



The Church Mouse – February 2018
First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Beloved,

I must begin by expressing my deep appreciation for the many cards, notes, emails and texts that John has received ... and most of all for your prayers. I can't tell you how much they have meant to us. January 2018 has not been the best month of our lives, but with your unrelenting support and our ever present faith we are doing fine. We should have the result of his biopsy in the coming days; until then we continue to lean on your prayers.

Our Annual Meeting was well attended and it goes without saying that the potluck brunch was a huge success. I don't think there is a church in Christendom that does a better job! We heard from each of the Board chairs the highlight of their year, and just listening to all we have accomplished filled me with pride. The crux of our meeting was spent discussing the Constitutional changes that will streamline our system of governance. This necessary conversation led to the conclusion that we must make sure that the Church Council is an integral part of each ministry and the proposed changes to the Constitution will now clarify that more explicitly. My great thanks to each of you who contributed to the discussion ... we now have a better document thanks to your input. The amended motion was passed with a super majority.

We elected a new President and Vice President along with a new Church Council. They are:

President: Barbara Helmick

Vice President: Kathy Holperin

Council members: Mark Johannsen, Carlton Schroeder, Sally Kemp, Nancy Diepenbrock and Joy Turpin

We are more than grateful for their willingness to serve our church in the coming years, and we look forward to living into a future that is directed by our God, and that follows the mandate of Jesus Christ to be servant leaders in a world that needs us to reflect his purpose.

We had the opportunity to recognize and express our gratitude to the many board and committee members who have served us so well in the last three years. Without their hard work and dedication we could not be the strong and vibrant church that we are today.

The year ahead will be filled with both challenges and blessings. It is with the utmost humility and gratitude that I look forward to serving you. May *"the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace* (Num 6:24-27).

Grace, peace, 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)

Greetings from your new Council president!

I am honored to have your trust and support and look forward to working with our church staff and the other newly elected council members to help lead First Congregational UCC in the coming year. It's an exciting time for our church, a time in which we'll all be learning and growing together as we work to continue discerning and fulfilling God's plans for our congregation. I welcome your thoughts and ideas!

- Barbara Helmick, Church Council President

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Sally Kemp: 715-479-3116

Nancy Diepenbrock: 715-479-2498

Joy Turpin: 715-479-6560

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Women's Fellowship - Linda Sanborn, 715-479-8091

Sanctuary Arts Group (SAG) - Mickey Jensen, 715-479-7504

Performing Arts Music - Bernie Hupperts, 715-479-9468

Director of Music - Lori Hunter, 715-493-8078

Organists/pianists - Linda Brainard, 715-479-5043; Lori Hunter, 715-493-8078, Norma Yaeger, 715-477-1984

VERY IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE ...

Keep the church office informed with your address changes as you leave for the winter months.

This also applies to email addresses and phone numbers — we can't reach you if we don't have the correct information.

Thank you!

FEBRUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearse at 8:30 a.m.
to sing at the 10:00 service
February 4th & 18th



“How will you change on your journey through Lent?”

You are invited to write your intention for Lent and place it in the vessel located beneath the cross in the center niche of the sanctuary.



February 14th

Easter is April 1st.

A PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season, I sense my need of you,
Yet, I am not quite sure how to reach you.
I heard someone say, “Read your Bible.”
But too often the words are like bullets that ricochet off my brain.
I heard someone say, “Pray.”
But my prayers hurled heavenward, fall back to earth like lifeless stones.
I heard someone say, “Meditate.”
But my wandering mind was lost in a desert of random thoughts.
Lord, speak to me through your Work, and let it penetrate my mind and my heart.
Lord, speak to me through prayer, and turn the lifeless stones to bread.
Lord, speak to me in my meditation, that I may see, amid life’s wilderness,
The way, the truth and the life.

Journey to Generosity

“The Way of Jesus”

Matthew 9:35-10:23

We received **84** pledges totaling

\$158,948 toward our 2018 goal of **\$165,000**

It's never too late to pledge!

