



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

Worship with us!

2022

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

Events

- 10/2 - COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 10/11 - COUNCIL MEETING, 7 PM
- 10/28 - TRUNK OR TREAT AT COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 10/30 - MISSION LUNCHEON: FRIENDS OF JAMS - AFTER WORSHIP



Liturgists

- 10/2 - HOLLY GOULD
- 10/9 - MARY LOU BEHRING
- 10/16 - TRACY TRONNES
- 10/23 - KRISTA KIM
- 10/30 - CONNIE WIERSMA



We were honored to commemorate the baptism of Max (left) and Rosalie (right) this month.

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
- Treasurer - Tracy Tronnes
- Trustees - Bruce Morris and Todd Campbell
- Diaconate - Mary Lou Behring
- Education - Jill Sanderson

Birthdays

- 10/3 - NORMA THOMPSON
- 10/13 - RUTH WILLE
- 10/14 - DAVE NELSON
- 10/16 - ERIC LYERLA

We had a wonderful September as we kicked off our "Finding the Artists Way" book club, resumed Sunday School lessons and were blessed with two baptisms! This month we will be collecting new socks for Edgerton's Socktober drive. If you are able, please bring a pair or two to donate to this important community endeavor!

In addition, church leadership will be meeting with the new southwest association conference minister to discuss search and call for a new settled pastor. If you are interested in participating in the search committee, please reach out to church leadership.

Please refer to your weekly announcement email for details on this month's events and more. If you are not receiving our emails and would like to, please let the office know.

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From the desk of Reverend Kendell Nordstrom

The Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ is a small church. It has around 100 members, and on a good Sunday one third of that number are in worship. We are not alone. The majority of UCC churches have less than 100 at worship, and many far less. These kinds of statistics speak of the financial strain many churches face and raises serious questions about our future. But are those small numbers a bad thing in the big picture? Matt Laney, Senior Pastor of the Virginia Highland UCC in Atlanta, GA recently wrote a devotional in which he quoted these words from scripture:

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate their family, yes and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." - Luke 14:25-27 (NRSV, adapted). He goes on to say, "Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them..." Did you catch that? Large crowds traveling, not following. So, Jesus laid it down. He culled the rolls, separated the mesmerized masses from the faithful followers. He apparently wasn't into big church. His ego didn't need it." His conclusion is both succinct and penetrating. "Sure, a big crowd feels nice, but a wee community of committed people is all Jesus wants."

I am sure you want large crowds on Sunday morning. It would make me feel good, but is that what Jesus wants? Isn't his priority committed people? Looking to the future, it seems to me the first question is not about how we can increase the size of the crowds, but how can we increase the size of our commitment.

Be the church.
Kendell



October is...
SOCKTOBER

Don't forget to bring in new pairs of socks for all ages to support Edgerton's Socktober drive!

Thank you to everyone who assisted in our busy September! We are so grateful for Connie Tronnes, Krista Kim and Jill Sanderson making music, Tammy Campbell and all her work keeping the church clean, and all the wonderful volunteers who assisted with Meals on Wheels so far - Eric Kim, Connie and Tracy Tronnes, Joan Granger, Reverend Kendell and Connie Wiersma. As always we are also grateful for our liturgists and members of leadership.

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Monday August 8, 2022

PRESENT: Rev. Kendell, Connie Wiersma, Tracy Tronnes, Bruce Morris, Kathleen Matson, Jill Sanderson and Mary Lou Behring. Connie called the meeting to order. Rev. 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 approved.

MINISTERS REPORT: Kendall will be out of the office on vacation missing two Sundays. We will look for pulpit supply for Oct. 3 and Nov. 6th. Connie will contact Rev. Kucra to see if he will be available to fill the pulpit. We have been vigilant about keeping up our communication during the week. There is a minister's moment on FB and YouTube, and the UCC announcements are emailed out from the office. We received our CTT report and feel we have a good understanding of who we are. Some points were taken to open up our communication. We are looking forward to a busy fall schedule with Rally Day and an adult book study. We will take in new members on Sunday Sept. 11.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR: KATHLEEN: Kathleen will be out of the office from 8/13-8/27. Lots of fall ideas are in the works. She will be checking the email a couple times a week. We are thinking about making a video showing the new "US". Just letting the community know we are here and what we stand for. Kathleen presented a few new graphics for a new logo. She will put a few new details on them and bring them back to council. Some post cards and business cards may be made to hand out and send out to visitors.

CHURCH BUSINESS: Jill Sanderson has put together a very detailed and structured proposal for our children's Sunday school year. The theme will follow the Fruit of the seasons. It will also follow the church seasons. This will include multi generational folks. Tracy made a motion to nominated Jill as head of Christian Education. The motion was seconded and passed. Jill is also planning an adult community book study. The book is called Artists Way by Julia Cameron that will take place on Tuesday Eve. from 6:00-7:00 pm starting Sept. 13. A New membership Sunday will be held on Sept. 11th with a reception to follow. Rally Day will also happen that day! Mary Lou and Tracy will work together on the Stewardship drive this year. Stewardship Sunday will be held November 13th.

SEARCH PROCESS: Tracy suggested we invite the new conference minister and hold an ice cream social before deciding how to move forward with the process.

AV SYSTEM: Kendell mentioned having several issues with our current speaker and video system in hopes of some type of upgrading. Jill and Kathleen's husbands will do some investigating on how to upgrade to fill some future needs.

CTT REPORT: Several good ideas came from our workshop. Connie and Kathleen will put together a report to send out to all attendee.

PRAYER CHAIN: Kathleen has been including prayer requests in the newsletter and announcements. She will also include a link for people to send in any requests.

BLESSING BOX: We will hold off on adding any food items at this time after several acts of vandalism.

TRUSTEES: Bids are being taken for removal of all hedges located in front of the church. This will be a fall project.

TREASURES REPORT: Tracy stated that we are on track financially with our budgeted plans.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully, Mary Lou Behring