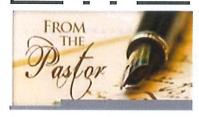
## First Congregational United Church of Christ November 2024 Church Mouse

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**Stewardship, Thanksgiving, Advent!** Join us and bring a friend as we IMAGINE our growth and future in our community, celebrate our gratitude, and prepare for Advent and Christmas.

As we move into November, the church calendar continues to fill with exciting things coming our way. We begin the month with *All Saints on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>*, honoring the legacy and memory of members of our church who have died within the last year, and by remembering all the saints near and dear to us who have touched our lives and our world, leaving a lasting impact in so many different ways.

November is Stewardship month and with the hopes and IMAGINATION we have for our church, we know "it takes every aspect of who we are as part of a beloved faith community, all our giftedness combined to make the congregation as strong as it can be, a vibrant and vital, relational and relevant church. In stewardship, we earnestly talk about time, talents, and that Hebrew Bible image, tithes, making for some nice alliterative language. And yes, while all this is true, it is the financial support that provides the baseline, building a solid foundation enabling the congregation to become all that it aspires to be." You will read this again in a letter from me and a pledge card coming to your homes this week. We pray you will stretch your commitment 'til it feels right' (D Bishop) as we focus to meet our world in need together.

So, look carefully at our upcoming November and December calendars, both here in the Mouse and also on the website. Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Stewardship, including receiving and blessing pledge cards. Thanksgiving Day, I will join the community service at Prince of Peace Lutheran with leaders from Catholic and Protestant traditions. All are welcome always! In December, we look forward to Advent Bible studies at church and at the *Warehouse for Community Arts*, decorating the church, dinner together, our special new member welcome and all with special music at worship.

Just to give you an update on our *Open and Affirming (O&A)* process, Tom Helmick and I will be zooming with the Rev. Dr. Katrina Roseboro-Marsh, Executive Director of the Open and

Affirming Coalition, United Church of Christ. The purpose for this conversation is to provide the Rev. Dr. Roseboro-Marsh with additional "insight" about our process, something we are delighted and proud to do. As we anticipate approval and acceptance as an officially designated O&A congregation of the United Church of Christ, I echo a line from an old Gospel Song, "What a day of rejoicing that will be!"

Finally, I am proud of the Church Council and every one of you for approving this year an aspirational budget at our called congregational meeting, Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. This too is testimony about where all of us believe that the church is headed. New elected officers and a new group started to complete the edits to the constitution to be a document that we believe will best serve the congregation.

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays!

Tim

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#### **High and Holy Days - Fall 2024**

#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS- Clocks are back One Hour**

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – A Celebration of All Saints

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – A Celebration of Stewardship

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Reign of Christ/A Festival of Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 1st – First Sunday of Advent; Hope

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Sanctuary Decoration (refreshments on the 4<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday, December 8th - Second Sunday of Advent; Peace; New Member Welcome and Lunch at Burrills

Sunday, December 15th - Third Sunday of Advent; Joy (Gaudete)

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent; Love

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. kids and families. 7:00 p.m. Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols - A Celebration of Carols, Candles, and Communion.

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Gathering in Fellowship Hall

Look at the calendar online or included in this Mouse for all events https://eagleriverucc.org/calendar/

Take Note!

#### **Notes from the Church Office**

Check out our Webpage <u>www.eagleriverucc.org</u>: Did you know the calendar, worship bulletin and sermon are put on our webpage every week? Go to "About Us" /"Worship Services".

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 715-891-2658.

Facebook for photos and events: Have you seen our Facebook page?

https://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalEagleRiver
Kristen Anchor along with all our photographers is keeping up the First Congregational Eagle River Facebook page with upcoming events and great photos of our involvements around town too. Check it out and Share or Like freely to spread the word of our Still Speaking God.

*Online giving* is always available through our website <u>www.eagleriverucc.org</u>. Click on Ministries, then online giving, and set up your account. Online giving allows you to make gifts conveniently. Other questions about donations, envelopes, etc, call us at the office 715-802-8501.

#### FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Church,

We are different and it feels right.

In thinking about our stewardship theme IMAGINE, I never IMAGINEd being retired and living in Eagle River fulltime, a city too small to ever hold my interest much less my heart.

I never IMAGINEd actually enjoying temperatures in the teens and hikes in the snow.

