August 2017

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Beloved,

Most of you know I have returned from two weeks of vacation. John and I took some short trips and best of all, spent some time with our precious granddaughter, Clementine. I am so very thankful to the Revs. Mark Schowalter, Dale Bishop and Ann Wahlers for leading worship during my time away. I've always felt that time off was a good thing, if for no other reason than "absence makes the heart grow stronger." But after the privilege of reading their sermons I'm fearful that you might be asking, "Oh, were you gone?"

Our church will be celebrating our 130th anniversary this year. At our 125th anniversary we made a commitment to always honor our past and to step together into God's future together, and I am very proud that we have done just that in these five years. As you remember, at our budget meeting in September 2016 we voted to suspend those portions of our Constitution that dealt with the governance of our church. The reason for doing so was to take the next year as a time to investigate, reassess and re-evaluate. I could not be more grateful for your trust in allowing us to go forward.

In the first quarter of 2017, the Moderator Team and I continued with work that had already begun in dialoging with other church lay leaders and clergy colleagues, along with Association and Conference leaders to learn how the ministry of governance is used most effectively in congregations of our similar size and demographic.

In the second quarter the entire Church Council and Moderator Team completed a nine-week study entitled Shift: The Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church. This study was recommended to us by the Wisconsin Conference and was written by Mark Tidsworth, a church consultant who specializes in adaptive changes that should be made so that our church will thrive as we continue to be Christ's disciples in the future.

Also in the 1st and 2nd quarters, each Board and Standing Committee examined our Mission Statement ... "empowered by the Holy Spirit and with the help of God, we open our doors and hearts to all, in service and love as modeled by Jesus Christ" to determine if this is the overarching rationale behind each decision we are making. In other words, do our mission efforts truly open our doors and hearts to all in service and love? Can the same be said for our faith formation curriculum for both youth and adults? Is our budget formulated with this mission statement in mind? They examined their minutes from the previous year to determine what was once very valuable, but may now no longer be so ... and to envision where they feel called towards new ministries and/or expand existing ones. In other words, to move from "maintenance to mission."

In the third quarter we developed a Governance Review Committee to analyze our existing form of governance and to make suggestions for change based on their acquired knowledge and experience. That group (Joy Turpin, Doug Malinsky, Dennis Colling, Paula Hendrickson, Barb Helmick and I) continues to meet. Our Council is in the process of developing a Vision Statement to supplement our Mission Statement ... something that is much more specific to steer us in a particular direction and that specifies what we hope to accomplish.

Our plan for the fourth quarter is to continue that work with the goal of presenting to you our suggestions at the September 2017 Budget Meeting. Your input is crucial so we will offer a number of listening and Q&A sessions before anything is finalized for a vote at our next Annual Meeting in January 2018.

I want to close by sharing with you this anonymous rhyme that I received from someone recently.

*Don't be concerned nor be surprised
if what you do is criticized.
For there are always those who can
find fault with every different plan.
Mistakes are made, I don't deny,
but only made by folks who TRY.*

I ask for your continued trust and prayers.

Peace, grace and love,

Pastor Mary Anne

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit and with the help of God, we open our doors and hearts to all in service and love, as modeled by Jesus Christ.”

(Mission Statement of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River, WI)

Moderator's Report - August

My grandfather, the Reverend Oliver C. Chapin, was the first resident pastor of the Phelps Congregational Church. His wife, Frida Axt, aka 'Grandma Chapin', wrote several autobiographical short stories. The Reverend Dale Bishop's sermon of July 16th, with its references to parables and seed sowing, brought this story to mind. I thought I would share it as a 'human interest' piece for you this month. The year is 1921.

Proddy by Mrs. O. C. Chapin

Did you ever pray for a pig? Well I did, and I'll tell you about it.

John and I had always lived in the city but now, here we were two years after we were married on a farm all our very own just outside of Phelps in northern Wisconsin. John was the first resident pastor ever on this field and we came fresh from a Chicago church and apartment to this lumber town with no church and a 'company house' for a home. Summer was fine. The country was beautiful. The blue lakes, rippling trout streams, trails through the pines; those were the things you noticed and you didn't mind the house. But the winters! My, they were cold! Many mornings our bread was frozen hard as a rock. But we lived there for two winters and then came our big opportunity to buy 'The Farm'.

