

## **The Church Mouse - April 2019**

### **First Congregational United Church of Christ**

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### *Passion or Palms?*

Dear Members and Friends of First Congregational United Church of Christ,

One of the things that pastors ask each other as Holy Week approaches, is “passion or palms.” In other words, on the Sunday before Easter, are we going to focus on Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem as he was greeted by people who were laying clothing and tree branches at his feet, and shouting their Hosannas, or are we going to move immediately to the subsequent events of Holy Week: the Last Supper, the betrayal and torture of Jesus, the mob scene that eventually led to his death on the cross.

For the Middle Eastern Christians with whom I had the privilege of worshiping during several Holy Weeks in Jerusalem, Cyprus and Lebanon, the question would not need to be raised. For them, the entirety of Holy Week would follow the chronology laid out in the Gospels: palms, Maundy Thursday, betrayal in the Garden, torture and death, burial; and the events of Holy Week would not only be recalled during worship services, but would be reenacted outside the church walls. I remember vividly a Good Friday funeral procession, complete with a flower-adorned coffin, through the streets of Limassol, Cyprus. No traffic, only weeping worshippers reenacting the carrying of Jesus’ body to the tomb.

But why the question about the Sunday before Easter? The reason we pastors wonder what to do on that Sunday is that we know that some of our parishioners, probably a majority, will jump immediately from the Palm Sunday festivities to the festivities of Easter morning. And they will miss something really important when they do that. So, some pastors will call that Sunday Passion Sunday and will tell the story of the betrayal and crucifixion because they fear that otherwise people will not hear that story. It’s not a case of being morbid. It is that Jesus had to show us the way. He had to die before he could show us the way to eternity through his resurrection. We have to die to our old selves first before we are born into new life in Christ.

In our church, we’re going to do Palms. And then, I’m going to hope that you will come to our Maundy Thursday service where we will remember the Last Supper “on the night he was betrayed,” and where he gave that new commandment that we love one another, where we will experience the darkening of our sanctuary as we remember how the world grew dark on that night of betrayal and anguished prayer. The light of Christ represented by the Christ Candle will be removed from our sanctuary, only to be returned to our midst on Easter morning. I’m going to hope as well that you will come to Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church on Good Friday, for our ecumenical service to watch and to pray as we remember how Jesus breathed forgiveness even as he died.

It’s not just the destination, it’s the journey. I hope that we will all journey together through Holy Week.

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)

## Special Meeting of the congregation set for April 28th

April 28th will be a very special day for our congregation. As you have undoubtedly heard by now, after months of hard work, our Search Committee has called a pastor to serve us and she has accepted the call. Yay!!!!

Now it's time for the rest of us to meet the woman that our Search Committee has chosen to provide pastoral leadership and decide if we concur. Here's how April 28th is shaping up:

- **9 am.**— Unity Sunday service led by our called pastor. Her sermon will be what is officially known as a “call sermon.”
- **Immediately after the service** — The congregation will have the opportunity to ask questions of the called pastor and hear a few words from her.
- **Next** — We will have a Special Meeting of the Congregation for the sole purpose of voting on the Search Committee's choice to be our next pastor. Voting will be by paper ballot. You must be present to cast a ballot.
- **Last, but not least** — In anticipation of a favorable vote, we will end with a meet-and-greet time in Fellowship Hall where all can enjoy continental breakfast-type treats, coffee and milk, and get to know our (hopefully) soon-to-be new pastor. (Watch for a signup sheet seeking people willing to help provide these items.)

Please, please, please make plans to join us on April 28th! This is likely the beginning of a new stage in the life of our church, and I truly hope all of you want to be part of it.

