

First Congregational United Church of Christ

August 2024 Church Mouse

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FROM THE PASTOR

What a joyful day we experienced together on Sunday, July 14th as we welcomed eight new members into the church. Once again, we welcome Kathy and Jack Craffey, Kayla Elliott, Lisa Foss, Marsha and Tom Newkirk, Bill Strasser, and Marti von Kluck. I hope all of you will get to know these folks as they assimilate into the life of the congregation. It is exciting to watch all that is happening here at First Congregational United Church of Christ. The future truly looks bright as we continue to live into where we believe the still speaking Spirit of God is leading us. May our tribe continue to increase!

As we are all aware our country is extremely divided along party lines, our tribal instincts dominating the way we live and move and have our being. The assassination attempt of former president Donald J. Trump was a shock to the system but has served as a wakeup call that all words have meaning, that our rhetoric can be heard in ways never imagined, literalized in ways that can be damaging and deadly. We must find ways to reach some modicum of consensus, to find commonality, to disagree without being disagreeable. I write these words knowing the difficulty, yes, the very impossibility of achieving this altruistic goal because our opinions, the values we hold, are so radically different. We live amid the polarities that drive our discourse. So, while we are praying let us ponder ways that we can lower the civic temperature and discover the limited but very real ways we can all be neighbors one to another. Our survival as communities and as a nation depends on it, calling for grace from each and every one of us. Yes, it is a pipedream, but may it be so!

As we move through summer, as fleeting as these wonderfully warm days are, soon we will turn our thoughts to Fall and all the activities that go along with it. The first event on the calendar will be the annual congregational meeting which will be held following our quarterly Fellowship Gathering in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 8th. As always there will be quite an agenda and so I hope you will schedule accordingly and plan for a somewhat lengthy business meeting. As the congregation meets once a year it is important that we address every concern being brought in that meeting. While the agenda will continue to be formulated over the next month, as you are aware the budget is a primary aspect of our business together. We continue to be challenged by budgetary restraints but do our best to get the most bang for our bucks. Our goal is to function beyond the pedestrian realm of mere survivability, but to position ourselves for the kind of growth and development, numerically and otherwise, that will get us to where we believe that God would have us to be, the place we all long to be as well.

Finally, the Open and Affirming Task Force continues to meet and to lead us forward as we explore this important aspect of congregational life. If any of you have any questions whatsoever—and there are no bad or wrong questions—please see me or a member of the Task Force and we will do our best to address concerns and answer those inquiries. Our goal from the start has been to be completely transparent and honest in every way imaginable, openly discussing all the nuances that are a part of the Open and Affirming process. Soon, the congregation will be asked to vote on a decision as to whether we will embrace officially becoming an Open and Affirming congregation, meeting the requirements set forth by the Coalition in Cleveland, an auxiliary to the United Church of Christ, that oversees this part of our denominational life. If the vote is in the affirmative, we will then vote to approve an Open and Affirming statement that must then be accepted by the Coalition, becoming a part of the written fabric of the church. We will continue to keep you in the loop as we move forward with the process. Thus far, the process has gone well with the congregation seeming to already have achieved a level of consensus about this process.

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays!

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FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hello Congregation,

I know we say it every year, but another summer is just flying by! Blink once, it's Memorial Day, blink twice... Labor Day is just around the corner. And it's an early one for 2024!

In lieu of the regularly scheduled July Church Council meeting, the Council held a special meeting on July 11th to review budgetary requirements for 2025. The proposed budget will be presented at the upcoming annual congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, September 8th.

We will meet once again to complete the budget process and identify candidates for Church Council vacancies. Toward that goal we have several needs for our church leadership, including Church Council. There are at least two vacancies, and ideally, we would have two to three candidates with the possibility of serving a three-year term or to complete a one-year term. We will also be considering candidates for president and vice-president.

Another huge need is to fill the role of recording secretary. Norma Yaeger will be departing from that role in September after supporting the Church Council most diligently and admirably for more than five years! Not to worry, she is still plenty involved here at First Congregational United Church of Christ and for the continued sharing of her time and musical talents, among other gifts. We remain grateful!

We welcome any individual who might have the interest and ability to become the church treasurer. Paula Hendrickson is retiring from this position after years of faithful service but will continue to assist in a more advisory role, allowing her to enjoy more travel and time with her family.

