

U-C-See What's Up

Monthly Newsletter of the Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ

January 2013



Sunday Worship Service
10:30 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM

January 6th	10:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School
January 13th	10:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School
January 20th	10:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School Reverend Wesley Bixby-Janesville UCC Pulpit Exchange
January 27th	10:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School Annual Meeting & Potluck following 10:30 AM Worship Service



December 2nd-85
 December 9th- 72
 December 16th-109
 December 23rd-54
 December 24th-85
 December 30th-Feb. News



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

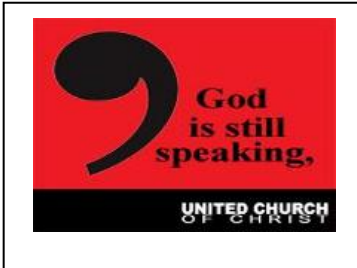
Have a special day!

Sarah Lanham
 Tammy Campbell
 Matthew Luchsinger
 Jennifer Webb
 Michael Young
 Rachel Rosenbaum
 Mary Lou Behring
 Krista Kim



Happy Anniversary

Kevin and Trish Kalhagen



Thank you, to the Gould family for your winning name for the Edgerton Congregational UCC Newsletter. "U-C-See What's Up" is the new name of our monthly newsletter.



Important reminder for Team Leaders: If you have not already done so, please e-mail your annual reports to the church office by Monday, December 31st, 2012. Thank you.



Would you like to help the church with musical stewardship for worship? Just sign up, on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary, for the "prelude" or "offering" for a particular Sunday worship.



THANK YOU HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS-ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

Special thanks to the following volunteers who provided treats for the Hospitality table during the months of September – December: Becky Riley, Becky Leahy, Austin & Connie Tronnes, Norma Thompson & Elsie Arnold, Mary Lou Behring, Krista Kim, Connie Wiersma, the Campbell's and Gould's, Rev. Lora, the Riley's, Lynn & Pete St. John and Sarah Foskett.

If you are interested in providing a special treat for the hospitality table, the new sign-up sheet for the 2013 church year is located in the back of the sanctuary.



PULPIT EXCHANGE – JANUARY 20TH

Rev. Wesley Bixby, and his congregation, would like to experience a "pulpit exchange Sunday" and it has been scheduled for Sunday, January 20th at 10:30 a.m. While Rev. Bixby is celebrating worship in our pulpit at ECUCC, I will be occupying the pulpit at Janesville First Congregational U.C.C. at 10:00 a.m. I hope that you enjoy this worship experience and that you attend worship that day to support my colleague and friend.

Reverend Wesley Bixby was called to become the spiritual leader and teacher of Janesville First Congregational U.C.C. in September 2006. Prior to coming to First Congregational UCC, Rev. Bixby served the Smith Memorial Congregational Church UCC in Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Rev. Bixby is a graduate of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he earned a B.A. degree. Following graduation he spent a few years working in a private sector job in finance. Hearing God's call, following a period of prayer and discernment, Rev. Bixby attended United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities graduating in 2001 with a Master of Divinity degree. Rev. Bixby is currently finishing up his work for his Doctoral Degree of Divinity at Luther Seminary.

Rev. Bixby and his wife Gina are the proud parents of Ethan and Olivia. Rev. Bixby says "Gina, Ethan and Olivia are an indescribable joy, a favorite topic of conversation for me, and always bring a smile to my face." When not spending time with his family, Rev. Bixby enjoys running, watching movies, and taking walks with his dog Sammy. He also loves reading all kinds of books



Pastor's TARDY



Wow Church,

I can't believe it has been another year already. We are starting our fifth year together as of October, 2012. It has been amazing to see our growth in friends; members; and ministry. When I started with you Daniel was our only child and now Madelynn has come into our lives. Our family has been so blessed by having you in our lives, each of you. Each of you has taught me something on this journey called "Ministry." I have learned how to love extravagantly; breathe deeper; and "marinate" in the Holy Spirit.

I have learned that when we work together we can achieve great things like moving mountains. Together we have built some houses on the sand of hope, and some houses on the rock of faith. We have tried new things and reached new goals.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the staircase." I hope that we can continue taking steps together at ECUCC.

Namaste, Rev. Lora

Dec. 30, 2012

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

If you are interested in learning about membership in our church please speak with Rev. Lora. There are two membership classes that are required and are as follows:

Sunday, February 10th 11:30am
(Lunch Provided)

- What is the U.C.C.?
- Governing Structure
- Our Past
- Our Present
- Our Future

Sunday, February 17th 11:30am
(Lunch Provided)

- Stewardship
- Time
- Gifts/Talents
- Tithes

Welcome Into Membership on
Sunday, February 24th at 10:30am

PULPIT EXCHANGE

I am excited to tell you that on Sunday, January 20th for the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Rev. Wes Bixby will be our guest preacher.

