



**U-C-C WHAT'S UP: THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
EDGERTON CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

MAY 2021

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*No matter who you are or where you are on your
journey, you belong here.*

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/2 - WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

5/8 - SOUTHWEST ASSN. ANNUAL CONFERENCE: 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

5/9 - WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

5/10 CHURCH COUNCIL 7 P.M.

TRUSTEES 6:15 P.M.

5/16 - WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

5/23 - PENTECOST SUNDAY - PARKING LOT WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

5/30 - WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

Pastor's Notes

May 2021

Dear All,

We are the Easter people! We continue to live into the Resurrection with hope and conviction. We will spend the first Sunday in May retelling the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. This story sets the stage for May and the work of the church. The disciples of Jesus were faithful Jews. Through God's nudgings and the movement of God's spirit, the disciples were given an opportunity to make relationships with people that were not Jewish. They moved beyond the comfortable to take Jesus' message to the ends of the earth. Can we do that? Are we ready to take the message of love and inclusion to the ends of the earth? It doesn't happen because we want it to. It happens because like Philip, we have faithful practices in which to discern God's movement. We feel a nudging from the Spirit and are willing to go down a road we have never gone down before.

Coming back from to the sanctuary for in-person worship may feel very new. It will not be exactly as it was before. We will have precautions in place so we can be safe. It is difficult not to hug someone we haven't seen in months!

May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday and thought of as the birthday of the church. It is the story of the spirit descending on the believers. This is a parking lot worship day and everyone is encouraged to wear red – the sign of the Spirit!

May 30th we return to the sanctuary for in-person worship. We will follow the summer schedule and worship will begin at 9:30.

Blessings to all! Look forward to seeing you soon!

Pastor Lori

MAY LITURGIST SCHEDULE

5/2 - GEORGE LYNTS

5/9 - KIRSTEN ALMO

5/16 - JULIE NORLAND

5/23 - LYNN MILLER

5/30 - NORMA THOMPSON

**If you are unable to make your date, please find a substitute and let the office know.*

Thank you all!

A Message from our Moderator

Greetings Fellow Congregants,

It has been many many months since we were last able to meet and worship in our Sanctuary. I am so excited to say that the Church Council has set May 30 as our reopening Sunday! The Trustees are working to establish protocols to keep us safe from Covid. We will also begin to observe our summer hours on this day. Worship will begin at 9:30.

We are very grateful to those who have made our Facebook and YouTube services possible and meaningful. Our intention is to continue to make our worship service available on Facebook and YouTube. Either Pastor Lori or Kathleen have managed the technology to make this happen. Pastor Lori will be busy with the in-person worship and Kathleen is only available for doing this a couple of Sundays each month, so we are looking for a volunteer(s) to provide this service when Kathleen is not available. Please consider this important opportunity for ministry. Some people may not be able to return to the sanctuary as yet, or may be one of the many who have chosen to join us from afar. Please let me know if you have an interest in assisting with this.

God's blessings on all of you! And I look forward to seeing you soon.

In Christ,

Connie Wiersma, Moderator

REMINDER:

Pastor Lori will be on vacation Sunday, May 9 and Sunday, May 16.

Regular pastoral office hours will be resumed the week of May 23. any questions may be directed to the church office.

A Note from Your Communications Coordinator

Hello everyone, happy spring!

Providing a safe environment for our congregants to worship remains our priority. Please take a moment to review our updated COVID-19 guidelines stated in the image below.

I also wanted to ask for the congregation's help with filling our Blessing Box, namely our most desired items. Cereal, box macaroni and cheese, spaghetti-o type pastas, and snack bars are gone nearly as soon as they are placed in the box. There is clearly a demand for food assistance in our community, and I am hopeful that the ECUCC community can continue to provide help to our neighbors in need. If you find yourself at the grocery store with a few extra dollars available, please consider picking up some items for our stash. **You can drop off any items on Sunday mornings or Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Thank you for your consideration!

-Kathleen

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES

WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND FOLLOW ROCK COUNTY GUIDELINES.

1. PEWS WILL BE MARKED. CONGREGANTS WILL BE SPACED SIX FEET APART. HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ABLE TO SIT TOGETHER.

2. A MASK IS MANDATORY INSIDE EVEN FOR THOSE FULLY VACCINATED.

3. CORPORATE SINGING IS STILL NOT RECOMMENDED INSIDE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SONG LEADERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY TO SING FOR US.