'The Farm' meant 25 acres of land, the house, woodshed and barn with King, the horse, Daisy, the cow, and Tabby, the cat. Oh, I can tell you when we were settled we were proud of our home. John planned to clear land on Mondays, that's a minister's day off, and I had visions of raising chickens besides teaching Sunday school and leading Ladies' Aid meetings.

Before long, Prince the bulldog was added to our 'family' and one day when John came home after an afternoon of calling, he said "Martha, Leo the foreman at Camp 15, told me he had a couple of little pigs I could have for \$7. What do you say?"

"Why John, we don't know the first things about pigs."

"Nothing to it. Leo said all you do is feed them."

Well, anyway, next morning we drove up Military Road to buy the pigs. We had the bacon and hams all smoked, the sausages all made, the lard all rendered in our imagination and conversation on that bright April morning. The pigs were duly caught, put into burlap sacks and put in the back of the car. How they did grunt and squeal and the more they squealed the more we enjoyed it. When we got home we put them in the pen John had fixed for them and then fed them and watched them devour the food.

"Well," said John, "We've got names for all the rest of our stock (and I could just hear the pride in his voice when he said, 'stock'), what are we going to name these, Martha?"

"I've already got a name for the girl pig," I said, "She's Susie, but what to name the boy, I don't know."

I took several trips down the hill that afternoon to see how Susie and her brother were getting along and they seemed perfectly at home and happy. That night John and I went to the *Chautauqua in town, and it was late when we got home.

"I'll run in and get the flashlight," said John, "then let's go down and see if the pigs are all right for the night." John took the light and climbed over the fence and flashed it into the pig pen. "Are they alright?" I called. At first John didn't say anything. Then he said kind of slowly, "Susie is here, but I don't see the other one anywhere." Well, the search began.

We looked under every bush in the pig yard. Finally we scoured part of the pasture. "Guess it's no use in the dark," said John, "I'll get up at break of day and look some more."

That was on a Friday. But evening of the next day came and still there was no sign of Susie's brother. "He's just gone," said John. I didn't say anything, I just felt so bad. But that night after John and I were through saying our prayers, I just prayed a little prayer that only God and I knew about, and I asked him to send us back our pig. I felt better after that and fell asleep.

The next morning being Sunday is always a busy one in a minister's family, but when the minister is a home missionary with four preaching services at different places, he just has to keep on the jump. I'd hardly thought about the lost pig, I was so busy and we were just coming out the back door to go to our first Sunday school when Elsie, our nearest neighbor's girl came running to the driveway. She always rode to Sunday school with us, but before she was even near us she called out, (cont'd ...)

AUGUST CHOIR SCHEDULE
Rehearse at 8:30 a.m.
to sing at the 10:00 service
AUGUST 6th and 20th



“Say, did you folks lose a pig?” My heart just jumped. “You bet we did! Have you seen him?” I answered.

“Sure,” replied Elsie, “some of the city folks that’s staying at our place saw something swimming out in the lake yesterday afternoon. They thought it was an antelope and took shot at it. But they missed. So they got into the boat and rowed out to see what it was and when they got to it, it was a little pig with just its ears and nose out of the water. They hauled it into the boat and we put it in a box on the porch and got it all wrapped up and we give it some warm milk and it’s just swell.”

Well John just forgot that Sunday school was going to start in 15 minutes and ran down that driveway and over to Larson’s and in a few minutes he was coming up that same driveway again carrying that little pig in his arms ... and him with his Sunday suit on.

So you see my prayer was answered and what’s more, I had a name for our little boy pig. His name was ‘Proddy’, for wasn’t he the prodigal son who went into a far country?

**Chautauqua was an adult education movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Chautauqua assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural American until the mid-1920s. The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers and specialists of the day. Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was quoted as saying that Chautauqua is, “the most American thing in American.”*

Respectfully yours, Joy Turpin, Co-Moderator



The Mindfulness Group

will continue to meet the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays, August 2nd & 16th at 5:30-6:30 p.m.** in the **UCC Music Room**, free of charge. It is great to have a group of people coming together to explore this topic and learning to smell the roses in the midst of daily life. We continue to read and reread Thich Naht Hahn’s Peace is Every Breath and we are looking at the next 10 pages for next time, up to page 61 “Awareness of the Store Consciousness.” See you then!

