

The Church Mouse - February 2020

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Pastor's Corner

February 2020



We began Epiphany Season with snow, snow, snow!

The color for Epiphany Sunday is white — for purity, joy and light bursting forth.

While gazing out a window at our home in the woods, I have noticed that deer follow a path regularly around our property. We don't often see these deer, but no matter how many times a new snow covers up their tracks, they break that snow with new tracks on the same route. Together, they persevere and continue their life journey day after day, snow after snow.

While driving on Route 70 recently in falling snow, I was able to slow down enough to miss hitting 3 deer who plunged from a high snowbank by the road to cross the 4 lane highway. They were safe as they continued their journey on the other side of the highway. Despite danger and near tragedy, together, they persevere and continue their journey day after day, snow after snow.

Another afternoon, returning home, I spied two deer lying down in our side yard in the deep snow. As I passed them and opened my car window to get a clearer view, they stood up and stared at me. Then, as I drove away, the two deer calmly resumed their rest in the soft snow. Through calm and safety, together, they persevere and continue their journey day after day, snow after snow.

Just as you and I continue our winter journey through the Season of Epiphany, following the building growth (hence, the color is green!) of Jesus' ministry and followers, we will begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. This day marks the 40 days leading to Easter Sunday. This is a time to recommit ourselves to follow Jesus more completely, willingly and passionately!

It is a time to look deeply within ourselves to see what needs changing and healing. Please join us on Ash Wednesday for a casual soup supper at 5 p.m. followed by a special service of readings, reflection, ritual of ashes and communion. It will be a service full of powerful symbolism meaningful for children, youth and adults!

Blessings, as we persevere and continue our journey together,

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)

Greetings! Here's the latest and greatest news from your Church Council — primarily discussion and action from the group's January meeting.

CHURCH SECURITY: This was the main topic of discussion. We reviewed the information provided by the Security Team. In a report provided by Council member Carlton Schroeder who also heads up the Security Team, it was noted that “information collection and preliminary evaluation is complete to respond to our two highest priority security needs: 1) Upgrade security of our exterior doors and associated work, and 2) Improve security during our church service.” Council approved the following:

- Change locks and keys on our main (south) door and the parking lot door and change the Fellowship Hall door to a push bar, and eliminate the exterior key lock on that door. Estimated cost: \$1,000.
- Add a push bar to the west door and rekey the lock. This will enable us to lock the west door during services which Council agreed to do. Having only one access to the sanctuary during service is one of the security recommendations our Security Team received from law enforcement. The push bar on the west door allows for quick and easy exiting in case of a fire or other emergency. Estimated cost: \$2,700.
- Council also is interested in installing a security camera or cameras. These would be used to monitor/document the main exterior door during the week and on weekends. The hope is they might deter someone with bad intentions from following through, knowing they would be on camera, and that they would also provide documentation and assist the police if something bad does happen. Cost: Unknown at this time. More research needed.
- Institute an annual key audit and key policy to keep track of who has keys to access the church.

All of the above are contingent on funding being available and on feedback from Church Mutual (our insurer). Also, the City Police Department has arranged for an **usher/greeter security training** session for area churches. That training is set for **Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. at City Hall**. Several individuals from our church will be attending. If you are interested in participating in this training, please let Carlton Schroeder know.

MISSIONS: Council gave its blessing to Nancy Diepenbrock's request to do a Soles4Souls collection. It will take place during the month of April — so please, **SAVE THOSE SHOES you no longer need and plan to donate them!**

AD HOC COMMITTEES: I shared the news with Council that I have created three Ad Hoc Committees to handle several of the suggestions, issues, topics that have come in through our ideas box. Council simply does not have the time to give them all the attention they need and deserve. Plus, this is a wonderful way to get more input and involvement from others. The three Ad Hoc Committees are: **1) Worship**, headed by Joy Turpin; **2) Service Times**, headed by Mark Johannsen; and **3) Outreach**, headed by Trisha Moore. Other members of the committees will be determined by the leader of each.