Money is nice, but it can't put its arm around you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 1	Sandra Mettler
Feb. 2	Myrtle Bucholtz
Feb. 3	Leta Cole Ann Dunphy Kim Kaitchuck
Feb. 10	Jerry Stadler
Feb. 13	Tim Holperin
Feb. 17	Tony Liddle
Feb. 18	Kerry Griebenow Jim Slagle
Feb. 22	Dennis Burgy
Feb. 23	Keenan Roberts Laurie Stoutz
Feb. 24	Steven Thompson Char Thomson
Feb. 25	Chuck Hill
Feb. 29	"Sparky" Holdefer
March 7	Ned Loar
March 9	Dawn Korinek



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

To the family of Fred Lindberg
Sept. 5, 1934 - Jan. 1, 2018
A memorial service was held Jan. 13th
Rev. Nancy Zorn Micke, Officiant

To the family of Ed Jaeger
July 21, 1925 - Jan. 5, 2018
(Service pending)

To the family of Gary Stebbeds
June 19, 1945 - Jan. 18, 2018
A memorial service was held Jan. 26, 2018
Rev. Mary Anne Biggs and
Rev. Tophier Mehlhoff, Officiants

Do you or someone in your family have a February/early March 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,

Trip over love, you can get up.
Fall in love and you fall forever.
—Author Unknown



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 during the worship services.

Activity/quiet bags for children are available in the entry/coat area.
Enjoy the worship service with your family!



FEB. 24 "UNITY SUNDAY"
**SINGLE SERVICE AT 9 A.M. followed
by POTLUCK brunch**
Please sign up!



Women' Fellowship met on Tuesday, January 9th with seven members present, Char Thomson coordinating the meeting. It was noted how beautiful the church looked for the Christmas season. The spring luncheon was discussed with a number of ideas. Suggested luncheon dates are Tuesday, May 8th or possibly Saturday, May 12th. Discussion followed on concern for people who may be in need of WF members reaching out with a card, baked goods, meal and/or a phone call. Marlys Lee and Char will be putting batting in the lap robes to be ready for the next meeting on Tuesday, February 13th at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!



UCC Reading Group –Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Two books are featured for February:

“Beneath a Scarlet Sky” by Mark Sullivan

Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, it is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours, the Italian Resistance in WWII.

“We Were the Lucky Ones” by Georgia Hunter

When the author was 15 years old, she learned that she came from a family of Holocaust survivors. The book was born of her quest to uncover her family's staggering history of one Jewish family separated at the start of WWII, determined to survive — and to reunite. The story is a tribute to the triumph of hope and love against all odds.

You do not have to be a member of the group to participate; all are welcome. Come and bring a friend!



To everyone who participated in our ANNUAL MEETING on January 28th — the set-up crew, kitchen helpers, servers and most important, to all who brought in food for the potluck and were there to enjoy it all. Thanks, too, to all who took down the tables and chairs and did the clean-up tasks. Our “church family” works well together!

Mindfulness
Starts Here



Eagle River Mindfulness

Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the parlor or the music room.

For more information, contact Chris Meier, 715-891-2075
chrismeier050@gmamil.com



Friendship depends on mutual care and a sense of trust. Old friends are as comfortable as our favorite pair of shoes. New ones are as exciting as the best of life's adventures. And best of all, having friends gives us the the privilege of being a friend.

— Source unknown



Scholarship applications are available NOW on the church web site
www.eagleriverucc.org

General Scholarship: open to graduating seniors of the Class of 2018 from the Phelps, Three Lakes and Northland Pines School Districts.

Jinny Paterson Environmental Scholarship: open to graduating seniors of the Class of 2018 from the Phelps, Three Lakes and Northland Pines School Districts who are planning a career related to environment.

Roger Rieckman Scholarship: open to graduating seniors from the Class of 2018 from the Northland Pines School District who are planning a career in engineering, mathematics or science.

Bird's Nest Scholarship: open to all students from the Northland Pines, Phelps and Three Lakes schools who will be enrolled in a college, vocational school, or another institution of higher education in the fall of 2018. Home schooled students also qualify.

