

MAY 2022

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"Breakfast on the Beach" by Peter Koenig

A Message from our Moderator

As April showers give way to May flowers, we have a wonderful opportunity for renewal here at Edgerton Congregational UCC. Our leadership team has scheduled two sessions with Association representatives to guide us with this.

But most importantly we need you, our friends and members, to share your hopes and dreams, as well as your concerns, as we chart our path forward.

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Calendar of Events

May 1 Worship
No Sunday School

May 8 Worship
Sunday School

May 9 Church Council, 7 p.m.

May 15 Worship
Sunday School
12:00 p.m. LCC Workshop and Catered Lunch

May 19
LCC Workshop Part 2, 6:30 p.m.

May 22 Worship
Sunday School

May 29 Worship
Sunday School
All worship and Sunday School times 10:30 a.m.

Liturgist Schedule

5/1 - Julie Norland
5/8 - George Lynts
5/15 - Norma Thompson
5/22 - Tammy Campbell
5/29 - Holly Gould

If you can't make your date, please find a substitute and let the office know.

We recognize that the past few years have been challenging, but our Church is definitely a unique and important element in our community. Please help us to make our church reach our potential and be a vibrant entity.

Our first session is scheduled for Sunday, May 15th following worship. We will begin with a delicious lunch from the Campbell Boys. The workshop will begin at 12:30, led by Association representatives, the Rev. Elizabeth Voigt and Geoffrey Brink. Church Council has met with them numerous times in the planning process and believe that they will greatly help us to move forward. The second session will be held starting at 6:30 in the evening on May 19th.

Please sign up for these sessions either by contacting the Church office by noon on Friday, May 13 or using the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

I am looking forward to these workshops as we work to continue our presence in this community.

God's Blessings,

Connie Wiersma, Moderator



Thank You

Thank you to all who donated their time (and baked goods!) to support our Easter services -we are so grateful for all of our readers, council members, and other volunteers.



Readings and Resources

the Revised Common
LECTIONARY

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1

- Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) • Psalm 30 •

Revelation 5:11-14 • John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8

- Acts 9:36-43 • Psalm 23 • Revelation

7:9-17 • John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15

- Acts 11:1-18 • Psalm 148 •

Revelation 21:1-6 • John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22

- Acts 16:9-15 • Psalm 67 • Revelation

21:10, 22-22:5 • John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Ascension of the Lord

May 26

- Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 •

Ephesians 1:15-23 • Luke 24:44-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29

- Acts 16:16-34 • Psalm 97 •

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 • John
17:20-26

Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

May 31

- 1 Samuel 2:1-10 • Psalm 113 •

Romans 12:9-16b • Luke 1:39-57



"The Visitation" stained glass by Brother Eric from the Revised Common
Lectionary: Art in the Christian Tradition



5/6 - Luke Smerchek

5/7 - Tracy Tronnes

5/15 - Joan Granger

5/23 - Seth Wiersma

UCC Featured Devotional: "Guilt and Garlic Necklaces"

By Lily Daniel, Senior Pastor at First Congregational UCC

Published on April 28, 2022

Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. – Colossians 3:12 (NRSV)

As a pastor during the pandemic, I tell people I have never worked harder and to less effect. Wherever you may be in your pandemic routines and practices, like me you might be looking back over the last two years and seeing things you could have done differently.

I spent so many hours in meetings for scenarios that never took place. I spent too little time planning for things that popped up at the last minute, which, in hindsight, I should have seen coming. When to go online? When to open?

There are safety measures I wish we had adopted earlier. But some of our precautions now look like the garlic necklaces people used to wear to protect themselves from vampires.

My only consolation is that I was not alone in all this. Our church's volunteer leaders spent just as much time in those meetings and tortured sleepless nights as I did. (The only difference is that they love Jesus so much they didn't get paid for it!)

The challenge now is to work together moving forward, and we can't do that without a healthy dose of self-inflicted humility. None of us were psychic. All of us were wrong about some things and right about others. It's time to stop keeping score and start working together.

If you are waiting for history to prove you were right, wait on. You may get an answer next month but scientifically speaking, the real answer will come a hundred years from now. Are you going to stay mad until then? You probably won't live that long.

Prayer

Clear the way, dear God, clear the way. Amen.

Special Event: "Leadership for Congregational Crossroads"

Where we've been.
Where we are.
Where we're going.