Kate & Jamie Remme, 715-480-4772

August 27 - UNITY SUNDAY
Single service at 9 a.m.
celebrating 130 years!



Please take a few minutes to look at the bulletin board in the hallway featuring pictures of by-gone years!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 1	Holly Farrell
Aug. 2	Sally Lippert
Aug. 3	Nancy Smart
Aug. 4	Lily Tyler
Aug. 5	Kathy Breitzman Jill Brunstad Debbie Preuhs
Aug. 7	Linda Brainard Sam Welhoefer
Aug. 8	Kathy Breitzman Mark Holperin
Aug. 11	Jo Langley
Aug. 16	Julie Carlson
Aug. 17	Pam Marion
Aug. 18	Woody Chenault Tucker Wittkopf
Aug. 20	Pastor Mary Anne
Aug. 21	Royce Remme
Aug. 23	Emily Krusack Sue Sharrow
Aug. 24	Ken Fox Pat Mayo
Aug. 25	Diane Gagliano
Aug. 29	Ken Lynch
Aug. 30	Deb Lauritzen
Sept. 2	Carol Burgy Marilyn Preisler
Sept. 3	Gregg Nesbitt
Sept. 5	Fred Lindberg
Sept. 7	Jane Eaton-Nyman Joe Turpin
Sept 4	Molly Korinek
Sept 8	Grace Wittkopf

Do you or someone in your family have an August/early September birthday that isn't listed? Call the church office and we'll add you to our list. *You don't have to reveal your birth year!*

Our church IS accessible to ALL!

Wheelchair accessibility

Handicap parking area

Handicap restrooms for both men and women

A unisex handicap restroom in the lower level of the building

Ramp accessibility to altar



To Our Church Family,

LOVE always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.
1 Corinthians 13:7



If you know of someone who would benefit from a call, visit, or a card, please let Pastor Mary Anne or a Befriender know.

Nursery care is not available downstairs during the summer worship services.

Activity/quiet bags are available in the entry/coat area for children.

Enjoy the worship service with your family!



The UCC Reading Group is taking a hiatus during the summer months and will be meeting again in September.

Watch for up-coming book announcements and dates in the Sunday bulletin and Church Mouse.

How to beat the heat

1. Refresh your mind by reading the good news in the Bible.
2. Face the billowy breeze of the Holy Spirit.
3. Swim continually in God's love.
4. Shower yourself with God's beautiful blessings.
5. Drink from the springs of living water that will quench your thirst forever.
6. Keep cool and calm in the middle of an argument.
7. When you receive lemons, make tasty lemonade.
8. Break the ice with someone with whom you are holding a grudge.
9. Create a pleasant climate in your home where joy can grow.
10. Splash on all of God's gifts and become a sweet smelling fragrance.



CRANBERRY FEST LUNCHEON IS COMING!



Our Cranberry Fest Luncheon is scheduled for **Saturday, October 7th, 2017, from 11:00 - 1:00.** Although this event is sponsored by Women's Fellowship of First Congregational UCC, it involves our entire church. Many guests from surrounding communities and from out of state look forward to our luncheon, enjoying the much-loved Turkey Casserole and trimmings!

Our church is conveniently one of the drop-off and pick-up corners for the bus shuttle going to the Vilas County Fairgrounds where 300 Arts-N-Craft booths can be visited.

The "Lake Country Weavers & Fiber Art Show & Sale" will be on the upper level of our church from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Art work will be on display and for sale.

CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

A meeting of sharing suggestions and thoughts for committee chairs and all members of Women's Fellowship is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WE NEED MANY HELPING HANDS BEFORE THE LUNCHEON AND ON SATURDAY.

Bakers are needed for cranberry muffins, cookies and bars and salad makers for the cranberry Jell-O salads. We need people to cut oranges, celery, prepare lettuce and to make 18 pans of turkey casserole. Others are needed to set up tables and chairs, to set tables, create fresh cranberry centerpieces and to greet guests at the ticket table. We need someone to bake the turkey casseroles, to cut Jell-O, fill the plates and waiters and hosts to serve.

AS YOU CAN SEE, MANY HANDS ARE NEEDED! THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

Sign-up sheets will be available beginning on "Unity Sunday" — August 27th — and throughout September. Look for them on the back counter in the sanctuary or in the church office.

