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We don't think about it much, at least not with clear intention and reflection, but we all have narratives that guide our lives. How do you understand yourself or your family because they came to the New World on the Mayflower? How do you understand yourself because you survived an illness or an accident? How do you understand yourself because of where you grew up?

Groups of people can have a guiding narrative, for better or for worse. The U.S. has a narrative of Manifest Destiny and "just wars." The driving narrative of our time is capitalism: an individualist sense of the world that seeks to serve the self first. Churches of the best days when the pews were full and everyone worked together. The narrative that ex-Christians talk about is how the church demanded that they change.

In many ways, we are the stories.

Which is what makes the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus so revolutionary, so counter-cultural even, but maybe especially, two millennia later. While being executed, Jesus continues to care for his mother, building community around her. He offers grace to the others being executed near him and to those who were killing him. Community, grace, forgiveness.

The resurrection is a story that tells us that life will begin again. That there is life, there is new life, there is abundant life, even in places that seem dry or dead or scarce. The resurrection is a story that tells there is hope. That, in the resurrected life of Jesus, caught up in the narrative of life and love, community and grace; and we are free from the narratives of the world.

And that means we're going to change, the resurrection is going to change us, it should change us. Sometimes after years of hearing the story it seems like old news, but maybe this year we can enter into Holy Week and Easter with fresh eyes and hearts to be renewed by the God who longs for us to have a narrative of life, abundant life, renewed life, resurrected life, grace-filled life. May that give you hope this season.

Pastor Leanne

The Messenge

April 2022

9:30 AM Worship (live streamed on Facebook)

April 3 – Lent 5

prayers for Julia Starbuck and Sue & Tom Stelling John 19:1-16a HOLY COMMUNION ** FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY * ORDER SCRIP Computer Video Training after Worship Tuesday: 10 AM Bible Study Wednesday: Lenten Book Study 7 PM

April 10 - Lent 6 PALM SUNDAY prayers for Marjore & Mark Thompson and Steve Thompson John 12:12-27 Monday – Friday: Emmanuel delivers Dousman Area Meals Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM Wednesday: Lenten Book Study 7 PM Friday deadline for May newsletter articles

> April 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 PM Worship with 1st Cong. UCC Oconomowoc (at their church)

April 15 GOOD FRIDAY 3 PM Worship with 1st Cong. UCC Oconomowoc (at their church)

April 17 EASTER SUNDAY

prayers for Marian Speerless & Stephen Turley and the Stack-Vaughn family John 20:1-18 Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt after Worship! Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

April 24

prayers for Charlotte Voigt and Kristen Voskuil & Adam Brandes John 20:19-31 BLUE JEAN SUNDAY CLEAN UP 11:30 AM Potluck & Movie at St. Mary's Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM



BIRTHDAYS

Dianne Frances	1	Linda Berlin	12
Sarah Erickson-Bhatt	3	John Quaden, Jr.	20
Bob Hazelberg	8	Don Boychuk	26
Dick Gryske	9	Todd Mickle	29
Nancie Gryske	10	Gary Phelps	30
Kristen Voskuil	11		

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50 YEARS!!

ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy & Gregg Jarrett Shirlene & Bob Hazelberg

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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Nancy Edwards	7,	1955	67 years
John Quaden, Jr.	9,	1972	50 years
Ken Pike	10,	1960	62 years
Frieda Goetsch	19,	1962	60 years
Kristen Kramer	27,	2003	19 years
Judy & Peter St. Martin	27,	2021	1 year



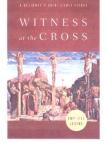
CLEANING THE CHURCH: Shirlene Hazelberg & Mary Branson

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	MUSIC KEYBOARD OPERATORS
3	Stellings	Steve Thompson	Steve Thompson
10	Donna Newland	Confirmands	Steve Thompson
17	Kristen Voskuil	Jeannie Phelan	Charlotte Voigt
24	Laurie Buckett	Ann Carpenter	Charlotte Voigt

Have you sign up to be on a cleaning team this year? The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

Lenten Book Study Continues

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:00 PM April 6 & 13 In-person and on Zoom





Palm Sunday, April 10 9:30 AM Worship at Emmanuel

Maundy Thursday, April 14 7:00 PM Worship at 1st Congregational UCC Oconomowoc

Good Friday, April 15 at 1st Congregational UCC Oconomowoc





BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! MONTHLY COFFEE HOURS!

Please sign up for a monthly committee in the Gathering Area OR use SignUp Genius via the email you received.

The first Coffee Hour will be on Easter Sunday!



Let's decorate the Sanctuary with Easter Lilies! If you are able to donate one, please bring it before Easter so that we have time to arrange them...Palm Sunday would be great! THANK YOU!

After Worship on Easter Sunday



Thank you to everyone who responded with filled plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. If you have not returned yours yet, please make sure to tape them shut and do not include any candy containing peanut products. You may place the eggs in the bin by the Sanctuary doors.

April 3 After Worship

Pastor Leanne will teach you how to run the video computer for our Worship Services. Those who have been doing it have only had a few minutes of training and they're doing great. We need additional people on the team for this ministry. Please attend! A second training session is scheduled for May 1.