FUNDRAISING: We have some fundraising activities planned for this year to help boost our church budget.

- **Trivia Contest/Game Night:** July 8, coordinated by Nancy Diepenbrock. Not sure whether this will be a traditional Trivia Contest or a Game Night fundraiser or a combination of the two. But with Nancy in charge, it will definitely be a lot of fun! Mark your calendar and plan to attend.
- **Church Play:** Late September. Bernie Hupperts will be coordinating. Date to be determined.
- **Chili Cookoff:** Oct. 23. Nancy is coordinating. Save the date and prepare to bring a hearty appetite!
- **Hymn Sing:** Late November. Bernie will lead us and others in the community in a musical kickoff to the Christmas season. Date to be determined.

If you're interested in helping with any or all of these fun fundraisers, please contact Nancy or Bernie!

Council's next meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12.

That's it for now! Happy February!

Barbara Helmick, Church Council President

FEBRUARY CHOIR

Rehearse at 8:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2nd to sing at the 10:00 service.

Please note: Feb. 2nd is the ONLY choir Sunday in February.



Presented by Learning in Retirement, sponsored by Nicolet College, held in Fellowship Hall — — HERE THEY COME AGAIN!

TED Talks continues to add to its collection of fascinating talks about nature, the cosmos, solving problems of design by seeking insight in nature, discovering archeological sites from outer space, creating hope and possibilities through music, medical advances, and wisdom from various religious backgrounds to name just a tiny few. We usually select four 20 minute talks per session (loosely connected in theme) and then the fun begins. First we watch a presentation and then have a chance to offer thoughts of our own before moving on to another of the selected talks of the day. We also have a break and a chance to visit.

We meet for 3 sessions in February: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. on February 11, 18 and 25.

Come join this enthusiastic and friendly group.



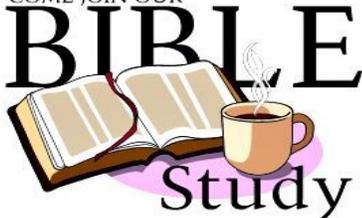
THE WAY "I am the way...." John 14:6

We have received 71 pledges totaling \$150,582.00 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!

COME JOIN OUR



**mark LISTEN UP Bible Study
continues through FEBRUARY
1:30 on MONDAYS
Church Conference Room**

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.

Please plan to join us!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP met Tuesday, January 14, 2020 with 7 present. Lenten soup suppers were discussed with a chairperson designated for each soup supper during Lent. The chair will decide the soup flavor and recruit help with Sharon Breit as the contact person for questions and concerns. The first supper will be on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, with Linda Sanborn in charge. Other discussion:



- Bernie Hupperts is working with high school students for the May Spring Luncheon.
- Personal items needed for the Tri-County bags include toothbrushes, clippers, combs, razors. There is an ample supply of soaps, conditions and shampoos, donated by Sharon's sister.
- Thank you notes were read.
- Sandra Mettle donated dish towels for kitchen use.
- A letter from Bob and Ginny Heidrich was read.
- Postage will be paid by Women's Fellowship to send 3 boxes of greeting card fronts to St. Jude's.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th at 9 a.m.

NEWS from Bob and Ginny Heidrich and a new address:

In 2016 Hurricane destroyed their home in Hilton Head, SC and they rented an apartment for 2 years. They are now with their daughter in Taos, NM, both 91 years old, "slightly wobbly on our feet, but as our daughter says 'We have all of our teeth and I have a little grey hair.'"

Bob & Ginny Heidrich
1433 Berninghaus Rd.
Taos, NM 87571

Up-coming



Tuesdays: Feb. 11th, 18th and 25th
9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!



February 26th
Soup supper at 5 p.m.
Worship service at 6 p.m.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday,
March 8th.
Set your clocks AHEAD before you retire
Saturday night.



April 12th - Easter Sunday

SPRING
begins
March
19th



A nice gift to our church!