PLEASE SIGN UP
OCTOBER 7th WILL BE HERE SOON!

THANK YOU!

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Coordinators

Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, September 12th, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY BAKERS

Date	7:30 Service	10:00 Service
August 6	Shirley Thompson	Jo Langley Linda Cole
August 13	Holly Farrell	Mary Lou Congdon Donna DePape/Ingrid Stephan
August 20	Sandy Kaitchuck	Carol Smart Arlene Turk
August 27	UNITY SUNDAY, SINGLE SERVICE AT 9 A.M. followed by a brunch potluck in Fellowship Hall CELEBRATING OUR 130TH BIRTHDAY!	



All coins received in the offering plates are put into the Local Missions/Melody of Compassion Fund and are greatly appreciated. Keep the "melody" ringing!



JOIN US FOR COFFEE IN THE CHURCH PARLOR EVERY SUNDAY!
 We use biodegradable paper cups!



Equal Exchange ORGANIC COFFEE and TEAS are available in the church office.
 Decaf coffee: \$8.50
 Regular: \$7.50
 2 lb. bags of coffee beans: \$18.60
 Green tea: \$4
 Hot chocolate: \$7



AUGUST Scripture Readers

7:30 10:00

August 6	Paula Hendrickson	Phil Jensen
August 13	Carlton Schroeder	Nancy Diepenbrock
August 20	Char Thomson	Mark Holperin
August 27	UNITY SUNDAY - single service at 9 a.m.	

Mary Ann Hansen

Acolytes take a break

during the summer months.



Thank you for wearing your name tag and for signing the pew pad during Sunday worship.



AUGUST 27th is "UNITY SUNDAY"
Single service at 9:00 a.m.

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WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!

1st Congregational UCC

is 130 YEARS OLD

August 27, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Brunch Potluck & Missions Fair

Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

September is fast approaching and I am looking forward to having our youth back in the building. Parents will be receiving letters soon about confirmation classes and Faith Formation for our younger group.

Thought for the month: Always *pray* to have eyes that see the **best**, a heart that *forgives* the worst, a mind that *forgets* the bad, and a soul that never loses **faith**.

May you all have an August of many blessings and joy!

Sharon R. Breit, Christian Education Director



Everyone has inside himself a piece of good news!
The good news is that you really don't know:
How great you can be
How much you can love
What you can accomplish and
What your potential is.
How can you top good news like that?

*Thanks to everyone who contributed to the special
Local Missions offering on July 9th.*

We received \$1,137.00.



*"And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,
let each exercise them ..."* Romans 12: 6

Here is a hypothetical illustration: a small child enters a room carrying a glass of water. The glass slips out of the child's hand, falls to the floor and shatters. The prophet's response to the accident is, "That's what happens when you are not careful." The servant's response is, "Let me help you clean it up."

The teacher's response is, "The reason you dropped the glass was because you were only holding it with one hand and that the outside of the glass was slippery and wet." The exhorter says, "Next time be just a little more careful. Carry it a little more cautiously, remembering what just happened so that it does not happen again." The gift-giver says, "You know, I was downtown yesterday and bought glasses just like that. Let me replace the one you broke." The mercy-extender responds, "Don't feel too badly. It could happen to anyone. It's all right." The leader knows, depending on the child's response, whom to call in to minister to the child.

How would you respond?

Contributions needed for Weekend Backpack project

According to census information, 58% of children under the age of 18 in Vilas County are at or below the poverty line. These children get most of their meals at school and go without food on the weekends.

The Board of Missions is encouraging the congregation to help alleviate that situation by participating in a special collection during September in partnership with Eagle River Elementary, Land O Lakes Elementary, and St. Germain Elementary, and with other area churches we will help provide meals through the "Weekend Backpack" project.

Backpacks are sent home on Friday with "child-friendly, easy-to-prepare" food items that might not be the most nutritious, but would provide the necessary calories to help eliminate a child's hunger. Many of the parents are working several minimum wage jobs, living in poor conditions and struggling to feed their children. The program began in March 2015 and currently serves more than 40+ elementary-aged children in the Northland Pines School District year around.

Smaller sized food items are appreciated; some receiving backpacks are preschoolers and larger size food items are too heavy for them to carry. Items need to be individually wrapped and easy for a young child to make. Financial contributions are also welcome.

