



THE GREETER

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
133 SOUTH FRANKLIN STREET
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February 2017

THINGS TO NOTE:

***New Members Class:**

Feb. 5th, 12th and 19th at 11:30am
in the office.

***"Souper Bowl Sunday"**

– Feb. 5th

***HAPPY VALENTINES DAY**

-Feb. 14th

***Book Club: Tuesday,**

Feb.28th at 6:30pm.

***Youth Bake Sale –**

Sunday, Feb. 26th

***Ash Wednesday:**

Wednesday, March 1st

6pm – Lenten Soup Dinner

7pm – Worship Service

***Lenten Calendar inside**

Dear People Happy February...

This is the month when all midwesterners count the days and there are only 28 days to count. This is also the month when we distract ourselves with cupid, hearts and sending cards to our valentines - reminding them how much we love them!

ANOTHER fabulous thing that is happening this February is - are you ready - no not the Oscars but our New Members Class. I am thrilled to tell you that we have 8-10 people interested in becoming members of the Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Whitewater!!!!

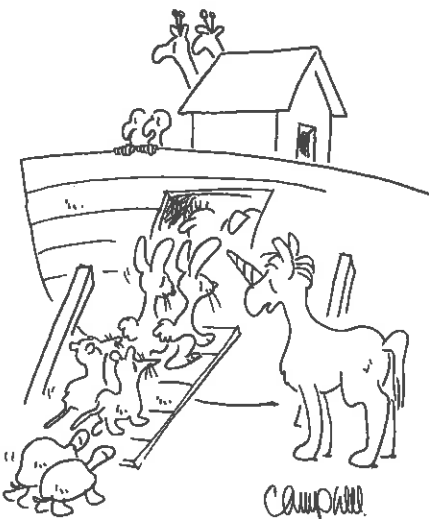
We begin on **February 5** - after you get your coffee, please come back to the sanctuary, where we will chat with each other about who we are as the **Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Whitewater**. We will talk about why we want to be part of this church. I am also asking current members to come and be with us to tell us a bit about their experiences here. It is my hope some of our current members will be mentors for our new members.

February 12 - after church get your coffee and come back to the sanctuary, and we will talk about the **UCC in Wisconsin**. **February 26** - get your coffee, come back to the sanctuary, and we will talk more about who we are as the **UCC in the USA**.

Together we will decide on the best day to receive you into our church! Very Exciting! I am super happy for all of us here at the Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Whitewater and for you becoming members. Together we can be those who are part of what I am calling our "mountain moving mustard seed faith."

Blessings,

Rev. Blair Hull



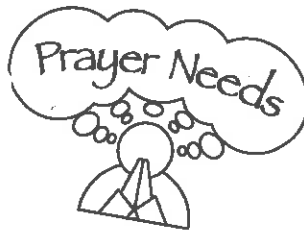
"Be my valentine ... Be my valentine
Be my valentine"

In Our Prayers

Jill Freiermuth
Art VanderKoy
Marilyn and Carroll Olm
Lars and Barbara Larson
Jeff Radaj
Al Kromholtz
Gerry Wilcox
Mary Lou sister of Kay and Marsha.
Charles Brizius
Steve Garbe
Fred Bertolaet
Wally Robeson
Dick Triebold
Tera Leffingwell
Elaine Kramer
Lein Family
Family and friends of Don Hale who died on 12/31/16.
Family and friends of Wilma Baier who died on 12/30/16.
Jordan family.
Gerry Wilcox's daughter Kathy.
Barb Kienbaum
Ellie Wilson recovering from surgery.
Keith and Dave – starting chemo.
Linda Norton has leukemia.
Dan Gerner having hip surgery.
James Hull as he travels around Ireland
All folks dealing with health issues and depression.

JOYS:

*Jim & Diane Holtz – Married 28 yrs
*“Thanks” from Dick Triebold
*New folks visiting the church.
*Tina Blucher's new daughter,
Maddison Rose. 7lbs 6oz 19 inches long on 1/7/17.
*Thank you to all outgoing and incoming members on boards.
*Thank you to Rick Blucher for being Moderator for 2 years.
*Thankful to Jill Freiermuth doctors



REMINDERS

Ushers

February 5th = Diaconate
February 12th = Jonathan Zheng, Morgan Radaj and Natalie Labreche
February 19th = Dan & Tina Winger and Jeff & Sharon Knight
February 26th = Paul & Charlotte Kuenning, Nora Robers and Joyce Follis

February Fellowship Hour

Schedule

February 5th = VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
February 12th = VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
February 19th = VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
February 26th = Youth Bake Sale

February Nursery

Cindy Robers

**Groeter Deadline:
February 15, 2017**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY

2- Connie Pellmann
3- Jim Davis
4- Kirk Kim
5- Ken Kidd
10- Connie Sawyer
12- Bennette Harris
13- Maya Davis
14- Georgia Roe
17- Gary Kincaid
19- Shelly Stafanczyk
21- Marie Roe
Stephen Kidd
22- Bob Springer
Harry & Susan Leffingwell



AROUND THE CHURCH.....

MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP

Please feel free to "Remember the Food Pantry".

We want to say a special 'thanks' to "Wilfred Roe" for taking the items every month to the food pantry.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study at Church.
Come and join us at 2pm, Tuesday afternoons. Beginning January 3rd, we will begin our study of Acts. If you would like to have a book ordered, please contact the office. Please plan on joining us for any of these Tuesdays at Two.

CLOTHES CLOSET

If you need a tax receipt - please contact Kay Robers. Thank you in advance!

PLEASE HELP US:

IF YOU ARE GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL - PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. THE HOSPITALS DON'T LIKE GIVING OUT TOO MUCH INFORMATION (HIPA) ESPECIALLY IF THE "BOX" ISN'T MARKED FOR "RELIGION". QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE

PLEASE JOIN US:

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST
6PM = LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
7PM = WORSHIP SERVICE



Ash Wednesday

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY GROUP

Please Join Us!!! The Christian Book Club is reading What We Talk About When We Talk About God by Rob Bell as our first selection of 2017. Marcia Yochum will be leading the discussions on January 31st and February 28th at 6:30pm in the Church Office. Please join us for what will be a stimulation and thought provoking- discussion. If you have any suggestions for the book club, please contact Mary Dalee or Kathy Ross.

MID-WEEK MEALS

The next MWM will be in Ash Wednesday, March 1st at 6pm. This will be a Lenten Soup Supper. Ash Wednesday service will follow at 7pm. Please consider hosting a MWM.

CONGREGATOR'S CIRCLE

Congregator's Circle will meet in the Oasis room of Fairhaven. All are welcome.

FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

1/29= Sunday School - 10am
Rev. Blair's Installation - 3pm
2/1= Youth Group-7pm
2/12= Sunday School - 10am
Fairhaven
2/19= Sunday School - 10am
C.E Mting-11:30am
2/19= Sunday School - 10am
2/26= Youth Bake Sale
3/1= Ash Wednesday Service - 7pm



COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET

Kay Robers reports on the **Community Clothes Closet**: "All I have to say is that we have finally gotten ourselves back on an even keel. The OVER WHELMING amount of AMAZING Donations in response to the Fire is now under control. [Remember we STOPPED accepting donations because our supply was so large]. **Thanks** to all the dedicated workers (MANY EXTRA's) who helped sort and make all those amazing donations available - I can't mention names cause I would forget someone. We are now ready to resume our normal activities, and we are again accepting donations."

And we all can continue the blessing: As you begin to bring out your spring things, remember the shoppers at the Clothes Closet, and picture them enjoying the things you can't use any more – especially pretty dresses for Easter, and prom dresses. And if you feel the urge to help out with sorting, carrying, and managing the donations, give Kay a call (262.379.0187).

Stay tuned as we unveil our **NEW DIAPER PROGRAM**. In the Greeter we will give you information regarding a Very Reasonably Priced Diaper Resource that has been acquired by none other than our own **KATHY ROSS!!!**

Thanks,

Kay

LENTEN CALENDAR

Lunch starts at 11:45pm with a
15 minute Devotion starting at 12:15pm

March 1st = ASH WEDNESDAY "LENTEN SOUP
SUPPER" – 6PM
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 7PM

March 8th = First United Methodist Church
(Whitewater Area Regional Ministries)

March 15th = St. Patrick's Catholic Church

March 22nd = Congregational UCC

March 29th = First United Methodist Church
(Whitewater Area Regional Ministries)

APRIL 5TH = First English Lutheran Church

APRIL 9TH = PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10AM

APRIL 13TH = MAUNDY THURSDAY
"POTLUCK" – 6PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE – 7PM

APRIL 14TH = GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:
1pm – 1st United Methodist
1:45pm – Congregational UCC
2:30pm – 1st English Lutheran

APRIL 16TH = EASTER SUNDAY
SERVICE – 10AM

**Devotional Leaders have not been
picked as of yet. They will be in March's
Greeter.*



Just a something to think about:

Just a reminder that if you are 70 ½ and have to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement account, you can donate a portion or all of this to the church to meet your pledge. There are significant tax savings if you have capital gains accumulated in your account. This distribution must be directed to the church rather than to you so you have to talk to your plan administrator to set this up. You still receive the credit for the donation just as if you had given the money out of your bank account. We're not offering tax advice but just letting you know there is more than one way to make a donation to the church.

Thank you David Yochum for sharing this with us!!

Thank You!

