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FROM
PASTOR LEANNE



February is Black History Month and the historic denominations of the United Church of Christ have been part of that history, and we celebrate the contributions, the embracing of full humanity of all people, and the legal and societal dignity of all people.

The Congregational Church in New England took very strong stands against slavery early on (in the 1600s!) and as a result, the UCC still has some African-American members who can trace their family's memberships in New England Congregational churches as far back as the early 1700s.

The Congregational Church played a role in the Underground Railroad, the Abolitionist Movement and the Anti-Slavery Movement... The Congregational Church of New England, in addition, took the lead in the freeing of the Mende people who were chained aboard the slave ship La Amistad.

The Congregational Church paid for the defense of the Africans in that case all the way up to the case being heard in the Supreme Court.

-From "The African-American Contribution to the United Church of Christ" by The Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr.

Having been raised in indentured servitude and fought in the Revolution, Lemuel Haynes was ordained in the Congregational Church in 1785. Rev. Haynes served in predominantly white Congregational churches for the rest of his life. He is part of our legacy.

It isn't a perfect legacy. While

the UCC, and its denominational forbearers, were often moving toward a more equitable Kin-dom of God on earth, individuals and individual congregations don't always see the same vision. Rev. Haynes was a world-renowned preacher and writer but disputes in his first call had him leave at 30 years of ministry and I cannot find anywhere that the descendant churches where he served claim this amazing piece of history. But history can be complicated, filled with times of great celebration and events we would rather leave out of our Wikipedia pages. But these are the pieces that make up our history, that have made us who we are today as individuals, the church, communities, and a nation. The UCC as a denomination has recognized the places of failing and named them, claimed them, and sought to make amends when possible (most recently with its role colonization of Hawai'i).

This Black History Month take some time to learn something new about the past. Celebrate the joys when communities are established and dignity is found, given, and lived. Grieve the failures and the repercussions that echo through time to today. Celebrate that you are part of a line of witnesses, a legacy, a church, that strives for a Kin-dom of God that is inclusive and equitable and celebrates the diverse lives and experiences of all. Name, recognize the consequences, and seek to make amends for those times we have not.

Pastor Leanne

The Messenger

February 2023

February 5

prayers for the Kerr and Kramer families

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM

Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside, 8:30-10 AM

February 12

prayers for the Krantz and Langreder families

WAKE UP WITH GOD! SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Rachel Bauman, Associate Conference Minister

Matthew 13:24-43

Coffee Hour

Monday-Friday: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM; Ladies Fellowship meeting 1 PM

Wednesday: Deadline for newsletter articles

Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside, 8:30-10 AM

February 19

prayers for the Laur and Lui families

Matthew 16:24-17:8

Council meeting 10:45 AM

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM

Thursday: Morning Brew at Sunnyside 8:30-10 AM

February 22

Ash Wednesday Service 6 PM at Emmanuel in cooperation with First Congregational UCC Oconomowoc

February 26

prayers for the Lynch and Marheine families

First Sunday in Lent

Matthew 18:15-35

Tuesday: Bible Study at 10 AM



CLEANING THE CHURCH: Mary Branson & Carol Pfalz
Coffee Hour Committee for February 12th: Julia Starbuck & Mary Branson

| | USHERS | SCRIPTURE READERS | MUSIC KEYBOARD OPERATORS |
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| 5 | Donna Newland | Jeannie Phelan | |
| 12 | Stellings | Nora Smith | |
| 19 | Shirlene Hazelberg | Steve Thompson | Craig Berentsen |
| 26 | Laurie Buckett | Michele Smith | Jenny Mickle |

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

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| Rick Rivera | 2 | John Lui | 16 |
| Melissa Rivera | 7 | Josh Kerr | 19 |
| Kelvin Hazelberg | 11 | Miles Kerr | 23 |
| Aurynn Stack-Vaughn | 12 | Masyn Rivera | 23 |
| Kierwynn Stack-Vaughn | 12 | Mary Edwards | 24 |
| Peggy Hazelberg | 14 | Donna Newland | 25 |
| Rev. Leanne Rose | 15 | Jeannie Phelan | 26 |



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. We ask that you leave the bags to the left of the garage during snow plowing season.



THANK YOU for your ongoing support!

We appreciate your ongoing support. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118...OR scan our Paypal QR code if you prefer. Please be aware that the church does not receive 100%



of your donation via Payal. An administration fee is deducted from our receipt.

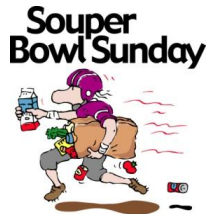
Congratulations!

It's official...beginning March 12, Jim Langreder has been called as the pastor for both First Congregational Hartland United Church of Christ and First Congregational Genesee United Church of Christ. Jim thanks all of those who have shown him love and supported him on this journey.



CALLING ALL KIDS....come to church ready for fun activities and treats...and wear your pj's or comfy clothes! It's our annual WAKE UP WITH GOD Sunday Funday!!