<i>Individual fruit cups</i>	<i>Microwave mac and cheese</i>	<i>Microwave soups</i>
<i>Oatmeal packages</i>	<i>Individual cereal boxes</i>	<i>Graham crackers</i>
<i>Granola bars, breakfast and cereal bars</i>	<i>Spaghetti-O's w/meatballs, hotdogs or similar items</i>	<i>Peanut butter crackers</i>
<i>Small jars of peanut butter</i>	<i>Ramen noodles</i>	<i>Mini microwavable popcorn</i>
<i>Rice Krispie bars</i>	<i>Cheese crackers</i>	
<i>Gatorade, boxed non-perishable milk and other drinks not requiring refrigeration</i>		

Watch for the display in the hallway next to the church office.



***This year — 2017 —
marks the 130th anniversary
of our church as a
congregation in Eagle River.***

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PARLOR BOOKS

Hard cover - \$2 Paperback - \$1
We have children's books!
Hard cover: \$1
Paperback: 50 cents

*Clean your book shelves and bring
them in to fill our shelves!*



Coconut water: healthy drink or marketing scam? What is coconut water and what's behind the hype?

Coconut water is not water with coconut flavor added. It's the clear fluid inside the coconut, not to be confused with coconut milk, which is an emulsion of coconut water and fresh grated coconut. So coconut water is a type of juice.



Unlike other juices, unflavored coconut water is low in sugar and calories. Ounce for ounce, typical fruit juices have twice as many calories as unflavored coconut water. It is popularly used for rehydration after physical activity or an illness such as diarrhea. It's true that coconut water has natural electrolytes — such as potassium, sodium and manganese — but amounts can vary due to changes that occur in coconut water as the coconut matures.

While there's some evidence suggesting coconut water may be comparable to having a sports drink, there's also evidence that coconut water may be no more effective than drinking plain water. The potassium contained in coconut water can be a benefit to you. Americans typically don't get enough potassium. However, coconut water also contains sodium that might be a concern if you, like most Americans, already have too much sodium in your diet.

As a casual beverage, coconut water is considered safe. Coconut water does have some calories —45 to 60 calories in an 8-ounce serving. If these calories put you over your daily calorie limit, you could easily gain 5 - 6 pounds in a year. Weighing the pros and cons, plain water is still the smart choice.

Food allergy vs. food intolerance: what's the difference?

Physical reactions to certain foods are common, but most are caused by a food intolerance rather than a food allergy. A food intolerance can cause some of the same signs and symptoms as a food allergy, so people often confuse the two.

A true food allergy causes an immune system reaction that affects numerous organs in the body, causing a range of symptoms. In some cases, an allergic food reaction can be severe or life-threatening. In contrast, food intolerance symptoms are generally less serious and often limited to digestive problems.



If you have a food intolerance, you may be able to eat small amounts of the offending food without trouble. You may also be able to prevent a reaction. For example, if you have lactose intolerance, you may be able to drink lactose-free milk or take lactase enzyme pills (Lactaid) to aid digestion.

Causes of food intolerance include:

- **Absence of an enzyme needed to fully digest a food.** Lactose intolerance is a common example.
- **Irritable bowel syndrome** can cause cramping constipation and diarrhea.
- **Sensitivity to food additives.** Sulfites used to preserve dried fruit, canned goods and wine can trigger asthma attacks in sensitive people.
- **Recurring stress or psychological factors.** Sometimes the mere thought of a food may make you sick. The reason is not fully understood.
- **Celiac disease** has some features of a true food allergy because it involves the immune system. However, symptoms are mostly gastrointestinal, and people with celiac disease are not at risk of anaphylaxis. This chronic digestive condition is triggered eating gluten, a protein found in wheat and other grains.

If you have a reaction after eating a particular food, see your doctor to determine whether you have a food intolerance or a food allergy.

If you have a food allergy, you may be at risk of a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) — even if past reactions have been mild. Learn how to recognize a severe allergic reaction and know what to do if one occurs. You may need to carry an emergency epinephrine shot (Adrenaclick, Auvi-Q, EpiPen) for emergency self treatment.

If you have a food intolerance, your doctor may recommend steps to aid digestion of certain foods or to treat the underlying condition causing your reaction.