Dear Congregational Church,
We wish to thank the children of the church for such a generous donation. Such a wonderful program, love the noisy offering.

This brought tears to my eyes, we are so lucky to have such wonderful and caring youth. Please share this with them and also a huge "thank you".
Barb and the Community Dental Clinic Board of Directors

Thank you!!!

I am slowly recovering from my many broken bones received when a car hit me while I was walking to church. I was really helped by the visits and prayers of our minister, Blair. I thank her and you for the many prayers, cards and visits. They have been a great help to me. I thank all of you for your help in my healing.

-Dick Triebold

Thank you!!!

Dear UCC,

I am deeply humbled and thankful to be your recipient of the 2016 Scholarship. I am currently enrolled at UW-Madison going for a major in nursing and also pursuing a certificate, Madison's equivalent of a minor, in Religious studies. I am having an amazing time learning of new people and cultures, making friends and exploring my faith at Madison. Thank you so very much for naming me your scholarship recipient and helping me along this journey, it is truly a blessing.

Cordially yours,

Travis Winger

A Special
THANK YOU

Whitewater Community Clothes Closet

Case Lot Diaper Order

Size__ # Cases__ x Cost per Case__ = ____
Size__ # Cases__ x Cost per Case__ = ____
Size__ # Cases__ x Cost per Case__ = ____
Size__ # Cases__ x Cost per Case__ = ____

Total Amount Due=____
Cash ONLY

Name_____

Cost Per Case

Address_____

Phone Cell_____

Home_____

Order Date_____

Order taken by_____

Order#_____

Size	AMT	Price
NB	108	\$14.93
1	176	\$29.45
2	252	\$34.95
3	224	\$
4	200	\$
5	160	\$
6	144	\$

Community Clothes Closet
Receipt for monies received
Diaper order

Order #_____ Date_____

Amount Received_____

Payee_____

Staff Signature _____

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT KAY ROBERS

AT 262-379-0187

Whitewater Congregational UCC Unapproved Cabinet Minutes 1-19-17

The January meeting of the Cabinet was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Moderator Rick Blucher. Members present were Margie Hammerl, Rick Hammerl, Sharon Knight, Mel Lentz, Wally McDonell, Karen O'Connor, Zach Oster.

Pastor Blair was also present.

Pastor Blair began the meeting with a prayer.

Clerk: Sharon Knight- Membership is at 201. Minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion from Mel Lentz and a second from Rick Hammerl. Sharon announced that she will not be able to attend the annual meeting on January 22nd and that Kathy Ross has agreed to record the minutes. Sharon will not be able to attend the next cabinet meeting on February 16th and asked the cabinet to have someone take the minutes. This request will be passed on to Carrie Oster (incoming moderator) to find someone to take the minutes for that meeting.

Treasurer's Reports: Kathy Kincaid-The Treasurer's report for 1/1/2017 - 1/17/2017, Balance sheet as of January 19, 2017 and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual were distributed and reviewed. These reports were approved based on a motion by Zach Oster and a second by Rick Hammerl. Questions were asked about Special Music fund 1000-7 transferred amounts. These will be addressed at next meeting when treasurer is available to explain the transfers.

New and On-Going (around the table) All Committee Chairmen are asked to submit their reports electronically by the Monday before each Cabinet meeting.

Music: Karen O'Connor- Revisions to the constitution to recommend to the Cabinet were discussed.

- Because of the difficulty in recruiting members to the music board, Carrie Oster moved to change the number of members on the music committee from six to "a minimum of three." Karen O'Connor seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

- The board discussed adding language in the "recommendations about the purchase of musical instruments" section of the constitution to include decisions concerning accepting donated instruments.

- Carrie Oster moved to suggest these changes to the cabinet; Gerry Jennings seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The board discussed a previous committee's goals and objectives list. Future things to consider include finding some non-choir members for the music committee and putting names and dates more consistently on future revisions to job descriptions and other documents.

The board brought up the possibility of merging with the diaconate to form a "worship committee," Pastor Blair Hull suggested having meetings quarterly with the two groups together as both deal with aspects of worship. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

The possibility of moving the choir room to make a Christian Education wing in the hallway was mentioned. This will be examined more in the future as the various church boards make more decisions concerning the library and classroom locations.

Bringing in Riley Hull for a music-related position was brought to our attention by Zach Oster, Chair of the Christian Education board.

- This position would involve some music opportunities during Sunday school and a possible performance during the children's sermon once a month.
- We discussed the accounts available for payment, since youth music director money is not included in our current budget. The music-donated account, 1000-4, has some money that is available.
- Karen O'Connor moved to accept the Christian Education board's request to fund Riley Hull's hire as "Sunday School Music Coordinator" for a time period of January 22nd to May 28th and pay him \$20 a Sunday. Gerry Jennings seconded; motion was approved. Karen will bring this decision UD at the next cabinet meeting.