### Other news:

- Beginning in April, **Ed Cerv** will take on cleaning duties at the church. Previously, Sharon Favorite had been cleaning the building for us, and in recent months, Ed had been assisting her. Sharon gave notice that she would no longer be available to clean the church and suggested we consider Ed as her replacement. After additional study, led by Council Member **Mark Johannsen**, the Church Council agreed. Please say hi to Ed and make him feel welcome if you see him at church.
- The new cellular shade has been ordered for the chancel window and we're hoping it will be installed by Easter Sunday. Thanks to **Nancy Diepenbrock** for her leadership on this issue.
- Our Wednesday soup suppers and evening services have added immensely to the Lenten season at First Congregational UCC. Special thanks to **Marlyn Hupperts** and **Sharon Breit** for coordinating the soup suppers, and to the individuals who signed up to take charge of individual meals, and to all those who are making soup, serving or helping in any way. And special thanks to Rev. Dale Bishop, for leading meaningful, spiritually inspiring Lenten services.

Barbara Helmick  
Council President



April 3rd and 10th      Soup supper: 5 p.m.

*Please sign up!*

Worship: 6 p.m.

## APRIL CHOIR SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 31st	10:30 a.m.	For Maundy Thursday and Easter
Sunday, April 7th	8:30 a.m.	For 10:00 Service
Sunday, April 14	8:30 a.m.	For Maundy Thursday and Easter
Thursday, April 17	6:00 p.m.	For Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
April 21, Easter	8:00 a.m.	Easter Service 9:00 a.m.

*See schedule below for Good Friday Ecumenical Choir.*

### Holy Week



April 14: Palm Sunday 7:30 & 10:00 worship

April 18: Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. worship

April 19: Good Friday 12:15 p.m. Ecumenical worship at  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

April 21: EASTER SUNDAY - SINGLE SERVICE at 9 a.m.



The Vacationland Ministerial Association's Ecumenical Good Friday Service  
will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
5030 Hwy 70 West in Eagle River at  
**12:15 p.m. on Friday, April 19th**

The ecumenical choir will be under the direction of Dr. Pam Lee, accompanied by Linda Brainard.  
Choir rehearsals will be held as follows:  
Sundays, April 7th and 14th at 1:00 p.m.  
and  
Friday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m.

**All are welcome to participate.**

Please register by notifying Kerry Walker at [pop@princeofpeace-er.org](mailto:pop@princeofpeace-er.org)  
or calling the church office 715-479-9263

*If possible, please attend at least one Sunday rehearsal AND the Friday rehearsal.*

**Attire for the Good Friday Service is all black.**

**Women's Fellowship** met March 12th with seven present. Myrna Wright opened the meeting and all recited the mission statement, followed by a devotion. Plans for the May 14th Spring Luncheon were discussed with the theme **Spring into Music**. High school musicians and forensic students will perform in the sanctuary at 11:30 directed by Bernie Hupperts and Norma Yaeger, followed by the luncheon at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall.



A reminder that toiletry bag items for Lily's House/Tri-County Domestic Abuse Center can be dropped off in the church office at any time. Suggested are:

Nail clippers, nail files	Combs	Purse size Kleenex packages	Lip gloss
Small note pads/cards	Pens/pencils	Razors and blades	Socks
Feminine hygiene products	Deodorant	Tooth brushes	Tooth paste

*Please note that we have an ample supply of shampoo, conditioner, and soaps.*

**The bags will be filled at the next meeting, Tuesday, April 9th, 9 a.m.**

## Moon Beach Offers Specialized Retreat for Survivors of Sexual Abuse **April 26-28, 2019 — Steps on the Journey: A Healing Retreat**

Come and share a weekend with other women (18 years and older) who have experienced sexual abuse of any kind. Gathering together is an important part of the healing process. There is something so comforting about being with those who "get me", even though our stories may be different. Gathering together each year encourages and supports us to do the work needed to continue the steps of healing and wholeness.

We hope you will plan to join us as "companions on the journey" for a time of sharing, reflecting, growing, and celebrating. Our weekend will include group time, quiet time, crafts, food, music, and of course, time to enjoy the beauty and sacredness of Moon Beach.

All are welcome whether you are a veteran 'companion' or are new in taking this 'step' in your healing; we will leave forever strengthened, encouraged, connected and changed as true "companions on the journey".

