

U-C-C See What's Up

Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ
December – 2017



Reminders:

For December:

Greeter/Ushers – Gary & Mary Lou Behring

Deacon Providing Elements –
Mary Lou Behring

Monday, December 11 – meetings

Trustee 6:30 p.m.

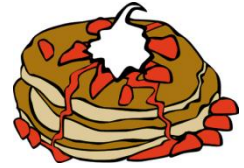
Deaconate 6:30 p.m.

Council 7:00 p.m.

Worship Service Schedule

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| Dec. 3 | 8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service |
| Dec. 10 | 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service |
| Dec. 17 | 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Sunday School Program |
| Dec. 24 | 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship Service |
| Dec. 31 | 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service |

Pancake Breakfast



December 3rd , Starting at 8:30 a.m.

Buttermilk Pancakes, Pumpkin pancakes
Blueberry and Strawberry toppings along
with Maple syrup and whipped cream
Scrambled eggs and breakfast sausage
Coffee and juice

Please RSVP by Dec 1 so that I may have
enough on hand. Also please let me know
of any dietary restriction and I will do my
best to accommodate your request.

Volunteers will be needed to prepare and
serve food.

Griddles and Nesco type roasters will also
be appreciated!

Please contact Larry Beck: 608-279-8128 or
email: lawrenceckbeck@gmail.com

Attendance Reports

Oct. 29 - 46

Nov. 5 – 40

Nov. 12 - 49

Nov. 19 - 56



As we decorate our church for the Christmas season, come join the fun and fellowship of the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 2 . We will begin at 4 p.m. Many hands make the job go fast.

*Children's
Christmas
Program*



The children of the church will be telling us the wonderful news of Jesus' birth through their program on Sunday, December 17 during the regular worship service at 10:30 a.m.

The children have been practicing very hard on their parts and will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m. Lunch of pizza will be enjoyed when they finish for the day.



Come join the choir, even if all you can do is make a "joyfull noise". We practice each Wednesday night in December. (see schedule below) Our new organist and choir director, Laura Young, will lead us in our vocal numbers for the anthems. And we might even have a good story or two to tell each other.

November 29
December 6

December 13
December 20



Confirmation Classes

continue on December 3, December 17, and December 31 at 6:00 p.m. here at the church.



to Norma Thompson, Mary Lou Behring and Connie Wiersma for hosting the Hospitality Table during the month of November.



*December
Birthdays*

- 2nd Doris Wille
- 4th Evan Riley
- 7th Dan Granger
- 9th John Norland
- 11th Devin Crumbliss
- 16th Cassandra Granger
- 20th Holly Gould
- 21st Jane Nelson

Please take a moment to wish these people the best on their birthdays.



*Happy
Anniversary!*

Joel and Erin Smerchek-December 3

Please take a moment to wish these people the best on their anniversary.



Christmas Eve Service

We will be holding our Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 4:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the birth our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

There will be no morning service that day.



LOOKING AHEAD

- **Annual Reports** from Officers, Boards, Committees, and other church groups are due to the church secretary by January 7th.
- **Annual Meeting** – January 28th at 12:15 p.m. following the worship service (10:30 a.m.) and a potluck lunch (11:30 a.m.)
- Newsletter deadline – Dec. 28th

The top ten reasons men should join the church choir:

10. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night. Which means that for those few hours, you will significantly reduce your risk of contracting tendinitis from nonstop operation of a television remote control or

computer mouse.

9. Because you wear a choir robe every Sunday, you are liberated from a task many men find quite challenging: finding clothes that match properly.

8. From your special vantage point every Sunday, in which you look out at the entire congregation from the choir seats, you will develop interesting new hobbies. Among these is a little guessing game called "Who's Praying, Who's Sleeping?"

7. On the other hand, sitting in full view of 400-500 people on a weekly basis makes it much less likely that you yourself will give in to a chronic lack of sleep. Although it has been known to happen.

6. If you think your singing in the shower sounds good now, just wait till you've been singing with us for a few weeks.

5. Singing in a choir is one of the few activities for men that does not require electronics equipment or expensive power tools. This could be good for the family budget.

4. For the fitness buffs, singing in the Choir is not only heart healthy, it's soul healthy. But there are no monthly membership fees, and it's a lot easier on the knees than jogging.

3. If you think you've done everything there is to do, and there are no great challenges left in life, try singing with us guys and staying on pitch.


2. Choir rehearsal lasts half as long as a professional football game, but is at least twice as satisfying. This is especially true if you are a long-suffering fan of the Miami Dolphins. (Don't worry, though, the rehearsals are on Wednesday, not Monday Nights.)