I never IMAGINEd accepting a gospel that is so genuinely all welcoming. Growing up, I knew too well the burden of hurt judging bad rather than celebrating good.

At First Congregational UCC Eagle River, we are different. Do you feel it? Our open doors are different. Can I say even our worship is different and our relationship with Jesus is different? At least for me, even our love is different. The sky is literally our limit- (I think of that when I see the rainbow over our entrance). Our understanding of our blessings is different and our expression of gratitude is different. With extravagant welcome comes extraordinary generosity of everything we are to all you enter.

As we focus this November on Stewardship, IMAGINE what it means to feel this kind of love in Eagle River and the global communities we are a part of, especially during a time when hate not love is more newsworthy.

Let's make sure we're different in how we build the future of our church, God's church, our global church.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, this is what I'm thankful for- what each of you has shown me.

As your new Church Council President and along with your entire Church Council, we understand our privilege, our responsibility, our opportunity and with this our need to be extravagantly loving and extraordinarily generous.

What do you IMAGINE for our community? For our families? For the world we live in? Together let's IMAGINE.

In Love,
Carol Marshall
2024-2025 First Congregational UCC Eagle River Council President

The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Church members are always welcome to attend.



#### **FLOWER CALENDAR:**

What better way to honor anyone or anything than to share flowers with your church family on Sunday! If you would like to give flowers for Sunday worship, please pick a Sunday and add your

name to the Flower Calendar 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. *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, let the Church Office know that you are doing so. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the service. Please return vases to Vintage Gardens as we then get more flowers for the money.

FLOWER SPONSOR FOR NOVEMBER: Luke Aschbrenner



Donna Adams, Linda Cole, Seren Livingston, Terry Posto, Beverly Rice, Patti Roberts, Arvid Spier-Olsen, Deb Stolze

#### **BOOK CLUB**

The October gathering of the Book Club was a very enthusiastic discussion of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. We decided that the characters were relatable as well as interestingly unique. We were drawn into the story and found it uplifting and delightful. Who wouldn't love a book with an octopus as one of the characters?

The order of our reading list has been changed. November's book is *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn.

We will meet the second **Thursday of the month, November 14th. In** December we take a break from books and select a movie. Suggestions are still needed. Bring along any ideas to the November meeting. We are always happy to have newcomers to the gathering. Please consider joining us, even if it's just for one book.

Donna DePape

#### MONTHLY MEALS RETURN TO FIRST November 13, 6PM!

Mark your calendars and plan to be at church at **6 p.m. Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, for food and fellowship. The main course will be provided (menu tbd), and we'll be asking others to provide a salad, bread, desserts and other appropriate dishes as needed.

We'll soon have two sign-up sheets available: One for those planning to attend so we know how much food we need and the second for people who want to help by bringing a salad, bread, dessert, etc.

It's a great time to enjoy each other's company and our friendships during what can often be a dreary time of the year. Additional meals are planned for December, January and February. (March brings Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent and our weekly soup suppers.)

Mary Lou Congdon and Barbara Helmick are coordinating this effort. Please reach out to one of them if you have any questions or want to help with the planning.

Stay tuned! More information to come.

**Stewardship Month** is November when we focus on the spiritual meaning of giving and understanding our 2025 commitments. This is easy for this church's extraordinarily generous members. Be prayerful as we *IMAGINE TOGETHER*. Each Sunday a member of Church Council will share their reasons for giving to our Church and we include them here.



#### 10/20/24 From Bill Marshall

Dear Church,

Oxford defines stewardship as the job of <u>supervising</u> or taking care of something, such as an organization or property. Clearly, it's not that simple or general. Stewardship is very personal and unique to each of us.

As we take a step back and formally open this stewardship season, I see the abundant fruits of the labor of all the servant members who have gone before us. Take a minute to look at the photos of the church before the remodel that Bruce completed and talked about recently. It was an amazing undertaking and a testament to this congregation.

Bernie Hupperts gave this to Carol & me when we joined. It's the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary book and a pretty humbling chronology of our church. I'll share just a couple of highlights:

On April 2, 1887 the Congregational Church Society was organized with 9 charter members. In 1924, as we all know, this sanctuary was built, 100 years ago.

Over the years this church has hosted the Public Library, in the church's basement. A Community Youth Center, a myriad of classes and groups. That community-based commitment continues today.

