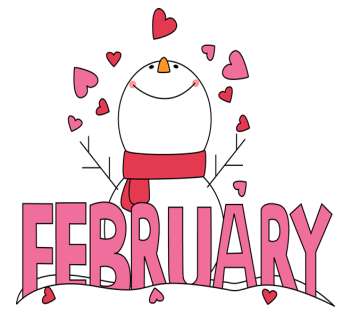


**The Church Mouse - February 2019**  
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Dear Members and Friends of First Congregational UCC:

When the Church Council and I met back in June to discuss the possibility of my serving as your part-time interim pastor, we all were hopeful that by February, when Pat and I had made our plans to spend a month well south of here, there would be a new pastor in place. That was an unrealistic expectation on my part, at least. It's not that this is a difficult congregation — it is, I will be happy to tell anyone, a wonderful and faithful congregation. The person who succeeds me will be a fortunate person, indeed. But you have to want to live here; you have to want not just to put up with cold and snow; actually you have to kind of enjoy it, even if by March you've gotten tired of it. So there will be some limitation on the number of people who would want a year-round pastorate here in the Northwoods. Nothing we can do about that, because we live here and we want to live here. As someone explained to me when we moved here, "There's no bad weather; just bad clothes."

But the more important limitation is a self-imposed one that your Search Committee has taken very seriously. We want a good person, a faithful leader, to accompany this congregation on the next stage of our journey together. I can attest that this committee has taken the trust you have placed in them seriously. And I have every reason to believe that the care they have taken will bear fruit, that our remaining wait will not be unbearably long.

But, way back when, when I assumed my interim responsibilities, Pat and I had already planned to be away in February, and we had arranged to have significant work done on our house while we were gone, which would make our house during that time not exactly unlivable, but not very comfortable. So, off we will go. Barb Helmick, your president, has been working diligently to assure worship leadership for the congregation during that time. We are all pleased that for the bulk of the time that Pat and I will be gone, your former pastor Jeff Wartgow will assume pastoral duties. He stepped up to offer, and I am very grateful to him.

I will be back for our Ash Wednesday service on March 6, and for as many Sundays as needed after that leading up to, and probably including Easter. We are already planning Wednesday evening services during Lent preceded by soup suppers. By then the worst of the cold will, we assume, be past us, and I hope that you will avail yourself of this opportunity to reflect on our Lenten themes and follow our Lenten disciples, and, of course, to share that delicious soup and our warm fellowship.

And in the meantime, I have an assignment for you. I want you to think about people who have come to church in the past but whom we haven't seen recently. Perhaps there has been illness; perhaps, sadly, something about their experience of church has turned them off. Perhaps, as one person put it to me, they just got out of practice. I would be happy to talk to these folks, but the most important people to talk to them are members of the congregation. People don't join a pastor — and the one they have now won't be their pastor much longer in any case. People join a community of faith. And it's that community that needs to reach out to them. Now, as we are getting closer to calling a new pastor, would be a good time to gather the flock, to reach out to those who haven't been coming to church. This church is a blessing. People need to be here to experience that blessing.

I will miss you. Really. But in the meantime, come to church and encourage others to come to church. And I'll see you in March when we begin our Lenten journey together.

Faithfully,

Dale

**"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)**

## **FEBRUARY WORSHIP: A schedule change, a new worship leader and a returning pastor**

Pastor Dale who has been serving First Congregational UCC while we search for a settled pastor will not be available during the month of February. Two retired pastors — the Rev. Wayne Drueck and the Rev. Jeff Wartgow, have agreed to serve us during that time.

Rev. Drueck will be our supply pastor on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd**. Because he is driving from Schofield that day and would have to leave quite early in the morning to get here for our early service, the council decided to have only **ONE SERVICE AT 9 A.M.** that day. I apologize for any inconvenience this causes anyone. However, I'm very grateful that Rev. Drueck is willing to make the long drive in order to lead us in worship, and I hope that you share that sentiment and will join us that day.

From **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th** through **SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd**, Rev. Wartgow will lead us in worship. He'll also be available for pastoral care should needs arise. Rev. Wartgow served First Congregational UCC for almost 15 years from 1986 thru 2000. I know many of you remember him from that time and are looking forward to welcoming him back. He's also looking forward to reconnecting with you.

