

U-C-C See What's Up

Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ December – 2015



10:30 AM
Sunday Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School



December 6

10:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
Communion

December 13

10:30 AM Worship
Children's Christmas Program

December 20

10:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School

December 24

4:30 PM Christmas Eve Service



December 27

10:30 AM Worship Service
No Sunday School

November 1-57
November 8-52
November 15-56
November 22-56
November 29-52

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Doris Wille-December 2
Evan Riley-December 4
Dan Granger-December 7
Madison Krohn-December 8
John Norland-December 9
Devin Crumbliss-December 11
Cassandra Granger-December 16
Holly Gould-December 20
Jane Nelson-December 21



*No Anniversaries listed this month.
Celebrate anyway.
Best Wishes!*

DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Peanut Processing 8:30am <i>Doris Wille</i>	3	4 <i>Evan Riley</i>	5 Greening of the Church-4:00p.m.
6 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am Communion Confirmation 6:00-8:00p.m.	7 <i>Dan Granger</i>	8 <i>Madison Krohn</i>	9 Peanut Processing 8:30am <i>John Norland</i>	10	11 <i>Devin Crumbliss</i>	12 Children's Christmas Party and Rehearsal 2:00pm-5:00pm 
13 Worship 10:30am Children's Christmas Program	14 Trustees-6:15 pm Diaconate-6:30 pm Council-7:00pm	15	16 Peanut Processing 8:30am <i>Cassandra Granger</i>	17	18	19
20 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am Confirmation 6:00-8:00p.m. <i>Holly Gould</i>	21 <i>Jane Nelson</i>	22	23 No Peanut Processing	24 Christmas Eve Service-4:30pm 	25 	26
27 Worship 10:30am No Sunday School	28	29	30	31  		

UCC ACTIVITIES

December 6-Sunday-6:00pm-8pm-Confirmation

December 20-Sunday-6:00pm-8pm-Confirmation



December 14th- Monday -6:15 pm Trustees Meeting

6:30 pm Diaconate Meeting

7:00 pm Council Meeting



Peanut Processing

UCC HAS THE BEST! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Wednesday mornings, December 2nd, 9th and 16th-8:30am

No Peanut Processing on Wednesday, December 23rd and 30th

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!



LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER-2015

December 6th - - - - - Holly Gould

December 13th - - - - - Children's Christmas Program

December 20th - - - - - George Lynts

December 27th - - - - - Becky Riley

Thank you!



**GREENING OF THE CHURCH PARTY at 4:00PM
DECEMBER 5!**

Be a part of getting the church beautiful and ready for Christmas. There will be snacks, movies for the children to watch and lots of fun and good fellowship for everyone. This is where Church Memories are made.





Sunday School Christmas Party and Rehearsal
Saturday, December 12th 2:00am to 5:00pm
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***SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:30am WORSHIP.***

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REMINDER

Gifts for Kids deadline is Monday, December 14th, 2015.
Make sure you bring your unwrapped toy and tag to
church by Sunday, December 13th, 2015.
Thank you for your big hearts and giving to those in need.
You are a blessing.

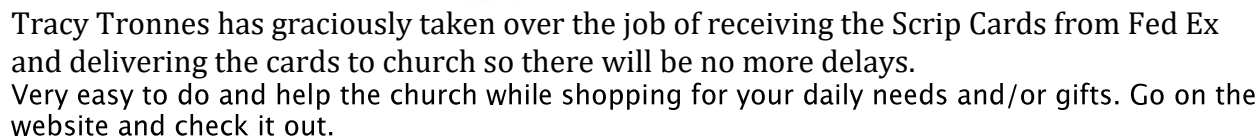
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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE-DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>-4:30PM**



I am Tracy Tronnes, your church Treasurer. Each month I include a short paragraph about our church's finances. If you have something you would like to know, please contact me. My email address is [tntronnes@charter.net](mailto:tntronnes@charter.net) and my cell phone number is 608 774 6150.

Right now, the church needs your financial help to succeed. We are working on our 2016 budget. For the last two years we have used money from our savings to meet our expenses. Our annual budget is \$84,000. We pay staff, maintain a building, and provide outreach services. Please consider pledging so we know what resources we have available. Also, please take advantage of the scrip program. This is a painless way to contribute by buying gift cards for products you already purchase. A percentage of these purchases is returned to the church.



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SHOP!

**It is that time of year again to start thinking about the annual reports that need completion no later than January 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need a copy of last year's committee report to help create this year's report just e-mail**

**Linda in the church office and one will be copied for you.  
The UCC annual meeting is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.  
Thank you.**



Dear friends and colleagues in Christ,

I write to you to share an exciting new initiative we are calling **Sh!ft!**

The time has come to relinquish our age-old lament over declining membership and diminishing resources. Why? Not because we've stumbled into some new quick fixes, but because God invites us to "Sh!ft" our focus away from *church scarcity* toward *spiritual abundance*. Why do we continue to dwell on what we lack rather than fix our eyes on changing lives through the ministry of Jesus Christ?

If we are to faithfully "Be the Church" in this 21st Century, we will need to stoke anew the fires of passion for the Gospel. It will require a Sh!ft from a focus on "maintenance ministry" (preserving our buildings and budgets) to a focus on "mission ministry" (transforming lives through the power of love).

Over the past ten months our Wisconsin Conference staff and Board of Directors have begun to establish a vision that inspires us toward an intentional building of collegial relationships, exploring collaborative ministry, developing conference-wide networks and resources, and embracing the need for "adaptive" change. This vision is rooted in the story of our faith ancestors in our relational care for one another.

We are launching this vision with an initiative called Sh!ft. The name itself suggests the necessity for change, in order for the United Church of Christ to be relevant and thriving in the next generation. At General Synod this past summer, General Minister and President Rev. John Dorhauer charged us with this crazy mandate - "Prepare to fail!" In other words . . . think outside the box . . . take some risks . . . let the Holy Spirit inspire your congregation to launch some new ministry that will bring goodness and grace to the world, and renewed energy and vitality to your congregation!

**I have already invited our Conference staff to do some shifting.** Our current mission is clear and compelling - to equip, support and resource the local church and the pastors of our Wisconsin Conference. We are asking ourselves daily - What must we let go of in order to dedicate ourselves to this mission? How can we silo less and collaborate more? How can we create "congregational connectivity" that shares best practices and creative ideas? What new models and expression of "Church" can we explore and guide?

This initiative is a response to what we are hearing - the recognition that all of our congregations will need to adapt and change as we wrestle with the notion of how to Be the Church of the future. **The Shift initiative is an invitation for the local church to enter into an exciting dialogue and an opportunity for the Wider Church to partner with you.**

Our 2016 Annual Meeting will focus on paradigm Shifts in the local church. We will even invite congregations to commit to exploring one major "Shift" over the coming year. The Wisconsin Conference is preparing to support your congregation in a myriad of ways: coaching, programming, mentoring, cohort groups, staff guidance, collaborative networking and many resource materials.

Over the next month we will develop a conversational resource piece for your congregation. **In January we invite your leadership board and pastor to begin a discernment process aimed at discovering ONE area of ministry in which you have the passion and potential for a Shift.** Some examples include: a fresh approach to spiritual formation, a deeper commitment to community based ministries and justice work, new models for staffing, governance and pastoral leadership, spiritual gift inventories, congregational wellness programs, and new mission initiatives.

This is an exciting time in the life of the Wisconsin Conference. God calls us to be bold in our faith and courageous in our vision for the Church of tomorrow!

Autumn blessings,

Franz Rigert

