

“The Tidings”

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Worship Schedule for November 2011

Sunday, November 6th – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16, Amos 5:18-24,
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Sunday, November 13th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday – Dedication of Pledges, Hats, Mittens

Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, Zeph. 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12, 1 Thess. 5:1-11, Matt. 25:14-30

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School

Sunday, November 20th – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Wednesday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Eve

Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 17:11-19

7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship

at Holy Trinity (*across the street*)



Sunday, November 27th – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Intinction)

9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion & Sunday School

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY – NOVEMBER 2011

⁴¹ *Sitting across from the offering box, [Jesus] was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions.* ⁴² *One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents.* ⁴³ *Jesus called his disciples over and said, “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together.* ⁴⁴ *All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all.” - Mark 12:38-44 (from The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language)*

My mother recently shared a story with me that was deeply grieving her: An elderly friend and a fellow church member was having a difficult time mustering the courage to go to church. Even as she was emotionally struggling to go, she was voicing how much she was missing her community. My mother, being the person she is, kept inviting and encouraging, offering to pick up or remove any impediment to her friend sharing in her church community. Well, finally her friend offered the confession that she was embarrassed to go to church. You see, she had come from substantial means and then had been married to a very successful surgeon. All her life she and her husband had given generously out of their abundance. They were wonderful, active members of the congregation and they delighted in being a part of their church family. After her husband died the memorials were sufficient to remodel all of the Sunday school classrooms complete with beautiful murals. Now in a changed market with property she couldn't sell, she was just barely getting by paying her bills and caring for her basic needs. The bottom line was that she was resistant to go to church because she couldn't offer the financial support of which she was always so proud. It strikes me that while she was always proud of her giving; her ego was being fed by it more than her soul. She was not only denying the community of the joy of her presence, but she was denying herself the deep joy of learning that offering of our selves, of our souls, is the stuff of great delight.

I think of conversations I've had with people whose physical circumstances have changed: often it's after a move to a nursing home combined with changes in physical abilities as well as finances. They often grieve with me that they aren't able to do what they used to. They can't be active in the organizations that they used to support, they can't give in the same ways to which they'd become accustomed. In those conversations I try to help people to assess what gifts and abilities they still have. For one person following a devastating stroke it was the gift of prayer. They prayed fervently, daily, for all of us in the community. For another it was the gift of a smile, a joke, and a kind word for (nearly) every person who entered the room. For another it was reexamining their finances

and finding that while their circumstances had changed they still could find joy in continuing to support all of the wonderful active ministry in which their church was engaged - in that case we could physically do what they no longer could, for another it was always the special joy of supporting the ministries to the children and youth.

A church community is strongest when it is a family where all of us gather in joy and share what we have. It's a family like any other where one of the most important things we have to offer is our presence and our heart. As the colors change we will soon be celebrating Thanksgiving. Most of us know the joy of gathering those we love around the table together. And most of us know the sadness, or longing that is present for those who are not able to pull up a seat and join us. That's the stuff of being connected in joy at the soul-level. Believe it or not, when you're not at the table you're missed. Believe it or not, in church we miss those who aren't present as well, and we deeply wish that they would come and share their soul's story with our collective stories of faith and journey.

Mark and Luke tell the story of Jesus commending the widow who offers her mite. It's nothing financially, just a couple of coins, but it's a part of her soul and an expression of her love of God. What she offers is genuine. I don't know where she learned to give that way. I think that Jesus would commend her just as much if what she was giving was her smile, her prayer, her willingness to share soulfully in the body of Christ... for she's giving with a spirit of thankfulness that changes her and all those around her.

My mother has coaxed her friend back to church of late. I hear the friend is beaming with joy at being gathered back with the church family. She proudly told my mother the other day how happy she was to see her friends, how one old-friend had come up to her and thanked her for a simple card that she had made in which she had written down beloved shared memories. It was the nicest card received she was told, and it cost nothing but the sharing of her time and her heart.

As we enter a month that includes Stewardship drives as well as Thanksgiving I hope that we can reclaim the joy of sharing of ourselves, of our souls. I hope that we can remember the delight of being part of a family and a community and a story that is constantly being woven into God's story.