Contact Moon Beach for more info (715-479-8255) or go to [UCCI.org](http://UCCI.org) to register.

**NIGHTS AT THE READING ROUND TABLE** Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:00 p.m.

### **"Before We Were Yours" By Lisa Wingate**

This is a great novel based on true stories of children practically stolen from their families, scrubbed up to be given up for adoption to rich families. Woe betide those who did not scrub up well or submit to their fate. 6 people found this helpful!

This was a great book, based on actual happenings which makes it incredible heartfelt at what happens in life, without us realizing that things aren't what they are supposed to be. Excellent read about stolen children split apart and sold. Well written with great detail, it is one of those easy to lose yourself into books. The two-person perspective makes it more wonderful, and keeps you wondering what the true story is until the very end.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
***"More than we can imagine"***  
annual collection will be taken Sunday, April 7th.

## Search Committee News, April

We've found her, we've made the call, she's accepted it! It was at our 6:00 a.m. meeting on Tuesday, March 19, with all committee members in attendance that the unanimous decision was reached, and with much hopeful anticipation, the phone call placed to our chosen candidate. (We did wait until 7:30 a.m. to make the call.) We all wanted to be present, we all wanted to participate, we all wanted to be part of the moment when the actual call was made. I dare say our hearts were racing and we applauded before we hung up. Then we waited with nervous anticipation, until later that same afternoon when Paula received the word that her answer was, "Yes, I'd love to be your pastor!"

In the words of our Council President, Barb Helmick:

*"Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 28th**. That is the day our called pastor will be here to deliver her 'Call Sermon' and answer questions from the congregation. We will have a Special Meeting of the congregation after the 9 a.m. service and you will have the opportunity to vote yes or no on the Search Committee's choice to lead our congregation."*

Please understand that for reasons of privacy and respect for her current congregation, not much other information can be released at this time.

But here are some interesting statistics. The Search Committee first met on June 5th, 2018. Since then we've had approximately 20 meetings, 4 phone interviews, and 2 interview weekends which included a Friday evening "Meet & Greet" dinner social and a Saturday morning interview.

We received 26 profiles in all, 14 of them females, 12 males. 5 were from Illinois, 4 from Minnesota, 3 from Iowa, 2 each from Maine, Wisconsin, California, and Pennsylvania and 1 each from Connecticut, Texas, Virginia, Ohio, Michigan and Massachusetts. We can't even begin to count how many email threads we've "enjoyed", at least 50, with chains as long as 50 responses.

It's been quite a journey and through it all we have felt the presence of the Lord and the power of prayer ... everyone's! Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve as your representatives. We are all better for it, our faith has grown, and we have created bonds of friendship never imagined. AND we are excited for you to meet our new pastor in April!

With gratitude,

Donna DePape, Jamie Remme, Larry Thompson, Linda Sanborn, Paula Hendrickson, Tobi Johannsen, Trisha More, Trista Langley-Tyler, Joy Turpin.

## Relay for Life Daffodil Sales, 2019



A resounding thank you to all who sold or purchased daffodils in this year's Relay fundraiser! Of all the Northwoods' teams, 190 bundles were sold for a profit to Relay of \$1,520. Of those 190 bundles sold, TEAM UCC, who is us of First Congregational UCC, the United Caring Characters, sold 81 which contributed \$648 to our mission of supporting those who struggle with cancer. And truly, wasn't just a bit of sunshine shared by all as these blooms adorned our sanctuary?



Again THANK YOU SO MUCH!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 2	Tom Ksionsk
April 3	Marilyn Dunphy
April 5	David Holperin Gene Yahr
April 7	Jeff Collins
April 8	Connie Hill
April 9	Matt Kaitchuck
April 10	Abby Thompson
April 16	Devany Fox
April 19	Vicki Brown
April 21	Roger Lauritzen Helen Welch
April 23	Larry George Kay Scharpf
May 24	Landon Fox Noah Wittkopf
April 25	Chuck Kemp
April 29	Mike Farrell
May 3	Pat Fox Sally Kemp
May 7	Barb Pevytoe
May 8	Dan Holperin
May 10	Ayla Shepherdson



Do you or someone in your family have a birthday in April/early May 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!



