



# U-C-C SEE WHAT'S UP

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## March 2018

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#### Daylight Savings Time Starts

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to be late for church!



#### Would you consider being on the Pastoral Search Committee?

Please consider helping the ECUCC choose its next church leader. If you are interested in serving on the search committee for a new pastor please let church council know of your interest by March 11. Ideally the search team will be a great representation of the congregation (different ages, genders, backgrounds, socio-economic status, etc). The team is open to both members of the congregation and regular attendees/friends of the ECUCC.

Church council members are: Bruce Morris, Erin Smerchek, Julie Norland, Lukas Jensen, Norma Thompson and Tracy Tronnes



#### Attendance Reports

Jan 28 – 56  
Feb 4 – 61

Feb 11 – 37  
Feb 18 – 65



## Friendly Reminders:

**Greeter/Ushers – Norland Family**

**Deacon Providing Elements –  
Mary Lou Behring**

**Newsletter Deadline – Mar. 22, 12 p.m.**

**Monday, Mar. 12 – meetings**

**Trustee 6:30 p.m.**

**Council 7 p.m.**

**Confirmation Classes – 6 p.m. - Mar. 11 &  
March 25**



- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Wells**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Miles Marzofka-Sieracki**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Eric Kim**
- 5<sup>th</sup> David Kim**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sophia Granger**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mary Hays**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Drake Smerchek**
- 16<sup>th</sup> Adley Tronnes**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Skylar Luchsinger**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ruth Webb**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cammi Gould**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Paige Nimmer**



None



## **Financial Fact – March 2018**

It's been awhile since I contributed to the newsletter! We are beginning a pastoral transition and I thought I would update you on the financial impact. Pastor Lora served us in a ½ time capacity. Her package which included salary, health insurance assistance, pension, and housing assistance was approximately \$3,500 per month. This is on par or slightly above the recommended amount according to our conference. With this included in our budget, we were looking at a shortfall of over \$20,000.

For a time, we will be using “pulpit supply”. This costs us about \$150 per week which includes mileage reimbursement, or \$650 per month. As we move forward we will be thoughtfully considering pastoral leadership options to fit our budget.

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



Thank you to Gerry Loos, Connie Wiersma, Cal Wiersma, Joan Grange, Michelle Nimmer, Gracey Nimmer, Eric Kim, Janet Biesman, Holly Fox, John Norland and Rebecca Wyman who all delivered Meals on Wheels in February.



Thank you to our Liturgists for February: Connie Wiersma, Tracy Tronnes, Larry Beck, and Kirsten Almo,





City-wide ecumenical Maundy Thursday  
and Good Friday services TBD

### Worship Service Schedule

Mar. 4	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Sonja Heiser
Mar. 11	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Donald Ellerman
Mar. 18	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Phil Haslanger
Mar. 25	9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult C & C 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Rev. Phil Haslanger

Please come and hear the messages of our guest pastors as we work through this transition period between our own church pastor.

The guest pastors and a brief description of their work is listed below.

### Guest Pastors

Feb. 25 and Mar. 4 - Sonja Heiser

**Bio:** I am a retired authorized lay pastor, having served a small, rural congregation for 13 years. I generally preach from the lectionary, incorporating scripture into current

events as well as relating its historical significance to the culture at the time. My goal is two-fold: to equip the congregation for the challenges that await them when they leave the sanctuary and to give them a deeper understanding and appreciation of the richness of The Word.

**March 11 - Rev. Donald Ellerman**

**Bio:** I am an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. I preach from the Lectionary. Since I am a member of the Wisconsin CHHSM (Council for Health and Human Services Ministry), I share a Minute for Mission about the work of CHHSM. I am a retired pastor and I speak from my experiences from having served the church. This past year, I preached in pulpits of both the SE & SW Associations.

**March 18 & 25 - Rev. Phil Haslanger**

**Bio:** I retired as pastor at Memorial UCC in Fitchburg in June of 2017. Ministry is my second career. For 34 years, I was a journalist at The Capital Times in Madison. My sermons often connect the scriptures with contemporary events. I am happy to preach from the lectionary or whatever texts a congregation chooses.