I give thanks for each of you and all that you are to our faith community and to our world! God bless each of you,

Pastor Eric

Peace Church Is A "Safe Sanctuary"... What does that mean?

Perhaps you have read the term "safe sanctuary" in church literature and wondered what it means. At the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference UCC, a resolution was passed encouraging all congregations to develop guidelines to become a safe place where children and adults could learn, interact and live together in faith. These guidelines would also help protect children, youth, employees and volunteers from misconduct. Since that time, Peace Church has performed a self-evaluation and has declared itself a Safe Sanctuary, developing and implementing a policy which demonstrates its absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all people. As a Christian community of faith and UCC congregation, Peace Church stands firm its commitment to the inherent worth of all individuals, and encourages all persons to keep their hearts open, treating everyone with dignity and respect. If you ever see behavior that causes you concern, please report it.

Presently, persons who wish to work with children or youth, including Sunday school, VBS, and confirmation teachers, nursery attendants, event chaperones, and trip chaperones, complete a volunteer application, and submit to criminal background checks and reference checks. Individuals also sign a ministry covenant statement, affirming their commitment to all Safe Sanctuary policies.

The Safe Sanctuary Committee has completed its review of all Safe Sanctuary Policy documents, which seek to preserve Peace Church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter, and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others. You will soon notice statements printed in the bulletin and newsletter, posted throughout the building, and appearing on the Peace UCC website which reflect this faithful pledge.

If you have questions, or desire additional information, please contact any member of the Safe Sanctuary Committee.

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard, Kathy Danielson, Karen Kletti, Bill Stangl, Gayle Van Ess

Dedication of Mittens, Hats, Scarves

Winter is on its way and the time is coming to dedicate and distribute the mittens, scarves and hats that our members have been working on in the past year. This will happen on Stewardship Sunday, November 13th during both worship services.

If you don't knit or crochet, we would gladly accept purchased items. Please bring your completed items, and/or donations, to the Narthex by Sunday, November 6th.

The warm children will thank you.





nickels for nails



Did you know it takes nearly 6,525 nails to build a Habitat for Humanity house?



Help raise \$326.25 to buy those nails.....

Make a difference through **Nickels for Nails** and see first-hand how donating extra change can make a life-altering difference for one deserving family.

Have some extra change, but want to ask family and friends to donate online too?

The House that Youth Built!

Make a difference through **Nickels for Nails**. Donating extra nickels (dimes, quarters, and dollars!) can make a life-altering difference for one deserving Habitat family.

By collecting nickels, dimes and quarters you will help end poverty housing in our community. It's hard to believe, but even the smallest amount can make a difference. One nickel buys one nail. It takes about 6,525 nails or \$326.25 to build one house.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTH



Trygve Paul Schemelin, son of Matt and Rachel, was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in West Bend on Sunday, October 16th. Trygve's big brother is Tore and his proud grandparents are Karen and John Grundahl.

WEBSITE



Gradually Peace UCC is working toward making our website, www.peace-ucc.org, a more effective means of communication with our members and the community but we need your help! We need to know what kind of information you would like to see on the website. We are also looking for photos of our events, members, etc. to be included. We need your input to make the website a more inviting, welcoming and informative means of communication. Please email web@peace-ucc.org with your suggestions. Thank you.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Women At Peace are holding their annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We urge everyone to contribute something, if possible—craft items, baked goods (breads and pies are always popular items), homemade snacks or cash. The popular Granny's Attic includes things such as old jewelry, dishes, books, toys, games, craft materials, plants, etc. (NO Clothing please!)

The Bazaar will also include a café with sandwiches, desserts, and beverages. Donations of desserts and sloppy joe mix will be appreciated, as well as help with serving on Bazaar day.

Craft items should be brought with the value of the items indicated and please include a note on your items if you would like them returned if they are not sold.

If you are willing to work a couple of hours on the day of the sale, please indicate your preference on the clip boards that will appear in Fellowship Hall soon. Help is also needed to distribute Bazaar posters to West Bend businesses. If you can help, please pick up the posters in Fellowship Hall.