Our sympathy to the family of  
Jim Slagle.

Jim died Feb. 27th in Mequon, WI where he and Sandra had moved to late last fall. Condolences may be sent to Sandra at Wright House, Apt. 106  
6751 W. Mequon Road  
Mequon, WI 53092



Our sympathy to  
Jill, Daniel and Patsy.

### Thomas "Mr. T" Brunstad

left us peacefully on March 10th after a long illness. A service of worship to honor and celebrate his life will be held Saturday, March 30th, in our sanctuary with visitation at 10:00 a.m. and the service at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

To Our Church Family,

**Prayer is the pause that empowers.**

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



Do you or someone in your family have a birthday in April/early May 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!

**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*



### **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*



## April 28th

### "UNITY SUNDAY" SINGLE SERVICE AT 9 A.M.

**Moon Beach is still looking to fill year-round positions in hospitality**, including a Head of House-keeping 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 or calling 715-479-8255

**Looking for a fun and life-changing volunteer opportunity?** Moon Beach is seeking volunteers for Camp AweSum and Memory Camp! Enjoy all that Moon Beach has to offer while making a difference in people’s lives:

- **Camp AweSum Youth** and **Camp AweSum Family** are opportunities to work with youth and families affected by Autism Spectrum Conditions.
- Memory Camp is a camp for participants with dementia, their care partners and families.

**2019 DATES:**

June 12-15 Memory Camp I

June 24-29 Camp AweSum Youth

June 16-22 Camp AweSum Family Camp I

July 14-20 Camp AweSum Family Camp II

August 11-17 Camp AweSum Family Camp III

August 19-22 Memory Camp II



**NATH -- most needed items:**

Margarine/butter

Sugar

Twin blankets

Quart Ziploc bags

20 gallon bins with lids

Paper clips

Air freshener

**April - FLOCK**

**Thursday, April 11th 6 p.m.**

**“Paint Room” of UCC**

***Bring a snack to share with the group.***



**“What Shall We Bring?” We have received 65 pledges totaling \$142,658.00 toward our 2019 goal of \$165,000.**

***It’s never too late to pledge!***

***Decorate your heart with God’s love and wreath your face with a smile.***

# SPRING INTO MUSIC

1st Congregational United Church of Christ

Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon

May 14, 2019

*NPHS Students Present*

*"Forensics, Vocals, and Instrumentals"*

11:30 in the Church Sanctuary

*Lunch at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall*

Vegetable Pasta Salad

Croissant

Strawberry Jell-O Square

Carrot Cake, Lemon Bars

Beverages

All women and guests are invited.  
NPHS students will join us for lunch.

Reservations are required by May 8th.



Sign-up sheets will be available in the office and during  
worship services.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**  
From Sharon R. Breit, Director

**LOOK AT US — SOUPER BOWL OF CARING “STARS”**

We donated 233 food items and \$263 to the Vilas Food Pantry. Participating youth were, front row from left, Iland Shepherdson, Royce Remme and Ayla Shepherdson; back row, Wyatt Stebbeds, Daniel Brunstad, Director Sandy Weber and Malia Remme.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASS** begins with a snack and then we share our “Highs and Lows” for the week. On March 20th, all the kids said their low was “that Thomas had passed away” and their high was “that Thomas was now able to run and play and laugh.”

*Thomas, you are safe in the arms of God.*

The kids will continue to set the tables for Soup Suppers. Please thank them for a job well done!

**MOON BEACH CAMP:** Parents can sign up on line at [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org) or see me for information. Some scholarship money will be available.

