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## U-C-C What's Up: November 2021

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### Calendar of Events

11/7 - All Saints Sunday Worship

11/8 - Church Council - 7:00 p.m.

11/14 - Stewardship Sunday

Worship

11/21 - Thanksgiving Sunday

Worship

11/28 - First Day of Advent Sunday

Worship

*\*All worship times are 10:30 a.m.\**

### Liturgist Schedule

11/7 - Norma Thompson

11/14 - Krista Kim

11/21 - Julie Norland

11/28 - ***Volunteer needed! If you can fill in, please contact the office.***

*\*If you cannot make your date, please find a substitute and let the office know.\**

**Sunday, November 7** is All Saints Sunday. If you would like to remember and celebrate a loved one who has passed on with a candle lighting and mention in the bulletin, please let the office know **before Thursday, November 5.**



### **Pastor's Notes: "It Seems to Me"**

November brings Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving brings me great joy and satisfaction. One reason it does so is because it is a holiday for everyone.

There's a delightful story about two little girls who were best friends. One was Christian, the other Jewish. After Christmas, the grandfather of the Christian girl asked her, "What did your best friend get for Christmas?"

"Oh, she's not Christmas, Grandpa," the little girl replied. "I am Christmas, and she is Hanukkah." Then she paused for a moment, smiled, and said, "but we're both Thanksgiving."

We come to Thanksgiving from different faith perspectives. Some of us are "Christmas," some are "Hanukkah," and some are "None of the Above." but all are called to give thanks. Giving thanks and being grateful is something people of every religion or no religion can agree is a good thing to do.

As people of faith, though, we are called to say our "Thank you's" to the giver of every good and perfect gift. "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good" (Psalm 107:1). Blessed be the gifts, but blessed be even more the Giver.

See you in church (thankfully!).  
Kendell

**FINDING OUR PLACE AT THE MANGER**

*An Adult Advent Study*

We see the nativity scene throughout the Advent season, on greeting cards, under Christmas trees, or brightly illuminated on the lawns of public places. This scene depicts a romanticized version of Jesus' birth narratives found in Matthew and Luke, complete with wise men who traveled long distances to join the shepherds and holy family. Yet these paintings or figurines can lead to a glossed-over experience of the individual characters and their importance in our lives.

The purpose of this study is to look beyond the presentation of the nativity scene so that participants can find their place at the manger. Each session of this four-session study will examine what we know about those who were there to witness the birth of Jesus: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men. Throughout each session, participants will not only look at these characters in Scripture but also how they speak to us in our modern context so that we may find where we fit in as we await the joy of Jesus' birth.

If you would be interested in participating in this study, please let the office know at [officeecucc@gmail.com](mailto:officeecucc@gmail.com) what time would work best for you: Sunday morning at 9:30; weekday evening, or mid-day.

## An Announcement From Church Council

The Council has been working hard making sure we are having a smooth transition bringing in our new interim pastor! By now many of you have already met Rev. Kendell Nordstrom. Kendell has office hours Thursday and Friday but is still part time, so as we move forward into this busy holiday season we would just like to remind everyone who our leaders are in case you have any questions or concerns and would like to talk to someone.