Kranz Scholarship: Applicants must be either graduating seniors from a Vilas County High School, residents of Vilas County, or demonstrate a compelling connection to Vilas County.

Zipperer Scholarship: open to **members** of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River, who will be enrolled in a college/vocational school or any other institution of higher education in the fall of 2018.

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: Friday, March 23, 2018

Mail applications to: First Congregational UCC
PO Box 1385
Eagle River, WI 54521

Email: office@eagleriverucc.org

In November, a card and gift of money was sent to each of our eight college students, sponsored by the Board of Missions and Women's Fellowship. Responses follow:

"Dear Women's Fellowship & Board of Missions at UCC, Thank you for the very thoughtful and generous gift! That was very considerate of you to send. Thank you for your continued aid and support as I continue on my educational program. Merry Christmas!" —*Laura Bradley (formerly Pevytoe)*

"Merry Christmas Everyone, Thank you for the wonderful card and gift. It's always exciting to receive mail. This past week I completed my final semester of courses and this spring I will be student teaching at Lola-Scandinavia High School in Family and Consumer Sciences classroom. I'm very much looking forward to it and I think it's going to be a great experience. Thanks again and have a wonderful holiday season!" —*Tess Holperin*

"Hello, I'm back in Eagle River for my winter break and while going through the mail sent to my home address, I saw the card and money the church sent to me. I just wanted to express my thanks for the church's continued support to my education. I'll be finishing school with my law degree after one more semester and these occasional gifts along the way have been a great support. Thank you." —*Steven Thompson*

"Dear UCC Family, I just wanted to say thank you for the money you sent me this past semester. It means a lot to me that you all still care about us. Thank you so much for the gift and all of the support that you provide. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sincerely," —*Noah Wittkopf*

The best way to live happily ever after is not to be ever after something.



SUNDAY BAKERS

Date	7:30 Service	10:00 Service
Feb. 4	Linda Sanborn	Sharon Adler Amy Florence
Feb. 11	Gwen Scharf	Diane Lausar Norma Yaeger
Feb. 18	Barb Schroeder	Nancy Diepenbrock Tobi Johannsen
Feb. 25	“UNITY SUNDAY” single service at 9 a.m. followed by POTLUCK in Fellowship Hall	

Please plan to attend!

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



February Scripture Readers

	7:30	10:00
Feb. 4	Jim Sanborn	Gary Gilbert
Feb. 11	Chuck Kemp	John Biggs
Feb. 18	Char Thomson	Tobi Johannsen
Feb. 25	“UNITY SUNDAY” single service 9 a.m. Jamie Remme	

Acolytes (10:00 service)

Feb. 4	Malia Remme
Feb. 11	Grace Florence
Feb. 18	Leta Cole
Feb. 24	“Unity Sunday” 9 a.m. service Iland Shepherdson

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



Valentine's Day, also known as Saint Valentine's Day, originated as a church holiday on February 14th to honor martyrs of the faith—saints whose names were Valentine or Valentinus. It is believed that the first heart valentine note was sent by a Valentine who was in prison for a girl he loved. While the meaning and celebrations of Valentine's Day has changed, it has remained as a special day to shower with love those we hold close. No matter your age or stage in life, Valentine's Day can be celebrated because of God's great love.

Genesis 29:20— So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

A HUGE thank you to all who contributed to "Souper Bowl of Caring".

The Confirmation Class will be off from February 14—March 31. They have chosen the Vilas County Humane Society as their Service Project.

Last week they wrote a group prayer:

*"Hey Big Dude, how's it hangin' up there,
Thanks for all the good stuff that you've done today.
We're very grateful to have you in our lives.
Your message constantly surprises us.
We like the rhythm and love you bring into our everyday lives.
We're grateful for your company, the people you have blessed us with, and the abilities you have given us.
See you on the flip side i) Winky Face Amen."*

Sheldon (visitor), Madison, Grace (2), Julia, Leta, Rose, Drew (phone conference)

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life ...

—Pope Benedict XVI

Sharon R. Breit, Director of Christian Education

NATH — 12 most needed items!