During this time, we will observe our normal worship schedule, 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Feb. 10th and 17th and March 3rd; and 9 a.m. (Unity Sunday, with brunch) on February 24th.

Pastor Dale will be back in the pulpit on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We'll have a soup supper at 5 p.m. followed by the service at 6 p.m.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Barbara Helmick  
Church Council President



**February 24th**  
**"UNITY SUNDAY" SINGLE SERVICE AT 9 A.M.**  
**with BRUNCH —**  
**sign-up sheets will be available on**  
**February 10th and are important for planning the brunch.**  
***Thank you!***

## February CHOIR SCHEDULE

**Rehearse at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2nd and**  
**8:15 a.m. Feb. 3rd**  
**to sing at the 9:00 single service that day.**



**Our sympathy to the family of ARLENE LYNCH**

**Born: November 29, 1934**

**Died: December 29, 2018**

**A service of remembrance and celebration was held in our  
sanctuary on Friday, January 11, 2019.**



**Moon Beach** is looking to fill year-round positions in hospitality, including a Head of Housekeeping and other part-time hourly support in the kitchen, housekeeping and facilities maintenance. These positions will help live out our mission: *"To love God, one another and the Earth by providing sanctuary, practicing hospitality and performing ministry."* We are also currently seeking applicants for on-site summer staff. Please encourage all capable candidates to apply by emailing [phoebe@ucci.org](mailto:phoebe@ucci.org) or calling 715-479-8255

### Search Committee News - February 2019

The Search Committee continues to gather, have discussions, and share in the process of discernment, either physically at our 6:00 a.m. meetings at the church or via long threads of email exchanges. Pastor Dale attended one of our December meetings to offer his professional insights and answer questions. We have interviewed, via phone, two candidates and are following up with one for an in-person interview at Moon Beach Camp in early February.

There has been such an interesting transition in the number of candidate profiles received during our **current** search period, compared to those of the **previous** Search. The Pastoral Search Committee of 2011/2012 which yielded Pastor Mary Anne, sorted through 80 candidate profiles! Since our current Search Committee published the *First Congregational United Church of Christ Profile* online, in mid September, we have received, to date, a total of 16 interested candidates. We experienced a 10 week dry spell from November 5th - January 14th where we received no profiles at all. It's somewhat remarkable what a difference of seven or eight years can make.

We remain prayerfully yours in hopeful expectation,  
Donna DePape, Jamie Remme, Larry Thompson, Linda Sanborn, Paula Hendrickson,  
Tobi Johannsen, Trish Moore, Trista Langley-Tyler, Joy Turpin

***People who do things that count never stop to count them.***

Women's Fellowship met Tuesday, January 8th, 2019, with seven present. The meeting was called to order by Linda Sanborn followed by the Mission Statement and a reading. The treasurer's report was given by Marlys Lee.

Discussion was held regarding a donation for the up-coming trip to Pine Ridge Reservation. Last year \$550 was given to cover the cost of one person to attend. Linda mentioned other needs which may be difficult to provide due to limited room in vehicles and the expense of mailing them. Kathy Holperin will be invited to the next meeting to clarify the needs.

Moon Beach Camp scholarships were discussed. A motion was made to donate up to \$600 and the motion was seconded with all agreeing.

The SPRING LUNCHEON will be held Tuesday, May 14th, with Norma Yaeger and Bernie Hupperts planning the entertainment. A menu will be discussed at the February meeting.

Marlyn Hupperts stated that the Christmas decorating was completed in record time due to all of the wonderful volunteers.

Soup suppers will be held during Lent, the first on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Several people have already volunteered to make soup.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

— Submitted by Sharon Breit

**Join us for Women's Fellowship  
Tuesday, February 12th, 9 a.m.**



#### Up-coming:

**TED  
TALKS**

**Tuesday, Feb. 5th and Feb. 12th, 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
All are welcome!**



**March 6th  
Soup supper at 5 p.m.  
Worship service at 6 p.m.**



**Daylight Savings time begins Sunday,  
March 10th. Set your clocks AHEAD  
before you retire Saturday night.**



**April 21st**

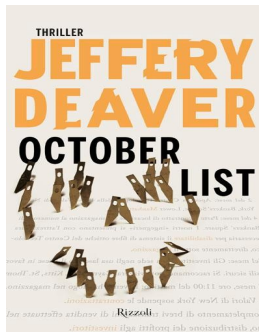
**SPRING  
BEGINS  
March  
20th**



**Think  
Spring!**

## NIGHTS AT THE READING ROUND TABLE

Thursday, February 21, 7 p.m.