April 3

Cards will be delivered to you on April 10th.

Order forms will be on the table next to the church office the first of each month. You can pick up your cards the following Sunday.

If you are able, Pastor Leanne could use additional \$25 gift cards from gas stations and grocery stores for our Congregational Care Ministry.

Thank you Mary Branson and Laurie Buckett for coordinating this ongoing fundraiser.

Movie and Discussion! "Zootopia" Sunday, April 24 at St. Mary's



We will meet at St. Mary's for potluck at 11:30 AM for potluck and then view the movie followed by discussion. Please join us!

May's Movie gathering will be on the 22nd, because of Memorial Weekend. We'll view "Inside/Out" in our fellowship hall, 11:30 AM



April 3rd is our day to bring nonperishables for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. The donation bin is in the foyer. THANK YOU to Laurie Buckett for taking our gifts to the pantry.



Unfortunately, our world is providing us with many opportunities to help in a small way some of the those effected by being displaced due to war. The Ukrainians are now the largest group of refugees since World War II. It's estimated that 2 million have fled with the possibility of up to 5 million more being

displaced in the coming weeks. Many of them are women, elderly, and children. The men are being conscripted to defend their country against the Russian invasion, and families are forced to leave their homes and country if they can escape. Through United Church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund for Ukraine, we will be using our Singing Bowl in March and through Easter to help the citizens of Ukraine.

Our congregation should feel good about the help we're sending to the Hastreider family as they were displaced due to the Waukesha Horizon West Condos condemnation. During January and February, your generosity helped us to raise \$250.67 for them. (We also raised \$650 last December for them).

Future opportunities to help our communities will be offered later this Spring for the National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI), our local chapter.

Thank you for your generosity.



We appreciate your ongoing support. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel 16, Dousman 53118...OR



UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118...OR scan our Paypal QR code if you prefer:

UCC Refugee Sponsorship Taskforce

Dear Emmanuel,

I have just participated in a zoom meeting with 6 UCC churches from our area. We are investigating how we can work together to directly help a refugee or refugee family settle in our area. We would be working in conjunction with Lutheran Social Service in a 6 month commitment. With all of us working together, using all of our resources we can make a difference in a desperate family's life. There are many refugees from many areas of the world at this time. We would not know immediately who is coming to us or where they would be from. It would require us to find a home/apt., furnish it, find them employment, help them learn our systems and language etc. There is funding help but the participating churches would contribute a monthly sum for the 6 months. Perhaps \$200 from each church. Individuals may want to contribute toward this sum and special collections could be taken. The exact amount is unsure as there may be grant monies available.

Because of the horrendous news we are seeing daily of the war in Ukraine, we know how great the need is for these refugees. No food, no water, no heat, no bed to lay your head. No safety. Many are in shock. They are strangers in a strange land. We can make a huge difference in a refugee's life giving them security, home, warmth and our love.

I am hoping Emmanuel will embrace this unifying project.

Francine Langlais



Ann Carpenter has been doing a GREAT job leading our Worship singing, but she needs help! She'd like to

create a team that can lead the singing on a scheduled basis so she does not have to feel guilty when her health forces her to miss a Sunday. Please speak to Ann to become part of this ministry. Having a lead singer is VERY IMPORTANT to those attending Worship.!

Thank you for donating your aluminum cans to our Precious Metals project. Monies received from recycling the cans and other metals benefits Emmanuel's operating budget. (Please leave donations securely bagged by the garge



donations, securely bagged by the garage service door.



OPEN HOUSE FAMILY PROMISE DAY CENTER 139 E. North Street Waukesha, WI 53188

You are invited to an Open House of the new Family Promise of Waukesha County Day Center. Please join us on April 23 between 12-2 pm as we celebrate this new moment in serving low income families and families experiencing homelessness to move toward independence and self-sufficiency.

During this day we will also celebrate you! It is the people who have served as volunteers, supporters and donors that have made Family Promise of Waukesha County a reality.

Stop by any time between 12-2 pm on Saturday, April 23 for refreshments and a tour of the Day Center. A short ribbon cutting ceremony with Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow and Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly will be held at 1 pm.

Please note we follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC regarding Covid-19 and homeless shelters, therefore guests will be asked to wear masks while inside the facility.

SAVE THE DATE ...



This n That...



 Those who are running the keyboard for our Sunday morning music and those leading the singing..., Jenny Mickle, Steve Thompson, Craig Berentsen, Ann Carpenter.
 Gary Phelps and Peter St. Martin

for serving on the shoveling team in March.

- our March Scripture Reading Team: Robert Zondag, Jeannie Phelan, Peter St. Martin and Steve Thompson.
- our Dousman Meals drivers for March: Nansi Hawkins, Kathy Zebrowski, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Laurie Buckett, Shirlene Hazelberg, Barb & John Wood, Jo Quaden and Steve Thompson.
- Laurie Buckett for taking in our Food Pantry donations.
- Mary Branson for being our Scrip Program Coordinator.
- Kathy Zebrowski, Jeannie Phelan and Laurie Buckett who take care of our finances each and every month!



