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You are invited into a Season of Creation: "Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope."

For several years now, Christians around the world have been participating in a Season of Creation—an intentional time of prayer, reflection, song, and worship to grow in love and appreciation of the Creator God and creation. Rivers, trees, ants, and deer were all made by God and declared good. The Season of Creation calls to me to remember the awe of a beautiful sunset, your first rainbow, a rabbit in your yard, and puppy snuggles.

But we also come into this time knowing that the earth is in a struggle, crisis, pain. While we celebrate the beauty of creation, do we recognize the pain? How do we advocate for creation's wellbeing? We have been called by God to be stewards and caretakers of creation. How do we practice living in community with all of creation, as a living example for our neighbors?

The Wisconsin UCC has invited us into a Kairos Moment. In the Bible, Kairos is a time of crisis and opportunity. We are going to take the time, to treasure what is and strive for what should be.

The United Church of Christ has been a leading voice of issues of Environmental Justice since the 1970's when toxic and banned chemicals were being dumped into the watershed of a predominantly black North Carolina town (issues of environment and race are often linked). So we take our place in a long line of UCCers, pastors and laypeople alike, to study, teach, discuss, discern, and advocate for creation. But this is also a celebration, a jubilee, a restoration, and a time of hope. And I hope you'll join us.

Our Season of Creation will end on October 4th, with a blessing of our animal friends and pets. Bring your pet to service that day!

Pastor Leanne

Resources: https://www.ucc.org/a movement is born environmental justice and the ucc https://www.ucc.org/environmental-ministries

The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2020

While the weather permits, we will continue to meet in the parking lot for outdoor Worship each Sunday at 9:30 AM. In the event of rain, you'll be alerted via a

Sunday morning email from Donna and the service will be available via Facebook Live.

Zoom Coffee Hour each Sunday at 11:30 AM. See "Zoom" article for access information.



September 6

prayers for Dianne Frances & Loey Erickson and Wendy & Jeff Geier Holy Communion: you are welcome to bring your own elements of a bread product and beverage or take a disposable Fellowship Cup which will be available as you arrive. Season of Creation 1 Greatest Commandment: Love Your Neighbor

September 13

prayers for Frieda Goetsch and Nancie & Dick Gryske Season of Creation 2 Protecting the Commons Council meeting at 10:30 AM in fellowship hall.

September 20

prayers for Leanne Harmann and Peggy & Pete Hazelberg and family Season of Creation 3 There is Enough for Our Need... Not Our Greed

September 27

prayers for Shirlene & Bob Hazelberg and Sandie Horne Season of Creation 4 The Gift of Water



BIRTHDAYS

Allie Brisk	1	Vivian Hazelberg	20
Ashley Kinney	1	Ron Blaschuk	25
Christy Lui	2	Debra Morgan	26
Egann Stack-Vaughn	3	Katie Brisk	27
Christine Lang	5	Mary Branson	30
Ruchir Bhatt	10		

ANNIVERSARIES

Vera & Don Ortmann 23

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Ellen Jondle	2,	2018	2 years
Jeannie Phelan	17,	2006	14 years



COMMUNION ASSISTANT FOR September 6: Robert Zondag

	Ushers	Scripture Readers
6	Charlotte Voigt	Robert Zondag
13	Sarah Erickson-Bhatt	Ashley Kinney
20	Carol Pfalz	Steve Thompson
27	Connie Motelet	Jeannie Phelan

The Church Council is pleased to announce... Pastor Leanne has accepted a contract extension for her services as our Interim Pastor through September 15, 2021!!

The Pastoral Search Transition Team has been confirmed. Members are Peggy Hazelberg, Marjore Thompson, Robert Zondag and Christy Lui. This Team will be responsible for creating Emmanuel's Profile. They will be meeting with Lorraine Ceniceros, our WI Association Conference Minister.

Zoom Book Study Continues...

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm. Zoom Only. Meeting ID: **342 957 1341** Passcode: **9652429** (i.e. pastor's church phone number minus the hyphen) We're asking if you are able to purchase your book, to do so. It can be found at Books and Company for \$16.99.