**April and May (with exception) – Rev. Kay Krebs.**

**Bio:** We welcome Rev. Kay back among us. She is familiar with us and we think of her as a calm, peaceful person with insightful and wise messages.

**May 20 – Rev. Franz Rigert**

**Bio:** Wisconsin Conference Minister



A Pastor in Florida lamented that it was very difficult to get his message across to his congregation. "It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them. And it's so hot here in the summer that hell doesn't scare them."



Please find below an order sheet for Easter flowers.

**Easter Flowers Order Form**

We would like to adorn our alter with spring flowers again this year during our Easter service. Please complete this form and **return it by March 4, 2018.** This is a firm date so I can get the order in to the florist.

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Type of Flower</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	Easter Lily (Single stem, 6-7 flowers) 6" pot	\$14.00	_____
_____	Tulip (6 bulbs per pot/various colors) - 6" pot	\$13.50	_____
_____	Daffodil (6 bulbs per pot) - 6" pot	\$13.50	_____
_____	Hyacinth (3 bulbs per pot) - 6" pot	\$13.50	_____
_____	6" Mum Daisy	\$14.00	_____
_____	Cyclamen (White, pinks, red) - 6" pot	\$14.00	_____
_____	Kalanchoe (pinks, red, white, yellow) - 6" pot	\$14.00	_____
_____	Hydragea (blue or white) - 6" pot	\$20.00	_____
_____	Azalea (white pinks, red) - 6" pot	\$20.00	_____

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to  
"EDGERTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH"**

**OR**

**Clearly mark offering envelope "EASTER FLOWERS"**

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2018

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

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

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Julie Norland called the meeting to order and Tracy Tronnes led us in prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Erin Smerchek made a motion to approve the council minutes of December 11, 2017 with one change (changing Willie to Wille) and Lukas Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**MINISTER'S REPORT:**

- Ash Wednesday (with dispensation of ashes) is scheduled for February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The first Sunday of Lent will be February 18, 2018. Good Friday is scheduled for March 30, 2018 and Easter is scheduled for Sunday, April 1, 2018.
- The wedding of Scott Fry and Dawn Kastenmeier is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2018 in the church sanctuary.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Rev. Lora has decided it is time to look for full-time work either in the secular arena or ministry arena. Her last day as our minister will be no later than June 24, 2018. Julie Norland, Tracy Tronnes and Rev. Lora have been in contact with Rev. Joanne Thomson, Southwest WI Associate Conference Minister for guidance. Later this year, a Search Team will be created to lead the church's efforts to find our next church leader.
- Rev. Joanne Thomson may attend our church council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2018.
- Rev. Franz Rigert, UCC WI Conference Minister, may lead the 2018 confirmation class if Rev. Lora is no longer available.
- If we were to hire an interim minister, there would be a six month contract required. The interim minister would receive a salary plus benefits.
- With Rev. Lora leaving, the janitorial position will need to be filled since she currently holds that position.

- Rev. Lora would like to schedule a week of vacation when her grandchild is born in February and possibly a week in June if she is still doing ministry at the church.
- The church's annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2018. A pot luck will follow after church service starting at 12:15 p.m. The annual meeting will follow.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Background checks have been completed on both Diane Goodger and Laura Young.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **TRUSTEES:**

- New thermostats still need to be installed for the newly installed boiler. Lukas Jensen would like to have access to the boiler readings via the internet from home. Not sure of the cost factor yet.
- There are some window frames that are in need of repair. (To be done at a later date.)

#### **TREASURER:**

- Operating Budget - \$5,770 loss end-of-year as reported by Tracy Tronnes. Checking account is running fairly tight. Treasurer may have to transfer some money from savings to checking to cover expenses.

#### **DIACONATE:**

- No Diaconate meeting was held on January 8, 2018.

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

- Dawn Kastenmeier suggested that the kids be taken to the zoo on the last day of Sunday school.
- Erin Smerchek is currently working on the vacation bible school curriculum for 2018.

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

#### **MEMORIAL:**

- Joan Lynts offered that there is still \$2,000 left in the Memorial Fund. She suggested that the money be used to replace some loose/worn carpeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Thompson

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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