

The Church Mouse - December 2019

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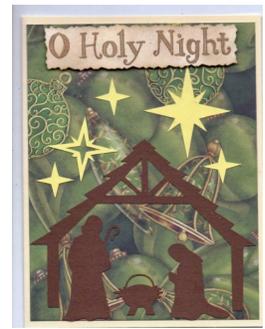
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Advent Message from the Pastor

I am still awed by our beautiful snowfalls!
The snow reveals footprints of many of God's creatures.
A large flock of turkeys and a grouse couple
(did you know that grouse have *feathered nostrils?!)*
visit our home garden area to feast on a red berry tree.

All is well in "God's Country!"

The wondrous seasons of Advent and Christmas are upon us.
All of the church events are my favorite part of the seasons!
Advent Worship Services in our beautifully decorated sanctuary,
Advent Study Group, Children's Christmas Program, Community Play
and Cantata, and finally — Christmas Eve Service!

(see articles within this newsletter!)

I am joyfully anticipating spending Advent and Christmas
with our First Congregational United Church of Christ.

God Bless YOU, every ONE!

Pastor Jane

**"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)

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Lots of news to report this month, so let's get started:

MOVING FORWARD

As noted in last month's Mouse, Council is focusing its efforts on moving forward with our new form of government. At our Nov. 14th meeting, we discussed the following question: **What tasks within our church are not getting done that need to be done? What is falling through the cracks?** Here are some of the "answers" offered by Council members with input from some of you.

1. Invitations to participate in services/operations
2. Time and Talent survey
3. Green World committee
4. Social Justice committee
5. Outreach for new members
6. Outreach to the community
7. Events to bring whole church together
8. Inspired stewardship
9. Strengthening church body
10. Stronger internet presence
11. Outreach to former/inactive members
12. Improved welcoming of newcomers/guests
13. Expanded church signing
14. Dispersed decision making
15. Safety Sunday

While we discussed several of the topics, we focused Nos. 1, 2, and 11, and decided on the following.

- No. 1 focused on the fact that many people are not comfortable stepping forward to volunteer for specific tasks at church (announcements during services, Liturgy reader, ushering, etc.), but are more than happy to do so if someone reaches out to them. Barb Helmick will reach out to individuals who may be interested in participating in a discussion/ad hoc committee to determine ways to engage more members and friends of the congregation in its day-to-day life.
- No. 2 (Time and Talent Survey) — Bernie Hupperts noted that we have not conducted a survey of our congregation regarding how they might wish to serve our church with their time and talent. He expressed a willingness to develop ideas for a new Time and Talent Survey and will be following up.
- No. 11 (Reaching out to former/inactive members) — Pastor Jane will begin doing so.

We will continue to discuss the other items on this list at future meetings. If you have thoughts on any of them, please feel free to share them with a Council member or via the Ideas box. If you would like to help tackle any of these topics, please let us know.

MISSIONS

Council authorized \$1,000 from the Maggie Ball Mission Fund for NATH (Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing), and \$500 for Caritas, a faith-based outreach center in Eagle River that offers social support for those in need. These are two organizations that our church has historically supported with Maggie Ball Mission Funds.

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DECEMBER CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearse at 8:30 a.m.
on Dec. 1st for the 10:00 service;
Dec. 15th at 8:00 a.m. for “Unity Service”
children’s Christmas program at 9:00 a.m.



The 2019 Ecumenical Advent - Christmas Cantata Saturday, December 14th

2:30 p.m.

followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.



(Council —continued)

CHURCH SECURITY

Our Security Task Force, led by Carlton Schroeder, is focusing its efforts on church security during worship services. Toward that end, Carlton is working to arrange security training for us with the help of the Eagle River Police Department. Stay tuned for more information.

NEW BANNERS

Pastor Jane asked for Council permission to purchase three new outdoor banners for the church. She would like to rotate them with the existing “God is Still Speaking” rainbow banner that has adorned the Division Street side of our building for the last several years. The purchase will come at no cost to the church because three individuals have offered to purchase them. Council approved the request.