From the New York Times bestselling author of An Altar in the

World, Barbara Brown Taylor's Learning to Walk in the Dark provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers.

Taylor has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. Doesn't God work in the nighttime as well? In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." She argues that we need to move away from our "solar spirituality" and ease our way into appreciating "lunar spirituality" (since, like the moon, our experience of the light waxes and wanes). Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most.

With her characteristic charm and literary wisdom, Taylor is our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and giving us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Join us at 10:00 AM on the patio for lively conversation, a time of fellowship...and oh yes, sometimes even some "Bible talk!"

If you are continuing to maintain "safer at home," we appreciate your ongoing support. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118. THANK YOU!!





SINGING BOWL

Family Promise will continue to be our Singing Bowl mission in September. Charlotte Voigt reported at the August Council meeting that with our special collections and Singing Bowl, we

have collected over \$2,000 for Family Promise to help their clients....way to go Emmanuel!!

Our Singing Bowl for January, February and March this year went to the UCC's Justice & Local Church Ministries for Medical Debt Relief. A letter of thanks was received from the UCC for our \$388.07 contribution to this effort...THANK YOU ALL!

FAMILY PROMISE

We have a new home for our Day Center!

It is located in downtown Waukesha near affordable housing, day care and bus routes. Volunteers cleaned the building the first week in August and moved many boxes several weeks later. We are preparing this Day Center for Family Promise's daily work keeping people in their homes by assisting them with rent and delinquent utility bills. We are also directing some who have called, to more affordable housing, available jobs and resources that could be helpful to their situation. More than \$12,000 has been given out since the pandemic closed our churches, halting the rotation system we had in place for the homeless. Since May, Family Promise of Waukesha County has helped 14 families. Screening still is taking place to assure that the requests are legitimate. Money is given to landlords or the utility service that have not received due payments. Gift cards and baby supplies are given to the parents who qualify. Again, thank you for contributing over \$2000 to help those families in need.

Golf Outing

First Congregational UCC of Oconomowoc held a golf outing in July. The proceeds of \$23,000 went to Family Promise. What a huge success and generous contribution this was!

Help needed

- Family Promise is looking for an office manager who is competent in QuickBooks and Excel and has some experience with Customer Relationship Management software.
- Our new Day Center will be making some improvements to the building. Some of those projects involve plumbing, floor covering, woodworking, tuck pointing and preparing and painting a metal fire escape. If you or someone you know has skills related to these projects, please submit a bid by mid September.
- An apartment or house is needed to house a family for several months.

Contact Joe Nettesheim, Family Promise Director, 262-968-2321, or director@familypromisewaukesha.org for additional information on the items above. Thank you!

Charlotte Voigt & Sue Stelling, EUCC FP Volunteer Coordinators

THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED!

Melanie Laur initiated a food/beverage/hygiene items collection for the large population of homeless people who live in parks in Waukesha, many of whom are Veterans. THANK YOU to Melanie, Mike, Mira & Maven for distributing the donations and to everyone who heard of the need and responded! Melanie will keep us informed about future needs and schedule for delivery to Waukesha...stay tuned.





Zoom Information

If you don't want to create a Zoom account: You do not have to have a Zoom account to attend a Zoom

meeting. You will be prompted to download the software, once you have clicked on the link that you have been provided. You may also wish to create an account, but that is not required to participate in a Zoom meeting.

If you don't want to download Zoom to your computer: You'll have to make a Zoom account. In "Settings" go to "In Meeting (Advanced)" and scroll down until you find "Show a "Join from your browser" link" and click on the toggle on the right. This should allow to join a meeting without downloading the program.

You can use Skype for Business in Zoom: if that is something you have connected with in your work/business.

