



# U-C-C SEE WHAT'S UP

**Newsletter of  
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## FEBRUARY 2019

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### Worship Service Schedule

February 3	9:30 AM Sunday school 9:30 AM Adult Class 10:30 AM Service of Worship
February 10	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Service of Worship
February 17	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Service of Worship
February 24	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Service of Worship



### Attendance Report

Jan. 6 – 45  
Jan. 13 – 40  
Jan. 20 - 41



### Friendly Reminders:

Greeter/Ushers – Kim Family

Deacon Providing Elements – Holly Gould

Mon., Feb. 11 -Deacons & Trustee – 6:30 p.m.  
Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline – February 21, 12 p.m.



## Cascade Mountain Ski Trip – February 1

Come join the fun as we once again head for the slopes. The cost is \$20.00 per person paid in advance. We leave the church at 8:00 a.m. Minimum of 15 required. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

## Sunday, Feb. 3 - Adult Education

Have you ever wondered what dryer sheets are best for the environment? Are you transfixed by TV shows and books that look at decluttering and simplifying? Do you wonder how much stuff is enough? Join us for this class that looks at issues of, “how much is enough?” and “how to be good stewards of this earth”. The UCC has identified as a priority Care of Creation. What are ways we as individuals and then as a congregation participate in Care of Creation? Lynn Mill is leading this class. It begins with looking at what the Bible says regarding the concept of “enough”. By the end of the class, we hope to have some conclusions to help us all become better stewards. The class originally intended for January but because of choir practice and the Annual Meeting was moved to February.



Thanks to Krista Kim, Evan/Becky Riley, Julie Norland and George Lynts for being our January Liturgists.



The Meals on Wheels program thanks the following people for delivering meals in January: Adam Gould, Joan Granger, Eric Kim, Lewis Kim, John

Norland, Julie Norland, Susan Sullivan and Connie Wiersma. This an important community ministry the ECUC is happy to support. Thank you!



Special thanks to Karen Grider for her musical talents during our worship services.



A BIG Thank you to all who helped with the Installation! Many thanks go to the children of this church who put their handprints on my new stole (and my heart). Thank you to Erin Smerchek for organizing the stole project and Becky Riley for doing the needle work. Thank you to Erin and Kim Jensen who spruced up the nursery and the hospitality area. Both the stole and the sprucing up were noticed and commented upon by my clergy colleagues. (Good job!) A big thank you to all who brought snacks for the reception. While we discussed the service as “My Installation” it was really a Rite of Passage for the congregation and will be noted on our congregational timeline as such. It was a day for new beginnings and to watch the Spirit at work.



- February 2 Lochlan Ellingworth
- February 7 Logan Campbell
- February 8 Gordon Morris
- February 14 Lynn St. John
- February 15 Gracey Ninmer
- February 21 Lizzy Gould



February 3 - Dave and Jane Nelson  
 February 10 - Eric and Krista Kim



We sang a song last Sunday whose words were originally a Howard Thurman poem. Howard Thurman was a prolific writer and theologian speaking from the African American context. This song is often sung during the Season of Epiphany because it speaks to the post Christmas Christian life. "When the song of the angels is stilled, when the work of Christmas is begun". The refrain says, "I am the light of the world, you people come and follow me! If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be. Which pretty much sums up for us the Christian life. In our world there is a big emphasis on WHAT people believe but in the early church, the emphasis was far more about FOLLOWING. Jesus did not call us to be believers, Jesus called us to be Followers, to act with compassion and love as he did. I think this distinction is helpful. There is no need to worry about what others believe, the emphasis is on how we choose to act together.

It takes many conversations and some trial and error for a congregation to discern how God is calling them into new work. It is important to remember that nothing ever stays the same, change is always constant. It is helpful for conversations to include as many voices and perspectives as possible. It is helpful to be connected to the community so that when opportunities to be Christ's disciples present themselves, we are ready.

Howard Thurman also said, "Don't ask what the world needs, as what make you come alive and go to it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive". Something to think about.

Pastor Lori



Faithful With Much

At a Wednesday evening church meeting a very wealthy man rose to give his testimony.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I can still remember the turning point in my faith, like it was yesterday:

I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

As he finished it was clear that everyone had been moved by this man's story. But, as he took his seat, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said: "Wonderful story! I dare you to do it again!"





This is a **new feature** this year that will contain word search, cross word puzzles, coloring pages, trivia and mazes for our young people to do. I wanted to add something in the newsletter for them. The items and age groups will vary from month to month. I hope the young people enjoy it.