As we move ahead into 2025, there is a lot in question in the world and churches in general, yet we, as a congregation, remain faithful, giving and growing. In regards to stewardship, I would like each of us to prayerfully consider our time, our talents and our finances to discern how we can best support the ongoing mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River. Help us with the discussion so we can all make the most of what God entrusted to us.

Our theme for this time is Imagine Together. So, imagine and remember that we are the church and God is still speaking.

Bill Marshall, Church Council member

#### 10/27/24 From Steve Burrill:

A steward is "one employed to manage the domestic affairs of an entity". Our stewardship, as a congregation, is just that...taking care of our business.

Our congregation's responsibility is to take care of our business. We ARE a congregational church, therefore we elect our officers (Council) to manage our business; we agree on a budget to support our business; and we agree on a constitution to agree on how we will share our duties/govern ourselves, as a congregation. We'll do some of that later this morning.

But most of us in this congregation did not grow up in a Congregational Church. We were Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Baptists (like our Pastor Dr Dr Tim), Roman Catholics, and other traditions. Kelli grew up as a Methodist, and while I actually was a Congregationalist in Madison as a child, when I moved to San Francisco (the day I graduated from college), I spent the next 53 years as a Presbyterian. As such, our congregation is not filled with lifetime Congregationalists...but is a community who choose to worship here, thus becoming our First Congregational Church UCC Eagle River. And unlike other traditions, we don't enforce tithing..we just ask each congregant to bring their time, talent and treasures as stewards of this Church to meet our needs.

So, we are not having only one stewardship Sunday where we ask for pledges and then hope and and pray that it is sufficient to meet the needs of the church for the year, but we will have a continuing outreach program as we believe it appropriate. A budget is not a one-time thing...it is an estimate at a given point of time about what we believe is needed to meet the mission of \our church. As a Council and a congregation we will adjust the budget as necessary and get congregational approval of it.

On Stewardship Sunday, I hope each of you will fill out a pledge card (regardless of whether you give online or just periodically on Sunday) bringing whatever you feel is appropriate, whether your time, talent or treasures, to meet the needs of this church.

Our stewardship theme this year is "imagine"...so I hope each of you will imagine what you want this church to be...and then make your pledge to help make that happen...LET'S BE THE CHURCH THAT WE ALL WANT IT TO BE!!!

IT'S EXCITING...AND THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING THIS STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN SERIOUSLY. Steve Burrill, Church Council member

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#### GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS SUPPORT TEAM 3rd Quarter Results

The team received and confirmed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter results from our investment managers. If you follow the markets, you'll know the markets have done well year to date:

Funds for Church Use and Scholarships (9 Funds) are up

Zipperer Trust Fund (Single separate trust) is up

13.84%
9.01%

These funds entrusted to us from those members before us are part of our ongoing stewardship. They allow us to grant substantive scholarships to the youth of our community, let area teachers know we care about their contribution, they help us maintain our church facilities and to grow our programs.

These funds that allow us to say..... "what if?".....IMAGINE!!!!

If you have a question about our endowments or your own Planned Giving, please reach out to one of us on the team:

Mark, Carlton, Bob, Linda, Donna, or Bill

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#### CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024 Budget YTD 9/30/2024

|                              | 2024                                   | 2024                    | 2024             |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|
|                              | Actual YTD 9/30/2024                   | Annual Budget 9/30/2024 | Annual Budget YE |
| Income*                      | \$132,135                              | \$123,558               | \$163,244        |
| Expense                      | \$160,953                              | \$160,189               | \$210,085        |
| Net Income (Loss)            | -\$28,818                              | -\$36,631               | -\$46,841        |
| *income does not include inv | estment funds transfers available if r | needed                  |                  |

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We are approaching the new church year at the end of this month with the coming of Advent on the first Sunday of December. But first we can celebrate **All Saints Sunday on November 3<sup>rd</sup>** and the **Reign of Christ/Thanksgiving Sunday on November 24<sup>th</sup>**. All Saints Sunday is one of my favorite observances because it always reminds me that we are part of the Communion of Saints, surrounded by believers who are with us here on earth and those who have gone before us. It is empowering for me to think

that with that great cloud of witnesses we can do God's work accomplishing life-changing things. When we believe that we have all those people and souls supporting God's work we can take courage of our efforts to bring God's love to those who need it most. We can pray for and help with feeding the hungry, give aid to the orphan and widow, and welcome the sojourner. Even in our little corner of Eagle River we are making a difference welcoming others to our congregation, reaching out to give aid to those who need it by sharing our time, talent, and treasure to benefit not only the Northwoods but the world.