**"Might well be Deaver's most fiendish thriller ever ... as the pace quickens and the story continues to backtrack, solid evidence, established plot points and sturdily built characters all begin to come undone, until what started out as an interactive game becomes a truly unnerving exercise in deception."** —New York Times Book Review

**"Don't skip ahead to the beginning and spoil the fun that's guaranteed for anyone interested in a thriller that forces readers to use their brains in a creative way. Deaver is a master of manipulation and 'The October List' is a small but powerful book."**  
—Associated Press

**"Thriller Award Winner Deaver (Edge) delivers a clever, demanding stand-alone. As the ingenious plot folds back on itself, the reader has to reevaluate and reinterpret the constantly shifting 'facts' in the case. The finished picture finally emerges with a shock of recognition. This is brilliant craftsmanship in a vastly entertaining package."** —Publishers Weekly (Starred Review)

### A Valentine's Day Prayer

***"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."***

—I Cor.13:4-7

Lord, because love is patient ... help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen. Hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage, remembering your endless patience with me.

Because love is kind ... help my words to be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful. Remind me to smile and to say "Please" and "Thank You" because those little things still mean so much. Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud ... help me have a heart that is humble and sees the good in others. May I celebrate and appreciate all that I have and all that I am, as well as doing the same for those around me.

Because love is not rude or self-seeking ... help me to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart. When I'm tempted to get wrapped up in my own little world, remind me there's a great big world out there full of needs and hurts.

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs ... help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me. When I want to hold onto a grudge, gently help me release it so I can reach out with a hand of love instead.

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth ... help me stand up for what is right and good. May I defend the defenseless, and help the helpless. Show me how I can make a difference.

Because love always protects and always trusts ... help me to be a refuge for those around me. When the world outside is harsh and cold, may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.

Finally, because love always perseveres ... help my heart continually beat with love for you and others. Thank you for this day when we celebrate love, and for showing us what that word really means.

Amen.

***It doesn't take great wisdom to energize a person, but it does take 60 seconds. That's the amount of time it takes to walk over and gently hold someone we love.***



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 1	Sandra Mettler
Feb. 2	Myrtle Bucholtz Kimberly Kaitchuck
Feb. 3	Leta Cole Ann Dunphy
Feb. 11	Mark Johannsen
Feb. 13	Tim Holperin
Feb. 17	Tony Liddle
Feb. 18	Kerry Griebenow Jim Slagle
Feb. 20	Tobi Johannsen
Feb. 22	Dennis Burgy
Feb. 23	Keenan Roberts Laurie Stoutz
Feb. 24	Steven Thompson Char Thomson
Feb. 25	Chuck Hill
Feb. 29 (yes)	Sparky Holdefer
March 7	Ned Loar
March 9	Dawn Parker
March 10	Jerry Stadler

Do you or someone in your family have a birthday in February/early March 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!*  
Thank you!

## Wish List NATH -- most needed items:

Scrubbing Bubbles cleaner  
Air fresheners  
Toilet bowl cleaner  
HE laundry soap  
Ziploc gallon bags  
Cling wrap      Aluminum foil  
Cookie sheets      9 x 13" pans  
Pots and pan      Cold medication  
Stamps      Dishwasher soap  
Kitchen garbage bags

*Thank you!*

# Happy Valentine's Day

To Our Church Family,

**Life is like a mirror; we get best results when we smile at it.**



*If you know of someone who would benefit from a call, visit, or a card, please let the Pastor 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!*



## Our church IS accessible to ALL!

*Wheelchair accessibility    Handicap parking area  
Ramp accessibility to altar  
Handicap restrooms for both men and women  
A unisex handicap restroom in the lower level of the building*



## **"What Shall We Bring?"**

**We have received 64 pledges totaling \$141,458.00 toward our 2019 goal of \$165,000.**

**YOUR pledges are VERY IMPORTANT and MUCH NEEDED for 2019.**

**Misplaced your pledge card? We have more!**

***It's never too late to pledge!***

# Membership? Outreach? How can you help?

First Congregational UCC needs you!