It's not only Super Bowl Sunday, it's **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY....and the winner is the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry!!** Bring your non-perishable food items, paper and personal hygiene products and place them in the box decorated for the Super Bowl team you're supporting!!



and....

Rev. Rachel Bauman, our Associate Conference Minister will be with us to deliver the Message

and...

IT'S COFFEE HOUR!!

is there no end to the fun????

Valentine's Family Fun
Saturday, February 4
9 am – 12 noon
at St. Mary's Episcopal (Hwy. 67 & 18)

We're co-hosting a Valentine's Craft Day. There will be crafts for all ages and all kinds of families. And since it's at St. Mary's, maybe there will even be glitter! Come make decorations, cards, and a Valentine's dinosaur. It'll be Dino-mite! Just like you are!





February 22

6:00 PM

at Emmanuel

(Co-hosted with First Congregational Oconomowoc)

One of the gifts of our faith and science is that we claim we are made of the same stuff of the stars and that we are but dust. Our lives are long enough to change our corner of the universe but they are also fleeting. On Ash Wednesday, we remember all of that, we embrace that part of life is death, and we enter Lent setting right when has gone before and aim to live well in light of the resurrection.

This Ash Wednesday will be an interactive, Messy Church-like experience of thinking about how we live in complete relationships with each other, ourselves, and God with all the time we are given.



We received word that our dear Sharon Logemann passed away on January

13th. A memorial service is being held on Saturday, January 28th at the Pagenkopf Funeral Home, 2228 N. Silver Maple Lane, Oconomowoc. The service will be at 4 PM with the visitation beginning at 2:30 PM.

Sharon came to Emmanuel in 2009 and became a member in January of 2010. She was a tireless volunteer...ushering, greeting, making banners, cleaning, working rummage sales, doing highway and yard clean up, planting flowers, attending Bible Study and Adult Fellowship, delivering Dousman Home Meals, providing rides to people when needed, etc. etc. If word got out that we needed volunteers for ANYTHING, Sharon's hand was the first to be raised.

Sharon's smile lit up the room....it was warm and always friendly...and her eyes sparkled! She was a small, mighty powerhouse of a lady and we loved her.

Sharon was raised in South Dakota and came to Dousman around 2003. When her health and memory began to slip, she took an apartment in the 3 Pillars Village on the Square. We were saddened when a couple of years ago, her family moved her to a facility closer to their homes in Johnson Creek. We seldom saw Sharon after that, but thanks to our Kathy Zebrowski and weekly shut-in letters, we never lost complete contact. Kathy also maintained contact with Sharon's sister, Faye, who lives in Texas....thank you Kathy!



The picture shown above was taken of Sharon and Kathy in December when Faye brought Sharon out to Kathy's home to visit with her and Sue Stelling.

REST IN PEACE LOVELY LADY!



Once again in February and March, our Singing Bowl contributions will be given to the Lake Area Free Clinic (LAFC) located in Oconomowoc. The Clinic opened its doors in 2001 and has been providing medical services to residents of Waukesha

County who lack health insurance and the ability to pay for health care ever since. Over the past 21 years, thousands of Waukesha County residents have received medical care, medication and practical information needed to improve and maintain their health. The Clinic also serves as a valuable resource arranging for follow-up medical services and offering health insurance enrollment assistance. It's staffed by four full-time employees and more than 260 volunteers (including our own Francine Langlais, RN).

Please help by contributing to our Singing Bowl if you can. Thanks as always to a compassionate congregation.

In addition to Singing Bowl donations, we can help the Clinic by donating supplies. These are collected in the kiosk of drawers located in the foyer:

- OTC meds and supplies in unopened packages such as aspirin, Tylenol, etc.
- Bandages, vitamins, lotions, shampoos, deodorants, lip gloss, pens, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, combs, brushes and other personal care items people may use.
- Slings, braces, supports, etc.
- Sealed, unopened medications that have not expired.

Medications are given out by doctor's orders. Personal items are given out in a basket in the waiting room.

Continuing Opportunities...



TUESDAY MORNINGS
10-11 AM in the library
 Each week the Scripture for the following Sunday is discussed.



Jeannie Phelan's brother-in-law, Mel Gull passed away on January 8th.

Steve Thompson's good friend, Meta Frederickson recently passed away.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Sharon Logemann's three sons Jeff, Bill and Greg and their families and her siblings Lynn, Debra and Faye as they mourn the loss of this dear lady

THURSDAY MORNING BREW!!

January 19 & 26th
 stop in for a cup of coffee or breakfast
 and chat with Pastor Leanne at Sunnyside Restaurant



HOME-BREWED FAITH

is taking a break during Lent
 We'll see you at the Delafield Brewhaus
 the last Wednesday in April!



WE WILL NOT HAVE COFFEE HOURS IN SOME MONTHS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

This n That...



- ♥ Jeannie Phelan and Donna Newland for leading our January 1st Lessons & Carols service.
- ♥ Jim Langreder for playing for our January 1st service AND Christy Lui, Gary Phelps and Debbie Schuman for leading the singing.