We have several support teams that do not conduct regular meetings, but rather consist of informal groups that meet from time to time and are what I call the ribs to the governance structure that emerged after Shift. Of course, word of mouth is a great and powerful messenger, so keep your ear to the ground or give Debbie Brown a call in the Church Office if you would like more information about becoming more involved in the ongoing operation of the congregation.

Our current support teams, per our church Constitution include Finance, Gifts and Endowments, Property, Personnel, Safe Church, and Service Team. Of course, there is also plenty of action on our pop-up teams and groups along with

those that have been around for a while, including Bible Study, Sunday School, Flock, Choir, Chimes, Gardening, Scholarship, and various Ministry projects, just to name a few. We have been blessed with two dates for the Brat and Bake sale fundraisers. Our second sale will be on Friday, August 30th.

Also, in the works is putting together a team for next year's Cranberry Fest Luncheon. Deb Stolze will spearhead that effort.

My current work situation involves working on Sundays for the foreseeable future. Hopefully, however, sooner rather than later that Sunday shift will change. I am sorry that I am not able to see more of you on Sundays right now.

Meanwhile, enjoy the warm weather, all the visitors, and bustle that summer brings! Stay dry and keep the faith!

Donna Adams
Church Council President

The Church Council will meet on Monday, August 12th at 5:00 p.m.
in the Conference Room. Church members are always welcome to attend.

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BACKPACK PROGRAM

The backpack program will not be packing in August. We will definitely fill backpacks in September. For those who have helped in the past, please watch your email in August for updates. As always, everyone is welcome to help with donations toward this mission as they are greatly appreciated. Thank you.



There will always be discussion about which songs we sing during a worship service and which ones we do not sing. There are many types and styles of church music and most of us have a favorite, or at least a preferred style of hymnody. Then, we have the text. What is the text saying about God, our relationship with the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit?

There are several references in Ephesians and Colossians regarding the purpose of music in worship. These texts speak to singing with thankfulness to God, making melody to the Lord, teaching and admonishing. The emphasis in church music must be on God, not on us. It is important to sing for God and not to sing for us! Ephesians, in particular, speaks about singing to one another in hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs.

I found this prayer online and hope that it may help us all remember the purpose of church music.

“Lord, let us be an instrument in tune with your perfect will. May we play and sing your melody yet know when to be still. May everyone who hears feel your presence, Lord, and recognize our love for you in every note and chord.”

The Chancel Choir will sing on Sunday, August 4th and Sunday, August 18th. Rehearsal will be at 8:00 a.m. on those Sunday mornings. We also will have a special flute duet on Sunday, August 11th.



Notes from the Church Office

Scripture readers (Lectors) and ushers are always needed as well as readers for the Concerns of the Church. You may sign up by visiting our website or you may also contact Joy Turpin at joyfaithchapinturpin@gmail.com or 715-479-6560.

Did you know the worship bulletin and sermon are put on our webpage every week? The webpage address is www.eagleriverucc.org; then go to "About Us" then "Worship Services".

In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, wearing masks is now optional. If we have cases of COVID within our congregation brought to our attention, we will notify everyone as soon as possible.

Online giving is always available through our website www.eagleriverucc.org. Click on Ministries then online giving and set up your account. With online giving, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts to be made automatically from your checking account or by debit or credit card. Online giving allows you to make gifts more conveniently, especially when not physically attending worship.

Designated offering envelopes are not necessary to make a gift and to receive a yearly contribution statement. With our new accounting software, we are recording contributions based on name and not by envelope number. Any cash offering that is placed in any envelope with a name on it, or a personal check will be recorded. If you would like to donate to a specific ministry, please indicate that designation on the envelope or on the check memo line.



IDEAS FOR FUTURE COLLECTIONS:

Do you have an idea for a future monthly collection? If so, we would love to hear about it. Please reach out to Mary Lou Congdon or Barbara Helmick. Thank you!



Sharon Adler, Gary Brainard, Linda Brainard, Kathryn Breitzman, Woody Chenault,
Mark Holperin, Deborah Lauritzen, Ken Lynch, Pat Mayo, Phyllis Pepiot,
Royce Remme, and Lily Tyler.

