

U-C-See What's Up

Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ December – 2013



December 1	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Communion Service
December 8	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Children's Christmas Program
December 15	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service
December 22	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service
December 24	Christmas Eve Service 4:30 PM
December 29	10:30 AM Worship Service No Sunday School

November 3 - 57
November 10 - 51
November 17 - 43
November 24 - 54



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Doris Wille-December 2
Dan Granger-December 7
Madison Krohn-December 8
John Norland-December 9
Alyson Krohn-December 10
Devin Crumbliss-December 11
Cassandra Granger-December 16
Jane Nelson-December 21

Have a special day!



No Wedding Anniversaries listed
for the month of December.

BEST WISHES!

December Edgerton Congregational UCC Activities

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE AND PARTY.
9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
10:30 AM WORSHIP**

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**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>-Trustees Meeting at 6:15 pm  
Diaconate Meeting at 6:30 pm  
Council Meeting at 7:00 pm**

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**Wednesday, December 4th, 11th and 18th-ECUCC Christmas Choir Practice at 7:00 pm
Christmas Choir sings Sunday, December 22nd at worship and again on Tuesday,
December 24th at the Christmas Eve Service**

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**December Class Times:**

**Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 8pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm – 8pm**

*PEANUT PROCESSING  
FELLOWSHIP HALL*

*Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30a.m.*

*Wed., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30a.m.*

*Wed., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30a.m.*

# EDGERTON CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(\*PLEASE NOTE-BIRTHDAYS ARE ALSO LISTED ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR)

| <b>DECEMBER 2013</b>                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                     |                                                            |           |                                                                                                       |
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| Sunday                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                             | Tuesday                                                                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                                           | Thursday                                                   | Friday    | Saturday                                                                                              |
| <b>1</b><br>First Sunday of Advent<br>Communion<br>Poinsettia Order<br>Form Deadline                                               | <b>2</b><br><br>Birthday<br>Doris Wille                                            | <b>3</b><br>Church Office<br>Hours 8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.<br><br>Poinsettia's will be ordered                                                        | <b>4</b><br>Peanut Process. 8:30a.m.;<br>Book Study 6 – 7:00 p.m.;<br>Christmas Choir Practice 7-8                                  | <b>5</b><br>Church Office<br>Hours 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Children's Christmas Program Practice & Party 9:30 am-1 pm<br><br>Birthday<br>Dan Granger |
| <b>8</b><br>Sunday School<br>Christmas Program<br>Worship 10:30 AM;<br>Confirmation Class 6 – 8 p.m.;<br>Birthday<br>Madison Krohn | <b>9</b><br><br>Birthday<br>John Norland                                           | <b>10</b><br>Church Office<br>Hours 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.;<br>Trustees-6:15 pm<br>Diaconate-6:30 pm<br>Council-7:00 pm<br>Birthday<br>Alyson Krohn | <b>11</b><br>Peanut Process. 8:30 a.m.;<br>Book Study 6 – 7:00 p.m.;<br>Christmas Choir Practice 7-8<br>Birthday<br>Devin Crumbliss | <b>12</b><br><br>Church Office<br>Hours 8:30am – 12:30 pm  | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>15</b><br>Sunday School 9:30 AM<br>Worship 10:30 AM                                                                             | <b>16</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br>Delivery Week<br><br>Birthday<br>Cassandra Granger | <b>17</b><br>Church Office<br>Hours 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.                                                                                          | <b>18</b><br>Peanut Process. 8:30 a.m.;<br>Book Study 6 – 7:00 p.m.;<br>Christmas Choir Practice 7-8                                | <b>19</b><br>Church Office<br>Hours 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m . | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br><br>Birthday<br>Jane Nelson                                                              |
| <b>22</b><br>Sunday School 9:30 AM<br>Worship 10:30 AM<br>Christmas Choir Sings<br><br>Confirmation Class 6 – 8:00p.m.             | <b>23</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br>Delivery Week                                      | <b>24</b><br>Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 4:30 PM<br><br>Christmas Choir Sings                                                                | <b>25</b><br>Christmas Day                                                                                                          | <b>26</b><br><br>Church Office Closed                      | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>29</b><br>No Sunday School<br>Worship 10:30 AM                                                                                  | <b>30</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br>Delivery Week                                      | <b>31</b><br><br>Church Office<br>Hours 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                     |                                                            |           |                                                                                                       |



The family of Grace Behring would like to thank this incredible church for all the outpouring of compassion through our Mom's passing. From the cards, hugs, lunch and all the caring kind words we have been blessed. Rev. Lora did a remarkable job on her celebration of life service. We are so lucky to be a part of this church family. Thank you all again. The Family of Grace Behring.