— Mayo Clinic News —

Flower Calendar (to reserve a Sunday)

Pick your Sunday and put your name on the Flower Calendar that is in the hall next to the elevator. If you want Nan to order flowers, put "order" after your name. She will order them from Horant's and the cost is \$30; you are welcome to take them home after the service. Your name will be in the bulletin and the name of the person or event you are celebrating if you let her know.

You may also bring flowers from another source and place them on the flower stand next to the piano, put your name on the calendar and let Nan know if you want additional information in the bulletin. Weather permitting, you are also welcome to bring garden flowers, or even an arrangement of wild flowers. Put your name on the flower calendar and let Nan know if there's a special person or event involved. What better way to honor anyone or anything than to share flowers with your church family on Sunday.

August openings: 20th & 27th

July sponsors....

July 2: Marilyn Preisler in memory of Duane's birth date

July 9: Dennis and Jenny Colling, in memory of Sean

July 16: Kirsten Palecek (daughter), in honor of Carlton and Barb Schroeder's 50th anniversary

July 23: the family of Kay Stroud in honor of her 90th birthday

July 30: the family of Mary Burgy in honor of her 94th birthday

Morbus Sabbaticus, or Sunday Sickness, is a disease peculiar to church members. The attack comes suddenly on Sundays. No symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well, awakes feeling well and eats a hearty breakfast. But about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. Then the patient usually feels better by noon and is able to function normally the rest of the day. None of the symptoms return until the next Sunday. The peculiar features are as follows:

1. It attacks members of the church.
2. It never makes its appearance except on Sunday.
3. The symptoms vary, but never interfere with appetite and sleep. It never lasts more than 24 hours.
4. It generally attacks the head of the family and continues to spread til every member is affected.
5. No physician is ever called.
6. It always proves fatal in the end to the soul.
7. No remedy is known for it except repentance and prayer.
8. A vital faith is the only antidote.

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Greeting card collections are on-going — ONLY the fronts of the cards ... birthday, anniversary, Christmas cards, thinking of you, Halloween, whatever you have. Bring them to the church office — we check them over, box them up and send them to St. Jude's where the cards are recycled to become NEW cards that help support their missions. *Thank you!*



On-going collections for:

CELL PHONES

HEARING AIDS



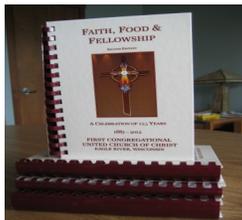
in the church parlor!



“Rock-a-bye Retreat”

is located in the hallway across from the conference room and designated to give parents with infants and very young children a quiet “retreat” to tend to their needs. There are diapers and wipes available; changing tables are in the nearby rest rooms.

NO RUMMAGE SALE THIS YEAR



Our church cookbooks are always available...

\$6.00

No tax! No limit!

YOGA IN FELLOWSHIP HALL! EVERY WEDNESDAY:



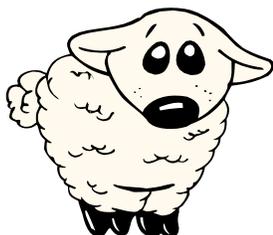
11:30 - 1 P.M.

Nicolet Fitness Classes Fellowship Hall
Easy Pace Aerobics (Mondays & Wednesdays) 9 - 10 a.m.

Qigong (chee gung) Mondays 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

To register: 715-365-4493 or 1-800-544-3039 ext. 4493

Gathering of the FLOCK



Pontoon Gathering, Thursday, August 24th, 6 p.m.

RSVP to Meg George: 715-477-1083

Email: george71@frontier.com

Bad weather? We'll meet indoors!



Our website:

www.eagleriverucc.org

Check it out!

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(715)891-8722 cell phone
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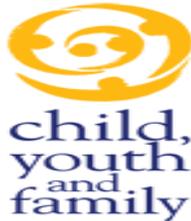
Nan's office hours:

Monday - Thursday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday: 7 a.m. - noon

The church offices are CLOSED Friday afternoons.

Email: office@eagleriverucc.org



Sharon Breit's office hours:

Tuesday: 10 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10 - 4 p.m.

Email: youthministry@eagleriverucc.org

CANCELLATION POLICY Ever so often the weather alters our plans for a church event. Please use one of the listed methods to verify cancellation. This ONLY pertains to church programs, NOT other groups using the building.