Fran Pike undergoing chemo for pancreatic cancer.
Debbie Morgan, recovering from a heart attack.

- Ann Carpenter is doctoring for heart issues.
- Lorna Marheine's brother, Rocky who suffered a severe heart attack.
- Christy Lui's father, Don is dealing with sciatica pain.
- Vera Ortmann who has been suffering with an injured shoulder since 2020...prayers that she finally can get a surgery or something to improve the situation.
- Frieda Goetsch who continues to heal from Polymyalgia rheumatica.
- The Laur family as well as Melanie's sister Beth and brother-in-law Scott who were forced out of their condo when the building was condemned.
- All of our dear shut-ins, Judy Stanek, Vera Ortmann and Sharon Logemann.
- The people of Ukraine.





Congratulations Sandy & Gregg Jarrett as they celebrate 50 years of marriage on April 8th! TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES! Each week we center on the Scripture text for the following Sunday. It's interesting and mind-expanding AND gives us a better insight on the coming Sunday's Worship theme! Join us in the library at 10 AM on Tuesdays.

Each week is a new conversation, so if you can't make it every time, you won't feel left out!

BLUE JEAN SUNDAY APRIL 24 after Worship



Emmanuel United Church of Christ April 24, 2022 (rain date May 1)

Please plan to help with our spring clean up of the church grounds & Hwy. 18.



Looking ahead to



Sun	Each	9:30 AM Worship in-person and live-streamed on Facebook.		
Sun	1	Holy Communion / Food Pantry / order Scrip Computer Video Training after Worship Rain date for Blue Jean Sunday clean up		
Tues	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM in the library.		
Sun	8	Mother's Day / Coffee Hour		
Tues	9	Trustees meeting, 4 PM		
Wed	11	Adult Fellowship meeting 1 PM in fellowship hall		
M-F	9-13	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman area meals		
Sun	15	Council meeting, 10:45 AM		
Sun	24	Movie & Discussion @ Emmanuel starting with 11:30 AM potluck		

Treasurer's Report for February 2	022	
PLEDGED Income received		
(February 2022)		\$9,630.00
(February 2021)		\$11,997.00
	Difference	-\$2,367.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received		
(February 2022)		\$612.00
(February 2021)		\$0.00
	Difference	\$612.00
Total INCOME for (February 2022) *		\$12,165.46
Total INCOME for (February 2021)		\$13,661.00
	Difference	\$1,495.54
Total EXPENSE for (February 2022)		\$24,770.43
Total EXPENSE for (February 2021)		\$10,405.88
	Difference	\$14,364.55
Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2022		\$2,844.35
Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2021		\$8,118.08
	Difference	-\$5,273.73
*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:		
Singing Bowl		\$0.00
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)		\$575.00
SCRIP sales		\$975.00
Fund Raiser		\$56.46
RBC Investment Account Growth for February 2022		-\$12,119.91
Capital Funds Campaign		\$ 5,384.19
Income		\$ 7,625.00
Expenses		-\$ 12,918.00
Interest		\$ 0.07
TOTAL		\$ 91.26

Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski (262-646-8882) or Jeannie Phelan (414-940-4464)

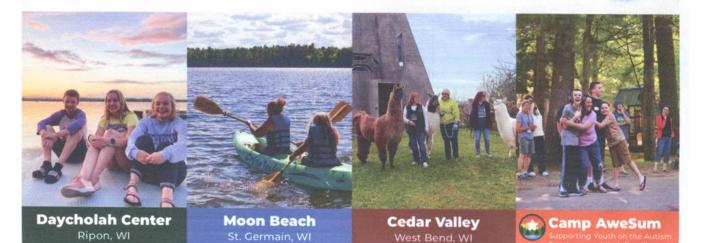


Scholarships to attend camp are available. Go to ucci.org for more information.



Sacred places meant for you! Enjoy time away and the opportunity to connect deeply with nature, in a loving and accepting community.





SASSY: Study on Aging and Sexual Satisfaction among Gay Men

Researchers at Michigan State University are conducting a study about sexual satisfaction among gay men 50+ in the Midwest.

To participate, you will complete a one-time brief (15 - 20 min) confidential online survey about sexual satisfaction, aging, health, and your experiences.

If you are interested in participating, **please** email Lucas at sassystudy.msu@gmail.com to receive your unique secure survey link.

QUESTIONS?

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For more information Visit: https://bit.ly/2ZfidCp



9:30 AM WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY (also live-streamed on Facebook)

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10 PALM SUNDAY 10:45 AM Council meeting	11	12 10 AM Bible Study	13 Lenten Book Study 7 PM in-person or Zoom	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 PM Worship at 1 st Congregational UCC Oconomowoc	15 GOOD FRIDAY 3 PM Worship at 1 st Congregational UCC Oconomowoc Deadline for May Newsletter	16
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17 EASTER 9:30 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt	18	19 10 AM Bible Study	20	21	22	23 12-2 PM Family Promise Day Center Open House
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24 BLUE JEAN SUNDAY clean up day 11:30 AM Potluck & Movie at St. Mary's 4-7 PM Confirmation	25	26 10 AM Bible Study	27	28	29	30