



## **U-C-C SEE WHAT'S UP**

**Newsletter of  
Edgerton Congregational  
United Church of Christ**

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# **November 2019**

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### November 2019

November finishes the harvest season. In the Biblical context, harvest is a time of stewardship. We share the bounty and prepare the land for the next season. Agrarian metaphors cross the centuries of time that separate us from Jesus's walk on earth. We are reminded that landowners were told not to reap to the very edges of the field but instead leave some for the poor and the immigrant. It is God's way of inviting us to share what we have. We will celebrate Stewardship Sunday on November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning with a brunch at 10:00 in fellowship hall – or whatever we call the big room next to the kitchen where we share food, laughter, work and faith formation. We are invited to think about how we are living “the Jesus way” – sharing our finances, time and talents.

The first Christians were not called Christians but people of “the way”. By following this theme we identify how it is that we live as Christians. We have heard heart felt testimony from members of the task force regarding what the church means to them and how church is an important place for them to live out their faith. We have a shared sense of what the Gospel Good News is and we commit to sharing this Good News.

On November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM there will be a family friendly Thanksgiving Eve service. We are going to advertise this to the community and offer our friends and neighbors an opportunity to also thank God for the bounty around us.

Let us celebrate the richness and bounty of our lives together.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori

### What's Happening This Month

**November 3**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

*\*Communion Sunday*

*Don't forget to set your clocks back for Daylight Savings!*

### **November 10**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Stewardship Sunday Brunch

10:30 a.m. Worship

*\*Stewardship Sunday*

### **November 11**

6:00 p.m. Christian Education team

6:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting

7:00 p.m. Church Council

### **November 17**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

### **November 19**

7-9 p.m. Guitar League

### **November 24**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

*\*Thanksgiving Sunday*

### **November 27**

7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Ushers/Greeters: Riley Family**

**Deacon Providing Elements: Tammy Campbell**

**Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, November 21, 2 p.m**

**Thank You to:**

October's Liturgists:

-Connie Wiersma

-Tracy Tronnes

-Our Sunday School Children

-Kirsten Almo

October's Deacon Providing Elements

-Brenda Roberts

October's Greeters and Ushers:

-Almo, Beck, Thompson Family

### Stewardship Brunch and Worship

*Sunday, November 10 at 10 a.m.*

The stewardship letters along with Time and Talent cards were mailed out this week. If you do not get one in the next few days, let the office know. Bring your pledge cards along with your Time and Talent cards to worship on November 10<sup>th</sup> and place them in the offering plate during worship. The Stewardship Task Force is preparing brunch and worship will begin at 10:30 around the round tables. The Stewardship Task Force is a passionate and enthusiastic group. Thanks to Mary Lou Behring, Holly Gould, Tammy Campbell, and Connie Tronnes!

**Thank You! A HUGE thank you to all who donated to our Socktober sock drive benefiting Edgerton Outreach. There is still one more Sunday (October 27) to donate.**

**Peanut Fellowship Update:** In a letter sent to the congregation at the beginning of September I said that this is the last year/peanut season for the current leaders of this ministry. I said that there would be conversation in the future as we recruit for a new leadership team and imagine ways of continuing

peanut fellowship. At the Council Meeting in October it was decided to have that conversation in January. In part, by then, Church Council will have a better sense of how many people are needed, what the various tasks are to include in the conversation. Stay tuned!

- Pastor Lori

*Please take a moment to send our friends and fellow congregation members your best wishes!*

**Happy Birthday**

November 1 Rebecca Wyman

November 4 Barbara Pierce

November 7 Richard Hartzell

November 9 Cheryl Mitchell

November 12 Connie Tronnes

November 14 Nadia Kim

November 16 Kathy McKaig

November 17 Gordon Webb

November 17 Tony Powell Miller

November 18 Renee Rosenbaum

November 19 Keira Riley

November 20 Ryan Lyerla

November 28 Neva Granger

**Happy Anniversary**

November 13 Cal and Connie Wiersma

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September 9, 2019 UCC Church Council Meeting

People in attendance: Holly Gould, Connie Wiersma, Tracy Tronness, Lucas Jensen, Bruce Morris, Julie Norland, Lori Powell

Prayer to start the meeting: Bruce Morris

Review Minutes. Holly Gould moved to approve minutes, seconded by Connie Wiersma, motion passed

Pastoral Report

- \* Emerald Grove UCC highlights from Roger's funeral (husband of recently retired secretary)
- \* Kathleen Mason will be new secretary and will be reporting for work this week
- \* Karen (interim music director) will be putting together a choir for the holiday season and other significant worship services.
- \* Lorainne Cicerello (Associate Conference) will visit if we want her to. She is equally interested in seeing what we are all about in Edgerton.

New Business

- \* There are three vacancies Julie is reporting on

Christian Ed-Connie Wiersma

Secretary of Council-Holly is considering and waiting for any other interested parties

Stewardship Committee-Holly Gould, Tammy Campbell, Lori Powell and Connie Tronness

Old Business

- \* Flooring update

Tracy Tronness talked to McCann Flooring and requested a quote on flooring, draperies, pew cushions and paint colors

- \* Peanut Fellowship

We will run synopsis in bulletin/newsletter for a little longer so people are aware that this organization is facing a possible down-scaling or complete disintegration due to members' inability to continue in their current roles.

Trustees Report

\* Water testing will be done again. Brenda Roberts provided a kit once before so Lucas will be asking her for an additional test soon.

\* Plowing for the winter: Casey Burns is on the job for \$75 for the initial plow on the parking lot and then half of that for the second trip when necessary

\* Windows: Starting the conversation about the heating loss. Lucas will be requesting MG &E perform an audit on how heat efficient the church is. There is a plan to put 3M on all the windows this winter while we decide if windows are a good investment.

#### Treasurer's Report

\* Plate Collection is greater than plate estimate (this is a good thing)

\* Pledges are right on where they should be (another good thing)

\* Tobacco Days netted us \$1218 profit

#### Christian Ed Report

\* Health Kits have been ordered

\* Becky is going to be providing music for the Sunday School to start their time each week when in attendance

\* Lori Powell will be teaching the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up; Connie Wiersma will have the children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger.

\* The "Little Library" out front is confusing for people of the community. I believe its original purpose was for something else...should we embrace the library idea or make it more clear to people what it is?

\* Christmas Program-Connie looking for a script of something done in the past that we can re-use that takes zero rehearsal and may need participation of willing church members in attendance that day in church.

\* Adult class-Beloved is the book Linn is making available for adult Sunday school starting soon.

\* Nursery care attendant needed!!! \$20 is the amount we pay and we aren't sure who can commit this Fall. Holly Gould will ask around at school to see if there are any interested young people to help out.