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A Partnership Built on Kindness: Bringing Light to Our World

Isn't it wonderful when big organizations remind us that at the heart of faith is simply being kind? That's what I love about the partnership between the United Church of Christ (UCC) and an incredible group called Values in Action, which created the **Kindland** initiative.

Recently, the UCC's General Minister and President, Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, had a heartwarming conversation with Stuart Muszynski, the co-founder and CEO of Values in Action. They talked about how **kindness is truly the foundation for building the "just world for all"** that we all strive for. This powerful message was recorded at the UCC's National Ministries offices and shines a light on how important this collaboration is.

Kindland, which the UCC has supported from the very beginning, is celebrating a huge milestone this year: the 250th anniversary of the United States. To mark the occasion, they've launched the **United States of Kindness campaign**.

<https://www.usofkindness.org/> The goal is simple, but transformative: to create a wave of positivity by celebrating all the good deeds—big and small—that happen every day, uniting and lifting up all Americans.

They're challenging us to commit to **250 acts of kindness** this year! You can register your commitment by following <https://www.usofkindness.org/get-involved>. You can start anytime, but they note there are 250 days between April 25th and December 31st. Imagine the impact if we each aimed for one act of kindness every single day from April 25th until the New Year!

If you'd like to learn more about this beautiful partnership and the UCC's commitment to the Kindland movement, you can watch their video [here] (<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-kindland-partnership-highlighted-in-video-featuring-rev-karen-georgia-thompson-and-values->

[in-action-founder-stuart-muszynski/](#)).

Lent is a season of spiritual discipline and preparation. Instead of just "giving up" something, we can choose to "take on" a spiritual practice.

Committing to an act of kindness each day perfectly aligns with the Lenten call to service and love.

Here are a few suggestions to integrate the spirit of Lent into your kindness acts:

Practice Intentional Generosity: Instead of spontaneous acts, choose one person each week—a neighbor, a coworker, or someone you know is struggling—and plan a specific, thoughtful act of service for them.

The Discipline of Listening: Dedicate time each day to truly listen to someone without interrupting, offering advice, or judging. Offer your full presence as an act of kindness.

Forgiveness as Service: Identify a past hurt and commit to an act of internal kindness: offering forgiveness (to another or yourself). This is a difficult but deeply transformative act of grace.

Care for Creation: Extend your kindness outward by spending a day or a week focusing on eco-friendly acts, like picking up litter, planting something, or conserving water—treating the Earth as the sacred gift it is.

Prayer for Kindness

Gracious God, as we journey through this season of Lent, we ask that you soften our hearts and open our eyes. Help us to see the world not just through the lens of our own needs, but through the eyes of compassion for our neighbor. Inspire us, through the Kindland spirit, to take up the daily discipline of love. May our words be gentle, our actions be just, and our presence be a source of light. Let our 250 acts of kindness be a living testament to your unending grace. Amen.



The Messenger



March 1

John 13:1-17

prayers for the Lui and Lynch families

HOLY COMMUNION / FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Game Day 4 PM!!

Tuesday:

Bible Study at 10 AM and 6 PM

Wednesday: PFLAG meets, 6:30 PM at Emmanuel.

Thursday: Lenten Soup/Book Study, 1 PM and 6 PM

March 8

John 18:12-27

prayers for the Marheine and Mayer families

M-F: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM; Ladies Fellowship, 1 PM; donate blood at the Community Center, 2-6:30 PM

Thursday: Lenten Soup/Book Study, 1 PM and 6 PM

March 15

John 18:28-40

prayers for the Mickle and Milos families

Special Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing

Council meeting after Worship
 Deadline for April newsletter articles

Tuesday:

Bible Study 10 AM and 6 PM

Thursday: Lenten Soup/Book Study, 1 PM and 6 PM

March 22

John 19:1-16a

prayers for the Morgan and Motelet families

Tuesday: Bible Study 10 AM

Thursday: Lenten Soup/Book Study, 1 PM and 6 PM

March 29

**John 19:16b-22
 PALM SUNDAY**

prayers for the Newland and Pfalz families

Tuesday:

Bible Study 10 AM and 6 PM

Thursday: Lenten Soup/Book Study, 1 PM and 6 PM



CLEANING THE CHURCH: Carol Pfalz
COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE FOR MARCH 8
Carol Pfalz & Kristen Voskuil

	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
1	Shirlene Hazelberg	Jeannie Phelan
8	Laurie Buckett	Steve Thompson
15	Connie Motelet	Ann Carpenter
22	Debbie Morgan	Heather Cathey
29	Carol Pfalz	Jenny Mickle



BIRTHDAYS

Autumn Kramer	5	Taylor Zebrowski	25
Penelope Zabel	8	Melanie Laur	30
Marian Speerless	17	Rhienne Stack-Vaughn	30
Pete Hazelberg	23		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Betsy & Bill Welch	19
Connie & Dan Motelet	24

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY

Julia Starbuck	20	15 years
Rev. Terese Leonhard	20	15 years



One Great Hour of Sharing
March 15th
Our love offering to the world –

This year's theme for One Great Hour of Sharing

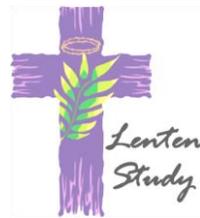
It is easy to wonder whether what we give really makes a difference. But through this offering, our love travels farther than we ever could. When disaster strikes, it brings emergency shelter and supplies. When communities struggle with poverty, it helps develop sustainable sources

of food and income. When families are displaced, it offers safety, compassion and hope.

We may never meet the people whose lives are touched by these gifts – yet they are our neighbors. And this is what Christian love looks like, reaching beyond our walls, beyond our country, and beyond what we can see. We are sending a message: You are not alone. You are loved.

The OGHS special offering will be collected March 15th. Special offering envelopes are available next to the offering plate in the Sanctuary. If you are unable to worship with us, please mail your donations to Emmanuel UCC, PO Box 216, Dousman, WI 53118 and mark OGHS on the memo line of your check.

Thank you,
 Board of Stewards/Social Concerns



Thursdays during Lent starting 1pm, come early for soup lunch together. AND Thursdays 6pm with soup dinner together.

JOIN US FOR A LENTEN STUDY SERIES BASED ON Turning Over Tables, by Kathy Escobar

With keen insight and unwavering conviction, visionary pastor Kathy Escobar guides readers on a Lenten journey inspired by the ways of Jesus to dismantle the systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice. From flipping the moneychangers' tables in the temple to uplifting the poor and marginalized, Jesus' actions and words turn the world's idea of power on its head. With each week of Lent, readers will dig deeper into Jesus' challenge to the pervasive influence of privilege and oppression that have dominated since ancient times.



This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation navigating how, together, we can turn the tables and build a world where justice, healing, and equity reigns supreme.



The first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday; We invite you to bring non-perishables for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry and place your donations in the bin located in the foyer.

Please remember to check expiration dates...anything with a date more than 6 months in the future will have to be discarded.

Singing Bowl for March will continue to support the Lake Area Free Clinic in Oconomowoc.



Dear church family and friends,
For all the caring and loving prayers, calls, texts, food, soothing words, and offers of help while Bill had his back operation and continuing therapy for his pain and

leg muscles. Just two simple words that come with so much gratitude: **Thank You.**

(PS at this time he is home, exercising and anxious to start the home therapy that has been arranged for us.)

Fondly, Bill and Ann Carpenter



Debbie Morgan's son, Casey, passed away on February 9th at Waukesha Memorial Hospital, surrounded by loved ones. We hope Debbie can feel the love and support that

surrounds her from the Dousman and Emmanuel communities.

Casey will forever be loved and missed by many. He is survived by his sons, Collin and Nathan Morgan; his parents, Debra and Tom Morgan; his stepmother, Diane Morgan; his brothers, Chad (Kat) Morgan and Jeff (Laura) Honeck; his nephews, Zachary (Autumn), Matthew (Madeline), and Andrew; his niece, Emily; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lion's Club Community Center in Dousman on Saturday, March 14th, 2026 from 2-6 p.m. We welcome you to join us in sharing memories and celebrating Casey.

The complete obituary can be found at :
<https://app.arememberedlife.com/loved-one/fnJVk>



We are FAMILY

♥ Julia Starbuck & Corrine Mayer for furnishing and organizing the congregational birthday card for Pastor Leanne and the cake we all

enjoyed!