- ♥ Our Dousman Home Meals drivers for January: Jo Quaden, Barb & John Wood, Kristen Kramer, Kathy Zebrowski, Nansi Hawkins, Sue Stelling, Laurie Buckett and Steve Thompson.
- ♥ January Ushers: Kristen Voskuil, Connie Motelet, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Debbie Morgan and Carol Pfalz.
- ♥ Scripture Readers: Donna Newland, Jeannie Phelan, Ann Carpenter and Mary Branson.
- ♥ Keyboard Operators: Steve Thompson and Jenny Mickle.
- ♥ Camera Operator: Melissa Rivera.
- ♥ Michael Clark & Mary Branson for purchasing the water for our water cooler.
- ♥ Ann Carpenter for leading worship singing each week.
- ♥ Our Coffee Hour Committee for January 8th: Jan & Jim McGraw, Corine Mayer and Pat Doering.
- ♥ Corine Mayer and Jan & Jim McGraw for cleaning the church in January.
- ♥ Kristen Voskuil and Vivian Hazelberg for teaching Sunday School.
- ♥ Our January snow shovelers: Peter St. Martin, Gary Phelps and Pete Hazelberg.
- ♥ Everyone who helped taked down the Christmas trees on January 8th.



- ♥ Fran Pike
- ♥ Lorna & Jere Marheine's niece, Amy who is hospitalized with sepsis.
- ♥ Sue & Tom Stelling's daughter, Jenny who has been diagnosed

with breast cancer.

- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Vera Ortmann.

Coffee Hour Committees...we ask that everyone who is able participate in one monthly committee. You may have received an email through SignUp Genius...you may sign up for a Coffee Hour month using that method, or on the bulletin board in the gathering area.



Cleaning Teams...again, if you are physically able, we ask that you sign up for a month of cleaning the church. Multiple people on each team makes it a less daunting task for everyone. Again, you may have received an email through SignUp Genius...you may sign up for a cleaning month using that method, or on the bulletin board in the gathering area.

Letter Writing...we send weekly letters to our shut-ins along with a copy of the previous Sunday's bulletin and sermon. You need only write one letter and get it to the church office and we will run copies and mail it.



Looking Ahead to March...

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| Wed | 1 | PFLAG at Aurora Summit Hospital 6:30 PM |
| Sun | 5 | Holy Communion / Food Pantry Sunday PLACE SCRIP ORDERS! |
| Tues | Each | Bible Study 10-11 AM |
| Thurs | 9, 16, 23, 30 | Morning Brew with Pastor Leanne 8:30-10 AM at Sunnyside Restaurant |
| Sun | 12 | Daylight Saving Time begins...set clocks ahead Saturday night Mission Moment for One Great Hour of Sharing Coffee Hour |
| M-F | 13-17 | Emmanuel delivers Dousman Home Meals |
| Sun | 19 | Special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing Why Emmanuel presentation- Peter St. Martin Council meeting 10:45 AM |

Treasurer's Report for December 2022

PLEDGED Income received

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| (December 2022) | \$7,280.00 |
| (December 2021) | \$5,620.00 |
| Difference | \$1,660.00 |

NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received

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| (December 2022) | \$4,880.23 |
| (December 2021) | \$2,825.00 |
| Difference | \$2,055.23 |

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| Total INCOME for (December 2022) * | \$15,594.39 |
| Total INCOME for (December 2021) | \$13,464.14 |
| Difference | \$2,130.25 |

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| Total EXPENSE for (December 2022) | \$12,937.90 |
| Total EXPENSE for (December 2021) | \$15,089.81 |
| Difference | -\$2,151.91 |

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| Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2022 | \$8,207.44 |
| Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2021 | \$4,720.27 |
| Difference | \$3,487.17 |

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

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| Singing Bowl | \$61.44 |
| WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc) | \$1,965.00 |
| SCRIP sales | \$1,225.00 |
| Fund Raiser | \$182.72 |

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| RBC Investment Account Growth for December 2022 | \$1,166.42 |
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Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski (262-646-8882) or
Jeannie Phelan (414-940-4464)



It takes many hands to keep the church functioning and we want you to know that we appreciate each and every one of you!

Many of our Officers, Board and Team members have served in their positions for years....THANK YOU ALL!

Special thanks to Gary Phelps who served as our 2022 Moderator and Ken Pike, who after serving on the Board of Trustees for years, coordinating many maintenance projects around the building, has

resigned to get ready for their move to North Carolina this year.

Whether you serve in an elected position or volunteer to clean, help with a coffee hour, read Scripture, lead singing during worship, usher, run the keyboard or video system, deliver home meals, help with our spring and fall clean-ups in the church yard and highway, make meals for Family Promise, shovel snow, mow the lawn, teach Sunday School, etc. etc., please know that your efforts are appreciated.

Donations of time and money are vital to Emmanuel, and we thank you for being so generous with both!!