Zoom access for ALL of Emmanuel's events is always the same:

Meeting ID **342 957 1341** Passcode: **9652429** (i.e. pastor's church phone number minus the hyphen)

Council Meeting Highlights:

Council met after worship on Sunday, August 9th. In attendance were Pastor Leanne Rose, Shirlene Hazelberg, Charlotte Voigt, Ken Pike, Kathy Zebrowski, Jeanne Phelan, Sherri Krantz, Jim Langreder, and Donna Newland. Peggy Hazelberg and Kristen Voskuil attended via Zoom.

- Kathy and Jeannie reported that our financial picture is healthy with all bills being paid on time.
- Pastor Leanne reported that we are getting positive feedback on our outdoor services in the parking lot. Viewership on Facebook and YouTube are also good.
- Pastor Leanne is holding Tuesday morning Bible Study (began Aug. 11) and a 6-week Book Study via Zoom (began Aug. 19).
- The Worship Planning Team of Pastor Leanne, Jim Langreder and Jeannie Phelan met to plan for September services.
- Peggy reported that plans are still underway for fall Christian Education for our children and youth.
- Kristen reported that she will poll the Ushers to see how things are going with the outdoor services and determine if any procedures need tweaking.
- Charlotte reported that plans are underway for the Oct. 4th UCC special offering for Neighbors in Need. Sue Stelling will be coordinating the offering. The special offering envelopes will be included in the bulletins on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. A newsletter article will be included in the October newsletter.
- The subject of how to hold upcoming Congregational Meetings was discussed. More discussion to follow.
- Shirlene and Charlotte reported that with the special fundraising for Family Promise and our Singing Bowl donations, we have collected over \$2,000.
- Ken reports that Trustees and others in the congregation have been very busy taking care of repair/improvement projects in and around the building. 19 projects from their comprehensive list have been completed.
- No fundraisers will be held this year. The Magic Show scheduled for October has been cancelled.
- A performance evaluation for Pastor Leanne was discussed. Her current contract expires on September 15th. Council offered her an extension under the same terms are the current contract. She will think about the offer and get back to Council.
- The next Council meeting will be at 10:30 AM on Sunday, September 13.



Additional people are needed for the Sunday Worship Scripture Reading Team. Please contact Pastor Leanne to learn more and/or

volunteer: pastor@seeyouonsunday.org or 262-965-2429. You will have a dedicated microphone to use, so no worry about virus spread! Jim Langreder could use additional people to help him with set-up on Sunday mornings. Contact him at teamlangreder@gmail.com or 262-262-309-5086.

Our Board of Trustees and others have been busy getting many projects done around the church. They will be asking for others to help when specific tasks are needed. This need will be shared via congregational email blasts.

Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

Let's explore the idea of resuming our monthly collections for the Food Pantry...knowing that we will likely not be meeting 'live' when the weather turns, is this possible? Is it worth it to resume for the next couple of months and maybe devise a plan for collection if and when we need to go back to virtual worship?

If we do resume, we will need someone(s) willing to take our donations to the Food Pantry (see the July 6th Facebook post below). Sharon Perez has been our volunteer who collected the donations each month and took them to the bin at Pick n Save in Wales (THANK YOU Sharon for your years of service to this mission effort); however, she is no longer able to do it and as the post states, the bins are no longer in place, donations need to be taken directly to the Pantry.

We would appreciate your thoughts on this...please contact Donna, 262-965-4022 or office@seeyouonsunday.org with your comments or to volunteer to take the donations in if we decide to resume collections.



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We are finally able to accept individual food donations. Here is how to donate:

1. Date check all of your items. We cannot take anything with a date earlier than 2020.

2. Drop your items at the pantry during operating hours:

The first through fourth Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday of the month except for holidays. We are open from 10-11 a.m.

This is the only process we have in place to accept food.

The barrels at Pick Save and Sentry have been removed as we do not have the volunteer capacity to collect, date check and transport the food. Thank you!



THANK YOU to all who regularly leave bags of aluminum cans and other precious metals outside the garage door. A reminder to everyone, our

recycling of these Precious Metals helps Emmanuel's bottom line, so please save them, bag them up and leave them by the garage service door.

OUR CONNECTIONAL CHURCH



For anyone who comes from a denomination other

than UCC, and even some who do, there is a question: Where is the church in the midst of these global crises? The answers: everywhere, right here, and at home.