- ♥ Our February Coffee Hour Committee: Corrine Mayer, Julia Starbuck, Laurie Buckett and Donna Newland.
- ♥ Peter St. Martin for playing guitar during Worship.
- ♥ Jenny Mickle for doing the W2 forms for the Treasurers.
- ♥ Laurie Buckedtt and Carol Pfalz for cleaning the church in February.
- ♥ Heather Cathey for running the video system during Worship.
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan and Peter St. Martin for helping Pastor Leanne select hymns for our Sunday worship.

- ♥ Our February Meals drivers: Julia Starbuck, Barb & John Wood, Nansi Hawkins, Kathy Zebrowski, Jo Quaden, Kristen Kramer (along with Autumn & Nora), Sue Stelling and Laurie Buckett.
- ♥ February Ushers: Carol Pfalz, Debbie Morgan, Sue & Tom Stelling and Kristen Voskuil.
- ♥ February Scripture Readers: Mary Branson, Ann Carpenter, Heather Cathey, Barbara Phelan, Will Plautz, Jenny Mickle, Steve Thompson, Jeannie Phelan.
- ♥ Lorna Marheine for sending in our Sentry receipts so that we get our rebate!!
- ♥ John Lui for keeping us supplied in water for our dispenser.
- ♥ Sherri & Bob Krantz, Peter St. Martin for serving on the shoveling teams in February.
- ♥ Corrine Mayer & Julia Starbuck for decorating the Sanctuary for Lent.



- ♥ Cas Thiele
- ♥ Blue Thiele
- ♥ Heather Cathey
- ♥ All of our dear shut-ins including Nancy Edwards and Betsy Welch.
- ♥ Debbie Morgan and family
- ♥ Bill & Ann Carpenter
- ♥ Fran Pike
- ♥ Jeannie Phelan



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.



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 securely close your bags and place them to the left of the garage so they do not get plowed away in case it snows.



Easter Flowers

Easter Sunday is April 5th. Can you help us beautify the Sanctuary for the Worship Service? We invite you to bring lilies, tulips, daffodils or other spring flowers. You may take them home after the service...

THANK YOU!



If you are without transportation to get to church, just let us know! We have volunteers willing to pick you up and take you home!

Just call the church office, Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am – noon to let us know of your need, 262-965-4022.

Also, if you are willing to provide transportation, please let us know as well!



Please share this link if you know of someone who would be interested in the position as our Music Director

Indeed Link for Musician:

<https://www.indeed.com/job/keyboard-musician-b996ca5756a8de89>



55 non-perishable items were donated by YOU on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 8th. THANK YOU ALL!!

The Seahawks scored 9

The Patriots scored 8

And our beloved Packers scored 38

Additionally a \$25 monetary donation was made. All went to the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry.



Looking toward
April

Thurs	2	Maundy Thursday
Fri	3	Good Friday
Sun	5	Easter – Holy Communion
M-F	6-10	Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals
Tues	14	Ladies Fellowship 1 PM
Sun	12	Coffee Hour
Wed	15	Deadline for May newsletter articles
Sun	19	Council meeting after Worship



BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday
March

10

2:00PM - 6:30PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

877-232-4376



DOUSMAN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

LOCATION
DOUSMAN COMMUNITY CENTER
235 Main Street, Dousman

PROMOTION
Donate and get a custom Versiti Tote, while supplies last

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED
Call 877.232.4376 or visit
tinyurl.com/2pakk6ad



blood provider for Children's Wisconsin



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Blood Center of Wisconsin

Treasurer's Report for January 2026

PLEGGED Income received	
(January 2026)	\$8,250.00
(January 2025)	\$10,960.00
Difference	-\$2,710.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received	
(January 2026)	\$3,600.00
(January 2025)	\$1,342.00
Difference	\$2,258.00
Total INCOME for (January 2026) *	\$12,584.96
Total INCOME for (January 2025)	\$12,694.73
Difference	-\$109.77
Total EXPENSE for (January 2026)	\$16,697.38
Total EXPENSE for (January 2025)	\$17,081.96
Difference	-\$384.58
Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2026	\$391.12
Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2025	\$3,582.49
Difference	-\$3,191.37