I am reminded of the refrain from the Marty Haugen hymn, *Healer of Our Every III*. If we step away from feeling that we can't or don't make a difference these words can help us understand that God can heal us so that we can continue to do God's work to help heal the world.

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

I am saddened that I will not be with you to celebrate Reign of Christ/Thanksgiving Sunday as I will be in Colorado spending Thanksgiving with our son and daughter-in-law. Upon my return we will be in full Advent and Christmas mode! Time seems to have flown this year, but I am looking forward to a wonderful start to the new church year!

As always, if you would like to share a musical talent, please let me know! - Lori

#### GIVING IS WHAT WE DO ... WITH THANKSGIVING



#### **CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO HURRICANE RELIEF!**

We asked. You responded. And you did it as you always do: With extreme generosity!

Members and friends of our congregation contributed \$1,112 to Hurricane Relief efforts during three Sundays in October. That money, along with \$1,000 from the Maggie Ball Mission Fund (approved by the Church Council at its October meeting) was sent to the national United Church of Christ for its Hurricane Relief Fund.

As you know, hurricanes Helene and Milton caused extensive damage in several southeastern states, leaving communities decimated and thousands of people homeless and in need of food, shelter and other basic needs.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

#### **NOVEMBER COLLECTION: LEAVES OF GRATITUDE!**

The upcoming Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we have so many blessings in our lives and we should be thankful for them and express our gratitude to each other and to God. It's also a time when all the leaves have fallen and things are starting to get a little dreary outside.

We're tackling both with our November monthly collection. We've "grown" a deciduous tree in the Narthex and we need your help to fill it up with color – and lots of it! And it will be easy for you to do.

Just tell us what you're grateful/thankful for. You'll find colorful cutout leaves on a table near the tree. Pick one (or more) up and write down what you're grateful for. "Leave" your leaf or leaves in the box that's provided. We're hoping the children will partake with their own leaves, and also by "decorating" the tree with the leaves that others leave.

So let's bring some color to our Narthex and some warmth to our hearts by sharing the so, so many things we have to be grateful for!

Special thanks to Joy Turpin, Donna DePape, Marti Von Kluck and Mary Lou Congdon for creating our tree!

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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!

#### THANKSGIVING DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY!

The Food Pantry still provides Thanksgiving meals to those in need and needs our help to do so. Jackie Coghlan, president of the Vilas Food Pantry Board, shared the following:

#### To Our Friends and Partners in the Community,

It is that time again, time to help our community by filling Thanksgiving Dinner bags, this is our twentieth year. The tradition continues as we help the Vilas Food Pantry provide the fixings for a tasty Thanksgiving dinner for the families that come to the pantry. This year we are again asking for monetary donations instead of having others fill the bags. The pantry will then purchase all the food to fill the bags to help make it more efficient for everyone. The total items for each bag costs about \$25. Please consider helping us out so we can provide for the growing number of families and individuals we are serving through the Vilas Food Pantry.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this project a success. Thanks for caring. Checks can be made out to the Vilas Food Pantry. We will be collecting monetary donations until **November 15, 2024. Please indicate Thanksgiving bags on your check.** 

You can mail checks to: Vilas Food Pantry, PO Box 761, Eagle River, WI 54521

#### **Backpack Program**



I want to thank all of you who came to Prince of Peace this month to help pack the meals for the Weekend Backpack Program. With so many helpers this time, the work went very quickly. We are back on our regular schedule of packing on the 3rd Thursday of the month. So, the next date will be Nov. 21st at 9:00 am. Watch for an email from me the week before. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Tobi Johannsen, 920-450-1402.

#### **NATH Frederick Place Dinners**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Frederick Place October meal.

We have so much to be THANKFUL for and we would like to pass it on. We would like to supply a Thanksgiving meal for the residents of Frederick's Place on November 28th. They presently have 16 residents.

We need turkey breasts, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, corn, green beans, bread, and desserts of your choice. We will put up a wish list. You can either provide some of the items or contribute money and Susan and I will purchase the needed food items.