AUGUST COLLECTION: Back to School Supplies

Our August collection will focus on helping students and teachers get a good start to the 2024-25 school year.

Donations of supplies are much appreciated by staff and students in all grades, elementary through high school. As many of you know, the cost of school supplies can add up quickly, and not all families are able to provide what is needed.

Any help you can offer through your donations is an investment in the future of the children in our school district, and the future of our community, state, and country. Please give as generously as you are able. Needed items (see below) can be left on the table outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex.

EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	
Student and Classroom Supply List	
School Supplies needed for 2024-25 and collected by churches	
<u>General Supplies for Students</u>	<u>General Supplies for Classrooms</u>
Backbacks (Larger)	Kleenex
Notebooks (wide ruled spiral)	Clorox Wipes
Composition notebooks	Paper Plates
Pocket folders (we are completely out)	Napkins
Plastic pocket folders (some sturdy ones)	Post it notes
Glue sticks	Dry Erase Markers (black - thin)
Glue bottles (elementary, preferably Elmers)	Ziploc bags (snack, quart & gallon)
Crayola markers (washable)	Tape (Scotch, masking, packing tape)
Crayola crayons do not need 64 packs, just 24	Girls underwear - Size 5, 6, 8
Colored pencils	Boys underwear- size XS-4-5, Medium-10-12, Large-12-14 regular briefs
Index cards (3x5)	Girls Leggings - all sizes
Zippered Pencil bags or boxes (8" x 5")	boys - sweatpants all sizes
Ear Buds (headphones)	Tennis Shoes little kids sizes 6-13, and 1,2, & 3
Pencil top erasers (Ticonderogo brand work really well)	Dixie cups
Binders-2"	Water Bottles (clear plastic)
We have quite a bit of these in stock yet: looseleaf paper, pens, pencils, scissors, rulers	

Northland Pines Middle and High School List

Student and Classroom Supply List

School Supplies needed for 2024-25 and collected by churches

<u>General Supplies for Students</u>	<u>General Supplies for Classrooms</u>
Pocket folders all colors	Kleenex
Notebooks (College & Wide)	Clorox Wipes
Highlighters	
Colored pencils	
LINED Index cards (3x5)	Post it notes
Ear Buds (headphones)	
Pencils	Granola Bars
Pencil top erasers	Microwave Popcorn
Pens	
Markers	
Calculators (Scientific)	Women's underwear all sizes
Tampons - slim/regular size	Men's underwear all sizes
regular size female pads	Girl's Sweatpants all sizes
men's and women's deodorant	Boy's Sweatpants all sizes
Chapstick	Boy's shorts all sizes

MELODY OF COMPASSION

During the Offertory we invite you to give your coins for the Melody of Compassion. The *Melody of Compassion* has been our way of helping the Eagle River area needy for many years.

Please bring your coins to keep the Melody ringing for others.

Through July 29th we have a balance of \$843.58.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Frederick Place July meal. Please check the bulletin board in the Narthex to see if you can provide something for our August 26th meal.

For more information, contact Mary Lou Congdon or Susan Krivichi, or sign up on the volunteer sheet attached to the poster in the Narthex.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community Garden News

Our garden crew has been able to regularly weed, water, and tend our garden plot and it is looking great! We even received a compliment from one of the Master Gardeners on how great our plot looks! We have beautiful tomato and pepper plants with many tomatoes and peppers on them (particularly the banana peppers) thanks to Barb Flaherty's excellent greenhouse start. We should be able to add peppers to the food pantry harvest starting the last week in July. So far, we have added radishes, tomatoes, chard, and lettuce four times to the Food Pantry produce. In addition, Deb Stolze and Mary Lou Congdon have watered regularly and Jean Haack, Tobi Johannsen, Patti Roberts, Joy Turpin and Susan Krivichi have assisted the Master Gardeners with their harvest, along with fulfilling other general duties at the garden. In the coming weeks we will have some of the extra produce at church on Sundays for anyone in the congregation to take home. When there is produce, you may make a free will offering if you are able (**not** required) as 'Seed Money' for next year's garden. Food Pantry harvests occur on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and all are welcome to assist. Contact anyone mentioned in this article for more information.