## **Bible Trivia Questions for Kids**

1. **Where was Jesus Born?**
2. **How many apostles did Jesus have?**
3. **What is the name of the disciple who betrayed Jesus?**
4. **How did Jesus die?**
5. **Who gave Jesus gifts when he was born?**
6. **With what did Jesus feed 5000 people?**
7. **Who are the religious leaders who continually tried to trap Jesus with their questions?**
8. **What is the name of Jesus' mother?**
9. **What did Jesus do for Lazarus?**
10. **What job did Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, do?**

Answers on page 6



## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 10, 2018

7:00 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Erin Smerchek, Lukas Jensen, Julie Norland, Norma Thompson, Tracy Tronnes, Bruce Morris, Pastor Lori Powell and (Deacon rep. Krista Kim)

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Julie Norland called the meeting to order and Bruce Morris led us in prayer. Pastor Lori will lead us in prayer in January, 2019.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Julie Norland entertained a motion to approve the Council minutes of November 12, 2018. Lukas Jensen made a motion to approve the Council minutes, as written, and Erin Smerchek seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carries.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Lori indicated that her official installation as pastor into the Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ will be held on January 20, 2019. Pastor Luke Bocher a retired UCC pastor from Evansville, WI will lead the service on the 20th.

Pastor Lori has indicated that she would like to join the Edgerton Rotary Association and is willing to pay part of the yearly membership fee. She feels that participating in the meetings would be beneficial to the church. The yearly membership fee is \$400, with Pastor Lori paying \$200 and the church paying \$200. The Church Council was in agreement.

On December 19, Pastor Lori would like to thank the Peanut Group for all the work they have done to benefit the church and community. Donations of baked goods on the 19th is much appreciated.

Pastor Lori indicated she was contacted by a nonmember of the church asking if the church conducts baptisms on nonmembers. The Edgerton Congregational UCC is an open and affirming church and the Church Council was in favor of the baptisms being conducted.

Pastor Lori asked if we should advertise our Christmas eve service hours in the Janesville Gazette for a fee. The Church Council said no. The Church Council indicated that our Christmas eve service hours should be placed in the Edgerton paper at no charge.

Pastor Lori asked that the Church Council come up with a list of priorities for her to follow up on. The list is as follows:

- Getting to know church members/friends of the church/relationship bldg.
- Visiting shut-ins.
- Promoting church/encourage new membership.
- Increase attendance.
- Promoting group activity/unity.
- Outreach.
- Children and youth.
- Foster a welcoming Sunday worship.
- Church administration.
- Family programming.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Annual Meeting - The church's 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2019, with reports due January 3.

Refurbished replacement computers for Pastor Lori and Diane Goodger are up and running thanks to Lukas Jensen.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Membership Rolls - Bruce Morris has forwarded some names to Diane Goodger in regard to church attendance.

The Nominating Committee is made up of Connie Wiersma, Mary Lou Behring and Tammy Campbell.

**TEAM REPORTS:**

**TRUSTEES:** Trustees discussed placement of a light above one of the sinks, a kitchen countertop in need of repair and carpet replacement is being surveyed.

**BUDGET:** The draft budget for 2019 was submitted by Bruce Morris to the Church Council for review.

**TREASURER:** Church checking account is holding steady. There is a \$5,000 profit in the church's saving account.

**DEACONS:** Norma Thompson will purchase four poinsettia plants to be distributed to the following church member shut-ins: Chase Ellingworth and family, Willie sisters, Richard Hartzell and Marion Range. Mary Lou Behring and Krista Kim will deliver the plants.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Pastor Lori and Erin Smerchek have put together a Christmas program for the kids. Pastor Lori has been leading the smaller kids in Sunday School. Zach Smerchek would like to hold a game night at the church for the older kids. Erin Smerchek would like to purchase some games for the older kids to use at church. Krista Kim may teach the older kids during Sunday School in 2019.

Meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Norma Thompson

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| <p><b>Trivia Answers:</b></p> <p>1. Bethlehem</p> <p>2. 12</p> <p>3. Judas Iscariot</p> <p>4. He was crucified.</p> <p>5. The wise men</p> <p>6. Loaves and fishes</p> <p>7. Pharisees</p> <p>8. Mary</p> <p>9. Raised him from the dead</p> <p>10. Carpenter</p> |
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# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NOTES:</b> <b>Usher/Greeter – Kim Family</b> <b>Elements – Holly Gould</b>					<b>1</b> Cascade Mountain Ski Trip	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:30 am Children's Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Class  10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist– Mary Lou                      Behring</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Peanut Committee Work day 8:30 a.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Class  10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist– Norma                      Thompson</i>	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm –Trustees 6:30 pm-Diaconate 7:00 pm-Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Clergy Group Evansville	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30am- Children's Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Class  10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist– Tracy                      Tronnes</i>	<b>18</b> Guitar League 7-9 P.M.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 12 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30am- Children's Sunday School  10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist– Connie                      Wiersma</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Clergy Group Evansville		