GIVING TREE

Watch for the Peace Church Giving Tree beginning Sunday, November 27th (the 1st Sunday in Advent). This is an opportunity for us to share with others all the blessings we have received by purchasing a requested Christmas item or donating cash to assist needy families during the holidays. In the past, members of Peace Church have helped two to four families with their children's Christmas wishes. Please look for the Giving Tree, select a paper ornament describing the item desired. Then, purchase the item, wrap it, affixing the paper ornament on top, and return it to church by December 11th. It's as easy as that! Enjoy the overflowing Christmas tree as the gifts are returned and know that you have made a difference in a child's life! If you know of a needy family or have any questions, please call Cheryl Dickman at 626-3363.




Birthdays (Ages 1-18)

- November 3 - Susan Horning (15)
- November 3 - Paddy McFadden (10)
- November 4 - Savannah Dei (17)
- November 5 - Emma Klahn (4)
- November 6 - Alexander Bayer (4)
- November 7 - Becky Polster (15)
- November 8 - DaMareyon Taylor (8)
- November 9 - Lindsey Krebs (11)
- November 10 - Megan Roehrig (7)
- November 10 - Tess Scherger (2)
- November 12 - Lia Piittmann (3)
- November 16-Brandon Schreffler(10)
- November 18 - Samantha Staffin (6)
- November 23-Dakota Leszcynski (13)
- November 23 - Hunter Roehrig
- November 26 - Lorelei Walker (3)
- November 27 - Quin Dornacker (2)
- November 27 - Brandon Sivula (10)
- November 28 - Ashlyn Thull (3)



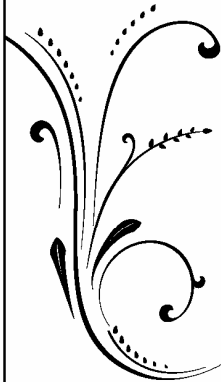
**♪ Youth Choir ♪
November Schedule**

Rehearsals: November 6, 13, 20, 27
Sing in church: November 20



Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.

 <p>14 - 7 = ___ Father 10 + 9 = ___ heavenly 10 + 5 = ___ blessed 2 - 1 = ___ Praise 7 + 7 = ___ has 11 + 11 = ___ every 12 + 12 = ___ blessing 10 + 10 = ___ realms 13 + 13 = ___ Christ 8 + 8 = ___ us 8 + 9 = ___ in 5 + 5 = ___ Lord 10 + 11 = ___ with</p>	<p>10 + 15 = ___ in 6 - 3 = ___ to 12 - 6 = ___ and 6 + 6 = ___ Christ 18 - 9 = ___ our 22 - 11 = ___ Jesus 1 + 1 = ___ be 7 + 6 = ___ who 2 + 2 = ___ the 10 - 5 = ___ God 4 + 4 = ___ of 9 + 9 = ___ the 10 + 13 = ___ spiritual</p>
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EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."



Dear Peace UCC

Thank you for the lovely fruit basket for my 90th birthday. It was much appreciated. Also one great visit with Calvin and Sharon Rauch.

Sincerely, Ruth Whyte

Dear Peace Church

A big thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement through my past eye surgery. The lovely prayer shawl is greatly appreciated. Those ladies that make those shawls have such great talent. God Bless and Thanks Again, Char Keller

"I feel a very unusual sensation—if it is not indigestion, I think it must be gratitude." That's not an original quote, but I'm sure my sensation is one of thankfulness for everyone who showed their concern with prayers, flowers, visits, phone calls, and cards during my recent medical escapade. I know your caring Christian friendship made for a quick recovery. Thank you! Lorna Schwingle-Glass

A Special Thank You

Thanks to the woman of Peace Church for remembering us seniors on our birthday. The lovely fruit basket helped to make my day special. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Thank you, Markus Frank

Cardboard Box City

Family Promise of Washington County hosted "Cardboard Box City" on October 15th and several of our Peace Church youth and chaperones participated. Still Waters Church in Jackson graciously hosted the event. Family Promise is an organization that helps homeless children and their families. Each person in the group was assigned their own cardboard box that was to be their home for the night on "Peace Church Court". The kids could decorate their house any way they wanted. Then, they were asked to act out several situations where a family from Washington County had some unexpected situations occur that caused them to lose their home. The group was given the amount of the family income, had to subtract the rent or mortgage payment, groceries then utility bills but then an emergency item would occur that would put them out on the street. The dramatization made them all aware of what actually happens in our home towns.