UNITY SUNDAYS

Director of Education Sharon Breit asked the Council to consider making December 15th a Unity Sunday. That is the day of our Christmas Children’s Program and Sharon would like to make sure all members and friends of our congregation can enjoy it. (Historically, the children’s presentation has been only at the 10 a.m. service.) Council agreed. So, we will have two Unity Sunday’s in December — December 15th for the Children’s Program, followed by cookies in either the parlor or downstairs, and our normal last Sunday-of-the-month Sunday on December 29th with NO brunch.

Our normal Unity Sunday schedule will resume in January (last Sunday of the month WITH brunch and continue through April.

STAFF NEWS

I was remiss last month in failing to report that Kathy Holperin has submitted her resignation as associate office manager, effective December 31st. Kathy is currently a student at United Theological Seminary and wants to devote more time to her classes. She is working toward a master of Arts in Leadership with a focus on Spiritual Direction. While we hate to see her leave, we respect her decision and wish her well.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP met Tuesday, November 12th with seven present. The meeting was called to order by Linda Sanborn, a devotion given by Sharon Breit and treasurer's report by Linda Sanborn.



Lap robes will be displayed on the pews for the November 17th worship service and will be blessed along with Beanie Babies at both services. Helena Radloff hemmed many of the lap robes made by Women's Fellowship. Marlyn Hupperts sewed a lap robe for Sandra Slagle from materials that Sandra had started in the past; this will be sent to her with a card signed by members of Women's Fellowship.

Christmas decorating will be the first week of December, coordinated by Marlyn. Sanctuary Arts Group will be decorating for Thanksgiving and also for Advent. The Mitten Tree will be put up (see below) during the first week also.

Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon will be Tuesday, May 12th. Bernie Hupperts and Norma Yaeger will coordinate entertainment. Menu ideas are welcomed.

Christmas cards to "snow birds" will be placed in the parlor and ready to sign by Unity Sunday. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 with the Lord's Prayer.

Sharon will coordinate the **January 14th meeting**. (No December meeting.)



The annual MITTEN TREE will soon be up in the hallway and will be collecting donations through Sunday, December 15th. Hand-made items or purchased mittens, gloves, and scarves are welcomed and will be distributed during the week of December 16th.

Please note: we have an ample supply of knit caps!

Take a few minutes to stop in the Parlor to sign Christmas cards to the "snow birds" and members/friends unable to attend Sunday worship services. The cards will be available thro Sunday, December 15th and will be mailed that week.



Your messages are appreciated!



"The Light Shines in the Darkness" is the theme for the Annual Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund.

For over 100 years, the Fund has been a way to ensure that a light of love and hope will always shine for faithful servants of our church who find themselves facing unforeseen financial need. In 2018 a total of \$2,539,471 was collected enabling the UCC Pension

Boards to provide Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, special grants for emergencies, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks to over 1,000 individuals and families in need. You will soon be receiving a letter and an envelope in the mail for our Christmas Fund offering on **December 22nd**. Thank you for giving to this special offering.



NATH TOP TEN MOST NEEDED ITEMS

1. Kitchen garbage bags
2. Clorox wipes
3. Laundry detergent (HE)
4. Fabric softener sheets
5. Masking tape
6. Toilet bowl cleaner
7. Q-Tips
8. Night time cold medications
9. Men's deodorant
10. Gallon Ziploc bags

JOIN A NEW ADVENT STUDY

Mondays, Nov. 25 - Dec. 23rd from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?

We wait. We wait for the coming of the Holy One. But Christmas can be a confusing time! Bright lights, crowded stores, internet sales, parties and plays, ads for this and for that — there is so much that demands our attention!

In the midst of all the busyness, it's difficult to know which way to turn. We so want to enjoy the joy and peace of the season, and yet, sometimes, we don't know where to begin.

You are invited to join this Advent Group as we reflect on the scripture readings for this season through a special Christmas game, discussion, a brief Advent Service, simple Christmas projects, songs and more!



Christmas Eve Service: 7 p.m.

Come for this Candlelight and Carol Service!

We will celebrate Jesus' birth of light into the world with candlelight and Christmas carols, The Christmas Story, a special sermon, Children's Message with gifts and more!



\$\$\$ THE WAY "I am the way...." John 14:6

We have received 49 pledges totaling \$95,098 toward our 2020 pledged goal of \$160,000.

YOUR pledges are VERY IMPORTANT and MUCH NEEDED FOR 2020.

Misplaced your pledge card? We have more!

Pledges would be greatly appreciated by December 31st.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

with a single service at 9 a.m.

bringing both services together to enjoy the youth in our church family.

Christmas is love that flows from one heart to another.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 1	Louise Krus
Dec. 3	Lori Collins Barbara Helmick
Dec. 4	Stephanie Nesbitt
Dec. 7	Libby Collins Carol Trojanowski
Dec. 8	Pam Dunphy Molly Jaeger
Dec. 9	Grace Florence
Dec. 10	Carol Smart
Dec. 13	Luke Aschbrenner Izzac Spolarich
Dec. 19	Trisha Moore
Dec. 22	Wendy Kaczowski Dorothy Lorch
Dec. 24	Larry Thompson
Dec. 26	Mary Lou Knearem
Dec. 29	Emma Korinek
Dec. 30	Gary Brainard
Jan. 1	Wilma Frisque
Jan. 2	Chris Thomson Myrna Wright
Jan. 3	David Adler
Jan. 4	Paula Hendrickson Barbara Mather
Jan. 10	Phil Jensen

REMEMBER

GOD
JESUS
SPIRIT
The lost
The sick
The lonely
The hungry
Those confined
Our missionaries
Those out of school
The less fortunate
Those who are in prison
Those in the military service
Those who are away from home
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CHRISTMAS

To Our Church Family,

**If you carry joy in your heart, you can
heal any moment.**

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



Do you or someone in your family have a birthday in December/early January 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
family!*

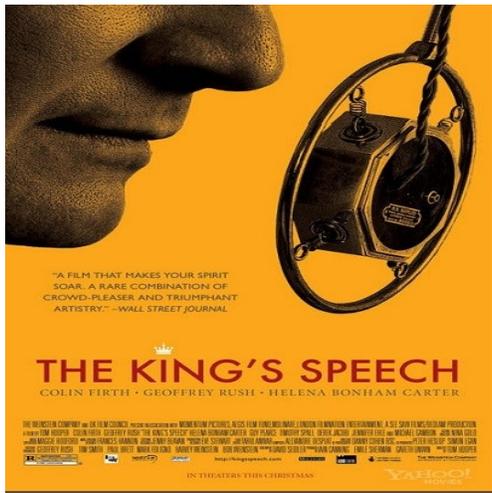


Our church IS accessible to ALL!

*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*



**DEC. 15: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SINGLE SERVICE AT 9 A.M.
DEC. 29: "UNITY SUNDAY" single service at 9 a.m.**



**Nights at the Reading Round Table
UCC Book Group**

Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

Movie: "The King's Speech"

England's Prince Albert (Colin Firth) must ascend the throne as George VI, but he has a speech impediment.

Knowing that the country needs her husband to be able to communicate effectively, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter)

hires Lionel Logue, (Geoffrey Rush) an Australian actor and speech therapist, to help him overcome his stammer. An extraordinary friendship develops between the two men, as Logue uses unconventional means to teach the monarch how to speak with confidence.



From the Vilas Food Pantry:

"Thanks to all of you for filling the Thanksgiving bags and caring about our community."

"Dear First Congregational Congregation and Pastor Jane,
Thank you for your amazing and generous gift of food to the Backpack Program With your help and the partnership in the community, we are able to feed over 125 children and youth each week throughout the year in the Northland Pines School District. Thank you for helping to live out Jesus' command to care for the least of these. Thank you for your ministry and generosity in His name. In Christ, Pastor Andrea Fleugel and Prince of Peace on behalf of the Backpack Program."

From Hadley Miles, 2019 Jinny Paterson Scholarship Recipient:

"First Congregational UCC Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for contributing to my education! I am having such an amazing time here in Marquette, MI at Northern Michigan University! My classes are challenging but I am truly enjoying them. Chemistry has been the easiest so far. In my free time I am studying, camping, exploring, and always making new friends! I registered for my next semester classes yesterday! Today was our first snow day with about 6 inches of snow and had classes cancelled! I am so happy here. Thank you. Sincerely, Hadley Miles" (Nov. 7, 2019)



**Gathering of the FLOCK:
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Thursday, Dec. 12th, 5:30 p.m.
at Eddie B's White Spruce Inn**

RSVP Linda Brainard BY DECEMBER 1st

715-891-3548 lsbpiano@msn.com

Merry Christmas



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

"Unity Sunday" with a single service
at 9 a.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to spend this year with our youth. What a great group of kids! In 2018-2019 we had six kids: Malia Remme, Royce Remme, Daniel Brunstad, Ayla Shepherdson, Iland Shepherdson and Wyatt Stebbeds. This year the group includes: Daniel Brunstad, Ayla Shepherdson, Iland Shepherdson, Wyatt Stebbeds and Izzac Spolarich.

*Remember ... if Christmas isn't found in your heart,
you won't find it under the tree.*

Sharon Breit
Christian Education Director

Out of the mouths of God's kids:

"Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else." — Thomas, age 8

"Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are investigating it." — Gert, age 9

"It's not easy to become an angel. First, you die. Then you go to heaven. Then you have to go through flight training. And then you've got to agree to wear those angel clothes." — Luke, age 7

"I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold." — Susan, age 4





SUNDAY BAKERS

Date	7:30	10:00
Dec. 1	Helena Radloff	Linda Cole Pamme Williams
Dec. 8	Nan Pophal	Nancy Diepenbrock Jane Shadick
DEC. 15	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM single service 9 a.m. <i>Cookies remaining from Dec. 14th Cantata</i>	
Dec. 22	Pat Mayo	Patti Roberts Deb Stolze
Dec. 29	"UNITY SUNDAY" single service at 9 a.m. <i>Have "leftover holiday cookies? Bring them in for coffee time today!"</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!

December Scripture Readers

	7:30	10:00
Dec. 1	Paula Hendrickson	Tobi Johannsen
Dec. 8	Chuck Kemp	_____
Dec. 15	Children's Christmas Program 9 a.m. Mary Ann Hansen	
Dec. 22	Joe Turpin	Luke Aschbrenner
Dec. 29	UNITY SUNDAY 9 a.m. SERVICE _____	

December Announcements

	7:30	10:00
Dec. 1	Ken Lynch	Toby Johannsen
Dec. 8	Joan Temme	_____
Dec. 15	Children's Program, 9 a.m. service _____	
Dec. 22	Joe Turpin	Luke Aschbrenner
Dec. 29	UNITY SUNDAY 9 a.m. service _____	

ACOLYTES ARE NEEDED!

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



IMPORTANT!

ALL 2019 contributions **MUST** be received by December 31st to be included in your 2019 contribution statement.

Any contributions received after December 31st will be credited to your 2020 contributions.

News from Team United Caring Characters



Great thanks to all who supported Team UCC's Fall Cheese Sale Fundraiser either by selling or purchasing or helping with sorting and packaging. We sold 423 items of cheese (and sausage), worth \$2,883.25 with a profit to our team and to Relay of \$712.80! The combined efforts of all of our Northwoods' teams raised \$1,603.55 in profits. That will go a long way in supporting the American Cancer Society's patient support programs, prevention, information and education programs, detection and treatment programs, outreach interventions, AND its funding of millions of dollars of cancer research grants!



To date, in the Relay for Life 2020 campaign, Team UCC has raised an incredible \$1,037.80! If you're interested in joining the Team, let Nan or Joy Turpin know (joyfaithchapinturpin@gmail.com) (715-479-6560) and we'll get you registered. Great fun! Great Company! Great cause! All welcome!

***Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16th: 2-7 p.m. at the World Championship Snowmobile Derby Complex for an afternoon and early evening of much fulfillment!**



WHEN: Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in our sanctuary!

(Future movie nights every 4th Tuesday through April!)

Snacks and drinks will be offered and welcomed!

MOVIE: "The Wanted 18"

Through a clever mix of stop-motion animation and interviews, ***The Wanted 18*** recreates an astonishing true story: the Israeli Army's pursuit of 18 cows, whose independent milk production on a Palestinian collective farm was declared "a threat to the national security of the star of Israel."

Showing the story of the "wanted 18" from the perspective of the Beit Sahour activists, Israeli military officials, and the cows, Palestinian artist Amer Shomali and veteran Canadian director Paul Cowan create an enchanting, inspirational tribute to the ingenuity and power of grassroots activism and self-determination!



SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder)

SAD is a type of depression that's related to changes in seasons; SAD begins and ends at about the same times every year. In most cases, symptoms appear during late fall or early winter and go away during the sunnier days of spring and summer. Less commonly, people with the opposite pattern have symptoms that begin in spring or summer. In either case, symptoms may start out mild and become more severe as the season progresses. Signs and symptoms may include:

- Feeling depressed most of the day, nearly every day; losing interest in activities once enjoyed
- Having low energy; having problems with sleeping
- Experiencing changes in your appetite or weight; feeling sluggish or agitated
- Having difficulty concentrating
- Feeling hopeless, worthless or guilty

Fall and winter SAD specific symptoms may include over sleeping, appetite changes (especially a craving for food high in carbohydrates), weight gain, tiredness or low energy.

Spring and summer SAD symptoms may include trouble sleeping (insomnia), poor appetite, weight loss, agitation or anxiety.

When to see a doctor. It's normal to have some days when you're down, but if you feel down for days at a time and you can't get motivated to do activities you normally enjoy, see your doctor. This is especially important if your sleep patterns and appetite have changed, you turn to alcohol for comfort or relaxation, or if you feel hopeless or think about suicide.

Causes remain unknown. Some factors that may come into play include:

- **Your biological clock (circadian rhythm).** The reduced level of sunlight in fall and winter may cause winter-onset SAD. This decrease in sunlight may disrupt your body's internal clock and lead to depression.
- **Serotonin levels.** A drop in serotonin, a brain chemical (neurotransmitter) that affects mood, might play a role in SAD. Reduced sunlight can cause a drop in serotonin that may trigger depression.
- **Melatonin levels.** The change in season can disrupt the balance of the body's level of melatonin, which plays a role in sleep patterns and mood.

Risk factors. SAD is diagnosed more often in women than in men. And SAD occurs more frequently in younger adults than older adults. Factors that may increase your risk of SAD include:

- **Family history.** People with SAD may be more likely to have blood relatives with SAD or another form of depression.
- **Having major depression or bipolar disorder.** Symptoms of depression may worsen seasonally if you have one of these conditions.
- **Living far from the equator.** SAD appears to be more common among people who live far north or south of the equator. This may be due to decreased sunlight during the winter and longer days during the summer.

Treatment for SAD may include light therapy, medications and psychotherapy, prescribed by your doctor. Mind-body connections such as yoga or tai chi meditation and music/art therapy are also helpful for SAD.

—Mayo Clinic Health Information —

*Christmas is smiling at people you don't even know
and having them smile back.*

Idea, Ideas, Ideas!

We received six ideas via the new IDEAS box in the back of the church sanctuary during the first few weeks in November. The Church Council addressed all of them during its Nov. 14th meeting. Here's a look at the submissions and the actions taken by the Council.

1. **"One service at 9:30 during winter."** Submitted by **Bernie Hupperts**. Council briefly discussed the idea -- including making the time earlier -- concluding that one service might work during the "deep winter" months of January, February and March. However, the group acknowledged that this would be a significant change and should not be made without further study and the congregation's input. Council Vice President Mark Johannsen will lead the Council's efforts in this regard.
2. **"Prayer is important to one's life and the life of a church. I would like the 'Mouse' each month to include prayers for our church family. Each month include something like this ...**

PRAYERS

Please include the following in your thoughts, prayers, and acts of loving kindness.

Name

Name

Name

Etc.

For everyone in need of healing in mind, body or spirit.

Amen"

Submitted by Patti Roberts

Council agreed and asked Pastor Jane and Nan Pophal to make this happen. They will need to determine a way to solicit prayer requests from the congregation and to ensure that individuals who are named are OK with being listed in the Mouse.

3. **"Begin a new organ research action and a new organ fund, if a new organ is necessary."** — submitted by **Bernie Hupperts**. As most of you are aware, we've had issues with our organ in the past year or so and there's no way of knowing if (or when) we will have more and whether we will be able to address those issues with repairs or whether replacement will be necessary. Bernie (a member of the Council) agreed to lead an ad hoc committee to follow through on his suggestion.
4. **"Could we have the scripture for the following Sunday printed in the bulletin?"** — **Anonymous submission**. The short, and only answer is YES! Pastor Jane and Nan will work to make this happen.
5. **"A lecture about Dead Sea Scrolls and the Essenes"** — **Anonymous submission**. Pastor Jane will pursue this in an effort to make it happen.
6. **Redo the First Congregational UCC "Welcome!" card in the church pews. "This must be redone."** Submitted by **Marlyn Hupperts**. This was in the works (thank you, Nan) and has been completed.

If you would like to provide input on any of the ideas noted above, please contact the Council member or the staff person who is listed as responsible for following through on them.

Thanks to all who submitted ideas. Special thanks to Keenan Roberts who made the beautiful wooden box to hold those submissions. We look forward to hearing from more of you in the future -- through the Ideas box or in person.

Barbara Helmick, Church Council President

The miracle is this -- the more we share, the more we have.



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.

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!!!



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www.eagleriverucc.org

Check it out!

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Sharon Breit's office hours during school year

Wednesday: 1:00—5:30

Thursday: 10 - 2 p.m.

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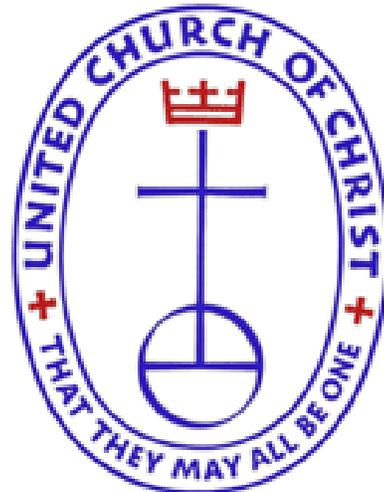
CANCELLATION POLICY Ever so often the weather alters our plans for a church event. Cancellation notices will be sent out via email to the congregation. If you know of someone who does NOT have email, please notify them. During church office hours, the secretary will have the information.

Church website: www.eagleriverucc.org

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



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

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.

December opening: 27th

November Sponsors:

Nov. 3rd: Leta Cole in honor of mom Linda's birthday

Nov. 10th: Phil Jensen in honor of Mickey's birthday

Larry and Barb Mattes in honor of their 66th anniversary

Nov. 24: Mark and Tobi Johannsen "in honor and thanksgiving for our wonderful children and grandchildren!"

Nov. 24: A rose sponsored by Pat Tucker and Dale Bishop in honor of grandson Arvid Isaiah Spier-Olsen to Phoebe and Eric on Nov. 20th, welcomed home by big sister Seren.

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