

The Church Mouse - January 2020

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“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth.
Do you not perceive it?”
~Isaiah 43:18. 19a

Dear Members and Friends,

One challenge in writing a newsletter is that it mixes up my inner clock! It means trying to talk about feelings on paper before I'm ready for them in real life. Even today, as I write — the newsletter deadline being Dec. 19 at HIGH NOON, and still days before Christmas — I get to think and talk about a world I haven't seen yet: the New Year, 2020. Life comes at us fast sometimes! As we look back over the days of our lives, or even just the 365 days of the year 2019, just now ending, it's so clear: Something new is always upon us. “Do we not perceive it?”

One problem with welcoming a new year is that it comes at a time when nothing feels new. The Christmas decorations look a bit tired. Taking them down is a tiresome task. Winter is just getting out of the gate at Christmas time. (Though this year, it's made an early start!) By New Year's Day, winter's iciest, snowiest, coldest three months (or more?) are still ahead of us in God's country — the North Woods!

And yet, even in the midst of seasonal and daily cycles, we can feel the moments passing. If we stop to listen to the rhythm of our hours and days, if we pay attention to the march of seconds and minutes, we'll catch them coming nearer, stomping past us, and going ahead of us. How did our children come to be so much older? When did that wrinkle form on the familiar brow? Time passes somehow, leaving us with rich gifts, while leaving other things behind us.

In every season of life, there is a new thing that God is doing. Whatever time it is in your life, whatever your age or occupation, that voice still calls out to you: “Follow me.” Or, as the God of Isaiah declares, “I am about to do a new thing ... Do you not perceive it?” In this truly deep midwinter season, as a congregation, let's be open to the “new things” that the Spirit is doing in our midst and the directions they might lead us. Until then, I'd encourage you to ask yourself these two questions: What new thing am I being called to? What new thing is our church being called to? It is my joy to be making new discoveries with you!

May the strength of God, the peace of Christ and the dancing of the Holy Spirit
be with you in the New Year 2020, and always!!

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)

NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Happy 2020!

I hope this year is a wonderful one for you and for those you love, as well as for First Congregational UCC and our church family. I'm looking forward to the new year and all the potential it offers.

One last look at 2019 — Here's an update from the Dec. 12, Church Council meeting.

ONE SERVICE DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH: Council reviewed two ideas for surveying the congregation regarding their thoughts on this topic — a suggestion offered through our IDEAS box. Note: This will not happen this year. It was suggested as a possibility for Winter 2021. More discussion to come.

NEW HIRE; Council unanimously approved hiring Amy Mehlhoff to fill the opening created by Kathy Holperin's resignation. Amy will share the front office with Nan rather than float from location to location as Kathy did. Please stop by, say hello and give Amy a warm welcome. You can read more about Amy elsewhere in this newsletter.

SECURITY UPDATE: Carlton Schroeder presented a thorough, yet concise, one-page summary of our church Security Team's research. The focus is on 1) Upgrading security of our exterior doors, and 2) Improving security during our church services.

Here are the alternatives that will be discussed at Council's January 15th meeting:

- **Lock, key, and push bar changes to three exterior doors** - Northern Lock and Key has reviewed our church's exterior doors and estimated costs to change locks and keys on our main (south) door and our parking lot door, and for our Fellowship Hall door to change to a push bar, and to eliminate the exterior key lock on that door—\$1,100
- **Add push bar and rekey our west door lock** - Northern Lock and Key has estimated cost to add a push bar locking system, surface mounted rods for the right-side door (from the inside) that lock into the header and threshold. That door's lock and key is unique and won't be a part of the master key system— \$2,700
- **Exterior glass strengthening** - Use of a tough clear plastic film to install on the inside of windows and door glass thought to be vulnerable to breaking and entering. This plastic film prevents the glass from shattering and must be cut with a serrated knife to open it up, although bullets do pass through— \$15 per square foot
- **Key fob or card entry system for our main (south) door, and camera and related surveillance system components** - Kozar Technologies has reviewed our Church layout and provided a proposal for an electronic and computer-based entry control system for our main (south) door—\$15,895
- **Security improvement during church service** - We have indicated interest in an usher/greeter security awareness webinar/presentation to be provided by our Eagle River Police Department. That presentation is expected to be held in January 2020. Thus far our expectations for this security improvement include having just one door open during service providing awareness/reaction

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NO JANUARY CHOIR

We're taking a break to catch our breath after the busy holiday schedule.



News from Church Council continued...

training for our ushers, possible congregation reaction training, and possible other measures yet to be identified. No cost information available, although any costs are expected to be small compared to the other security costs.

If you have thoughts you'd like to share on church security, I urge you to share them with the Council. Feel free to contact any Council member (me, Mark Johannsen, Carlton Schroeder, Molly Jaeger, Shirley Thompson, Trisha Moore or Bernie Hupperts), submit a comment via the IDEAS box, or attend the January Council meeting (6:30 p.m. January 15th).

Thank you for all you do. Thank you for caring about First UCC. Thank you for supporting it financially and with your time and talents.

It is a pleasure to serve as your Church Council president. Let's make it a great 2020!

Barbara Helmick

Introducing Amy Mehlhoff



Amy is our new church staff member! Amy and her husband (*Rev. Topher Mehlhoff, pastor of First Congregational UCC, Rhinelander*) live just down the street from our church in Eagle River. They have three children (Joseph, 12 yrs., Grayson, 7 yrs., and Eliza, 2 yrs.) busy in community and school. Amy will provide technical support and services for us, as well as working in our church office. She has much experience and knowledge of social media and technology. Amy enjoys working with and serving other people. Of course, she is also quite familiar with the United Church of Christ and local churches like ours! Her office area will be right next to Nan's in the church office. Amy will have more regular hours and her area set up after the New Year!

Stop in: meet and welcome Amy!



We are beginning a prayer list which will be printed in our monthly newsletter: "The Church Mouse." Please call the church office (715-479-8501) or indicate "Mouse" when offering up prayer request cards during worship. If the request is for a specific person or family, we ask that you have a person's agreement before placing them on our newsletter prayer list. Many people value their privacy! Of course, we invite you to pray for the requests printed in the newsletter. God Bless!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP —
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 9 a.m. the first meeting of the
New Year! Join us!



A voice from the past: **Mary Lou Knearem** who was very active in Women's Fellowship and the Cranberry Fest Luncheon, called with an up-date to pass on to all who knew her before she moved to AZ some years ago.

She fell in August which resulted in a back fracture, followed by a stroke some weeks later that paralyzed her left leg. She is in assisted living:

Country Club Assisted Living at La Cholla, Room 4601

8700 N. La Cholla Blvd.

Tucson, AZ 85742

Cell phone: 520-237-4177

Mary Lou continues to view First Congregational UCC in Eagle River as "her church" and has received the "Church Mouse" since she left our area. *Note: her 90th birthday is December 26th. It'll be too late to send a card by the time you get this; drop her a line anyhow — she'll appreciate it!*

Thanks to all who "decorated" the annual MITTEN TREE with the following:

36 hats 18 mittens 13 scarves 1 pair of socks

3 head bands

20 of the above items were donated to Head Start with 20 blanketed Beanie Babies.



IN-HOME CAREGIVER NEEDED

Seeking an in-home caregiver for church member Nancy Smart of Three Lakes to stay with her on a live-in basis Sunday PM through Friday PM. One of her children is normally with her from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Other children visit periodically so the work pattern could be something like four weeks on and then two weeks off. Nancy is now 93 and is mostly self-sufficient, but this would include meal preparation. Compensation included.

If interested, please call Nancy's son, Tom Smart at 248-563-8643. Thank you!

(Permission granted to print.)

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

We have received 63 pledges totaling \$126,102.00
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!



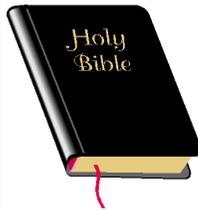
What is Epiphany?

*Epiphany is a season of light.
Epiphany begins Jan. 6th and ends Feb. 23rd, Transfiguration Sunday.*

Epiphany is a season of worship because it deals with the Glory of God manifested in Jesus. The season begins with the Wise Men coming to worship the newborn King. The season ends with the worship experience on the mount of Transfiguration. When people see Jesus as God's Son, they instinctively fall down to worship him as Lord.

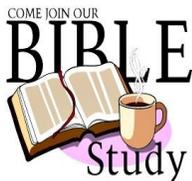
The name "Epiphany" means "Manifestation." The light manifests itself in the darkness, God reveals himself in Jesus, and the glory of God is seen in Jesus. The Epiphany season extends from six to nine Sundays. The number of weeks observed depends upon the date of Easter and the beginning date of Lent.

Epiphany is a season of light, the light that shines and reveals. The symbol is the Epiphany Star. The light burns so that all may see truth and the way to God. Epiphany is the time for emphasis upon evangelism, the telling of the Good News, the spreading of the light of Christ in a dark world. Christ is the light and Christians need to reflect that light in the world. We are light-bearers.



JANUARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>January 5th</u>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 Matthew 2:1-12
<u>January 12</u>	Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 29 Matthew 3:13-17
<u>January 19</u>	Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Psalms 40:1-11 John 1:29-42
<u>January 26</u>	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Psalms 27: 1, 4-9 Matthew 4:12-23



mark LISTEN UP Bible Study

(There have been and are many Bible studies. How is this one different? Our primary purpose will be to listen and hear God speak. To be sure, together we will learn a great deal about the book of Mark. But the primary purpose is not simply learning information. It is hearing God speak! We will be challenged and comforted.)

TIME: You choose. This study will be offered on **Sundays** from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. *(between services)*
AND ALSO on **Mondays** from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

DATES: January 5 - February 11th

WHERE: Church Conference Room

WHAT: "Mark's Gospel, the shortest of the four Gospels, gets right to the point and tells us what really mattered most to the earliest of Christians. Mark didn't have the time, or want to take the time, to deal with anything that didn't draw a straight line from Jesus' baptism to the empty tomb ... Mark is a bare-bones Gospel with a raw faith ... from the very first verse, his focus is the good news that this Jesus is who he said he was — the one worth listening to, the one worth following, the One worth giving your life for. This is the Jesus we meet in the pages of Mark."

That's reason enough to read this urgent, raw Gospel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 1 Wilma Frisque
Jan. 2 Chris Thomson
Myrna Wright
Jan. 3 David Adler
Jan. 4 Paula Hendrickson
Barbara Mather
Jan. 10 Phil Jensen
Gary Stevens
Jan. 11 Carl Gromoll
Jan. 13 Kathy Holperin
Jan. 14 Sharon Breit
Marlys Lee
Jan. 15 Barbara Mattes
Julia Nesbitt
Jan. 17 William Schattner
Jan. 18 Joe Panci
Jan. 20 Drew Schulta
Jan. 22 Gene Welhoefer
Jan. 28 Gary Gilbert
Marilyn Nelson
Jan. 29 Mike Mettler
Feb. 1 Sandra Mettler
Feb. 2 Myrtle Bucholtz
Feb. 3 Loleta Cole
Ann Dunphy



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



"Women's Fellowship and UCC Mission, Thank you for the holiday card and gift. It was a nice surprise and a great reminder of my wonderful community back home. I miss you all and hope you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you!" Tess Holperin

"Dear UCC Family,
Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift, and for all of the aid you have given throughout my schooling. I'm proud to say I've accepted a job as a labor and delivery nurse in Green Bay! Without your support, it may not have been possible — so THANK YOU! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!" Libby Collins



QuotesIdeas.com

To Our Church Family,

**It may be that those who do most
dream most.**

If you know of someone who would benefit from a call, visit, or 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!*

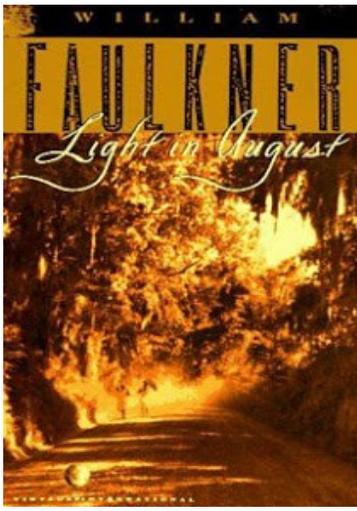


Our church IS accessible to ALL!

*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*



**"UNITY SUNDAY" w/brunch
January 26th**



Nights at the Reading Round Table UCC Book Group Thursday, January 9th, 6:30 p.m.

“Light in August” by William Faulkner

In a loose, unstructured modernistic narrative style that draws from Christian allegory and oral storytelling, Faulkner explores themes of race, sex, class and religion in the American South. In the novel first published in 1932, focusing on characters that are misfits, outcast or otherwise marginalized in their community, he portrays the clash of alienated individuals against a puritanical, prejudiced rural society.

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 state 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!

We have new addresses:

Elaine Storzer
6810 Winkler Road
Three Lakes, WI 54562

(Now living with grandson Brian Slizewski)

Marilyn Dunphy
The Lexington Center
679 Interstate Hwy 45 S, #114
Huntsville, TX 77340



NATH to honor First UCC of Eagle River

The Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (NATH) will recognize First Congregational United Church of Christ of Eagle River as its **PARTNER OF THE YEAR** during its annual anniversary event on Saturday, February 1, 2020. This is the first time in the 10-year history of NATH that it has selected an organization outside of Oneida County as its Partner of the Year. And it is indeed a special honor.

First UCC will be recognized during the anniversary event which includes a prime rib buffet dinner and raffles. The event is also a fundraiser for NATH, which operates Frederick Place, an emergency, temporary homeless shelter in Rhinelander, serving people from Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties.

Barbara Mather, a member of both our church and the NATH board, is encouraging members and friends of our congregation to attend the NATH anniversary benefit/dinner on Feb. 1, to support both NATH and be part of the recognition of our church. The event begins at 5 p.m. at Cabaret Cove, 1540 Pueblo Drive in Rhinelander.

Tickets are \$50 per person and will be available in the church office or from Barb. For more information contact Barb at 715-479-6539. Hope to see you on February 1st.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

“JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS” was such a joy to direct! With only five youth, I needed to recruit adults for some of the acting positions. They were Chuck Kemp, Donna DePape, Barb Helmick, Tom Helmick, Larry George, Ken Lynch and Gary Spolarich. Thank you, thank you! The youth: Ayla Shepherdson, Daniel Brunstad, Wyatt Stebbeds, and Izzac Spolarich did a wonderful job; unfortunately Iland Shepherdson was ill and couldn't be here, but his parents Trisha Moore and Mark Shepherdson took his place.

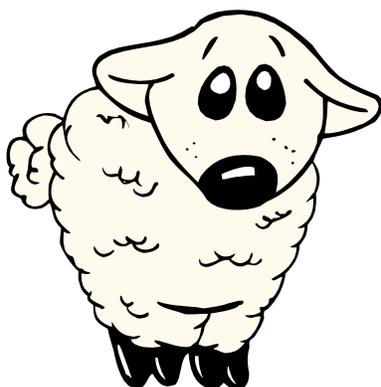
The Faith Formation Kids Club will start after Christmas vacation on **Wednesday, January 8th**. See you then.

**TREASURE THE SMILES,
THE GOOD TIMES AND THE MEMORIES.
LEAVE BEHIND THE DISAPPOINTMENTS,
HARD TIMES AND ENEMIES.
HOLD ONTO FAITH, HOPE AND BELIEFS,
AND MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE FILLED WITH**

Love, Joy and Peace.

Blessings to everyone.

Sharon R. Breit
Christian Education Director



**Gathering of the FLOCK:
Thursday, Jan. 16th, 6:30 p.m.**

**Hostess: Bobbie Fleischman
RSVP: 410-271-7456
Email: mcmith57@yahoo.com**



SUNDAY BAKERS

Date	7:30	10:00
Jan. 5	Marilyn Preisler	Mary Lou Congdon Trista Tyler
Jan. 12	Linda Sanborn	Ursula Charaf Tobi Johannsen
Jan. 19	Barb Schroeder	Molly Jaeger Barb Stadler
Jan. 26	"Unity Sunday" with single service at 9 a.m. and brunch in Fellowship Hall	

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!

January Scripture Readers

	7:30	10:00
Jan. 5	ALL OPEN DATES	
Jan. 12		
Jan. 19		
Jan. 26	Unity Sunday	

January Announcements

	7:30	10:00
Jan. 5	ALL OPEN DATES	
Jan. 12		
Jan. 19		
Jan. 26	Unity Sunday	

ACOLYTES ARE NEEDED!

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

Ideas, Ideas, Ideas!

Here are the latest ideas and comments submitted to the Church Council via the IDEAS box in the back of the sanctuary. Council's December 12th meeting agenda, however, was very full and we --- unfortunately --- did not have time to discuss them. A few were passed on to Pastor Jane because they did not seem to require Council action. Those are noted below.

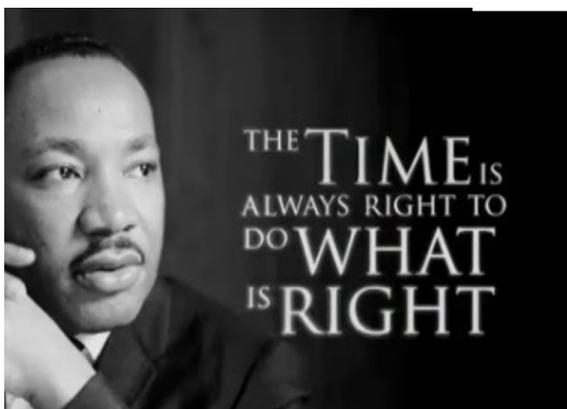
1. Happy to hear and see more "singable" music being infused. Maybe more upbeat and familiar Christian songs as well!
2. One combined service at 9 a.m. ... a Saturday evening family service.
3. Love the open/spoken prayers being back!
4. A before/after school reach-out ministry to use church as a bus stop
5. A foster child "ministry." Work with SYNDEO
6. A family program/meal, parenting speaker, comedian, with childcare
7. Hot Potato for children's time (Forwarded to Pastor Jane)
8. For children's time play a board game (Forwarded to Pastor Jane)
9. Music for Hot Potato (Forwarded to Pastor Jane)
10. My wife and I suggest that on the 3rd Sundays of the month, the walk-up communion and dunking the bread into the wine cup practice, be changed. Due to the risk during the flu season, we would like to have the option of having the little plastic wine cups in a tray on the side or just continue the 1st Sunday's practice of passing out the bread cubes and plastic wine cups. Many of our members are in the senior age bracket, possibly some with compromised immune systems, could be more susceptible to the flu. (Forwarded to Pastor Jane)
11. Could someone create a clearly defined/detail information instruction paper that the person who will be doing the announcements can use? The Deacons had one that is still available but it is stiff and no longer a satisfactory one. I have heard a number of people asking for this. Also, since scripture readers get their material via email or snail mail, couldn't the person who has signed up for announcements get a reminder — as well as material that needs to be highlighted for their particular Sunday?
12. Silent prayer is my favorite part of services. I like a prolonged and silent prayer.

Please keep your comments and ideas coming!

Barbara Helmick
Church Council President



**2020 scholarship applications
will be available on our web
site in mid January.**



Monday, January 20th

marks the 25th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off,"

MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

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A NEW YEAR OF GIVING 2020: WHO NEEDS OUR HELP?

The Church Council has designated a minimum of \$100 for up to 10 mission-related efforts in 2020, nominated by YOU. The primary criteria: Does the request “respond with compassion to the needs of our brothers and sisters locally, nationally and internationally”?

To nominate a potential recipient, complete the form below and place it in the Church Council’s mail basket in the church office or give it to Nan Pophal. **Deadline is January 31st.**

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

Name of organization/group/person or people nominated:

Web site of the organization or group: _____

Contact information for nominee if no web site: _____

Purpose of the organization or group: _____

Please add a brief explanation (no more than two or three paragraphs), explaining why the Church Council should select your nominee for funding. Please include any personal connection you may have to the nominee.

NOTE: You may also submit a nomination via email. If you choose this option, please send the above information in an email to office@eagleriverucc.org. Please put NEW YEAR OF GIVING in the subject line and make sure you include all the information noted above.

Nominations must be received no later than January 31, 2020.

■ Questions? Please contact Trisha Moore, trshmr@gmail.com 715-891-2412



Are poinsettia plants poisonous?

Poinsettia plants are less toxic than once believed. In most cases, poinsettia exposure causes only discomfort, including:

- **A mild, itchy rash.** Skin contact with the sap of a poinsettia plant can cause a rash. If this happens, wash the affected area with soap and water. Apply a cool compress to ease itching.
- **A mild stomachache, vomiting or diarrhea.** This can happen after eating part of a poinsettia plant. Severe signs and symptoms are unlikely. If you find a child eating a poinsettia plant, clear and rinse his or her mouth.
- **Eye irritation.** If the sap of a poinsettia plant comes in contact with the eyes, they can become red and irritated. If this happens, flush the eyes with water.
- **Allergic reaction.** Some people are more sensitive to poinsettia plants than are others. Reactions to poinsettia plants are more common among people who have latex allergies, since latex and poinsettia plants share several proteins. Also, if you're allergic to avocados, bananas, chestnuts, kiwis and passion fruits you might have a greater chance of being allergic to poinsettia plants. In case of a severe reaction, seek prompt medical attention.



How long do cold and flu viruses stay alive after infected people cough and sneeze?

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 sneeze — 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 hands 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 Information —



NATH TOP TEN MOST NEEDED ITEMS

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Sidewalk salt | 6. All purpose spray cleaner |
| 2. Laundry baskets | 7. Bathroom cleaner |
| 3. Plastic food storage containers | 8. 30 gallon garbage bags |
| 4. Pump hand soap | 9. 13 gallon garbage bags |
| 5. Washcloths | 10. 1" masking tape |

Thank you!

New Year's prayer: "Thank you, Lord, for fresh starts."



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.

Starting Monday, January 13th

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

Starting Monday, January 13th

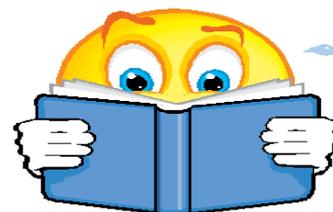
To register: 715-365-4493 or 1-800-544-3039 ext. 4493

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

Check it out!

Pastor's office hours:

9 - noon

Monday - Thursday

pastorjane@eagleriverucc.org

715-479-8501

Nan's office hours:

Monday - Thursday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday: CLOSED ALL DAY

Email: office@eagleriverucc.org



Sharon Breit's office hours during school year

Wednesday: 1:00—5:30

Thursday: 10 - 2 p.m.

Email: youthministry@eagleriverucc.org

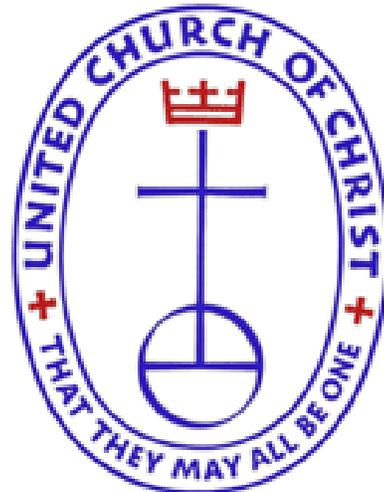
CANCELLATION POLICY Ever so often the weather alters our plans for a church event. Cancellation notices will be sent out via email to the congregation. If you know of someone who does NOT have email, please notify them. During church office hours, the secretary will have the information.

Church website: www.eagleriverucc.org

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 will be sent out on a regular basis by Amy Mehlhoff. If you are NOT receiving them and would like to be on the email list, please email her at amy@eagleriverucc.org

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.

January openings: 5th, 12th and 19th

December Sponsors:

Dec. 1: In honor of Barb Helmick's birthday on Dec. 3rd

Dec. 8: Bruce and Sandy Kaithchuck in honor of fathers Hal and Fred and their 34th wedding anniversary

Dec. 15: The Holperin family in memory of Russell Holperin

Dec. 22: Mark, Iland and Ayla Shepherdson in honor of Trisha Moore's birthday.

First Congregational UCC Contact People - 2019

Rev. Jane Courtright Church: 715-479-8501

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HOME PAGE - www.eagleriverucc.org

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

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CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Barbara Helmick 920-412-4782

Vice President: Mark Johannsen 920-475-7576

Carlton Schroeder: 715-272-1837 Molly Jaeger: 715-479-4505 Bernie Hupperts: 715-479-9468

Trisha Moore: 715-617-1102 Shirley Thompson: 715-479-8753

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

January

2020

NEW CHURCH BANNERS!!

Some time in the next few weeks you will notice a new banner above our south entrance.

Through generous donations, we have purchased 3 more UCC banners that will be rotated (our rainbow banner will be included) every three months or so.

They will share issues important to our UCC and welcome all!