Here are a few pictures from our garden items:

1. Garlic drying in the shed.
2. Chard, tomatoes and lettuce.
3. Banana pepper nearly ready (dropped off the plant).



FLOWER CALENDER:

If you would like to give flowers for Sunday worship, please pick a Sunday and add your name to the Flower Calendar that is in the narthex across from the elevator. Flowers are ordered from Vintage Garden at a cost of \$35. Please write a separate check made out to the church. **Please let Debbie Brown in the Church Office know the information you would like to have on the card.** If you choose to get your own flowers, please let the Church Office know that you are doing so. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the service. It is also helpful if you bring the vase back to return to Vintage Gardens as we then get more flowers for the money. **What better way to honor anyone or anything than to share flowers with your church family on Sunday!**

Flower sponsors for August – Barb Flaherty and Steve and Kelli Burrill

BRAT HUT and BAKE SALE at Trigs

We had such a fun time doing the Brat Hut and Bake Sale fundraiser for the church and raised \$2368.40!

Our next sale is Friday August 30th. We will have two – four-hour shifts: 8-12 or 12-4 each day. We need: two people at the grill, two at the bake sale table, three people in the brat hut, and two co-chairs who will split the day as coordinators, supply runners, and serve as money handlers for the day.

We need many bakers who will drop off their goodies the morning of the sale. The baked goods are not priced. Donation offerings only are accepted. Please label items such as: recipe name, gluten free, or nut content.

Please look for the sign-up sheets at the back counter in the Sanctuary.

Thank you all for joining together for a fun summer afternoon.

Deb Stolze. 920-585-0241 dayk57@gmail.com

Recycling report for mid-June through mid-July was a total of 11 bags weighing an impressive 167 pounds, bringing our total to 647 pounds. Hats off to all who continue to bring these soft plastics to the church. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with this mission, the team would welcome the help!! Helping out requires little time commitment, is easy to learn, and is a great way to help Mother Earth, a win, win, win situation.



Let Kamie Kolb know after church or at any time.

You may email her at kamiekolb1@gmail.com.



Coffee Hour 'Refreshment Schedule' through September 2024 Thank you!

August 4	Tom Helmick	Sharon Breit
August 11	Barb Flaherty	Cathy Palmer
August 18	Joy Turpin	Trista Langley-Tyler
August 25	Barb and Carlton Schroeder	Louise Krus
September 1	Nancy Diepenbrock	Phoebe Spier
September 8	Pat Fox	Patti Roberts
September 15	May Lou Congdon	Pat Adamovich
September 22	Tom Helmick	Sharon Breit
September 29	Barb Flaherty	Cathy Palmer

Hello Church Friends,

Above, you will find the schedule for providing treats for Coffee Hour after worship. We are so happy that so many of you have volunteered to provide this nice addition to the Coffee Hour social time that enhances our worship and fellowship together. Here are a few notes regarding your duties etc.:

1. You are only responsible for providing a treat on the assigned Sunday. If you want to set up the coffee maker prior to the service, either Joy Turpin or Susan Krivichi can show you how that is done. We have assigned two people each Sunday to make it less of a burden. There have been as many as 60 people at the 9:00 a.m. service.
2. You may bring pastries, cookies, bars, fruit, cheese and crackers, or any other items you think would be nice for the social time. Please make sure that your item is ready to serve (i.e., bars cut up and placed on a plate as needed, provide a serving utensil, etc.) There are gluten free treats in the cabinet above the sink. There are plates and napkins and coffee cups in the Parlor to be used for Coffee Hour.
3. If you cannot provide treats on your assigned Sunday, please **first** contact another person on the list to see if you can switch your Sunday assignments. The contact information for all those who volunteered is listed at the top of the schedule. If that fails, please contact Susan or Joy to let them know that you will not be available on a given Sunday.
4. You **are not** required to clean up afterwards, so please do not worry if you can only drop off your treats and leave. We will make sure everything is cleaned up afterwards. If you can help clean up, that is great, and there is a very nice vacuum stored in the Church Office hanging on the wall charger that can be used to vacuum the Parlor. Coffee grounds can be placed in the garbage can in the Parlor and the coffee pot should be emptied and rinsed.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact either Susan or Joy with comments, concerns, or suggestions. We look forward to working with you on this service to our church.