Radio: WERL-950 AM

WRJO-94.5 FM, Eagle River

WXPR 91.7, Rhinelander

Television: WJFW, Rhinelander, Channel 12

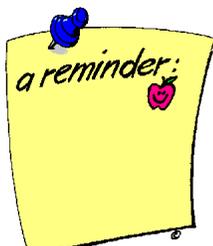
Phone: during church office hours, our secretary will have the information. When the church is closed a message will be on the answering machine.

Church website: www.eagleriverucc.org

Facebook: First Congregational United Church of Christ-Eagle River, WI

First Congregational United Church of Christ has been serving Eagle River and surrounding communities since 1887. This church is made up of people committed to sharing the love of God. We are diverse in our religious backgrounds and spiritual development. We are a growing congregation that is excited about involving new people.

If you would like more information about First Church, please call us at 715-479-8501 or visit our home page.....www.eagleriverucc.org



PLEASE! Keep the church office informed with your address changes.... email addresses phone numbers.

We can't reach you if we don't have the correct information.

Thank you!

Join us in celebrating
Marilyn Dunphy's
90th Birthday

Saturday, August 12th

At Pelican Lake Hotel
745 US HWY 45
Pelican Lake, WI 54463

Party starting at 1pm, eating at 4pm.

The hotel features a dining room, lounge, children's playroom, deck, swimming area, and plenty of green space for activities.

www.pelicanlakehotel.com

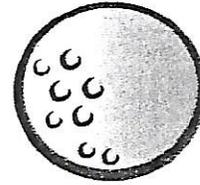
Let's have some fun and celebrate Marilyn!

RSVP to
Jenny Dunphy
314 Ledgeview Ave, Fond du Lac, WI
(920) 579-0243 Text or Call
jnjdunphy@gmail.com

No gifts, please.

Wife ♦ Mother ♦ Mother-in-Law ♦ Grandmother ♦ Great Grandmother
Great-great Grandmother ♦ Sister ♦ Aunt ♦ Cousin ♦ Friend

GOLF OUTING



**EAGLE RIVER GOLF COURSE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**

**Hosted by First Congregational United Church of Christ
"Chip in" to contribute to our campaign to support
MOON BEACH CAMP, St. Germain**

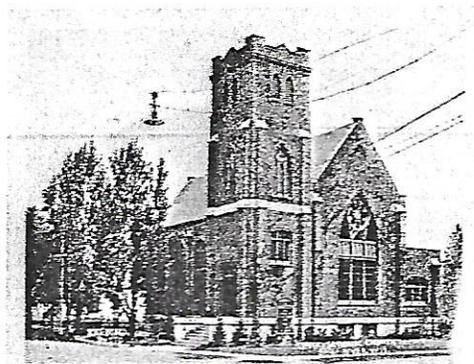
**SHOTGUN START 1PM
Check In 12 Noon**

- **Four person scramble, 18 holes, *includes cart and chicken dinner***
- **Want to play but don't have a team? Sign up, we'll pair you!**
- **Entry fee: \$70 per person Dinner Only \$10**
- **Hole sponsorships available for \$50 (includes dinner for one)**
- **Awards, 50/50 raffle, and lots of laughs! (This isn't the Masters!)**

Entries limited to the first 32 teams. Advance registration required with payment due by Tuesday, September 5th. Checks payable to First Congregational UCC. Return to: Doug Malinsky, PO Box 1385, Eagle River.

To download an entry form:

www.eaglerivergolfcourse.com. Click on Leagues & Events.



130 years

1887—2017



Church is where you put one foot on the step
and before your other foot even touches the landing
the door dances open
and the first thing you see is a huge smile
and the first thing you feel is a huge hug
and the first thing you hear is your own name
spoken with excitement and elation and jubilation
and so much love.

Church is where you don't have to be anybody but you.

You don't have to be good enough
or clean enough, or smart enough
or strong or pretty enough
or think the right thoughts
or believe only the right beliefs
or guard your heart or deny your mistakes
or hide your wounds or silence your needs
or measure your hopes and dreams.

You don't have to pretend to be somebody you're not so you can belong

because at church you belong already. YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD!

WELCOME TO 1ST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST