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Pastor's Notes

It Seems to Me

This last week, the church had its Annual Meeting, and I must say that it felt more like a family gathering than a corporation event. I liked that. Yes, there were minutes taken and approved, motions made and passed, but it was all done in a spirit of consensus. The church family was just checking in on each other, remembering what was done last year, making sure the check book balanced, and looking forward to being and working together in the year to come.

I liked it because as one member said, "People want a family and not a committee." Amen. Isn't that what we all want, to be part of a family?

Browne Barr, minister of the First Congregational Church of Berkley, once wrote:

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Calendar of Events

2/6 - Worship
2/13 - Worship
2/14 - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
2/20 - Worship
2/27 - Worship

(all worship times 10:30 a.m.)

Liturgist Schedule

2/6 - Connie Wiersma
2/13 - Krista Kim
2/20 - Holly Gould
2/27 - Julie Norland

Meals on Wheels
Delivery: February
14 - 27

“Somewhere long since forgotten I read that ever person needs ‘a little parish of the heart,’ a surrounding group of loving persons where one experiences a depth of life, tender and renewing, nowhere else to be had. That is another way of expressing the human need to be part of a ‘little flock.’ When I read that I thought to myself, ‘That is it! That is what my church is to me!’ I do not believe it is that to me because I am the minister but really in spite of it. There, in that company, I feel secure and warm and rebuked and renewed and directed.”

See you in church, which is hopefully your family and your “little parish of the heart.”

-Kendell

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!

2/7 - Logan Campbell

2/15 - Gracey Ninmer

2/21 - Lizzy Gould

Happy Anniversary!

2/10 - Eric and Krista Kim



Announcements from the Office

We are still looking for volunteers to assist us with fulfilling our obligation to Meals on Wheels. Our first dates begin February 14, so please reach out if this is a stewardship opportunity that resonates with you.

I want to thank all of the people involved in the Annual Meeting, church leadership, as well as everybody who attended – we are looking forward to moving ahead in the new year!

I will be out of the office the week of February 20. I will be working remotely, so please direct any questions or issues to officecucc@gmail.com and I will respond as soon as I am able.

Lastly, Reverend Kendell wanted to pass along a special "thank you!" and gratitude for the pastoral holiday gift.

Blessings,
Kathleen

Edgerton UCC Church Council - December 2021

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

MINISTERS REPORT: Kendell reported that the Ecumenical service for Thanksgiving was well received. Sunday morning worship services are going well, but live streaming to FB and You-tube are always a challenge. The talk of pre-recording on Thursday is a thought to consider. Kendell mentioned the Evansville UCC does this and invited us to check it out. It is something to consider.

EDUCATION: People have been enjoying the Advent Study "Finding your place at the Manger" Plans to start Sunday School in January are moving forward. A list of possible students was written. Several Pastor calls were made with Mary Lou going along.

OUTREACH: Gifts for kids was again welcomed by many church members. Veterans of the Cross offering for Christmas eve was discussed. This is an offering that helps retired UCC Pastors and families in time of need. Bruce made a motion that loose offerings and designated envelopes would be given to this wonderful charity. Mary Lou seconded it. So, moved.

The Administration is extremely pleased with Kathleen's performance. She goes above and beyond. She is also planning our Blue Christmas service for Dec. 21. Responsibilities of the congregation include actively pursuing a Pastor when the time is appropriate-Functioning body-visiting-maintain music and ministry-Congregation shall support the minister.

BUSINESS: Official approval of pastors housing allowance. Motion made to approve \$10,000 annually for housing. Motion approved. Pledges: Bruce reported we have in excess of \$41,000 in pledges so far. Annual reports are due ASAP! (cont'd next page)

Kathleen has feelers out as we are actively pursuing a pianist/organist. Krista may be willing to fill in occasionally. Kathleen is looking to fill liturgist spots for 2022. Ushers and greeters will also be a possibility as we have more attendees at worship. A special thank you Gary Behring for taking the computer in for repair in such a timely manner. Krista Kim is working on a nominating committee.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Connie is constructing a list of children. Cards will be sent out to prospects. Confirmation is also something we will look into to see if we have people interested.

TRUSTEES: The Porter family donated another \$1,000.

TREASURERS REPORT: More money is being collected in the plate during worship. Tracy said we are managing for now. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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