The Salvation Army Emergency Relief provided soup and a roll for dinner that night that could only be eaten standing up or sitting on the cold ground.

The cardboard box residents were then treated to a great concert with Kewaskum's Dave Gerhartz performing along with two other very talented bands. There were a couple of testimonies given on how the Family Promise organization changed the lives of several people there and restored their faith in God. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the music.

A bon fire was lit so that they could all warm up before the cold night of sleeping on the ground. Around 10:30, it was time to retire to the boxes to try and find a comfortable spot. During the night it rained several times but the cardboard boxes kept everyone dry.

It was a great experience for everyone and they all learned about being homeless and having to make do with very little.

Volunteers Needed For Family Promise

Our next opportunity to host Family Promise Families is coming up November 6th – 13th. Most of our volunteer opportunities involve spending a couple of hours at church with our guests, either serving a meal, or just offering evening hospitality. We do need 2 people each night to stay overnight. You can also just prepare a meal and deliver it to church, or contribute a gift card to a downtown Kewaskum restaurant. Please contact Joan Adler to volunteer – care@peace-ucc.org

Ecumenical Choir

Anyone who likes to sing has a chance to get involved with the choir that sings at the Thanksgiving Eve Service that will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church this year. The service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23 with Kewaskum House of Prayer, St. Michaels Catholic Church and Peace United Church of Christ participating in the service with Holy Trinity.

Interested singers should come to the two rehearsals that will be held at Peace Church on Wednesday, November 2 and also on Wednesday, November 16. These rehearsals will be at 7:15 PM in the Peace Church Choir Room.

If you are interested in joining us you may just show up at the rehearsals or call Larry Ammel at 626-4731 for more information.



Sunday School Christmas Program

Oh Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy! It's time again for the Sunday School Christmas Program. We will present the program during the 9:30 service on Sunday, December 18. Make sure and mark your calendar, tell Grandpa and Grandma, and get your voices ready.

We will begin learning the songs after Sunday School starting on November 13th. Your Sunday School Teacher will dismiss you five (5) minutes early, you will rush quietly up to the choir room where Mrs. McFadden (Mugs) and her faithful helpers await to teach you all the songs. We will sing our hearts out for 15 minutes, but, there should still be some goodies left from coffee hour, where your parents are patiently waiting to take you home to learn the words from the sheets you were given in the choir room.

We will have two (2) Saturday morning rehearsals from 9:00 – 11:30 on December 10th and 17th. I need parents to help with crowd control, make treats, and help paint back drops. Please call 262-339-8690 or see me at church to let me know.

I look forward to this program every year, and I hope you do to – Mugs McFadden

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 13, 20, 27 & December 4 & 11 – Learning songs
 December 10 & 17 – 9 – 11:30 rehearsal
 December 18 – Present Program at 9:30 service



Come, Share the Spirit

...has a diverse lineup of programs for 2011-2012. Mark your calendar, so you don't miss any of the delicious dinners or dynamic speakers! 5:30 PM Fellowship Dinner: \$4 per person or \$10 per family

Attendees may also sign up to help with decorations or table setting, provide salad or dessert, or assist with clean-up. Hot entrée & beverages are provided.

***Wed., Nov. 9 - 6:30 PM Program - "Meet the Habitat for Humanity Team"**

Have you visited the new ReStore or volunteered on a recent job site? Do you know two Peace Church members who serve as Board of Directors' officers? Have you heard of the programs: "A Brush with Kindness," "Recycling for Generations" or "Cars for Homes"? Peace Church continues a strong partnership with Washington Co. Habitat for Humanity. Come meet the people whom God has called to this life-changing ministry.