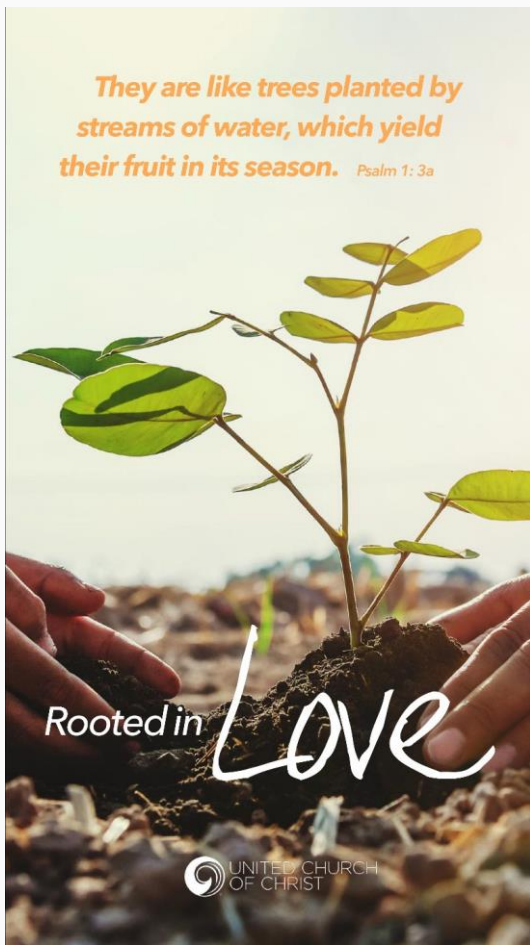
**Moderator:** Connie Wiersma

**Financial Secretary and Head of Trustees:** Bruce Morris

**Treasurer:** Tracy Tronnes

**Secretary and Head of Diaconate:** Mary Lou Behring

*As a reminder, administrative office hours are Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and Rev. Kendell's office hours are Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.*



## A Note from the Head of Diaconate

Stewardship Sunday, November 14, is fast approaching! Everyone in the member directory will be receiving a letter in the mail regarding our stewardship drive this year. The UCC theme for 2021 is "*Rooted In Love*".

It is an appropriate theme after the crazy year we have had. We all are feeling the need to be close and be back in worship!

Before you fill out your pledge card and time and talent sheets, please give some prayerful thought to all the ways we can individually and collectively contribute to making our church a growing and welcoming place that is "*Rooted In Love*".

**A heartfelt and resounding "Thank You!" to everyone who has helped us in welcoming Rev. Kendell to ECUCC after an uncertain year. We are so grateful for everyone's patience, kindness and willingness to come together to forge a new collaborative path paved with grace. Special thanks to Mary Lou Behring for her work coordinating this year's stewardship campaign!**

**An additional thank you to Karen Grinder, Krista Kim, Connie Tronnes, Jill Sanderson and Fareed Haque for sharing their musical talents with us during worship. We are so grateful for your gifts!**



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and be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one  
another, as God in Christ  
has forgiven you

- EPHESIANS 4:32

**From all of us at ECUCC...**

**Happy Birthday!**

**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 18** Renee  
Rosenbaum  
**November 19** Keira Riley  
**November 20** Ryan Lyerla  
**November 28** Neva Granger

**Happy Anniversary!**

**November 13** - Cal and Connie  
Wiersma

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*Monday Sept. 13, 2021*

**Present:** Rev. Lori, Connie Wiersma, Tracy Tronnes, Bruce Morris and Mary Lou Behring.

Connie called the meeting to order. Rev. Lori gave a prayer about a time of transition. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tracy seconded it. Motion approved.

**MINISTERS REPORT:** Rev. Lori stated she performed a burial service for Paul Lynts. The conference is doing an adult education titled "Braiding Sweet grass" that we may participate in via zoom. Rev. Lori will be taking vacation Sept. 28-Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. She has lined up Larry Belleine to fill the pulpit that Sunday. Gifts for kids flyer has been received at the church office for participation. An appointment to reschedule an inspection by the state will have to be made before starting peanut processing again this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We are in the process of looking at some more resumes to fill the administrative assistant position. Our service time still needs to be changed in the Edgerton Reporter.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mary Lou mentioned that the hedges in front of the church require so much up keep maybe we should think about removing them. Tracy mentioned it may be a security issue with the new windows being exposed. After a discussion we decided to table it right now and bring it up when we are not so busy.

**DIACONATE:** Mary Lou will ask Krista about setting up communion for Sunday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> for our visiting pastor.

**TRUSTESS:** Bruce stated they are working out plans for the janitorial position. More windows will be installed soon on the North side of the sanctuary.

**TREASURES REPORT:** Connie submitted the paper work for the forgiveness of our second PPP loan. Checking is a little low. We are prepared to move money from investments as needed. Bruce made a motion to adjourn. Mary Lou seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lou Behring

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