#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS**

The Northland Pines Community Garden donated a total of 534 pounds of produce to the food pantry this season. This includes the produce from The First Congregational UCC community plot and one other gardener and 38 pounds of apples that were picked from a tree by the tennis courts. Way to go!! Thank you to everyone who helped make our gardening effort a huge success! The garden has been prepared for winter and we will be meeting in the near future to plan next years garden!

#### **SUNSHINE VISITORS**

Time and time again, this group of volunteers astonishes me with their willingness to touch lives with a simple act of kindness! We delivered candy-filled Harvest Time Sunshine Gifts, Autumn mugs, in October to those who either can't get out easily or are in need of a reminder that they are loved. Some volunteers came to help arrange the mugs, some picked them up to deliver and many did both. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in this ministry. Just give me a call and I will put your name on our email list. Also, if you know of anyone who would like a visit from our group, please let the church office know. Tobi and Pat

Well, this SUNSHINE idea is spreading...

My brother passed away over a year ago and my sister-in-law,86, is in a nursing home after a broken hip and other health problems. She was very lonely, depressed, and starting to give up. But she decided not to cry in her room, but to make a difference by getting those around her to smile.....

First, her dining table group, now everyone at the table smiles and welcomes others... And that is spreading to other tables.

Last week, she invited her group to a Packers party in the main lounge with its large TV and she was bringing the treats....They all came!

Another lady at the table is hosting this week's game party!

She is wearing a witch hat to breakfast for Halloween! She figures that will get a chuckle or two!

And now, the best part, after hearing about our project, she is enlisting a couple other residents to bring smiles to other residents in the home by delivering little treats with their walkers!

Pass it forward!! Have a great week!

So, if you know someone here in our church family who could use a bit of cheer, please let us know. And if you want to help pass it forward, let us know!! It's so rewarding for all of us!

Pat Fox





During the Offertory, we invite you to give your coins for the Melody of Compassion, our way of helping the Eagle River area and those who are in need for many years.

Please bring your coins to keep the Melody ringing.

Please bring your coins to keep the Melody ringing for others





by Women's Fellowship 24" \$20.00 36" \$30.00

Order forms are NOW on the back counter in the Sanctuary or in the office.

#### Orders must be in by November 10.

Wreaths will be available the Sunday after Thanksgiving, December 1.

Payment is due on or before the wreath is picked up.

Thank you.

**Women's Fellowship** will meet Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the paint room downstairs. All women are welcome to attend.



#### Coffee Hour 'Refreshment Schedule' through December 2024 Thank you!

| November 3  | Mary Lou Congdon  | Pat Adamovich        |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| November 10 | Tom Helmick       | Sharon Breit         |
| November 17 | Barb Flaherty     | Phoebe Spier         |
| November 24 | Cathy Palmer      | Trista Langley-Tyler |
| December 1  | Susan Krivichi    | Louise Krus          |
| December 8  | Nancy Diepenbrock | Joy Turpin           |
| December 15 | Pat Fox           | Patti Roberts        |
| December 22 | Mary Lou Congdon  | Pat Adamovich        |
| December 29 | Tom Helmick       | Sharon Breit         |

Hello Friends, above is the schedule for providing treats for Coffee Hour after church. We're happy that so many of you have volunteered to provide this nice addition to the coffee hour social time that enhances our worship 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 or Susan 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 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, placed on a plate if needed, provide a serving utensil etc.) There are some 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. If that fails, please contact Susan or Joy to let them know that you will not be available on a given Sunday. <u>Please update them on any switches you have made</u>.
- 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 on the wall charger that can be used to vacuum the carpet after. Coffee grounds can be placed in the garbage can in the parlor and the pot should be emptied and rinsed.

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



#### **DECEMBER IS COMING**

#### **Deck the Halls December 3 and 4!**

Sanctuary Decorating - Plan to join us on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as we decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. On Tuesday we need a group to do the hard work of putting up the tree and taking care of the basics. On Wednesday, we will gather to put the finishing touches on the

Sanctuary, accompanied by refreshments and a festive holiday mood.



#### **NEW MEMBER WELCOME DATE CHANGE to December 8:**

We will welcome new members to our church family on December 8 (previously scheduled on November 17) during the service followed by an all-church food and fellowship lunch at Kelli and Steve Burrill's.

#### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING and Sunshine Visitors**

As in the past, in December we will be delivering Christmas goodies as we go caroling on our visits. We will be needing homemade goodies (ie. cookies, candy), volunteers to help arrange the goodies and lots of carolers to add to the fun! If we have enough people, we will split into 2 groups of carolers. Anybody who would like to go caroling is welcome, even if you don't want to sing. This is often the highlight of our year's visits.

**Thursday December 17**<sup>th</sup> we will be arranging the goodies and caroling in the morning. If you are wanting to help with the treats, please be in the church kitchen by 8:30 AM that morning. If caroling and delivering the treats, please show up, dressed for the weather, to the Fellowship Hall by 9:15 AM that morning. We have some caroling booklets, but if you have one of your own, please bring it. As a reminder, I will be sending out an email later in November. The more carolers we have the more fun it is, so consider joining us. Even if you don't want to sing, come. It will definitely warm your heart!

#### SAVE THE DATE

Worship Services Christmas Eve, **December 24**<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. kids and families,
7:00 p.m. carols, candlelight and communion. Invite your neighbors!



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#### **Church Office Hours**

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

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Eric Olsen, Vice President
Kristen Anchor
Steve Burrill
Tom Helmick
Mark Holperin
Bill Marshall

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Sanctuary Arts Group, Patti Roberts
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Scholarship, Ursula Charaf
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Corresponding Secretary, Kelli Burrill

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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.

Nov 2024 (Central Time - Chicago) 7 30 8 22 15 29 Œ 31 28 14 21 9 a.m. Backpack progran Fredrick Place mea Thanksgiving Day 룓 6pm - Eagles AFG 27 30 20 13 11am - Many Ways of Peace 11am - Many Ways of Peace 11am - Many Ways of Peace Wed 29 19 26 6pm - AA Meeting @ First 6pm - AA Meeting @ First 6pm - AA Meeting @ 6pm - Soul Sisters 6pm - Soul Sisters Tue First Congregational United Church of Christ, Holidays in United States 28 18 25 6pm - AA Meeting @ First Veterans Day 27 10 24 17 3am - Worship - Stewardship am - Worship - All Saints 9am - Worship - Reign of 3am - Choir Practice 4pm - Cub Scouts 4pm - Cub Scouts 4pm - Cub Scouts pm - Cub Scouts





#### CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

| CHRISTIVIAS VVNEATH SALE  |
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| by Women's Fellowship   |
| 24" \$20.00   |
| 36" \$30.00   |
| Order forms may be found on the back counter in the Sanctuary or in the office. |
| Orders must be in by November 10.   |
| Wreaths will be available the Sunday after Thanksgiving.                        |
| Payment is due on or before the wreath is picked up.                            |
| Thank you.  |
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| Orders must be in by November 10.   |
| Wreaths will be available the Sunday after Thanksgiving.                        |
| Payment is due on or before the wreath is picked up.                            |
| Thank you.  |
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# Caregiver Roadman

## Resource Event

through your caregiving journey. Experts from each pit stop on the Caregiver Roadmap will be represented, providing information, Expert panel discussion on the pit stops you may need to take and available to answer any questions you may have.

## WHEN

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm to 3:00pm

## WHERE:

Walter E. Olson Memorial Library 203 N. Main Street Eagle River, WI 54521



RSVP: Call the ADRC at 715-479-3625

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Vilas County

#### Caritas of Eagle River

October 24, 2024

First Congregational United Church of Christ PO Box 1385 Eagle River WI 54521

Dear Congregants,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$500.00 to Caritas of Eagle River. Your donation will help many needy people in our area.

We have helped clients with necessary expenses such as registration or repair for their automobiles, utility bills, prescription drugs and medical expenses, food, clothing, housing, and referrals to other organizations. We strive to create a space where our clients feel valued and cared for, believing that we might improve the lives of our clients and help them to be contributing members of our society.

Caritas of Eagle River is a non-profit organization under the umbrella of Saint Francis Episcopal Church, a 501(C)3. In accordance with IRS regulations, we acknowledge receipt of the contribution listed above and confirm that no goods or services were given in exchange for this donation. Thank you again for your generosity.

Caritas is open every Wednesday from 11:00 AM until 2:00 Pm. Please stop in and visit sometime or call at 715-480-5683. New volunteers are always welcome.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gramins

Corresponding Secretary

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