***Wed., Dec. 7 - 6:30 PM Program - Alan Atwood presents "Wrappings"**

Alan Atwood, a Christian actor from Milwaukee, returns to Peace Church with his humorous new monologue-narrative, "Wrappings." In his unique style, Alan delightfully brings biblical characters from the Nativity to life as modern people. The greater Kewaskum community will also be invited to attend this fresh way to celebrate the Christmas holidays... so invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

***Wed., Jan. 18 - 6:30 PM Program - Lin Marie Haas "Praise the Lord with your hands!"**

Step into a world silent to yourselves and worship the Lord with your hands. Lin Marie Haas shares her journey of ministry to deaf and hard of hearing individuals as she offers insight into the deaf world, signs worship songs, and teaches you a few interactive signs to praise the Lord with your hands. Her performance is spirit-led!

***Wed., Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday Simple Supper** features home-made soups and breads. There is no charge for this evening's supper. Following the fellowship meal, everyone is invited to join in the Ash Wednesday Holden Evening Vespers service in the sanctuary.

***Wed., Mar. 28 - 6:15 PM Program - Confirmation Class Faith Statements**

Join the 2012 Confirmation Class as they present their statements of faith, offering personal witness to their understanding of the UCC and tenets of the Christian faith. Join in celebrating their journey, and encourage their continuing curiosity. Confirmation is held on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012. Confirmands and their families are our guests at the 5:30 dinner.

***Wed., Apr 25 - 6:30 PM Program - Brian Pahl - Introduction to "Financial Peace University"**

Thinking about gaining better control of your money, reducing your debt, or saving more of what you make? This program is for you! Brian Pahl, a graduate from and instructor for Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University," will offer the one hour introductory preview class for our CSS program. With practical insights into financial wellness, you can start applying immediately what you learn tonight. (If enough people are interested in the full 13 week program, Brian would consider offering it at Peace UCC.)



Sunday, November 13th

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38

Watch for special mailing.

POINSETTIAS

This year we again invite you to order a Christmas poinsettia through Peace Church. The plants will be identical in size and all of them red in color. They will be in 6 ½ inch pots and come with foil wrap. Cost per plant will be \$15.00. These plants may be ordered in memory of loved ones, in honor of special moments or persons, or just love gifts. They will be placed in church on December 24th and December 25th. After the service on December 25th you may take your plant home to enjoy. Wouldn't you like to help beautify the church sanctuary with these traditional Christmas flowers? Please contact the church office 626-4011, email: office@peace-ucc.org, or mail: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040 by **December 4th**. Plants must be paid for in advance. When ordering please indicate whether you will take your plant home or if you would like your plant taken to the sick, shut-in, or those unable to come to Church at Christmas. If you are willing to help deliver plants December 27th or 28th please inform Diane in the church office. Thank you!



Poinsettia Orders

LECTURE

Lakeland College invites you to the annual Mission House Lecture to be presented at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8th in the Bradley Fine Arts Building. This year's lecturer is Dr. Susan K. Wood, SCL, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas, and professor and chair of the Department of Theology at Marquette University. Dr. Wood is very active in ecumenical work, serving on the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic Theological Consultation, the conversation between the Roman Catholic Church and the Baptist World Alliance and the International Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue. Her lecture entitled "The Gift and Challenge of the Ecumenical Movement Today" is free and open to the public.

There will be opportunity over lunch to have further conversation with Dr. Wood. Lunch will begin at 12:15 in the Laun Center's David & Valerie Black room. The cost for lunch is \$10.00 and does require advance reservations. If you wish to have lunch, please send a check made payable to "Lakeland College" and mail to: Mission House Center, Lakeland College Box 359, Sheboygan, WI 53082-0359. If you have any questions, phone 920-565-1538, 920-565-1345, or e-mail darlingca@lakeland.edu.



PLEASE NOTE:

The **DEADLINE** for the combined December 2011 & January 2012 "Tidings" is **Tuesday, November 15th**. Please have all articles and calendar dates for December and January to the church office by the deadline. Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you are receiving the "Tidings" by mail and would prefer to receive it by email, please contact us.