Are you interested in or concerned about:

- \* Membership in our church?
- \* Reaching out to people in our community?

At its January meeting, the Church Council discussed these topics and acknowledged that they need more attention than what the Council can provide. They need members of the congregation who are interested in them — perhaps even passionate about them — who are willing to get together and talk about them.

Here are just a few questions Council kicked around:

- \* How well are we taking care of our current members and their needs?
- \* Should we be encouraging non-members who attend regularly to join our church?  
Is it important that they do?
- \* Are there some things we can or should do to reach out to members who we haven't seen at church for awhile?
- \* How can we better reach out to people in our community who may not have a church family? How can we better serve them?
- \* Are there needs in our community that are going unserved?

You likely have others. You may even have some answers to supply!

We are looking for individuals interested in serving in one of two groups — one for membership, one for outreach and missions — to begin discussing these topics, identifying issues or concerns, and developing ideas to help us build on what our church already does, and become even stronger in these areas.

First Congregational UCC is a strong church. It has a loving and faithful congregation. The conversations of the people who participate in these groups, and the ideas that they generate will make us stronger and even more loving and faithful as we move forward.

If you are interested in participating in either of these groups, please contact either Mark Johannsen (920-475-7576) or Barbara Helmick (920-412-4782).

Also, Carlton Schroeder is leading a group to review recently received security recommendations from the Eagle River Chief of Police. If you are interested in helping in this area, please let Carlton know. A copy of the Chief's report is available for review in the church office.

Barbara Helmick  
Church Council President

**February FLOCK at the home of Pat Kiley,  
Thursday, Feb. 21st, 6 p.m.  
RSVP: 715-617-7062  
Email: [knitwit4462@yahoo.com](mailto:knitwit4462@yahoo.com)**





**LOVE *is the defining* characteristic of a  
DISCIPLE of Christ.**

Thank you ... everyone who has donated snack items for the kids. We have six kids in Faith Formation and they are a hungry bunch. Louise and I enjoy every minute we are with them.

"Souper Bowl of Caring" is a project the UCC youth have been involved with for several years. A huge thank you to all who donate food items. Monetary donations help with the purchase of meat products and are greatly appreciated also.

"The Acts of the Apostles" bible study continues on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. with sessions from the book of Acts: chapters 8-14.

Sharon Breit, Christian Education Director

**God has a positive answer:**

**YOU say**

"It's impossible."  
"I'm too tired."  
"Nobody really loves me."  
"I can't go on."  
"I can't figure things out."  
"I can't do it."  
"I'm not able."  
"It's not worth it."  
"I can't forgive myself."  
"I can't manage."  
"I'm afraid."  
"I'm always worried and frustrated."  
"I don't have enough faith."  
  
"I'm not smart enough."  
"I feel all alone."

**GOD says**

"All things are possible."  
"I will give you rest."  
"I love you."  
"My grace is sufficient."  
"I will direct your steps."  
"You can do all things."  
"I am able."  
"It will be worth it."  
"I forgive you."  
"I will supply all your needs."  
"I have not given you a spirit of fear"  
"Cast all your cares on ME."  
"I've given everyone a  
measure of faith."  
"I give you wisdom."  
"I will never leave you or forsake you."

**Bible verses**

Luke 18:27  
Matthew 11:28-30  
John 3:16 & 3:34  
II Cor. 12:9  
Proverbs 3:5-6  
Phil. 4:13  
II Cor. 9:8  
Romans 8:28  
I John 1:9  
Phil. 4:19  
II Timothy 1:7  
I Peter 5:7  
  
Romans 12:3  
I Cor. 1:30  
Hebrews 13:5

*Believe God is there just for you.*

***When things get rough, remember:  
It's the rubbing that brings out the shine.***





SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE **NOW** ON OUR  
WEB SITE      [www.eagleriverucc.org](http://www.eagleriverucc.org)

**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP:** open to graduating seniors of the Class of 2019 in the Phelps, Three Lakes and Northland Pines School Districts.

**JINNY PATERSON ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP:** open to graduating seniors of the Class of 2019 in 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 2019 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 School Districts who will be enrolled in a college, vocational school, or another institution of higher education in the fall of 2019. 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 2019. Students may re-apply each school year.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: Friday, March 29, 2019**

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

Email: [office@eagleriverucc.org](mailto:office@eagleriverucc.org)



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK!