Many thanks to a long-time member of our church (who wishes to remain anonymous) for their 2019 gift of stock shares to the Continuing Ministries Fund (CMF). The CMF has a number of important purposes including extending the mission of our church, maintaining our church, and sustaining the ministries of our church.

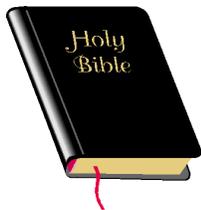
The CMF is one of a number of funds endowed to or established by our church for different purposes. Some of the funds are designated for scholarships, and the remaining funds, such as the CMF, are designated for direct church usage.

The Gifts and Endowments Committee (GEC) oversees all of these funds on behalf of the Church Council to assure the funds receive the attention their donors expected and to attempt to maximize the value of the funds. In addition to that oversight, the GEC encourages gifts such as this and is available to help with questions anyone may have about a gift to our church.

Our First Congregational UCC GEC team includes Linda Sanborn, Bob Mather, Dennis Burgy, Phil Jensen, Carlton Schroeder and Dick Hansen.

Dick Hansen, GEC Chair

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READINGS



Feb. 2nd:	Micah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Psalm 15 Matthew 5:1-12
Feb. 9th:	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-912) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Psalm 112:1-9, (10) Matthew 5:13-20
Feb. 16th:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Psalm 119:1-8 Matthew 5:21-37
Feb. 23rd:	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21	Psalm 2 <i>or</i> Psalm 99 Matthew 17:1-9



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

Lots of things coming up!!! Watch for more details as the time gets closer, but for now, just be aware of the dates!

1. During the month of **APRIL** a Soles4Souls will be under way. Save your shoes!
2. Wednesday, **JULY 8**, we will be hosting a trivia night (game night?)
3. Friday, **OCTOBER 23**, there will be a Chili Cook-Off supper.



Plans for all still in the works, but the dates are set. If you'd like to help organize any of the above, please jump in and let me know! Any and all help welcome!

Nancy Diepenbrock

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Sympathy to the family of
KAY STROUD,
Mother of Sandy Kaitchuck

Born: July 27, 1927
Died: January 11, 2020

A Memorial Service was held at Milestone Senior Living in Eagle River on Saturday, January 25, at 2:30 p.m. as well as a service that day in Toronto Canada.

To Our Church Family,

**When you love somebody, you love
them as they are.**



*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 February/early March that isn't listed? Call the church office and we'll add you to our list.

You don't have to reveal your birth year! Thank you!

Happy Valentine's Day

Activity bags for small children are available in the entry/coat area.

Enjoy the worship service with your family!

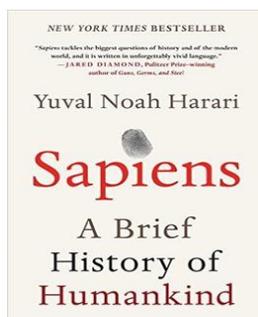


Our church IS accessible to ALL!

*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"
February 23rd with brunch.



Nights at the Reading Round Table UCC Book Group Thursday, February 27th, 6:30 p.m.

“Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind” by Yuval Noah Harari

(Review taken from Goodreads.com) 100,000 years ago, at least six human species inhabited the earth. Today there is just one. Us. Homo sapiens.

How did our species succeed in the battle for dominance? Why did our foraging ancestors come together to create cities and kingdoms? How did we come to believe in gods, nations, and human rights; to trust money, books and laws; and to be enslaved by bureaucracy, timetables and consumerism? And what will our world be like in the millennia to come?

In “Sapiens”, Dr. Yuval Noah Harari spans the whole of human history, from the very first humans to walk the earth to the radical — and sometimes devastating — breakthroughs of the Cognitive, Agricultural and Scientific Revolutions. Drawing on insights from biology, anthropology and economics, he explores how the currents of history have shaped our human societies, the animals and plants around us, and even our personalities. Have we become happier as history has unfolded? Can we ever free our behavior from the heritage of our ancestors? And what, if anything, can we do to influence the course of the centuries to come?