**Peace United Church of Christ
Kewaskum, Wisconsin
Consistory Meeting
September 13, 2011**

Present: Pastor Eric, Rollie Glass, Char Keller, John Kletti, Rev. Susan Kolb, Mugs McFadden, Jason Piittmann, David Roehrig, Kevin Stautz, and Gayle Van Ess.

Also Attending: Tom Kolb.

Absent: Harry Fine, Jim Meinberg, Steve Spoerl, Darlene Tessar, and John Wood.

President Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He also led devotions and offered a prayer. Eric also participated in the discussion. Reference was made to Romans 10, which speaks of faith and salvation.

The agenda was amended to reflect the budget discussion being held at the beginning of the meeting to honor Tom Kolb's time. Approval on a motion by Van Ess/McFadden. Carried.

Tom Kolb led the budget discussion. There are many challenges ahead. Final approval by e-mail (since we were lacking a quorum) and then forwarded to the annual meeting. A motion by S. Kolb/Kletti to increase Eric's continuing education fund by \$1,000 was approved. Pastor Eric thanked the budget committee for all the hard work they did to reach a reasonable 2012 budget.

The minutes of the August 9, 2011, meeting were approved on a Kolb/McFadden motion. Carried.

Financial Report

The financial report was quite negative. What had been thought to be positive last month was in reality a mistake. Funds credited to the general fund were for another account. The actual negative balance in the general fund is \$23,640.78. The mortgage with Cornerstone is \$42,625.67 as of August 24, 2011. Motion to place on file for audit by Kolb/McFadden. Carried.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Eric officiated at the September 17 wedding of Jamie Gerlach and Scott Herman.
- Christa Ruhnau passed away August 29, 2011.
- Bible study Tuesday evenings resumes September 20 at 7 p.m.
- Eric, Berit, and Elsa are rehearsing for "Jesus Christ Superstar" to be performed October 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 at Cedar Theatre.

President's Report

After last month's presentation by Josh Guillaume offering to build a gazebo for the church as his Eagle Scout project, an e-mail vote was taken by the consistory to select the medium sized Victorian style gazebo. Plans are underway as to the way to proceed.

Old Business

- Discussion continued on nominations to the 2012 consistory board. There was also an initial discussion about the need for the consistory to nominate a candidate for president. Discussion also included the need to find a replacement for secretary after Rollie finishes his term (thank you Rollie!).
- Nominations continue to be sought for the Christian Education and Pastoral Relations committees
- We are also talking with a candidate for Harvey Brodzeller's deacon position, which ends December 31, 2013.

- It was decided that the maintenance plan offered by the AED vender was too costly and seemed unnecessary. Training on its use begins in October. Dave Roehrig volunteered to check on the unit’s operation on a monthly basis and to do some research on what records needed to be maintained for the unit.

New Business

- The annual congregational meeting is Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 9:15 a.m.
- Budget listening sessions are Sunday, October 9, and Sunday, October 16, following services. Both Tom Kolb and John Wood should be available for those listening sessions.
- Gayle gave an update on the Safe Sanctuaries Policy. It is very thorough and uses common neutral language wherever possible. Pastor Eric, on behalf of himself and the consistory, thanked Gayle and the committee for the long hours and many meetings needed to review and update this policy.
- Cemetery plots and their repurchases were discussed. It was decided that we need to clarify our contract language in the future.
- Conceal carry law and the implications were addressed, but we decided it is too early to know its real impact.
- The greater church is launching a national UCC campaign that celebrates Jesus’ prayer that they may all be one, called Mission:1. It will involve issues of hunger and justice awareness. We will ask for food items to the local food pantry with a goal of 1,111 to 11, 111 items. More next month.

