



# U-C-C SEE WHAT'S UP

**Newsletter of  
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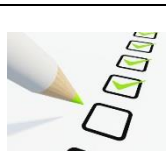
## MAY 2019

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### Worship Service Schedule

May 5	9:00 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Service of Worship
May 12	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Service of Worship
May 19	9:30 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM Service of Worship
May 26	9:30 AM Service of Worship (Summer Worship Schedule begins)



### Attendance Report

March 31 – 51  
April 7 – 33  
April 14 – 39  
April 21 – 58



### Friendly Reminders:

**Greeter/Ushers – The Campbell Family**

**Deacon Providing Elements – Brenda Roberts**

**Mon., May 13 – Christian Education Committee – 6:00 p.m.  
Trustee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**Newsletter Deadline – May 23, 12 p.m.**



**Starting May 26, 2019**  
**(Memorial Weekend)**

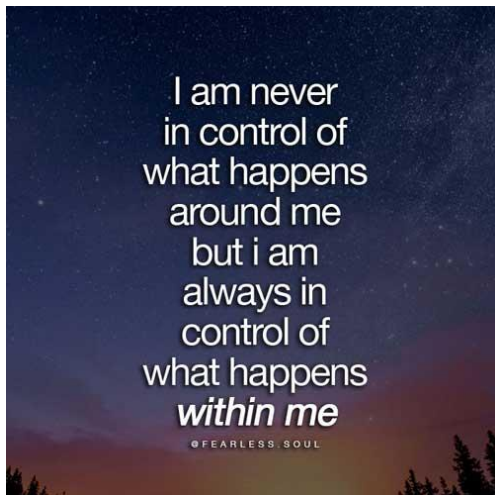
**Summer Worship 9:30 a.m.**

Don't forget that we start our summer worship schedule Memorial weekend. The 9:30 a.m. start runs through Labor Day weekend.



**Graduate Sunday**

We will be celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



I said on Easter Sunday that we need to practice Resurrection every day. If our efforts at renewal and loving courageously cause people to drop out of our lives or we find ourselves engaged in new activities, “be not afraid”. As scary as change can be, we know that God is always with us and that God is always nurturing us to new life.

If someone has moved from being a social drinker to a problem drinker they may wonder what they will do with their time when they are not drinking/socializing. In the practice of Resurrection new relationships are formed and new hobbies are developed.

If we let go of the desire to complain and stop looking for the negative there is a vacuum that in the practice of the resurrection is filled with daily reminders of joy.

Sometimes as a church we wonder who will fill a void if someone stops doing it or leaves the church, in the practice of the resurrection we learn to sit with the uncertainty. We are not afraid for God is with us, leading us to new life and maybe even to a different way of doing things.

When our faith starts to falter and we find the anxiety of the unknown unbearable, we practice the resurrection. God's love in Jesus overcame death. God's love for us will sustain us through anything.

**Blessings,  
Pastor Lori**

# Happy Birthday!

- May 6 Luke Smerchek
- May 7 Tracy Tronnes
- May 12 Stephanie Wilson
- May 15 Eastlyn Lanham
- May 15 Joan Granger
- May 17 Zoe Riley
- May 22 Leyla Ninmer
- May 23 Seth Wiersma



May 6 - Dedra & Gerry Loos



A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The congregation nodded their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The people clapped and were saying "Amen." And then finally, he concluded, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!"

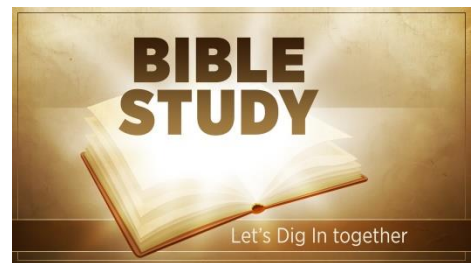
As he sat down, the song leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: "Shall We Gather at the River".



Thanks to Holly Gould, George Lynts, Mary Lou Behring, Evan & Becky Riley, and Norma Thompson for being our April Liturgists.



A great big thank you to the choir and Karen Grinder for adding the beauty of special music to our Lenten and Easter worship services. I loved them all! From the "hosanna" of Palm Sunday to the beautiful anthem You Are My All and All on Good Friday it was great. A special thank you to the cello solo by Becky Riley also on Good Friday. May we all live into the joy of the "Easter Song" sung on Easter morning. Thank you!



Pastor Lori would love to get a Bible study going. What kind of topics? Rebel women in the Bible? The hermeneutic of literalism? The book of James as a guideline for good community? How to read the Bible using the book, *New Vision for an Old Story: Why the Bible Might Not Be the Book You Think It is*. I'm open to suggestions as well as time and place.



## Spirit & Wisdom In Small Churches

Please join us for an opportunity to hear, talk and recognize the gifts of being a small church! Suggestions for ongoing support and resourcing for small church leaders will also be given.

Rev. Susan Craig, retired Associate Conference Minister, Maine Conference, and Rev. Douglas Dunlap retired pastor, Maine Conference, will be joining us via video conferencing to talk about their *Small Church Story Project*. The two of them have interviewed folk from ten small, thriving churches in Maine to hear about the gifts of their ministry and life. Suzy and Doug will tell inspiring stories they have heard and reflect on what can be learned from them.