Bold, wide-ranging and provocative, “Sapiens” challenges everything we thought we knew about being human: our thoughts, our actions, our power And our future.



MORE IDEAS ... from an “Ideas” box near you!

The ideas below are the latest submitted via the church Ideas box in the back of the sanctuary and prior to the Church Council’s Jan. 12th meeting. I divided these, and others submitted in previous months into three overall topics: Worship, Service Times and Outreach.

Three Ad Hoc Committees have been created to address these three areas and all the ideas and issues that fall under them. The Ad Hoc Committees are: Worship, headed by Joy Turpin; Services Times, headed by Mark Johannsen; and Outreach, headed by Trisha Moore.

1. For next December, please consider offering a Blue Christmas service of wholeness, healing and remembering for not only our congregation but the community. I am sure that many find it difficult to make it through the festive holiday season and there are many of us who want to support them
2. Please do not use recorded music. We have/pay a pianist to play music we can sing to. If I want to listen to music, I will play recorded music. I am not alone in this. I have spoken to others and the feeling is mutual.
3. We have the purple Chalice books. We bought them for more updated hymns. Please use those hymnals rather the hymns on a CD.
4. Re-institute the “God’s Country Kitchen” nights again.
5. Consider returning to two services all the time. (Eliminate Unity Sunday service. Maybe move 10 a.m. service to 9:30 a.m.) Have a brunch between services on the last Sunday. Hopefully, late service people will come early and early service people will stay late for brunch and to socialize.
6. I have a question about the envelope in our packet titled “Initial Offering to Defray the Cost of the envelope program.” Does UCC Eagle River have to pay for these envelopes? Or, where would my \$5 go? **From Nan: Yes, the church does pay for the envelopes. Your \$5 helps to defray their cost.**

*Humor is God’s weapon against worry, anxiety and fear.
So why not smile awhile?*



Faith Formation Kid's Club

Sharon R. Breit, Christian Education Director

We have a Christmas tree downstairs in our room and we are calling it our
"LEARNING TREE"

Each week we add something to our tree about the lesson we had that day. We begin our day with a snack and then proceed to the classroom and each person gets to tell their "High" or "Low" of the day. Louise Krus has a devotion prepared for them each week.

We then have our lesson and usually have an art activity or puzzle that corresponds to the lesson. By this time the kids need a break and one person gets to choose a piece of paper from a box with a "fun" activity. The kids gave me a list of things they would like to do, such as tag, charades, playing with the "noodles". This is their favorite — it is a long foam tube that they hit each other with. Not to worry ... they can't hit anyone above the shoulders! Does this warning work all the time? NO ... but they all tell me it doesn't hurt. We are told to dance and sing unto the Lord ... this is their version.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Class is from 3:45 - 5:15 on Wednesdays.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 26. We will begin our Lenten Soup Suppers that evening. The meal is served at 5:00 p.m. with a short service to follow. The kids will again be making the placemats and setting the tables.

**"O God, bless this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst."
Amen.**

God's tug on us ...

An elderly man saw a child holding on to a piece of string that went high up into the sky. "Son," he asked, "why are you holding that string? The kite is out of sight."
The boy answered, "I know it's there. I can feel the tug of it."

**That's how we know God is active in our lives.
We can feel his tug on us.**





SUNDAY BAKERS

Date	7:30	10:00
Feb. 2	Kay Scharpf	Arlene Turk Kami Kolb
Feb. 9	Norma Yaeger	Marlyn Hupperts Louise Krus
Feb. 16	Barb Mattes	Barb Helmick Krista Wittkopf
Feb. 23	"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!

February Scripture Readers

	7:30	10:00
Feb. 2		Doug Malinsky
Feb. 9	Chuck Kemp	Marlyn Hupperts
Feb. 16		
Feb. 23	Unity Sunday Marilyn Preisler	

February Announcements

	7:30	10:00
Feb. 2		
Feb. 9		
Feb. 16		
Feb. 23	Unity Sunday	

ACOLYTES ARE NEEDED!