Committee Reports

- Pignic—Final figures not yet complete.
- Elders—Mugs has asked Gayle to lead devotions for October. Pastor Eric thanked Mugs for her years of service to the conference board. We, as a consistory, join him in congratulating Mugs.
- Deacons—Gayle spoke of the stewardship drive theme from Luke 6:38 which reads “give, and it will be given to you, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put in your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”
- Trustees—Now that the sanctuary carpet project is complete, it has been decided to include the small area at the landing just outside the sanctuary and choir loft. It is expected to cost about \$270. We are in need of a new vacuum for the carpet. There is enough money left over from the carpeting project to cover both this additional carpet and vacuum. At the parsonage a new kitchen counter top and sink are next to complete changes in the kitchen. After the kitchen we will begin to address bathrooms.
- Christian Education—Meet at 11 a.m. on September 18.
- Safe Sanctuaries—Motion by Kolb/Piittmann to adopt the policy report as completed and Gayle will give a summary at the annual meeting. Motion carried.
- Worship—Meet September 27. Made plans for World Communion Sunday and looked at coming holiday services.
- Scholarship—Cookie sale September 18.
- No Committee Report—Pastoral Relations, New Members, Personnel, Endowment, and Fundraising.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. with the The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rollie Glass, Secretary

“When God made time He made enough of it.”

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

GENERAL FUND

Adjusted beginning balance as of August 31, 2011			\$(23,641)
Receipts			22,095
Expenses			(24,522)
Ending balance as of September 30, 2011	Balance of		\$(26,068)

BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS

Kewaskum Community Pantry	10
Full Shelf Food Pantry	50
Haiti	60
Neighbors in Need	<u>195</u>
Total Benevolence Receipts	\$315

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Project Balances as of September 30, 2011

Air Conditioning Fund Balance	\$5,532
Kitchen Remodeling Project	\$1,673
Defibulator	\$ 85
Dreher Property Account	\$1,805 (Loan balance as of 9-22-11 \$42,542.58)
Narthex Project Fund Balance	\$22,982
South Entrance Project	\$1,951



High School Youth

Movie Nights

November 13th & 27th

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Youth Room





You are invited to hear local award-winning author

Rochelle Pennington

present a program on her book:

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas"

Hosted by Fifty, Feisty, & Fabulous Red Hats

When? 6:00 p.m. December 1, 2011

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1044 Silverbrook Dr., West Bend

Cost: Free-will offering requested to help defray costs

RSVP by November 15: Karen Staehler 262-692-2508 or kstaehler@nconnect.net

Nearly 100 vintage photos! Christmas antiques on display! Memories and photos back to the 1930s!

Books can be purchased on-site!

Get your Pennington books autographed!



By the grace of God and the call of the church . . .

First Congregational Church and the Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ invite you to the Service of Ordination for **Eliza Stoddard Leatherberry**.

Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church, 815 South Concord Road, Oconomowoc, WI 53055



The Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ along with Lake Geneva, First Congregational UCC joyfully invites you to the Ecclesiastical Council for **Simone Nathan** on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. First Congregational UCC, 715 Wisconsin Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. Please join us for refreshments following the Ecclesiastical Council.

Shrimp Boil

November 5, 2011 4-7 p.m. (Last seating at 6:30 p.m.)

Redeemer United Church of Christ, W220 N4915 Town Line Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

262-246-6710 or www.redeemerucc.org

Support Our Friends in the Gulf!

New Orleans prepared Shrimp Boil includes Gulf shrimp, potatoes, sausage and corn on the cob, dirty rice, cornbread, homemade desserts, coffee, tea and milk.

10 Shrimp Dinner - \$11.00 15 Shrimp Dinner - \$14.00 Grab a Bowl of Gumbo for \$6.00

For the Land Lubbers: Hot Dogs \$1, Brats \$2.50, Make it a meal for an additional \$35.0: dirty rice, cornbread, dessert and beverage. Proceeds of this event will go to benefit the ongoing efforts of the Redeemer's Mission Team. 4 Ways to Get Advance Shrimp Boil Tickets: (Ticket availability at the door will be limited) *Call the Shrimp Boil Hot Line at 262-246-6710 ext. 3,

*Email shrimpboil2011@gmail.com, *Mail request and payment to: Redeemer UCC, P. O. Box 230, Sussex 53089, *Stop in the Church Office Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Walworth Immanuel UCC Turkey Dinner

Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Squash, Rolls, Cranberry, Beverage, Pies

Saturday, November 12, 2011 – 4-7 p.m.