Ice melt
Aluminum foil, plastic wrap
Stamps
Coffee creamer
Men's & women's razors
Men's & women's deodorant
Cold medicine, cough syrup
Washcloths
Kitchen towels, dish cloths
Q-tips
Pot holders
Toilet bowl cleaner



Gently used & new items are appreciated!

Thank you!



HEARING ...

SPEAKING ...

Keep the collections going!!! Both collection boxes are located in the parlor. Please don't let your old phones or used hearing aids go to the trash! They can have another life somewhere, for someone in need!

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!



Gathering of the FLOCK

Thursday, Feb. 15th 6:00 p.m.

**At the home of
Pat Kiley
RSVP: 715-617-7062
Email: knitwit4462@yahoo.com**



Join us for an evening of friendship, fun and just "yarning" away.

YOUR CHURCH IS YOU

You are a walking advertisement of your church and the Christ whom it proclaims. You take the church out of its four walls, and make it live in the everyday affairs of life. In fact, what people think of your church, they think of you.

Some have the idea that the pastor is the church. It is true that the pastor often speaks for the church, declares what it stands for, and invites people into its fellowship. It is the pastor's job to know the church's business and to act on its behalf. The pastor is your representative, but certainly not your substitute.

The preaching in the pulpit is fruitless unless it is reflected in the lives of members of the congregation. Classroom teaching is ineffective unless it comes to life in the attitude and behavior of people. Your church is measured not so much by what its leaders say as by what you do. You are the means by which the good life advocated by the church is communicated to people.

Your church professes a concern for people; you express that concern in the way you act toward others. Your church tries to build up a Christian world; you validate these attempts by your community. Your church claims to have a gospel that will make people new, opening to them a fuller life; you are the demonstration of that claim.

Your daily acts as a Christian preach more sermons, teach more people, and save more lives than the words that are spoken inside the four walls of your church building. You are a cell of the living church.

Without you, the church has no life.

A NEW YEAR OF GIVING!

Thanks to all who submitted nominations for the 2018 New Year of Giving campaign! The Board of Missions set aside \$500 from the Maggie Ball Missions Fund for donations to mission-related efforts that YOU wanted our church to help.

We received nine nominations and chose to increase the amount of money to \$700 so we could fund seven of them. Each of the following will receive \$100:

- * **Guide Dog Foundation**, based in Smithtown, NY, **nominated by Nancy Diepenbrock**. The foundation provides trained guide dogs, free of charge, to people who are blind or have low vision.
- * **Chris Marion** for funding to assist with medical and other expenses related to his recovery. **Nominated by Marlys Lee**.
- * **Child Care and Youth Empowerment Foundation (CCAYEF)**, an organization that helps young women in Uganda by testing for and preventing HIV, helping care for their babies, teaching them valuable life skills so they can support themselves, and making sure they stay in school. **Nominated by Linda Sanborn**.
- * **Don Gillum Memorial Bike/Hike**. The inaugural event set for July, honors former First UCC member Don Gillum and supports two non-profits: Relay for Life of the Northwoods (American Cancer Society) and Great Headwaters Trails Foundation. **Nominated by Joy Turpin**.
- * **The Warehouse Art Center in Eagle River**. Money will be used for scholarships to help ensure Warehouse programming is accessible to all. **Nominated by Trista Langley-Tyler**.
- * **Doctors without Borders**, an international organization supporting the welfare of the sick and injured where other organizations are not able or willing to. **Nominated by Norma Yaeger**.
- * **MADRE**, an international organization that strengthens grassroots women's organizations in war, disaster, and their aftermath, and works to meet urgent needs and build safer and healthier communities for women and families

A PARAPHRASE OF I CORINTHIANS 13

No matter how eloquently or spiritually I speak, if I do not love people, I am merely making noise. People will never care how much I know, (whether of present or future) until they know how much I care.

People will not care how much I trust God, unless they feel they can trust me.

I may give away everything, even my body, but if love does not purify the gift, it is a waste.

Love waits — it does not push.

Love is tender — it does not grab.

Love shares — it does not sulk.

Love rejoices — it does not gloat.

Love bears, believes, hopes, endures;

It cares.