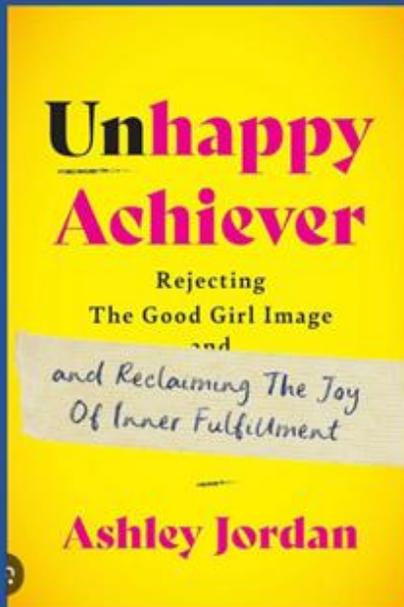
*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received for:

Singing Bowl	\$67.96
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$210.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$457.00
RBC Investment Change in January 2026	\$3,409.64
RBC Investment Account Balance for January 2026	\$185,572.64

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



Unhappy Achiever: Finding Grace Beyond Performance



WITH AUTHOR
ASHLEY JORDAN

MARCH 2026
12TH
6:30PM - 8:30PM

JOIN AUTHOR AND STORYTELLER ASHLEY JORDAN FOR AN EVENING OF REFLECTION, CONVERSATION, AND RENEWAL. DRAWING FROM HER BOOK UNHAPPY ACHIEVER, ASHLEY HELPS US EXPLORE HOW FAITH CAN FREE US FROM THE RELENTLESS PUSH TO PROVE OUR WORTH — AND HOW GRACE INVITES US HOME TO OURSELVES.

FREE WORKSHOP
RSVP: 262-367-2961

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HARTLAND, WI

THROUGH HONEST STORYTELLING, GENTLE TEACHING, AND SMALL-GROUP SHARING, WE'LL UNCOVER NEW WAYS TO LIVE FROM LOVE RATHER THAN STRIVING FOR IT.

ALL ARE WELCOME; BRING A JOURNAL AND AN OPEN HEART.

Enjoy a game night with friends or family



Write a thank you note to a police officer or fire fighter

Start a gratitude jar
(write down what you are grateful for each day)



Give an extra **BIG thanks** to your server at the end of your meal



Go on a walk with a friend or co-worker



Pay for the person behind you in the drive-thru line

An opportunity for our Nation as we celebrate 250 years!

Thank a local teacher



Donate to a Food Bank



Make something for someone who is sick or recovering



Say something kind to someone you've never spoken to before



Lend a helping hand to an elderly neighbor or family member



Write a thank you note to a Healthcare Hero



Visit a family-owned business or restaurant



2026 marks the 250th birthday of the United States of America. Help us celebrate by completing the acts of kindness on this challenge board and spread kindness far and wide.



Together, America is a Kind-land.

Learn more and print additional challenge boards at USofKindness.org

Pick up trash at a park



Kindland
JUST BE ♥ KIND

Share your kindness journey at [@BeKindland](https://twitter.com/BeKindland) [#USofKindness](https://twitter.com/USofKindness)

Leave a kind note for the mail carrier



Give someone flowers



Volunteer, donate, or give blood at The American Red Cross



Support your local animal shelter

Say thank you to someone who has made a difference in your life



10 WAYS TO BE A GREAT CITIZEN OF *Kindland*TM

- 1 Say “**Good Morning**” or “**Have a Great Day!**” to those around you
- 2 Invite **someone new** to eat lunch with you
- 3 **Call a relative** who you haven’t talked to in a while
- 4 Spread **positivity** and **humor** through social media
- 5 **Donate** your spare cans of food to a local soup kitchen
- 6 **Pay for the order** of the person behind you at the drive-thru
- 7 **Say something positive** about someone
- 8 Bring a coffee or treat to **someone who’s down**
- 9 **Share a compliment** to someone
- 10 **Volunteer your time** to a local organization or friend

Pledge today to become a Citizen of Kindland at kindland.us.



@justbekindusa #kindland



March

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

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