111 Fremont Street, Walworth, WI

(across from the grade school)

Eat in Family Style: \$9.00, Ages 4-8 \$4.00

Drive-Through Carry-Outs \$9.50

Live Entertainment "Before Eight"

Serving Peace Church November 2011

Sunday, November 6th

Greeters: (8) Jon & Amanda Herbst (9:30) Matt & Heidi Leithold
Litanists: (8) (9:30)
Ushers: (8) Mark & Mary Steinhardt, Tom & Susan Kolb, Andrew Hembel, Steve Henze
(9:30) Steve Spoerl, Scott & Cathy Stern, Kevin Stautz, Clayton Stautz, Joanne Stautz
Altar Flower Distribution: Susan Reif

Sunday, November 13th

Greeters: (8) Jon & Amanda Herbst (9:30) Jackie McCurdy
Litanists: (8) (9:30) Heidi Thomas
Ushers: (8) *Same as November 6th – see above*
(9:30) *Same as November 6th – see above*
Altar Flower Distribution: Kathy Roesel

Sunday, November 20th

Greeters: (8) Robert Neumann (9:30) Ruth Henk and Karen Grundahl
Litanists: (8) (9:30)
Ushers: *Same as November 6th – see above*
Altar Flower Distribution: Joyce Meinberg and Judy Nonhof

Sunday, November 27th

Greeters: (8) (9:30) Dennis & Cheryl Novotny
Litanists: (8) (9:30)
Ushers: (8) John Kletti, Kevin Stautz, Becky Manthei, Gayle Van Ess
(9:30) Harvey Brodzeller, Steve Spoerl, Susan Kolb, Char Keller
Altar Flower Distribution: *Help is needed. Please contact Diane in the church office to volunteer.*

Coffee Hour

November Chairpersons: Joan Adler and Gayle Van Ess

Consistory Counters: Steve Spoerl and Kevin Stautz

Birthdays (75 years & plus)

November 4, 1934 – Marlene Domasky
November 4, 1936 – William Meyer
November 5, 1928 – Donna Ogi
November 6, 1922 – Paul Reinders
November 7, 1928 – Betty J. Krueger
November 25, 1920 – Evelyn Rauch
November 26, 1932 – Richard Schlice
November 27, 1935 – Joyce Meinberg

Anniversaries (5 year intervals)

November 11 – Tammy & Craig Eickermann (5)
November 16 – Brad & Jenny Preder (15)
November 27 – Karen & John Grundahl (40)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>November 2011 262-626-4011 office@peace-ucc.org</p>		<p>1 ALL SAINTS DAY Noon - Lectionary 7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>2 10 a.m. Book Discussion 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Tone Chime Choir</p>	<p>3 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 1 p.m. "Uppity Women" Bible Study</p>	<p>4 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>
<p>6 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, 7 & 8 gr. Conf. Class 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir 11 a.m. New Member Class Mission 1 Food Collection</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9 a.m. Ministry Team Noon – Lectionary 6:45 p.m. Quilting 7 p.m. Consistory</p>	<p>9 5:30 p.m. "Come Share the Spirit" Dinner 6:30 p.m. Program 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Tone Chime Choir</p>	<p>10 1 p.m. "Uppity Women" Bible Study</p>	<p>11 Pastor Eric @ Pilgrim Center Confirmation Retreat Nov.11-13</p>	<p>12 7th, 8th, 9th grade Confirmation Retreat at Pilgrim Center</p>
<p>13 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir 5 p.m. HS Youth Movie MITTEN & HAT DEDICATION STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</p>	<p>14 November "Tidings" Deadline</p>	<p>15 Noon – Lectionary 7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>16 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Tone Chime Choir</p>	<p>17 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 1 p.m. "Uppity Women" Bible Study</p>	<p>18 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>	<p>19 9 am-2 pm Annual Bazaar <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>
<p>20 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, 7&8 grade Conf. Class Youth Choir sings Receiving New Members 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9 a.m. Ministry Team Noon – Lectionary 6:45 p.m. Quilting</p>	<p>23 7 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Holy Trinity</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>25 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i> Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>
<p>27 8 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion & Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir 5 p.m. HS Youth Movie</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Noon – Lectionary 7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>30 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Tone Chime Choir</p>	<p>Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 am-3:30 pm Friday 8 a.m.-Noon</p>		