And the number 1 reason men should join the choir:

1. When people ask you whether you've been behaving yourself, you can say with the utmost sincerity, "Hey, I'm a Choir Boy."



December 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| NOTES: Usher/Greeter – Mary Lou & Gary Behring Elements – Mary Lou Behring | | | | | 1 | 2 Hanging of the Greens 4:00 p.m. Walk to “Brothers Two” for Dinner afterwards |
| 3 Adult C&C 9:30am Children's Sunday School-9:30am Worship Service-10:30am Liturgist– Connie Wiersma Confirmation Class 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | 4 | 5 | 6 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Adult C&C 9:30am Children's Sunday School-9:30am Worship Service-10:30am Liturgist– Larry Beck | 11 6:30 pm –Trustees 6:30 pm-Diaconate 7:00 pm-Council | 12 | 13 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | 14 Rev. Lora IMNT Class 9:00a – 4:00 p | 15 | 16 Church Children's Party 11:00 a.m. Dress rehearsal followed by pizza party |
| 17 Adult C&C 9:30am Children's Sunday School-9:30am Children's Program -10:30am Liturgist– Kirsten Almo Confirmation Class 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | 18 Guitar League 7 -9 p.m. | 19 | 20 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Candle Light Worship Service-4:00 p.m. Liturgist– Holly Gould Merry Christmas to All | 25  | 26 | 27 Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m. | 28 Newsletter Deadline – 12 p.m. | 29 | 30 |

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| 31 Worship Service- 10:30am Liturgist- Kirsta Kim Confirmation Class 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | MORE NOTES: Poinsettia Orders due Tuesday, November 28th. Gifts for Kids donations need to be <u>back by December 3</u> - Community Outreach will be picking them up that week. | | | | | |

CHURCH COUNCIL

October 9, 2017

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lukas Jensen, Julie Norland, Bruce Morris, Rev. Lora Whitten, Tracy Tronnes, Norma Thompson, Mary Lou Behring (rep. Diaconate), and Erin Smerchek (rep. Christian Education).

ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Julie Norland entertained a motion to approve the September 11, 2017 Council minutes with two minor changes. Erin Smerchek made the motion and Tracy Tronnes seconded the motion. Motion voted on and passed.

MINISTER'S REPORT:

- Rev. Lora is currently discussing the Martin Luther series during Sunday services .
- Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for November 12, 2017.
- Connie Tronnes' last day for playing music during Sunday services is November 12, 2017. Thank you Connie.
- Rev. Lora has posted the organist position description with the Organist Guild Group in Madison and the Southwest Wisconsin Association of the United Church of Christ. It was suggested that the position description be posted in the Edgerton Reporter a couple of times.
- Christmas eve service will be held on Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. There will be no service held during the morning of Sunday, December 24, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

- N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Budget Committee is comprised of the following individuals: Financial Secretary, Treasurer, a representative from the Trustee Committee, a representative from the Diaconate Committee, and a church member at-large. Julie Norland will contact church members to see if they have an interest in serving on the 2018 Budget Committee. The Budget document for 2018 is submitted during the December, 2017 Trustees and Council meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRUSTEES:

- The asphalt project is now completed.
- Lukas Jensen will check to see when the boiler project will be started.
- The boiler project will cost approximately \$25,000. Funding for the project will be divided as follows: Fund raisers = approximately \$8,200 (by Nov. 12); approximately 1/3 will come from the Porter donation; 1/3 will come from the Capital Fund, and \$650 from the Memorial Fund (donated by Elsie Arnold).

TREASURER:

- Operating Budget - \$4,688 loss year-to-date as reported by Tracy Tronnes.

DIACONATE:

- Next Communion will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017. No Diaconate meeting will be held on November 13, 2017

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- Christian Education is holding an outing to Skellys in Janesville on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Hayrides will be offered along with apple cider and donuts, etc.
- Monetary donations are still being collected by the kids for the Heifer Project. They currently have \$14 in their piggybank. The money is used to purchase animals for countries in need.
- Decorating the Christmas tree will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017.
- The kids Christmas party and practice will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017. The kids Christmas program will be presented on Sunday, December 17, 2017.

STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE: Kirsten Almo, Holly Gould, Connie Wiersma and Tracy Tronnes are currently serving as the Stewardship Task Force. There will be a potluck held after the service on Stewardship Sunday.

OTHER COMMITTEES (e.g. Memorial, Fellowship, Floral): N/A

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Thompson