Missions and Generosity: Margie Hammerl- No report. They have had to reschedule their meeting because of bad weather.

Christian Education: Zach Oster - The CE Board met on January 15. We discussed plans for growing and strengthening our main programs -- Sunday School, youth activities, and nursery to meet the needs of our church and community.

Sunday School: We will put out a call this month for volunteer helpers and/or teachers, to help us move toward having two Sunday School classes. This would not have to be an "every Sunday" commitment; we would ask volunteers to help for a month at a time, or 1-2 Sundays a month, or something similar. There will be training for volunteers to know how to use the Sunday School curriculum and how to follow the Safe Church policy.

Nursery: We may move toward a new model, with someone (Cindy?) serving as a paid "nursery coordinator" who schedules childcare providers and serves as a backup. Zach will reach out to the UW-Whitewater childcare center to recruit college students to help, either on a volunteer (service requirement for graduation) or paid basis. We can also look for volunteers in our congregation. Some of our older youth are interested and well-suited.

Youth: Ashleigh will continue to have youth activities at least twice per month, with a fun or mission activity every other month in the community or southern Wisconsin. The youth will also have a slightly larger mission activity (e.g., Urban Immersion, 30 Hour Famine) at least once a year, and a larger multi-day mission/service activity once every three years. Ashleigh wants to focus on helping students see and address the great needs of people in our part of Wisconsin as well as in the wider world.

Many youth activities have been funded by substantial individual donations in past years. The youth activities line item in the church budget does not fund most youth activities. Increasing this line item in the future would provide more reliable support.

Space issues: We explored moving Sunday School and Youth Group into the same hallway as the nursery, making it the "CE hallway". Maggie and Ashleigh are willing to share the room in the NW corner of the church (now used for storage), once the ceiling is fixed and it is cleaned up. Parents may feel safer placing their children in our care if they can easily see where their children will be; also, the current Sunday School/Youth room is not accessible. We will present this idea to Trustees.

We also discussed possible changes to the CE article of the church constitution.

Thanks to Marsha McKinnon for her faithful service on the CE Board. Kelly Davis will be replacing Marsha on the board next month.

Trustees: Rick Hammerl -Elevator not working and it will cost approximately \$3000.00 to fix it. This expenditure was approved by the Trustees.

Diaconate: Mel Lentz- Have not met to review the constitution yet.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Blair-Is happy how things are going and is excited about the new member classes. Pastor Blair mentioned the work of revising our constitution/bylaws and that some members have volunteered to work at the revisions and more volunteers would be helpful. Documents from previous work on rewriting the constitution have been discovered but there is no record of them being adopted by the congregation. Karen O'Connor reminded members of the importance of dating and signing all documents. Committees are reminded to review their sections of the constitution and submit suggestions for changes.

Old Business: Nominating Committee- Wally stated that the nominations were in place for the annual meeting and that he will be serving on the Board of Trustees.

Rick Blucher asked about payment of our pledge to the Campital Campaign and after some discussion it was agreed that Pastor Blair would talk to administrators of the campaign about our commitment and will bring back more information next month.

New Business: After discussion about communicating committee activities to the congregation, it was suggested by Rick Hammerl and the rest of the cabinet agreed that we should have quarterly congregational meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Sharon Knight, Clerk

Income and Expenses - January thru December 2016

Total Income = \$145,400.32

Total Expenses = \$154,015.57

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Trustees-9am	2 Youth Group-7pm Groundhogs Day	3	4 Clothes Closet
5 Worship-10am *Souper Bowl Sunday Fellowship-11:15am *New Members Class- 11:30am	6	7 Call to Care-1pm Bible Study-2pm	8 Choir-6pm	9 Bethel Mting-7pm	10	11
12 Worship-10am Sunday School-10am Fellowship-11:15am *New Members Class- 11:30am Fairhaven (kids)	13 Bethel House Class	14 Clothes Closet Bible Study-2pm HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!	15 Congregator's - 9:30am	16 Cabinet-6:30pm	17	18 Clothes Closet
19 Worship-10am Sunday School-10am Fellowship-11:15am C.E Mting-11:30am	20 Bethel House Class Mission and Generosity Mting-7pm Presidents Day	21 Bible Study-2pm	22 Ministerial Mting- St. Pat's	23	24	25
26 Worship-10am Sunday School -10am Fellowship-11:15am *New Members Class- 11:30am	27 Bethel House Class	28 Clothes Closet Bible Study-2pm Book Club- 6:30pm				
				looking ahead: 3/1=Ash Wednesday Service-7pm * Lenten Soup Dinner-6pm		Office Hours: Hours: M-T & TH=9am-2pm W=9am-11:30am



LENT BEGINS

Youth
Bake Sale