The unusual thing about the UCC is the congregational system that doesn't have a "traditional" hierarchy of authority and power. We are decentralized which might make us look unorganized. I would like to propose a different interpretation. Some of us have gifts of advocacy, some community organizing, some informing and teaching, some action. And we need each of these gifts of the body.

Your state and national staff are often teaching and informing us. They remind us of issues that are important to our denomination like racial justice and climate and creation care. They are the ones who are able to tell us of good work that is being done across the country. Like Rev. Traci Blackmon who is the Associate General Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for The United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO. She founded "Souls to the Polls" and continues to advocate and organize with the UCC's Our Faith, Our Vote campaign which advocates for faith informed and hope filled voting.

Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence, KS supported immigrant and refugees with a grant that included "A Mexican mother whose young child suffers from a serious illness and weakened immune system. 'She can't risk going out right now to work and bringing COVID-19 back. That could be fatal for the child.'"

The National Staff remind us to stand up for those who have no voice and those who society would rather ignore. This has included raising our voices for creation and climate change. The denomination has given churches, like us, a blueprint on how we can respond. And Blyth Barnow of Ohio and Rev. Erica Poellet of NY who are reminding us the people with addictions are God's children too, and churches need to make space for them, their families, and generous non-stigmatized welcome and community.

And during COVID-19 and responding to the murders of George Floyd and Brianna Taylor (and... and ... and...), the national church has been supporting, writing Bible studies and responses, and developing resources to support local churches. Bethel-Bethany Congregational in Milwaukee has been a central gathering and distributing site for Milwaukee's Community Care and Mutual Aid. The denomination developed a group study guide on White Privilege that lead many congregations through this idea for the first time with intention and depth. First Congregational, Platteville, WI, in response to their BLM sign on their church, received hateful, racist letters and Rev. Zanya Thompson reminded her community, and us, that these are the kinds of things churches of color have been dealing with for decades. UCC members and clergy have been marching, advocating, teaching, preaching, and being allies for our Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) siblings. This has included our own Ashley Kinney, many of you, and me.

Here's the thing about being congregational, it's all about being in this together. We believe that we are better and more powerful working together than on our own, and certainly more than allowing one leader or committee to do it all for us. This makes it confusing and amazing and something to celebrate. So let's celebrate your UCC siblings around our state and around our country and right down the road. We are, in fact, the church together.

To stay informed :

Follow the United Church of Christ on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (and #UnitedChurchofChrist)

Subscribe to one of the UCC enewletters: ucc.org/justice; ucc.org/keeping_you_posted

Pastor Leanne

WHO DO I TALK TO IF I HAVE A QUESTION??

Adult Fellowship	Corrine Mayer Donna Newland	431-4046 965-3563
Christian Education/	Pastor Leanne	965-2429
Church School	Peggy Hazelberg	470-2181
Council	Gary Phelps	646-3920
Deacons	Kristen Voskuil	608-698-3777
Financial Secretary (counts offering & keeps records)	Laurie Buckett	965-2545
Family Promise	Charlotte Voigt	646-2701
	Sue Stelling	965-3498
Pastoral Search- same as Cou	uncil	
Prayer Requests	Pastor Leanne	965-2429
	Donna Newland	965-4022
SCRIP program	Mary Branson	567-1493
Singing Bowl- same info as So	cial Concerns	
Social Concerns	Shirlene Hazelberg	470-5907
Stewards	Sue Stelling	965-3498
Treasurer (issues checks)	Kathy Zebrowski Jeanne Phelan	646-8882 414-940-4464
Trustees	Ken Pike	347-6779
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Ushering Team- same info as Deacons



This n That...



◆ Dousman Meals Drivers for August 3-7: Mary Opiela, Nicole Kerr, Kristen Kramer, Charlotte Voigt, Kathy Zebrowski, Shirlene Hazelberg, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Sue Stelling, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk and Kris Davidson.

