



**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER**

**SEPTEMBER**

*Worship with us!* 2022

**EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM**

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*Events*

- 9/4 - COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 9/11 - NEW MEMBER SUNDAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY
- 9/12 - COUNCIL MEETING, 7 PM
- 9/13 - "FINDING THE ARTIST'S WAY" WORKSHOP - 6 PM
- 9/20 - "FINDING THE ARTIST'S WAY" WORKSHOP - 6 PM
- 9/27 - "FINDING THE ARTIST'S WAY" WORKSHOP - 6 PM

*Liturgists*

- 9/4 - JULIE NORLAND
- 9/11 - GEORGE LYNTS
- 9/18 - NORMA THOMPSON
- 9/25 - TAMMY CAMPBELL

*Birthdays*

- 9/1 JOAN LYNTS
- 9/5 - ELSIE ARNOLD
- 9/6 - ERRA SANDERSON - HAQUE
- 9/9 - AUSTIN TRONNES
- 9/11 - CAL WIERSMA
- 9/14 - ANDY WIERSMA
- 9/16 - EMMA DAVIS
- 9/16 - RYAN MORRIS
- 9/17 - ETHAN NORLAND
- 9/23 - JAXON DAVIS
- 9/24 - RACHEL LYERLA

Thank you to everyone who assisted with our August events and worship services!

We are looking forward to a fresh and busy season here at ECUCC - starting with New Member Sunday/Rally Day on 9/11! Please note that worship and Sunday school will begin at 10:30 from 9/11 until Memorial Day.

Please see the reverse for the Sunday School calendar and more information on our 12 week book club studying Julia Cameron's "The Artist's Way."

Thank you to Jill Sanderson for operating our August night market event! It was a hit with the community and we are so grateful to all who are involved with the Kindness Rocks Project.



*Thank you for being a part of our church community!*

Your Church Council is here for you! We encourage the congregation to reach out to leadership with any feedback, questions, joys or concerns.

- Interim Pastor Rev. Kendell Nordstrom**
- Moderator - Connie Wiersma**
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*From the desk of Reverend Kendell Nordstrom*

The story is told about how in the days of the czar, the bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church was summoned to the Kremlin. As he approached the gates, a guard stepped forward and said, "Halt! Who are you? Why are you here? Where are you going?" The bishop looked at the guard and said, "I will pay you twice what the czar is paying you if you will follow me and keep asking those same questions all day."

It seems to me that those three questions are good for the church to keep asking. Who are we as a congregation? What is our identity? Why are we here in this community at this time? What is it that we do? Where are we going? What does the future hold for us? How will we change? How will we stay the same?

As your Church Council begins its search process for your new settled pastor and teacher, those questions will be asked a lot. They are good questions and the answers you come up are important to your present and continuing life as the family of God. In fact, they are so good, so important, I might even do a sermon series on them.

What questions do you have? See you in church and let's see if we can find the answers together.

## Sunday School Schedule

9/4 - No Sunday School - Family Sunday

9/11 - Rally Day - First Day of Sunday School

9/18 - Season of the Church: The Bible - 2 Parts

9/25 - Cooking Sunday: tarts with homemade crust and homemade ice cream

EDGERTON CONGREGATIONAL UCC PRESENTS

**Finding The Artist's Way**

A 12 WEEK BOOK CLUB FOR THE EDGERTON COMMUNITY

All Are Welcome to join a weekly discussion of Julia Cameron's classic text that explores the intersection of creativity and faith through a multicultural lens to reclaim our creative selves and strengthen our connection to a higher power.

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Greetings,

With the change of seasons quickly approaching, our Church is anticipating a new season of hope and vibrancy as we regroup from the effects of Covid and look forward to new ministry. In May, we held two workshops with consultants from the South West Association to examine "where we have been, where we are now, and where are we going".

During these workshops, participants voiced their concerns, expressed the importance of our Church in their lives and talked about improving communications and moving forward as a body. As we move into fall, we will begin the process of searching for a new settled pastor. Although many have expressed a desire to retain Pastor Kendell Nordstrom, this is not an option under the UCC Guidelines. A new Association minister will be coming on board this month, so we will be meeting with that person to discuss the best process forward. In the meantime, many good things are happening in our Church body. On Sunday, September 11, new members will be welcomed into our Church, Sunday School will resume, and that Sunday will be a time to rejoice and "welcome our members and friends home".

Additionally,

our Church Council has been able to expand from the longtime membership of four people to six. We will be initiating a new feature beginning with our first fall meeting on September 12 of having a time for anyone to come and address the Council with ideas or concerns. We highly value any input from you that you may wish to share.

I send you my warmest regards and pray for God's richest blessings for you all.

Connie Wiersma, Moderator

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