**BREAKFAST PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU**

**Derek Ninmer, Julie Norland, Lucas Norland, Paula Rinker, Connie Tronnes, Jane Nelson and Connie Wiersma. Your work is very appreciated.**



**THANK YOU...to the Stewardship Team  
for their wonderful representations during worship,  
and for the most amazing worship service on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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**The following was addressed to the Congregational Church from the  
City of Edgerton Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Edgerton Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on December 4, 2013 to hear a request by Aaron Stinski/Edgerton Family Martial Arts Center for a variance to sections 22.503(1)(1), 22.503(3)c and 22.503(2)f to allow the installation of a projecting sign.

The parcel is located at 112 N Swift and can be more fully described as Lots 20 and 21 and part of Lot 19 of Block 14 of Swift's Addition (parcel #6-26-777).

This hearing will be held at the Edgerton Public Library, 101 Albion Street, Edgerton, Wisconsin At 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013

**Cindy Heggland  
City Clerk  
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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

December 1, 2013

Every year thoughts of Christmas magic fill my mind and soul. For most of my life, I have been looking for that perfect Christmas experience; you know the one where Bing Crosby is sitting in his high back chair with pipe in hand; framed by a larger than life stone fireplace with Christmas cards neatly displayed on the mantle, a fire softly burning in the background while he sings those beautiful Christmas melodies.

Every year I promise myself not to get caught up in the commercialization of Christmas sincerely vowing to avoid the malls and "Best Sale of the Year" sales pitches that lure me into spending money on dream toys for my children versus giving canned foods and non-perishable items to a food bank, or new toys to children who need them.

Every year I am perplexed at how one holiday can bring families together that haven't seen or socialized with each other for the other 365 days of the year. Family gatherings can become an expectation to fulfill instead of a genuine time of catching up on the joys and concerns of life that affect us all.

In other words, the "Most Wonderful Day of the Year" can become overwhelming, costly, stressful, and obligatory. All of the things that the birth of Christ "the Word made flesh" contradicted in the natural order of Creation. Since the beginning of oral stories God has advised us to take "only what we can use for that day" thereby avoiding the survival instinct of hoarding in order to feel peaceful about our futures. If each of us followed the example of collecting food on a day to day basis the concept of sharing and all of creation having enough to survive life would take on a different meaning. I especially love the way this story ends, if the people collected more food than they could use in one day the food spoiled by morning. In my imagination, I see tent cities popping up in grocery store parking lots just thinking about this plan of action.

What if we purchased only three gifts for our children to represent the three gifts that the holy men gave to baby Jesus? What if then we had the means to purchase three gifts for another child who like Jesus didn't have the economic advantages that most of us enjoy? What would it mean to have a community (family) who loves you for who you are; enjoys spending more than one day a year with you; and is genuinely concerned about your joys and concerns for 365 days of the year?

In theory, if those things were true, we might have to re-write our sacred Christmas songs from "It's The Most Wonderful Day of the year" to "Every day Is Wonderful." Maybe the song, "I'll Be Home for Christmas" could reflect the desire of "I'll Be Home More Often" because "you can count on me."

In the end, maybe the drama that we crave from other people's lives, "The Biggest Loser"; "Housewives of Beverly Hills"; "Survivor"; "The Amazing Race" could instead become a time of healing for our own lives, building daily relationships in love, not drama. Maybe instead of our culture's commercialization of the Hope, Joy, Love, and Peace of Christmas, we could instead picture ourselves kneeling at the side of a manger staring at all of the possibilities of a new life. Now that is a pleasant Christmas picture. Be born anew this day and...

"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" ☺

In God's Peace,  
Rev. Lora



CANDLE LIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE  
WORSHIP SERVICE...4:30 P.M.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

ECUCC's week of volunteer service for this important ministry is December 16, 2013 through January 12, 2014.

Meals are ready for deliverer pickup at 11:00 a.m. and are distributed each day; Monday through Sunday.

If you can help with this volunteer ministry, please call Jane Nelson at 608-884-4506.

## Chapter 1 Advent Liturgy Schedule

**Sunday, Dec. 1st**  
HOPE  
Daniel 3:1, 8 – 30  
John 18:36 – 37

**Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**  
PEACE  
Ezekiel 37:1 – 14  
John 11:25 – 26

**Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
JOY  
Isaiah 55:1 – 11  
John 4:13 – 14

**Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
LOVE  
Psalm 130:5 – 8  
John 1:1 - 18