Friday, May 10, 2019  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
Fee: \$15, includes lunch  
Wisconsin Conference Trost Center,  
DeForest

Deadline to register: May 5

This event is open to all authorized ministers and will be of particular interest to ministers in churches with less than 150 members. (Lay leaders will not be turned away, but the focus is on authorized ministers.)



### National Gathering:

The national gathering of the United Church of Christ is June 21-25 in Milwaukee. Wisconsin is the 8th largest conference and very excited to host this event. Volunteers are still needed for hospitality (stand in the door and say "welcome to General Synod"), Childcare, Word Processing and Tech, communion servers for worship and guiding visitors to the Sunday Festival at Frank Zeidler Square. Check out [WCUCC.org/about-wcucc/the-general-synod](http://WCUCC.org/about-wcucc/the-general-synod). Volunteers get a discounted rate on registration.

Worship on Sunday, June 23rd at Frank Zeidler Square: Rev. Traci Blackmon is leading worship Sunday afternoon. She is a leading voice in the United Church of Christ and is the Pastor for the Justice and Witness Network of the UCC. She has gotten national attention for her preaching as well as her justice work.

After worship attendees are invited to walk to Zeidler Union Square for a summer festival that will include food trucks and other entertainment. It is hoped that as many congregations from Wisconsin as possible will attend this FREE event. According to the website, more info is to come. The theme is "Shine" from the Gospel of Matthew, "let your light shine." Maybe we can ride together. Other local churches are organizing busses and we might be able to hop on to one of those!

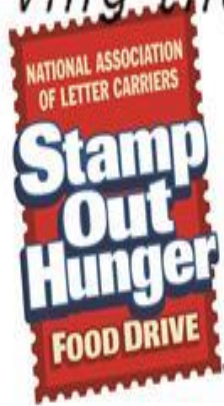




# Edgerton Outreach

*serving those in need*

**We need  
your help to**



**!!!**

**We need 9 teams of two people per team for the  
Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive!  
Sign up via the Facebook event on our page  
or call Outreach at (608) 884-9593.**

**When: Saturday, May 11, 2019**

**Where: Edgerton Post Office at 8:30 am to receive route  
information**

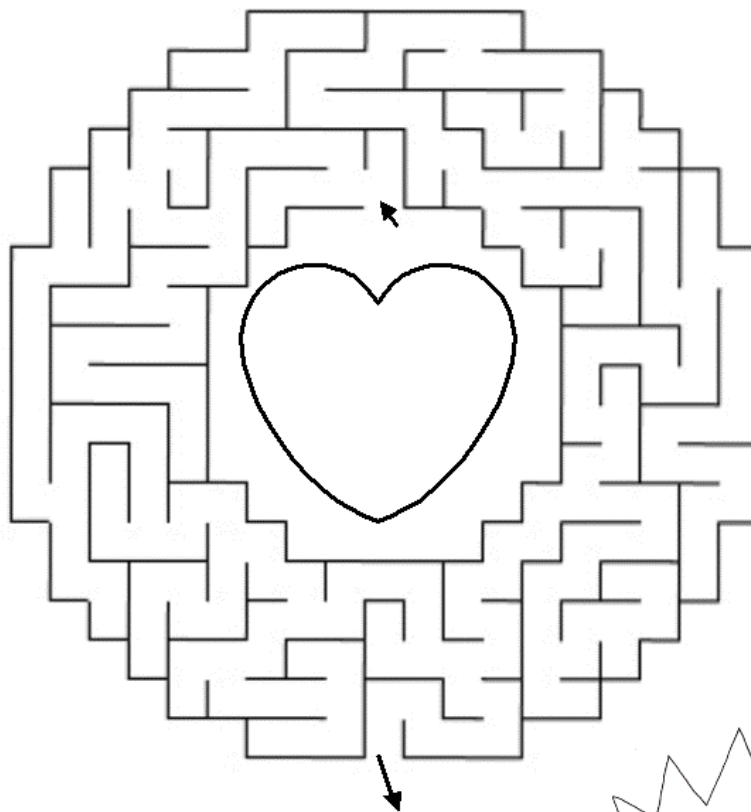
**Who: Volunteers to drive & pick up donated food items.  
Must be 18 years old to drive. RSVP by Monday, May 6.**



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.

# Mother's Day Maze

Help your love reach your special mom.



# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Notes:</b> <b>Usher/Greeter- Campbell Family</b> <b>Elements- Brenda Roberts</b>			1	2	3	4
<b>5</b> 9:30am- Children's Sunday School  10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Connie            Wiersma</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>12</b> 9:30am- Children's Sunday School  10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Bruce            Morris</i>	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm – Christian Education Team 6:15 pm –Trustees 7:00 pm-Council	14	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b> 9:30am- Children's Sunday School  10:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist- Larry Beck</i>	<b>20</b> Guitar League 7-9 P.M.	21	22	<b>23</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 12 p.m.	24	25
<b>26</b> <i>Summer Schedule            Begins</i> 9:30am- Worship Service <i>Liturgist-Kirsten            Almo</i>	27	28	29	30	31	