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



**2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE
NOW ON OUR WEB SITE www.eagleriverucc.org**

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP: open to graduating seniors of the Class of 2020 in the Phelps, Northland Pines and Three Lakes School Districts.

JINNY PATERSON ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP: open to graduating seniors of the Class of 2020 in the Phelps, Northland Pines and Three Lakes School Districts who are planning a career related to environment.

ROGER RIECKMAN ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP: open to graduating seniors of the Class of 2020 from the Northland Pines School District.

BIRD'S NEST SCHOLARSHIP: open to all students from the Northland Pines, Phelps and Three Lakes School Districts who will be enrolled in a college, vocational school, or another institution of higher education in the fall of 2020. Home schooled students also qualify.

KRANZ SCHOLARSHIP: Applicants must be either graduating seniors from a **VILAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**, residents of **VILAS COUNTY**, or demonstrate a compelling connection to **VILAS COUNTY**.

ZIPPERER SCHOLARSHIP: open to MEMBERS of **First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River**, who will be enrolled in a college/vocational school or any other institution of higher education in the fall of 2020. Students may re-apply each school year.

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

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

Email: office@eagleriverucc.org

A HUMBLE PRAYER....

“Lord, help me to admit when I am wrong, and make me easier to live with when I am right.”



NATH TOP TEN MOST NEEDED ITEMS

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Men and women's socks | 6. Can opener |
| 2. Adult gloves | 7. Kitchen utensils |
| 3. Finger & toenail clippers | 8. 13 & 30 gallon garbage bags |
| 4. Extension cords & AA batteries | 9. Ear buds |
| 5. All purpose spray bathroom cleaner | 10. Band-aids |

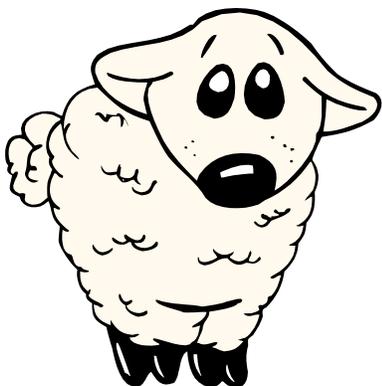
YOUR SERVICE, PLEASE!

Just what are those "sign-ups" all about? Here are their descriptions!

1. You may sign up to make these Sunday **ANNOUNCEMENTS**. We now have script for you to follow so you don't have to worry about getting tongue-tied. Also, the script and Sunday's bulletin will be emailed to you prior to the service so you have a reminder that your date is arriving and the resources to help you prepare.
2. You may sign up to help with parlor clean up **and** on the first Sunday of the month, with communion clean up: both after the 10:00 service and after the Unity Sunday service if there is no brunch. Communion clean up involves cleaning up and putting away the communion trays and juice pitchers, and disposing of any leftover sacraments. Parlor clean up involves refrigerating any left over food items, taking the coffee and hot water decanters downstairs and rinsing them out, wiping down the parlor table and vacuuming the carpet. Then making sure the office door and side doors are locked when you leave.
3. You may sign up to help with **USHERING**. This involves greeting and handing out church bulletins to those entering the sanctuary, helping to collect the offering during the offertory, helping to distribute the sacraments on communion days, and placing the offering into the office safe after service.
4. You may sign up to **RUN THE PROJECTOR**. This involves plugging in the cords, turning on the projector, lowering the screen, logging into the laptop computer, opening Sunday's Power Point and pressing the next key to project the slides that accompany the order of service. There is a manual in the top drawer of the desk in the back which clearly outlines each of these steps.
5. You may sign up to read the **SCRIPTURES** during the service. The week prior to your scheduled Sunday you will be emailed the scripture passages and any directions related to that segment.

All of these sign up sheets are on the counter in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday (and in the church office during the week) waiting patiently for signatures in any or all of those categories! Check out the dates of need and sign in those spots.