Love is ultimate: predictions end; noises dissipate; knowledge is forgotten.

These things are finite — they will fade. But the ultimate will remain.

We are growing — from childish speaking, feeling, thinking, to mature speaking, feeling, thinking.

The future is unclear, as our own self-image is unclear.

But the time will come, when our purpose is known as God already knows it.

Out of everything remain faith, hope and love — but the ultimate is love!

Caritas Outreach Pantry January 24, 2018
120 N. Silver Lake Road, Eagle River
Open every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Immediate Needs

Laundry detergent	Diapers and wipes (all sizes)	Household cleaners/disinfectants
Dishwashing liquid	Sponges, cleaning brushes	Tissues Hand Sanitizer

In Need at ALL Times

Crackers, all kinds	Peanut butter, creamy/chunky	Jams and jellies
Canned vegetables, stews, meats, fish, baked beans, Spam, tuna, etc.		
Pasta and sauces	Breakfast cereals	Soups Ramen noodles
Condiments (salt, pepper, catsup, mustard, etc.)		Cookies or candies
Snack foods	Fruit juices, bottled/canned	Bread Coffee, tea
Pet food (dry - cats or dogs)	Paper towels	

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 your 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.

February OPEN date: 25th



Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be." So today, in honor of Old Abe on his birthday February 12, let's make up our minds to be happy. Here are some funnies to help you laugh.

Practical Guide for Successful Living:
Put your head under the pillow and scream.

When your dreams turn to dust Vacuum!

Change is inevitable --- except from a vending machine.

The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

We're all in this together. You're just in a little deeper.



ANTIBIOTICS: Are you misusing them?

Antibiotics are important medications. It would be difficult to overstate the benefits of penicillin and other antibiotics in treating bacterial infections, preventing the spread of disease and reducing serious complications of disease.

But some medications that used to be standard treatments for bacterial infections are now less effective or don't work at all. When an antibiotic no longer has an effect on a certain strain of bacteria, those bacteria are said to be antibiotic resistant, becoming one of the world's most pressing health problems.

The overuse and misuses of antibiotics are key factors contributing to antibiotic resistance. The general public, doctors and hospitals all play a role in ensuring proper use of the medications and minimizing the development of antibiotic resistance.

What causes antibiotic resistance? A bacterium resists a medication when the bacterium has changed in some way. The change either protects the bacterium from the action of the medication or neutralizes the medication.

Any bacterium that survives an antibiotic treatment can multiply and pass on its resistant properties. Also, some bacteria can transfer their medication-resistant properties to other bacteria — as if passing along a cheat sheet to help each other survive. The fact that bacteria develop resistance to a medication is normal and expected. But the way that medications are used affects how quickly and to what extent resistance occurs.

Overuse of antibiotics The overuse of antibiotics — especially taking antibiotics even when they're not the appropriate treatment — promotes antibiotic resistance. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up to one-third to one-half of antibiotics use in humans is unnecessary or inappropriate.

Antibiotics treat bacterial infections but not viral infections. For example, an antibiotic is an appropriate treatment for strep throat, which is caused by the bacterium *Streptococcus pyogenes*. But it's not the right treatment for most sore throats, which are caused by viruses.

Other common viral infections that don't benefit from antibiotic treatment include:

Cold	Flu (influenza)	Bronchitis
Most coughs	Some ear infections	Some sinus infections
Stomach flu		

Taking an antibiotic for a viral infection

- * won't cure the infection
- * won't keep other people from getting sick
- * won't help you or your child feel better
- * may cause unnecessary and harmful side effects
- * promotes antibiotic resistance

If you take an antibiotic when you actually have a viral infection, the antibiotic attacks bacteria in your body — bacteria that are either beneficial or at least not causing disease. This misdirected treatment can then promote antibiotic-resistant properties in harmless bacteria that can be shared with other bacteria, or create an opportunity for potentially harmful bacteria to replace the harmless ones.