Susan Krivichi and Joy Turpin

The missions group selected the International Association for Refugees (IAFR) project which gives aid to Bosnian refugees as a Maggie Ball Fund recipient. The project is coordinated by Andy and Sarah Pollock, former residents of Eagle River. Norma Yaeger got to know this family by giving piano lessons to their children during a year in which they were home schooled. The family has now been in Bosnia for two years but return to Eagle River to visit their extended family. They were in worship on Sunday, July 14th, to receive a check to support the mission and to give a brief overview of their project.





Congratulations to
Norma Yaeger
Honorary Parade Marshall
4th of July parade!

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

CHURCH COUNCIL

President, Donna Adams
Kristen Anchor
Steve Burrill
Carol Marshall
Trisha Moore
Eric Olsen
Deb Stolze
Clerk, Norma Yaeger

MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS

Pastor Parish Relations, Tobi Johannsen
Women's Fellowship, Sharon Breit
Sanctuary Arts Group, Patti Roberts
Facilities, Donna Adams
Finance, Paula Hendrickson
Gifts and Endowments, Bill Marshall
Safety and Security, Carlton Schroeder
Scholarship, Ursula Charaf
Service Support Team, Joy Turpin
Corresponding Secretary, Kelli Burrill

CHURCH STAFF

Timothy W. Shirley, Pastor
Debbie Brown, Church Administrator
Sharon Breit, Director of Christian Education
Lori Lee Hunter, Director of Music
Norma Yaeger, Pianist
Christine Clough, Cleaning Services

Worship Service

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Income vs. Expenses
January - July 2024

INCOME		
	Offering Revenue	78,476.92
	Gifts & Endowments	6,250.00
	Misc. Revenues	6,600.13 *
TOTAL INCOME		91,327.05

EXPENSES		
	Church Life	4,035.78 **
	Mission & Stewardship	6,417.00 ***
	Operating Expenses	38,951.56 ****
	Salary & Benefits	70,608.27 *****
TOTAL EXPENSES		120,012.61

INCOME	91,327.05
EXPENSE	120,012.61
	-28,685.56

*Includes Rent, Fund Raiser, Special Offerings/Donations

**Includes: Educational programs, Advertising, Music, Hospitality

***Includes: OCWM, Accounting Software

****Includes: Insurance, Monthly Maintenance Contracts, Utilities,
Office Supplies, Building Improvements

*****Includes: All Staff & Pastor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship 3:45pm - Cub & Boy Scouts	4pm - Chime Choir 6pm - AA Meeting @ First	6pm - AA Meeting @ First 6pm - Soul Sisters	11am - Many Ways of Peace	6pm - Eagles AFG 6pm - Narcotics Anonymous	6pm - AA Meeting @ First	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship 3:45pm - Cub & Boy Scouts	4pm - Chime Choir 6pm - AA Meeting @ First	6pm - AA Meeting @ First 6pm - Soul Sisters	11am - Many Ways of Peace	6pm - Eagles AFG 6pm - Narcotics Anonymous	6pm - AA Meeting @ First	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am - Worship 3:45pm - Cub & Boy Scouts	4pm - Chime Choir 5:45pm - Church Council 6pm - AA Meeting @ First	6pm - AA Meeting @ First 6pm - Soul Sisters	11am - Many Ways of Peace	6pm - Eagles AFG 6pm - Narcotics Anonymous	6pm - AA Meeting @ First	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship 3:45pm - Cub & Boy Scouts	4pm - Chime Choir 6pm - AA Meeting @ First	6pm - AA Meeting @ First 6pm - Soul Sisters	11am - Many Ways of Peace	6pm - Eagles AFG 6pm - Narcotics Anonymous	6pm - AA Meeting @ First	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am - Worship outdoors 3:45pm - Cub & Boy Scouts	4pm - Chime Choir 6pm - AA Meeting @ First	6pm - AA Meeting @ First 6pm - Soul Sisters	11am - Many Ways of Peace	6pm - Eagles AFG 6pm - Narcotics Anonymous	6pm - AA Meeting @ First	

Save the Date



Poverty Simulation

Poverty is a reality for many members of our communities. You put yourself in the shoes of those living in poverty by taking on the identity of a family or individual to create a better understanding of what it is like to live a day in their life. Attending this event will help you:

- Promote poverty awareness.
- Increase understanding of what it is like to live in poverty.
- Inspire local change to help battle poverty.
- Transform perspectives of people in and out of poverty.