Happy Moments ... *Praise God.* Difficult Moments ... *Seek God.* Quiet Moments ... *Worship God.*  
Painful Moments ... *Trust God.* Every Moment ... *Thank God.*



**Relay for Life of the Northwoods' Spring Cheese Sale!**

**Fabulous Award Winning Cheese from**

***WI State Dairy Cheese Factory in Rudolph, WI***

**Pick up an order form and anticipate the deliciousness!**

**Make checks payable to WI State Dairy Cheese. ORDERS due with payment Friday, April 19th. Cheese available for pick up May 9th.**

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING Relay for Life!**

**SUNDAY BAKERS**

Date	7:30 Service	10:00 Service
April 7	Pat Fox	Kami Kolb Malia Remme
April 14	Sandy Kaitchuck	Arlene Turk Barb Stadler
April 21	EASTER <i>No coffee time</i> <i>Enjoy the day with your family.</i>	
April 28	"UNITY SUNDAY" single service at 9 a.m. <i>"Meet and greet" in Fellowship Hall — sign up sheet available for treat donations</i>	



*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!

April Scripture Readers

	7:30	10:00
April 7	Chuck Kemp	Molly Jaeger
April 14	Ken Lynch	Ursula Charaf
April 21	<u>EASTER SINGLE SERVICE AT 9 A.M.</u> Iland Shepherdson	
April 28	UNITY SUNDAY 9 a.m. SERVICE Doug Malinsky	

April Announcements

	7:30	10:00
April 7	Ken Lynch	Molly Jaeger
April 14	_____	_____
April 21	<u>EASTER SINGLE SERVICE AT 9 A.M.</u> Sandra Mettler	
April 28	UNITY SUNDAY 9 a.m. service Arlene Turk	

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.*



**Medication errors are preventable** and injure hundreds of thousands of people every year in the US, yet most can be prevented by taking an active role in your own health care. Learn about the medications you take, including possible side effects. Never hesitate to ask questions or share concerns with your doctor, pharmacist and other health care providers.

An example of a medication error is taking an over-the-counter product that contains acetaminophen (Tylenol, others) when you're already taking a prescription pain medicine that contains this exact ingredient, putting yourself at risk of liver damage.

Another is taking a depression medication called fluoxetine (Prozac, Sarafem) with a migraine drug called sumatriptan (Imatrex). Both meds affect levels of a brain chemical called serotonin. Symptoms of the dangerous drug interaction include confusion, agitation, rapid heartbeat and increased body temperature, among others. Medication error can happen to anyone in any place, including your own home and at the doctor's office, hospital, pharmacy and senior living facility. Kids are especially at high risk for medication errors because they typically need different drug doses than adults.

**Knowing what you're up against can help you play it safe.** The most common causes of errors are:

- Poor communication between your doctors
- Poor communication between you and your doctors
- Drug names that sound alike and medications that look alike
- Medical abbreviations

**Knowledge is your best defense.** Whenever you start a new med, make sure you know the answers ...

- What is the brand or generic name of the medication?
- What is the medication supposed to do? How long will it be until I see results?
- What is the dose? How long should I take it?
- What should I do if I miss a dose?
- What should I do if I accidentally take more than the recommended dose?
- Are there any foods, drinks, other medications or activities I should avoid while taking this med?
- What are the possible side effects? What should I do if they occur?
- Will this new med interfere with my other medication(s)? If so, how?

**Get into the habit of playing it safe with these medication tips:**

- Keep an up-to-date list of all your medications, including nonprescription drugs and supplements.
- Store medications in their original labeled containers.
- Keep your medications organized by using a pillbox or an automatic pill dispenser.
- Save the information sheets that come with your medications.
- Use the same pharmacy, if possible, for all of your prescriptions.
- When you pick up a prescription, check that it's the one your doctor ordered.
- Don't give your prescription medication to someone else and don't take someone else's.

**"Don't ask, don't tell" is never a smart policy** when it comes to medications and your health. Don't hesitate to ask questions or to tell your health care providers if anything seems amiss. Remember, you're the final line of defense against medication errors.