Two Workshops

Sunday, May 15 - 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lunch provided by the Campbell Boys

Thursday, May 19 - 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Refreshments provided

The Wisconsin Conference will facilitate this vital workshop for our congregation. We will discuss our values, meaningful events in our history, concerns and joys around the departure and arrival of pastors, and how we can agree and disagree in love.

It is our hope that you prayerfully consider your participation in these events as we look toward creating a new foundation for our beloved church community.

To sign up, contact the office or find the sign up sheet in the sanctuary. Any questions can be directed to church leadership or the office.

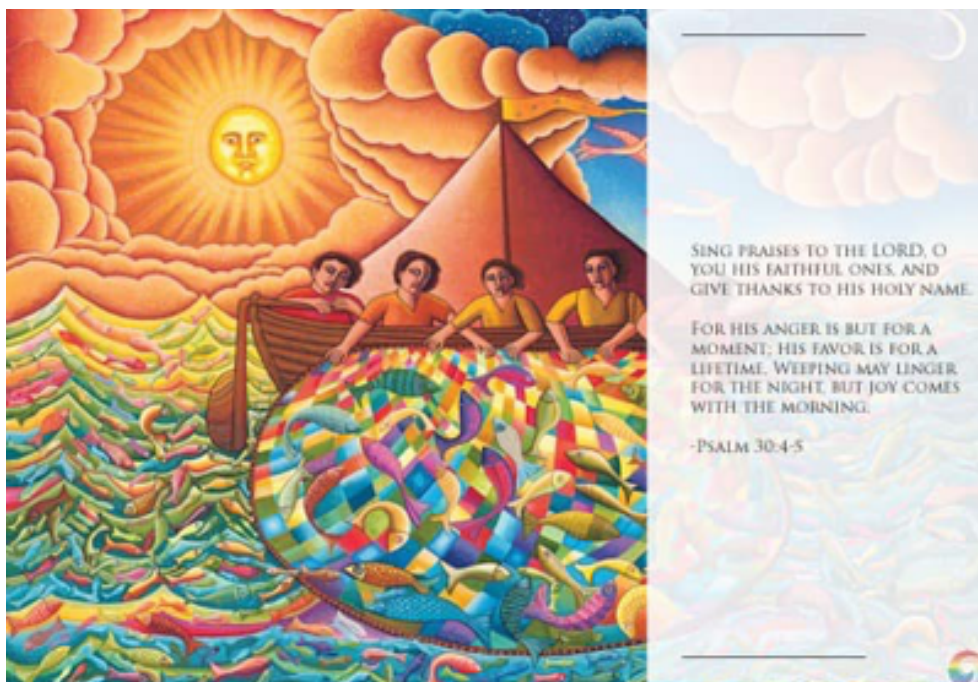


Notes from the Office

Thank you to all who supported our worship services during the busy Lent and Easter season!

Please consider purchasing a few extra canned good items for our Blessing Box supply, we are very low on pastas, grains, and cereals.

The liturgist calendar is completed for the remainder of the calendar year. You can find it in your email inbox, or posted in the sanctuary as well as next to the office. I am incredibly grateful for all our volunteers and thank you all for donating your time to our church.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

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

MINISTERS REPORT: Kendall handed out a print out of a handbook for interim ministers. A discussion was had on several points. It is a guideline and steps to take during an interim. A Maundy Thursday service will be held in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on April 14. Communion will be provided on Easter Sunday. Kendall will be out of the office for a few weeks starting 4/25 as he has a medical procedure scheduled. A substitute pastor will be here to fill in. Kendall mentioned that covid guidelines according to the Rock Co site have changed. Masks must be worn if any symptoms are present. We advise staying home if any symptoms are present. The signage on the doors will be changed accordingly.

CTT UPDATE: The first workshop will be held on Sunday May 15th. The time will be from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. A lunch will be catered by the Campbell Boys. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office if you plan to attend so enough food will be ordered. The second workshop will be Thursday May 19th, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided during a break.

DIACONATE: Communion will be served twice in the month of April. April 3rd and Easter Sunday April 17th. There has been an interest in trying to have some kind of a get together like a reunion for past and present church members.

The piano has been tuned.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$5,000 has been taken from investments to cover expenses, but was planned according to the budget.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully, Mary Lou Behring

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are welcome here.*