**Special thanks to those who already give in service by volunteering to help in these very important aspects of our church experience.*



Gathering of the FLOCK:
Thursday, Feb. 20th, 6:00 p.m.
*with a light meal at the home of
Kathy Holperin*

Co-Hostesses: Kathy and Mom Pat Kiley
RSVP: 715-617-2424 (Kathy)
Email: kmholperin2@frontier.com



How sharing kindness can make you healthier and happier.

You've heard the uplifting stories: Passersby dropping scads of cash into charity collection buckets or anonymous donors paying off hospital bills for strangers. And people helping victims during storms and natural disasters. These acts of kindness make everybody feel good.

There's a science behind that phenomenon called "loving kindness." And research shows that learning and practicing loving kindness can profoundly affect your attitude, outlook and even your health. Better yet, you can rewire your brain to be more present and kinder to others, giving your mood a daily boost. These three simple practices will help get you started.

1. **Loving-kindness meditation (LKM)** is a quiet contemplative practice that focuses thought on your heart region and encourages warm, tender thoughts, possibly about a loved one. In one study, people who practiced LKM an hour a week felt greater positive emotions — love, contentment, joy — while interacting with others. Even a small 10 minute session of LKM increased feelings of social connection and positive feelings toward others.
2. **Acts of kindness.** This one's so simple: intentionally set a goal to be kinder to others. Express sincerely felt kindness to a co-worker. Make a special effort to extend kind words to a neighbor. Hold the elevator for someone or take time to help a loved one. As you spread your kindness, you might just experience what research has confirmed: Generosity can be contagious. Food for thought: reportedly one person in Winnipeg, Manitoba, picked up the tab for the next car in line at a coffee and sandwich drive-through. This inspired the next person to do the same. The chain continued for an astonishing 226 customers!
3. **Focus on gratitude.** Do you feel grateful for the good things in your life? If not, it's time to start. Feelings of thankfulness can help improve sleep, diminish fatigue, increase confidence and even lessen depression. One way to increase your feelings of gratitude is to start journaling. Keeping a gratitude journal — just writing down things you're grateful for — has been found to actually improve biological markers that indicate heart health. Don't want to carry a notebook? There are plenty of phone apps that can help you express gratitude or share happy moments.

Like anything else, engaging in loving kindness gets easier with practice. Try thinking positive thoughts about people in your life. Write down the things you're grateful for this week. Set aside 10 minutes to meditate. You may just find a happier, healthier you!

—Mayo Clinic Health Information —



Please support TEAM UCC's Sunshine Fundraiser Daffodil Days!

Pre-order until Wednesday, March 11th
One bunch of 10 for \$10
Arrive as cut flowers, mostly in buds soon to bloom
Bundles will be delivered/available for pick-up starting Thursday, 3/19
Prepare to be showered with beams of dazzling, fresh, bright,
sunny loveliness! Just what we all need this time of the year!
Surely you know someone who needs a burst of sunshine about now!
Get your vases ready!



Thanks for supporting those who face the challenge of cancer!
Add your name to the order sheet available in the church office.



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!!!



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

Amy Mehlhoff's office hours

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday

Email: amy@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.

NO February openings:

January Sponsors:

January 19Th : Anonymous

January 26th: Don and Paula Hendrickson in honor of granddaughter's birthdays: Jade's 6th and Morgan's 3rd

First Congregational UCC Contact People - 2019

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HOME PAGE - www.eagleriverucc.org

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CHURCH COUNCIL

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

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

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

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

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

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Norma Yaeger, 715-477-1984



2020

Our Prayer List

Prayers for:

- the people, the land and the animals of Australia.
- Gratitude to the leaders of Iran and USA, for showing restraint in these tense times.
- The safety of all Americans in the area from Afghanistan to Lebanon and in the Persian Gulf.
- Americans affected by floods.
- All church members and friends facing challenges to health and welfare.