- Tom Stelling, Michael Clark, Ken Pike and former member Rod Podszus for keeping the lawn mowed and trimmed.
- So many people have been busy getting things done inside and outside the church...cutting down a tree and burning the debris, trimming bushes & shrubs (maybe they're the same thing ??), making building repairs to remove rotten wood, fixing leaking roof vents...and the list goes on! THANK YOU to all involved...Ken Pike, Charlotte Voigt and her friend Mary Maselter, Ron Blaschuk, Tom Stelling, John Lui, Gary Phelps and anyone else who has chipped in without our knowledge!
- Jere Marheine & Tom Stelling replaced the timer that operates the lighting of our front sign...thank you!



• Sarah Erickson-Bhatt and her family who are grieving the passing of her uncle, John following a heart attack.

Pastor Leanne who is undergoing physical therapy for an injured ankle.

- Christine Lang.
- Gail & Sal Tamez's son, Andrew who is deployed to Afghanistan.
- Laurie Buckett's daughter and grandson, Jennifer & Santos.
- Evelyn Faircloth who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Gregg Jarrett who is recovering from surgery on his mouth to remove cancer.
- Those dealing with cancer: Shirlene Hazelberg's mother, Marie; Steve Thompson's brother, Wayne; Lisa, a friend of Julie & Mike Ball.
- Every
- one affected by the COVID-19 situation, health-wise, employment-wise, etc.

To my Emmanuel Family,

Let me thank you for all the love and support you've given me as I pursued the new, non-traditional path to ordination. I loved serving you in Pastor Nansi's absences, and your allowing me to serve in this way lead to much personal growth.

At this time, I am choosing not to continue with the ordination path. This has been a difficult decision, but with all the uncertainty in our world today, it feels like the right choice. I want you all to know that you've been an important part of my journey, and I will always treasure the support you gave me.

I will continue to be there for you, as you have been for me. That's what family is about. Thank you for letting me be part of yours.



Sun.	EACH 4	Worship at 9:30 AM in the Park(ing) Lot or Live Streamed in case of rain. Holy Communion / Special UCC mission offering for Neighbors in Need Blessing of the Animals Service
Th-F M-F	1-2 26-30	Emmanuel delivers Dousman Area Home Meals
Mon.	5	Trustees meeting 4 PM
Tues.	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM
Sun.	11	Council meeting after worship
Sun.	18	Blue Jean Sunday: clean up of the grounds & highway



Jeannie Phelan

Treasurer's Report for July 2020

PLEDGED Income received		
(July 2020)		\$8,551.50
(July 2019)		\$7,945.00
	Difference	\$606.50
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received	_	
(July 2020)		\$1,613.00
(July 2019)		\$1,299.00
	Difference	\$314.00
Total INCOME for (July 2020) *		\$11,250.42
Total INCOME for (July 2019)		\$10,256.75
	Difference	\$993.67
Total EXPENSE for (July 2020)		\$11,949.30
Total EXPENSE for (July 2019)		\$11,776.64
	Difference	\$172.66
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2020		\$15,756.13
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2019		\$239.35
	Difference	\$15,516.78
*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received that are designated funds	for:	
Singing Bowl		\$40.42
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)		\$558.50
SCRIP sales		\$0.00
Fund Raiser		\$97.00
RBC Investment Account Growth for July 2020		\$7,191.16
Capital Funds Campaign		\$ 13,938.36
Income		\$ 365.00
Expenses		, <u></u>
Interest		\$.97
TOTAL		\$14,304.33
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Please direct your comments or questions to Kathy Zebrowski (262) 646-8882 or Jeanne Phelan (414) 940-4464.





SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT AT 9:30 AM WEATHER PERMITTING

(also streamed on Facebook & YouTube) in the event of rain, the services will be live streamed on Facebook

Zoom Coffee Hour, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM each Sunday

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13 10:30 AM Council meeting	14 1:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive at the Dousman Community Center	15 10 AM Bible Study Deadline for October newsletter articles	16 7-8:30 PM Book Study via Zoom (see article)	17	18	19
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