I will be the guest preacher at Janesville First Congregational U.C.C. on that date for their 10:00 a.m. worship service.

What a fun time to learn about each other and share in ministry together.



PASTOR'S NEW SCHEDULE 1-7-2013

Dear Church,

On October 24, 2012 I attended a required "Boundary Training" class for U.C.C. Pastor's. Each Pastor in the U.C.C. has to have an updated class every four years. Another requirement is that we have a State and Federal background check performed each year to have on file at the U.C.C.'s main offices in Ohio.

Around 100 Pastors attended the class on October 24th and we gained wonderful insight on various facets of the relationship between the Pastor and the congregation. We learned how that relationship complements and sometimes detracts one from the other. We learned how to set boundaries around our time (for the congregation, as-well-as for ourselves). We learned how to set boundaries around the technological advances such as "Twitter; Facebook; E-Mail; and other such forms of communication. We learned about boundaries around touching (such as, it is important to ask permission before hugging someone); we were reminded to never be alone in the presence of children in order to avoid any misunderstandings; we were reminded how our words can inspire and can hurt our congregants. We learned these things from working in small groups during the meeting; from our professional speaker; and from videos provided by the United Church of Christ's educational department.

So, I tell you all that in order to explain this...I have a strong work ethic and I have always held a full time job or been in school full time because I enjoy keeping busy. Therefore, I have not been so good at keeping a "work schedule boundary" that is limited to part-time. Becky and I have decided to start Maddie in Pre-School so that I can have a consistent ministry schedule. I am hoping that this change will enhance our ministry together and allow me to better take care of myself. So as your part-time Pastor (**barring any hospitalizations or emergencies**) starting on January 7th I will be available by phone or e-mail on the following days of the week at the following times.

Office: Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Office/Home: Mondays & Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(While Maddie is in school.)

Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

My Phone Number: 608-314-5457

My E-Mail: revedgcong@yahoo.com

January Edgerton Congregational UCC Activities

January 9th, Wednesday at 7:00 PM-ECUCC Adult Choir Practice

January 14th, Monday at 6:15 PM-Trustees Meeting
7:00 PM-Council Meeting

January 16th, Wednesday at 7:00 PM-ECUCC Adult Choir Practice

January 23rd, Wednesday at 7:00 PM-ECUCC Adult Choir Practice

January 27th, Sunday, Annual Meeting with Potluck following 10:30 AM Worship

January 28th-February 1st-ECUCC Breakfast Week

January 30th, Wednesday at 7:00 PM-ECUCC Adult Choir Practice



Wisconsin Conference Life Newsletter

Resources for dealing with tragedy

As we continue to offer prayers for families and friends of victims and survivors, we wanted to share some weblinks and resources to help offer words of comfort and faith.

Newtown, CT UCC web article and prayers:

<http://www.ucc.org/news/connecticut-weeps-for-the.html>

Talking to your children about recent school shootings web link:

<http://www.northalabamaumc.org/pages/detail/1173>

Rev. Matt Crebbin, Newtown Congregational Church, UCC; Today Show interview, Monday December 17:

<http://video.today.msnbc.msn.com/today/50224492#50224492>

JESUS CORE 2013

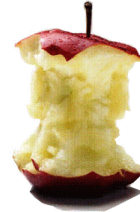
January 11-13, 2013

Make your plans now for the 2013 Jesus Core retreat for high school students in grades 9 through 12.

Experience... faith in community, meaningful worship, great music, silence and time for prayer. Get to know new people and hang out with friends. *Rest...* from the stress of school, listen to God's word, connect with yourself and others, and find satisfaction in silence and in fun activities. *Be inspired...* by the songs of musician Andra Moran, by the beauty of God's Creation on Green Lake, and by workshops and discussions with adult leaders and your peers.

Register now while space is still available!

[More Information>](#)



Healthy Boundaries Workshop

Tuesday, February 26th

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches, NW Synod of Wisconsin ELCA, Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ, John Knox Presbytery, and American Baptist Churches in Wisconsin

February 26, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1314 E Lexington Blvd., Eau Claire.

R E G I S T R A T I O N

Early bird registration: \$89

After February 15th: \$99

Registration fee includes lunch and all materials

A Certificate of Completion will be provided to all workshop participants. Check with your regional judicatory office for scholarship assistance. **[More Information>](#)**

Preaching Scandalous Gospel

Lenten Lectionary Workshop

Tuesday, January 22, 2013



Lakeland College Mission House Center invites you to a Lenten Lectionary Workshop featuring **Rev. Dr. Dow Edgerton**, on January 22 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Following the lectionary gospel readings for Lent (Year C), we shall consider what makes the gospel of Jesus Christ scandalous and how that shapes us together as a church and individually as Christians. We will also explore approaches to preaching that nurture and strengthen us for witness to this radical gospel.

[For more information or to register>](#)

Or contact Colleen Darling at darlingca@lakeland.edu, 920-565-1538. Cost is \$25, lunch is included.