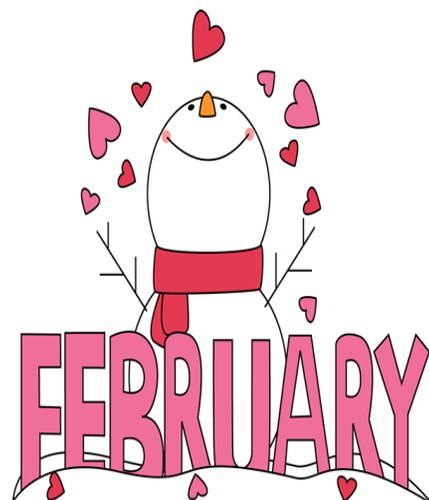


BOOKS For EVERYONE!

Take a walk down to Fellowship Hall and you'll see three full book shelves on the left as you enter. These books were once in the parlor and were pulled as non-sellers after a time, taken downstairs to spend forever in what was once the "rummage sale room."

With so many groups using Fellowship Hall, sharing the books seems like a good idea., leading to this: "You are encouraged to take a book -- or many -- and leave a donation ----"

(Donations help support our Local Missions Fund)



"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.

**YOGA IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL!
EVERY WEDNESDAY:**



11:30 - 1 P.M.

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!*



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

On break until Monday, March 5th

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

On break until Monday, March 5th

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

nicoletcollege.edu

THE HUG

No moving parts, no batteries, no monthly payments and no fees.

Inflation-proof, non-taxable; in fact, it's quite relaxable.

It can't be stolen, won't pollute; one size fits all, do not dilute.

It uses little energy, but yields results enormously.

Relieves your tension and your stress, invigorates your happiness;

Combats depression and the blues of recession.

Your circulation it corrects, without unpleasant side-effects.

It is the perfect drug; may I prescribe, good friend, the hug? — Author Unknown





Our website:

www.eagleriverucc.org

Check it out!

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Monday - Thursday: 9 - 4 p.m.

Friday - day off

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(715)891-8722 cell phone

(715)891-2124 home phone

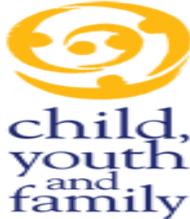
Nan's office hours:

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:

Wednesday: 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10 - 2 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!

**Service - Learning Trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota:
Won't you join us?!**

We have an opportunity to send six volunteers to learn and work with the Oglala Lakota people on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota from June 30 - July 6th, 2018.

The counties that make up Pine Ridge Reservation are the poorest of our nation's 3,141 counties. The poverty on Pine Ridge can be described in no other terms than "third world." It is common to find homes terribly overcrowded, as those with homes take in anyone in need of a roof over their head. Many homes are without electricity, running water, or sewer. Here are some deeply troubling statistics about those living at Pine Ridge:

- * Unemployment rate of 80-90%
- * Per capita income of \$4,000
- * 8 times the US rate of diabetes
- * 5 times the US rate of cervical cancer
- * Twice the US rate of heart disease
- * 8 times the US rate of tuberculosis
- * Alcoholism rate estimated as high as 80%

Our volunteers will have an opportunity to work across Pine Ridge, **but just as importantly**, they will have a chance to be immersed in Lakota culture as well, as we study their history, culture and spirituality. Each morning and evening we will meet with the elders to learn about the basic tenets of their beliefs. Growing in our understanding of their lives and culture is every bit as important as the physical labor that will be provided (building bunk beds, outhouses, trailer skirting, ramps and entry steps, structural repairs, and hauling/splitting/delivering firewood.)

Thanks to the **generosity** of our Board of Missions, our Women's Fellowship and the Northwest Association of the Wisconsin Conference, substantial scholarships are available to our volunteers.

Please speak with Pastor Mary Anne if you are interested in being a part of this exciting and enriching trip. You will be blessed to be a blessing!

We are taking orders for yellow mum plants to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1st.
Fill out an order form and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.
Orders with payment are due Thursday, March 15th.
Thank you!



Name _____ **Phone** _____ -

I would like to order ___ mum plant(s) at \$15 each.

Total due _____

In honor of _____ *in memory of* _____

Orders (with payment) are due Thursday, March 15th.