Suppers will begin on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th** at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and continue on March 13, 10, 27 & April 3 & 10th.

We will have a delicious home-made soup with bread, crackers, and beverages. Free will offerings appreciated. Sign-up sheets will be available on Feb. 24th.

A short service of reflection will be held in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. following the soup suppers.

Call Sharon Breit for more information: 715-479-8501 or 714-477-2163.



## SUNDAY BAKERS

Date	7:30 Service	10:00 Service
Feb. 3	"UNITY SUNDAY" 9 a.m. service Barb Mattes	Sharon Adler
Feb. 10	Char Thomson	Carol Smart Krista Wittkopf
Feb. 17	Pat Mayo	Amy Florence Molly Jaeger
Feb. 24	"UNITY SUNDAY" 9 a.m. service Gwen Scharf	Mary Lou Congdon

*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!

### February Scripture Readers

	7:30	10:00
Feb. 3	"UNITY SUNDAY" 9 a.m. service Tobi Johannsen	
Feb. 10	Ken Lynch	Leta Cole
Feb. 17	Joe Turpin	Lily Tyler
Feb. 24	"UNITY SUNDAY" 9 a.m. service Doug Malinsky	

### February Announcements

	7:30	10:00
Feb. 3	"UNITY SUNDAY" 9 a.m. service Leta Cole	
Feb. 10	Joe Turpin	Linda Cole
Feb. 17	Sandy Kaitechuck	_____
Feb 24	"UNITY SUNDAY" 9 a.m. service _____	

Acolytes are needed for the 10:00 service!  
Please sign up in the church office for your Sunday. Thank you!

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



### **Flu symptoms: should I see a doctor?**

Most people who have the flu (influenza) have a mild illness and don't need to see a doctor. Common flu signs and symptoms include:

- |   |                        |          |
|---|------------------------|----------|
| Fever above 100F (tho' not everyone with the flu has a fever) |                        |          |
| A cough or sore throat  | A runny or stuffy nose | Headache |
| Muscle aches  | Chills                 | Fatigue  |
| Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea (most common in children)        |                        |          |

With some rest and self-care measures at home, the average healthy person can expect to get better within about two weeks.

### **Who needs to see a doctor?**

If you or someone you're caring for is at high risk of flu-related complications and you suspect the flu, call the doctor. For those at high risk of complications, there's a greater chance that the flu might lead to pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and rarely, hospitalization or death. It can also worsen chronic health problems such as asthma and congestive heart failure. You have an increased risk of flu-related complications if you:

- Are younger than 5 years of age, but especially if younger than 2
- Are 65 years old or older
- Are pregnant or have given birth in the past two weeks
- Are younger than 19 years of age and are receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- Have certain chronic medical conditions, including asthma, emphysema, heart disease, diabetes, neuromuscular disease, and kidney, liver or blood disease
- Have a weakened immune system due to medications or HIV
- Have a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or greater
- Are an American Indian or Alaska Native
- Live in a long-term facility.

If you're in one of these groups, your doctor may prescribe an antiviral medication to reduce the severity and length of your symptoms.

—Mayo Clinic Health Care

### **Cold and flu viruses: how long can they live outside the body?**

Cold and flu virus-laden droplets may remain infectious for several hours, depending on where they fall. Viruses generally remain active longer on stainless steel, plastic and similar hard surfaces than on fabric and other soft surfaces. Other factors, such as the amount of virus deposited on a surface and the temperature and humidity of the environment, also determine how long cold and flu viruses stay active outside the body.

It's possible to catch the flu or a cold after handling an object an infected person sneezed or coughed on a few moments ago. But personal contact with an infected person — such as a handshake or breathing in droplets from a cough or sneezes — is the most common way these viruses spread.

The best way to avoid becoming infected with a cold or flu virus is to wash your hand frequently with soap and water or with an alcohol-based sanitizer. Also avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes or biting your nails. Most importantly — get a flu vaccine every year.

—Mayo Clinic Health Care



***Mother Nature and Father Time are God's two great physicians.***



## WE ARE DOIN' IT!!!!

The "Deposit Hope Phones Here" box was full to overflowing! Thank you to everyone who donated. It was emptied of 36 more phones, bringing the total of phones we have donated since the beginning of our drive to a whopping **276!**

We alternate our donations between the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence and Hope Phones (a division of Medic Mobile). Upon receipt of the used phones, both organizations clear your phone of personal data (if you haven't already done so) and then either refurbish it, or recycle it responsibly for cash.