If despite your efforts you have problems with a medication, talk with your doctor or pharmacist about whether to report it to MedWatch — the Food and Drug Administration safety and adverse event reporting program. Reporting to MedWatch is easy, confidential and secure — and it can help save others from being harmed by medication errors.

—Mayo Clinic Healthy Lifestyle

# SHOES, SHOES, SHOES!!!!



Ah ha, bet you're thinking, "Oh, it's that time again. We're starting our Soles 4 Souls shoe drive." Well, good that you're thinking "Soles 4 Souls" but the news is that we are NOT doing a shoe drive this year. After talking with a lot of folks, I heard from so many of you that your closets were cleaned out after the 2017 and 2018 effort, and that you wanted a year off. Well, we DID send off almost 1,200 pairs of shoes, so understandably, closets may be pretty devoid of shoes to donate.

THUS ... no Soles 4 Souls collection box this year. But please, do NOT forget about the cause. Set those unused shoes aside, and start your own "stash" for the effort in 2020. I'd prefer if you could keep your shoe donations stored at YOUR house ... but if you are unable, please let me know and I'll find a storage home for them somewhere.

For those of you that are unfamiliar with this effort, UCC partners with Soles 4 Souls, a non-profit organization that is committed to fighting the devastating impact of poverty world wide. The organization collects new and used shoes from individuals, schools, churches, civic organizations and corporate partners and then distributes these shoes either by direct donation to people in need, or by provisioning qualified micro enterprise programs, designed to create jobs in poor and disadvantaged communities. Soles 4 Souls is based in Old Hickory, TN and is rated 4 out of 4 stars (highest rating available) by Charity Navigator. Check out the website: [www.Soles4Souls.org](http://www.Soles4Souls.org)

So let's spend 2019 regrouping, and with a year off, let's make the planned drive in 2020 a whopper! Remember, all shoes (boots, sandals, slippers) are welcome, all sizes, all styles. Soles 4 Souls never puts a pair of shoes in a landfill, and finds a home for all donations, but *new* shoes are especially appreciated (and guaranteed to go *directly* to some shoeless foot.) So don't only set aside your used shoes for donation, but also keep your eyes peeled for special sales where new shoes can be purchased for a steal, or for garage sales, or even thrift shop donations. Together we can help wear out poverty one step at a time. Think 2020!

Questions .... Contact me anytime! Thanks for all you do.

Nancy Diepenbrock



***Order a yellow mum plant to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21st.  
Orders must be received by April 7th.***

**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 Sunday, April 7th.*



## 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 Ranch for Children in Nevada 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 spring 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!*



Keep cell phones coming in as well as hearing aids!

*The boxes are located on the small table in the parlor.*

**Thank you!!!**



**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)

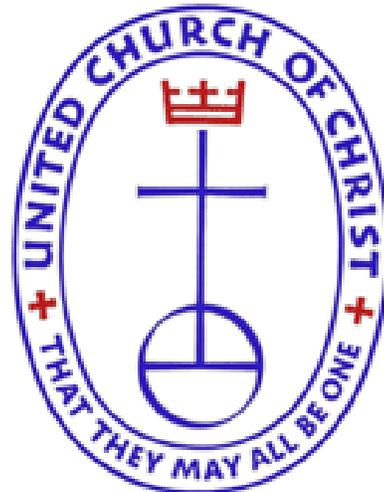
**CANCELLATION POLICY** Ever so often the weather alters our plans for a church event. Cancellation notices will be sent out via email to the congregation. If you know of someone who does NOT have email, please notify them. During church office hours, the secretary will have the information.

Church website: [www.eagleriverucc.org](http://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](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.

**April open dates: 21st and 28th**

March sponsors:

March 3: Molly Jaeger in honor of Jeff Wartgow

March 10: Pamme Williams in honor of Gwen Scharf's birthday

March 17: Welcome SPRING!

March 24: Ursula and William Charaf in honor of the birth of their great grandson

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