

# January 2022



## Calendar of Events

1/2 - Sunday Worship  
1/9 - Sunday Worship  
1/10 - Church Council - 7  
p.m.  
1/16 - Sunday Worship  
1/23 - Sunday Worship  
1/24 - CTT Meeting - Time  
TBD  
1/30 - Sunday Worship  
\*Annual Meeting after  
worship

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

## Liturgist Schedule

1/2 - Mary Lou Behring  
1/9 - Krista Kim  
1/16 - George Lynts  
1/23 - Norma Thompson  
1/30 - Tracy Tronnes

## Pastor's Notes

In a film, whose name I have long since forgotten, one of the actors says, “This feels like déjà vu all over again.” To which I say today, “Amen!” The beginning of 2022 feels whole like the beginning of 2021 all over again. Uncertainty, concerns, and fears continue to stare us in the face and disturb our sleep. I know the experts tell us that we are in a better place with COVID than we were a year ago, the economy has not crashed as was predicted and—by and large—we are able to live fairly normal lives. But it still *feels* the same.

How do we move on? It seems to me that we do so by reaffirming one of the great truths of the Christian faith. It was stated by a preacher named Harry Emerson Fosdick who said, “No man need stay the way he is.” If you ignore the non-inclusive language used in the 1930’s when this was written, we hear this: we don’t have to stay the same.

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We can chose to do so (and many do), but it's a choice not a sentence. Experiencing déjà vu over and over again is not God's will and intent.

The Apostle Paul puts it this way, "Therefore, we do not lose heart. ...inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). The Book of Lamentations assures us God's mercies are "new every morning:" (Lamentations 3:23).

I don't have to stay the same, nor do you, nor does the church. I look forward to a different you in a different church in 2022, renewed and with fresh mercies.

See you in church.  
Kendell

**A big "Thank You" to all who helped with music during our Christmas season services:  
Karen Grinder, Krista Kim, Jill Sanderson and Fareed Haque.**

Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ

## **COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

Updated November 2021



1. Please self-assess your health before coming to worship or otherwise into the building. If you or any members of your household are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and participate in our online worship services.
2. Masks are recommended at all times for everyone 3 years and up regardless of vaccination status. Masks should fully cover your mouth and nose.
3. Masks are available for your use.
4. Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances.
5. Please practice social distancing, maintaining at least 6 feet between non-family members.
6. There will be no social hour after worship.
7. Doors and windows will be open to allow for cross-ventilation as possible.
8. Bulletins will be available for pickup at the double door entrance to Henry Street.
9. An offering plate has been placed at the back of the sanctuary.
10. The nursery is not open.
11. We will continue to offer Facebook Live and YouTube worship.

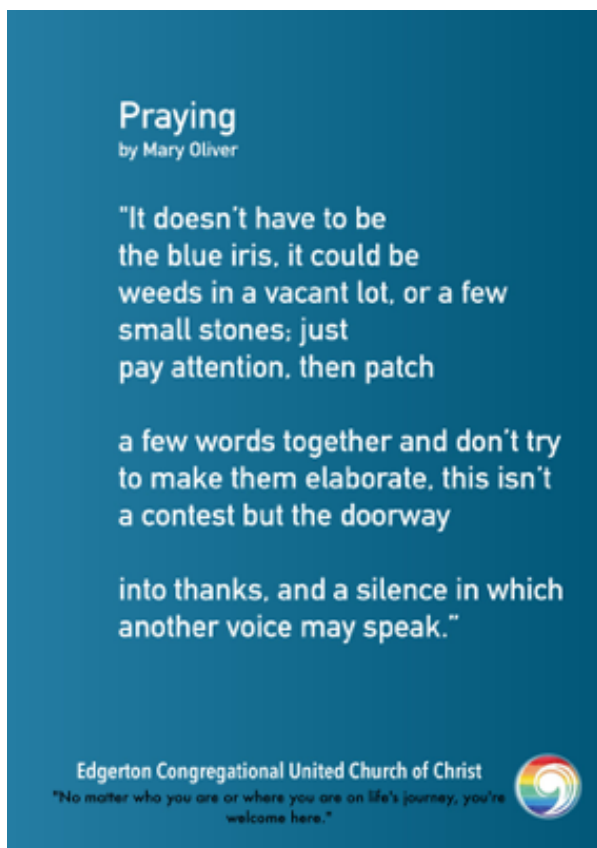
From all of us at ECUCC,

**Happy Birthday!**

1/6 – Tammy Campbell  
1/19 – Rachel Rosenbaum  
1/21 – Mary Lou Behring  
1/24 – Krista Kim

**Happy Anniversary!**

1/10 – Lukas and Kim  
Jensen



## Announcements from the Office

The full 2022 liturgist and greeter schedule will be sent out to all liturgists/greeters later this month. Please let us know if you are unable to make any of your dates and find a replacement.

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, all office holders are encouraged to turn their report in to the office as soon as possible. The Annual Meeting will be taking place after worship in the fellowship hall on Sunday, January 30.

We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator for the church's Meals on Wheels efforts. Our first dates begin in February, so please reach out if this is a stewardship opportunity that resonates with you.

I want to thank everyone for the generous holiday gifts! I am honored to work with you all and look forward to the coming year.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year!

–Kathleen Matson

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## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:**

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

PRESENT: Rev. Kendell Nordstrom, Connie Wiersma, Bruce Morris, Tracy Tronnes and Mary Lou Behring. Connie called the meeting to order and Kendell led us in prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Bruce seconded it. Motion passed.

MINISTERS REPORT: Kendall shared things that are expected of him as our interim pastor.

Accountability to the Council, congregation, and to work with our conference ministries to lead us in the right direction. Next month he will share what he expects of us!

BUSINESS: The council went through the membership lists. We will send letters of encouragement to those we haven't seen in two or more years hoping some may

come back. The birthday and anniversary lists have also been updated and added to. Rev. Kendell will have a blue Christmas service on the 21 of Dec. Time to be announced. This will be a face book service as well as in person. We will take part in the gifts for kids project through outreach again this year. Bruce and Tracy have both volunteered to be on the budget committee again. Bruce will reach out to a few others to help. We are also looking for people to be on the nominating committee.

Tracy will check on the Rock county Covid 19 guidelines as of current day. We need to be in compliance with the guidelines. Kendell will also check with the WI Council of churches. Gary Behring will update the website when this is determined.

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Stewardship Sunday is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Kendell will have a special blessing of the gifts when collected. Connie-moderator will give a prayer response following. The hanging of the green (Christmas tree decorating and decorating of the sanctuary) will take place on Sunday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> following worship. Our candle light Christmas Eve. Service will be held at 4:30p.m.on the 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec. A brief discussion was had about an all church cleaning day. A lot of things have already been taken care of. Bruce suggested we wait until peanut processing is over for the year. The Annual meeting has been set for Sunday Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Connie will reach out to the CTT folks to talk about our next meeting and workshop.

A protocol for password

changes and church security after a change in employees was talked about. Tracy and Bruce will determine some guidelines.

DIACONATE: Mary Lou will send cards to some members that we have not seen for awhile. Greeters will be added on Sundays starting in Dec. The team will get the Advent wreath in place for the season.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: An Adult Advent study "Finding your place at the manger" will begin on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. starting Nov. 28. Sunday school will begin the second Sunday in January. Curriculum has been ordered. Still looking for teachers!

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TRUSTEES: Bruce will work with Kathleen to look for avenues to find an organist. A job description will be looked at.

TREASURES REPORT:

Tracy stated that due to short funds we will likely need to move some funds from our investments soon.



Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Behring

**We are so grateful for our members who assisted with worship during the busy Advent season; Mary Lou and Gary Behring, Connie and Cal Wiersma, Tammy and Todd Campbell, Holly Gould, Krista Kim, and to all of our congregants for your generous gifts and pledges.**

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