Join us:

October 11, 2024 at 1pm

Ascension Church

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Contact:

Caritas – Dick Bruesehoff

d.bruesehoff@gmail.com

LDF Economic Support

es@ldftribe.com



Dear UCC Missions Committee and congregation,
Thank you so much for the generous donation to the Serejero Refugee Center. It is an honor to partner with you in this ministry of sharing the hope of Jesus with all who enter the doors of Hope Community. We will be blessed to use this donation to purchase a whiteboard for our classroom and drinks & snacks to serve daily, as well as fund the beginning of our language class program this fall. We look forward to staying connected with you! Thank you again for blessing our ministry so generously.

Love in Christ,
Andy & Sarah Pollock, Olivia, Finley, Levi

June 2024



July 14, 2024

First Congregational UCC - Eagle River
PO Box 1385
Eagle River, WI 54521-1385

Dear Friends,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your recent donation of a large tote of art supplies for Moon Beach. Friends like the First Congregational UCC help keep our programs strong and are vital to fulfilling our mission: *We will love God, all others, and the earth by providing sanctuary, practicing hospitality, and performing ministry.*

Moon Beach, Daycholah Center, and Cedar Valley each have a long history of providing meaningful camps, retreats, and events that foster community, and provide much-needed time to unplug and deepen connections with nature and the Creator. A parent recently reflected the success of our mission back to us by sharing, "I felt like my family was loved unconditionally. Kudos to such a wonderful community, it's clear that this organization is built on love."

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. UCCI is deeply grateful for your prayers, participation, and financial support. We look forward to keeping you updated on the many ways outdoor ministry is here to serve you.

Blessings,

Rev. James Schleif
Executive Director
executivedirector@ucci.org

Please note that IRS regulations require that this letter state that United Church Camps, Incorporated is a tax-exempt organization that did not provide any specific goods or services in return for this contribution. Please feel free to place a value on this donation and save this letter for your tax files.

Moon Beach

Daycholah Center

Cedar Valley



Providing Safe
Housing & Basic
Needs ♥ Promoting
Self-Sufficiency &
Independent Living



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12th of June 2024

Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble, the LORD delivers him; the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:1-3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been a humbling year serving those in our community who find themselves in unhoused situations. For most, our residents (guests) find themselves at their rock bottom, without a place to go. For most, it takes faith to admit their wrongs that have led them astray and now to a homeless shelter to ask for help.

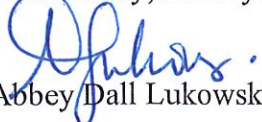
Your committed contributions have led to some incredible success stories this last year, and we couldn't feel more comforted. Members of your congregations and churches have shared meals, offered employment, spent time with those accepting of prayer, offered rides, and so much more. You've clothed them, you've loved them, and you've ensured access to hearing the good Word.

I write this letter on behalf of the Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing Board of Directors, Frederick Place Staff, and myself with the sincerest of heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for taking such great care of your homeless neighbors. Thank you for reminding them, that even when they're lost and broken, there is still hope for a successful change of direction.

We receive frequent inquiries of how our faith-based community can continue to serve their neighbors.

1. Pray for continued blessings upon your homeless neighbors as they navigate their circumstances
2. Share an evening meal with our current residents. Find SignUp Genius at www.nathnorthwoods.com or give us a call at 715-369-9777 and we'll sign you up.
3. Offer transportation to your Church Services – we're happy to post your phone number on our common boards.
4. Financial support. As with all nonprofits, expenses have risen throughout the years to operate your local 16-bed facility. All monetary assistance is applied directly to operations.
5. Volunteer in the house! We love our volunteers. From taking a shift, to helping with maintenance or special projects at Frederick Place, many helping hands continue to change lives.
6. Volunteer at one of our fundraising events. Or! Support our fundraisers by joining us.
7. Find our current Wish List at www.nathnorthwoods.com or give us a call at 715-369-9777.

With sincerest gratitude, we're so appreciative of your continued service to our neighbors' temporary home. Truly, thank you.


Abbey Dall Lukowski