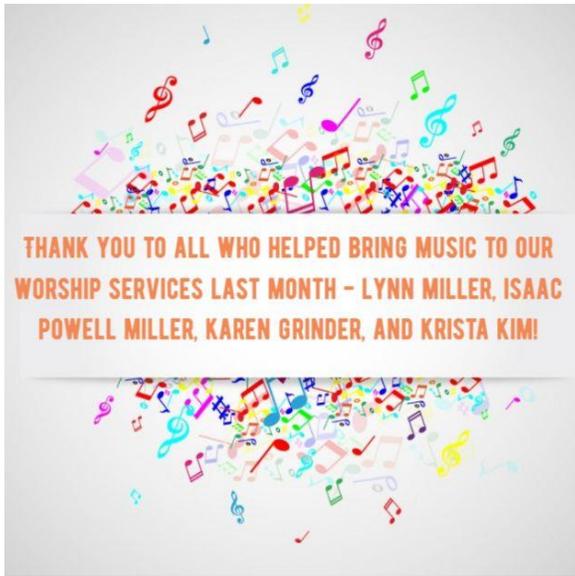
4. THERE WILL BE NO SOCIAL HOUR FOLLOWING WORSHIP. CONGREGANTS WILL BE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO GO OUTSIDE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

5. DOORS AND WINDOWS WILL BE OPEN FOR CROSS-VENTILATION.

6. WE WILL NOT SHARE COMMUNION, PASS THE PLATE, OR PASS OUT BULLETINS. BULLETINS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AND OFFERINGS CAN BE PUT IN THE PLATE NEXT TO THE STACK OF BULLETINS.

7. THE NURSERY WILL NOT OPEN.

8. WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER FACEBOOK LIVE.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED BRING MUSIC TO OUR
WORSHIP SERVICES LAST MONTH - LYNN MILLER, ISAAC
POWELL MILLER, KAREN GRINDER, AND KRISTA KIMI!

From all of us at ECUC...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/6 LUKE SMERCHEK

5/7 TRACY TRONNES

5/12 STEPHANIE WILSON

5/15 EASTLYN LANHAM

5/15 JOAN GRANGER

5/17 ZOE RILEY

5/22 LEYLA NINMER

5/23 SETH WIERSMA



We welcome Rev. Larry Balleine to
worship on both May 9th and 16th!

Rev. Balleine was the pastor at Zwingli
UCC in Monticello for eighteen years
before retiring in 2014. He has served
UCC congregations for over forty years
and brings much wisdom to the pulpit.

Please welcome Larry to worship!

CHURCH COUNCIL
Monday March 8, 2021

PRESENT: Rev. Lori Powell, Lynn Miller, Connie Wiersma, Tracy Tronnes, Bruce Morris and Mary Lou Behring. Connie called the meeting to order and Rev. Lori led us in prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bruce seconded it. Minutes approved.

MINISTERS REPORT: The SW Annual Association meeting will be held May 8th. The Annual Conference meeting will be May 11- 13. If anyone would like a zoom link to these meetings please let Rev. Lori know. There is talk of a soft reopening as many are now being vaccinated. We will be looking into some cross ventilation in the sanctuary and check on all guidelines leading up to that time. Weather permitting there is talk of parking lot worship for our Easter service. Good Friday will continue to be on FB live and you tube. Our communications director and custodian, Kathleen will be taking several weeks off for family time. We are looking into filling the custodial duties at this time and will evaluate the office position when things are clear as to Kathleen's availability.

OLD BUSINESS: The CTT meeting will be held via zoom on Monday March 15th at 6:30pm. Rev. Lori will send out the link. We have been invited to join the crop walk with the Janesville UCC. There will be more information available at a later date.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: There will be packets coming from the conference for our Sunday school children. There will be special music for our Good Friday service. Rev. Lori mentioned that the piano upstairs was tuned a month ago and is already out of tune. They will look into tuning the downstairs piano to see if it's in better condition.

TRUSTEES: The team discovered a hole in a pipe in the wall. The water softener and boiler were shut down for the night until Al Beyer's can come tomorrow and do the repairs. He will also repair a leak in the boiler. The water softener is going to be reconditioned. There was talk of upgrading the doors coming into the sanctuary and trying to finish the sanctuary windows depending on funds.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Income is down, but we are holding our own. Tracy and Connie put in the paper work for our second PP loan.

Tracy made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bruce

Respectfully submitted, Mary Lou Behring