Think about this: *over 500,000 phones are discarded daily*. If just **1%** of those phones were recycled, the lives of 50 million people would improve! So please, when you get a new phone, don't forget to drop your old one here! The collection box is located in the parlor and remember, we do NOT need chargers, cords and/or the original boxes.

**AND** .... Don't forget our poor little hearing aid and battery collection box that sits next to the Hope Phone collection box. "Business" isn't as brisk with this box as with the phone box, but understandably, hearing aids are an expensive and not-so-frequently-discarded commodity. However, we do have a bag full of batteries to donate, and to date have collected 7 used hearing aids. These are donated to the Starkey Foundation where the devices are refurbished and distributed to children and adults in over 100 countries.

Keep up the good work! Questions? Ask me!  
Nancy Diepenbrock

### THE FORGOTTEN 10 OTHER COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shall not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
2. Thou shall not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
3. Thou shall not cross bridges before you come to them, for no one yet has accomplished this.
4. Thou shall face each problem as it comes. You can only handle one at a time anyway.
5. Thou shall not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.
6. Thou shall not borrow other people's problems. They can better care for them than you can.
7. Thou shall not try to relive yesterday for good or ill; it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now.
8. Thou shall be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear different ideas from your own. It is hard to learn something new when you are talking, and some people do know more than you do.
9. Thou shall not become "bogged down" by frustration, for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action.
10. Thou shall count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.

—Author unknown



## 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 - 1:00 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.

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

*Due to a lack of sign-ups, Qigong will not be held during the January/February Nicolet sessions.*

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



## PARLOR BOOKS

Hard cover - \$2    Paperback - \$1

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

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

*Minds are like parachutes ---  
they function only when open.*





**Our website:**

**[www.eagleriverucc.org](http://www.eagleriverucc.org)**

*Check it out!*

**Pastor's office hours:**

Monday: 9-12

Thursday: 9-12

Cell phone: 715-891-5052

**Nan's office hours:**

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

Friday: 7 a.m. - noon

Email: [office@eagleriverucc.org](mailto:office@eagleriverucc.org)

*The church offices are CLOSED Friday afternoons.*



**Sharon Breit's office hours:**

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

Thursday: 10 - 2 p.m.

Email: [youthministry@eagleriverucc.org](mailto: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](http://www.eagleriverucc.org)

*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](http://www.eagleriverucc.org)*



**Church-wide Email Notifications**

Emails to the congregation are being sent out on a regular basis by Kathy Holperin. If you are NOT receiving them and would like to be on the email list, please email her at [kathyholperin@gmail.com](mailto:kathyholperin@gmail.com)

**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 as they are changed at any time.**



**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.

**February date open: 24th**

January sponsors:

Jan. 6th: the family of Pat Lindberg

Jan. 13th: the family of Arlene Lynch

Jan 27th: Brenda McNutt in honor of her mom's 91st birthday on the 27th

**First Congregational UCC Contact People - 2019**

**Interim Pastor: Rev. Dale Bishop      Church: 715-479-8501**

Church emails: Nan - [office@eagleriverucc.org](mailto:office@eagleriverucc.org)

HOME PAGE - [www.eagleriverucc.org](http://www.eagleriverucc.org)

Office Mgr. - Nan Pophal, 715-479-9882

Clerk - Marilyn Preisler, 715-479-4331

Director of Christian Education: Sharon Breit, 715-477-2163   [youth.ministry@eagleriverucc.org](mailto:youth.ministry@eagleriverucc.org)

IT Director: Lake Edwards, 715-891-7028   [infotech@eagleriverucc.org](mailto:infotech@eagleriverucc.org)

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**President:      Barbara Helmick   920-412-4782**

**Vice President:   Kathy Holperin   715-617-2424**

**Carlton Schroeder: 715-272-1837   Mark Johannsen: 920-475-7576**

**Sally Kemp: 715-479-3116   Nancy Diepenbrock: 715-479-2498**

**Molly Jaeger: 715-479-4505**

Pastor Parish Relations Committee - Donna DePape, 715-617-1710

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









