



# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



# JUNE

*Worship with us every Sunday at 10 AM!* 2023

## *Event Calendar*

- 6/4 - Baccalaureate Sunday
- 6/12 - Church Council Meeting - 7PM
- 6/25 - Pride Sunday

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## *Birthdays* 🎉

- 6/11 Tim Wiersma
- 6/12 Charles Sanderson-Haque
- 6/15 Gary Behring
- 6/17 Sloane Wiersma
- 6/21 Daryl Rosenbaum
- 6/21 Ellis Tronnes
- 6/26 Blou Shumaker
- 6/29 Julie Norland

## *Notes from the Office*

Thank you to all who helped us with May's events - a fellowship dinner, a presentation from Edgerton Outreach, and our flower basket fundraiser. Special thanks to Jill Sanderson for making the last day of Sunday School for the season so special for the children! We are also grateful for all who assisted with Meals on Wheels, and who have donated to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace mattress pad fund and drive.

There will be a Community Bed Build on Saturday, June 10 for all interested in assisting the Edgerton chapter of SHP.

Details can be found on the second page.

Over the summer, we will be hosting a parent forum to discuss Sunday School goals and will be creating a survey for those interested in sharing feedback about our Sunday School curriculum.

## *Liturgists*

- 6/4 - Norma Thompson
- 6/11 - Tammy Campbell
- 6/18 - Holly Gould
- 6/25 - Tracy Tronnes

*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  
 Finance - Bruce Morris  
 Trustees - Todd Campbell  
 Diaconate - Mary Lou Behring  
 Education - Jill Sanderson



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*From the Desk of Reverend Kendell Nordstrom*

On Sunday, May 21st, Sarah Williams, the executive director of Edgerton Community Outreach, gave a talk after church about all they are doing. As I listened to her, I was struck by the variety of needs they address; from housing, to hunger, to emergency assistance, to seasonal programs, such as Easter Baskets, Back to School supplies, Gifts for Kids, the Giving Tree and Christmas Ham Baskets. The list goes on and on. I had no idea that Edgerton had so many people who need help. As I drive around the community, what I see are lovely neighborhoods, thriving public schools, and beautiful parks. It is an almost idyllic picture of a prosperous, small, Midwestern town. I guess need has a way of hiding or I have a way of not seeing.

Where do they find the resources to meet all these needs? Part of the answer is in the number of volunteers who give countless hours stocking food shelves to sorting clothes. I not surprised that members of our church are actively involved in Edgerton Community Outreach, some from its very beginning.

Need and poverty though, are a growth industry. Every year there are more needs and more people falling below the poverty line. How can we cope?

A number of years ago, a founding pastor of the German Evangelical Church (one of the four denominations that became the United Church of Christ) wanted to start an orphanage in St. Louis. He was approached by a member of his congregation who said, "Pastor, how can we start an orphanage? We have no resources." "No resources?" the pastor replied. "Just look at how many orphans God has given us!" The orphanage was built.

May it be so here. It seems to me, you can do it.

See you in church.

*Kendell*

Community  
**BED BUILD**  
to benefit  
**SHIP**  
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

8:30 AM - 2 PM  
114 N. HENRY ST.

**"NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!"**



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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Monday April 10, 2023

PRESENT: Rev. Kendell, Bruce Morris, Todd Campbell, Jill Sanderson, Kathleen Matson, Josephine Navarro, Connie Wiersma and Mary Lou Behring. Connie called the meeting to order and Kendell led us in prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. After a correction in spelling the minutes were approved.

A discussion was had about the time of our worship service changing to summer hours. Josephine stated that she would like to take a job playing organ at the Methodist church also. This would mean she could not make it to our church until 9:45. Kathleen suggested that we change our summer hours to 10:00 and then keep those hours throughout the year. A motion was made by Mary Lou and seconded by Todd to change the worship time to 10:00. Motion passed. The new time will begin Memorial Day weekend.

MINISTERS REPORT: Kendell gave a shout out to Bruce and Kathleen who are having a birthday. Happy birthday to Kendell also. Also a shout out was made the Behring's and Wiersma's for the Easter treats and to Jill for the adult and children's education and activities. Kendell is happy with his new microphone although there was some crackling in the sound system during service. Jill and Fareed have a sound engineer that will take a look at it. Kendell said he felt like it was a wonderful Holy week and liked the joined services with the EUM. OGHS total was \$510! Kay Krebs will be in the pulpit April 16<sup>th</sup> due to Kendell's vacation. May 6<sup>th</sup> is the annual SW association meeting in Janesville. June will be the annual conference meeting at Green Lake.

KATHLEEN/COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR: We are looking to hire someone that can stream our services on a regular basis on Sunday mornings. After a long discussion it was decided that Kendell and Connie will meet with Rev. Dan from EUM on Thursday morning to check on possibly using the person they have. Kathleen expressed concerns about working more from home for now as her

schedule has changed. It was agreed that she does a great job working from home.

**BUSINESS:** Pastor Search update is going well and our profile is ready to be turned in by April 15. The plan will be to meet with Rev. Rachel Bauman after that. The hedges out front will be removed in May. Julie Norland is asking to do a bed build and bedding drive in the church parking lot on Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup>. The council agreed and is taking care of details. Volunteers are needed. Baccalaureate was discussed as we have two graduates. Mary Lou will touch base with Michelle Ninmer to determine the exact date. We are on for Meals on Wheels for May 8<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. Kathleen will get a sign up in the sanctuary. Sarah from outreach will be here on Sunday May 21 to talk about the new Veterans' initiative. Jill is also planning a fundraiser concert. Kathleen is planning a bake sale to fund outreach summer lunch program.

**PIANO:** A lengthy discussion was had about purchasing a piano for the sanctuary. At this point it was decided to plan fundraisers to help with the costs.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Jill stated that the Methodists are interested in joining us in a book study.

**TRUSTEES:** The Edgerton Reporter will now be charging us for our ad. We will change our ad with new hours and details. This will be paid on an annual basis.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bruce stated we are on track.

Mary Lou made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd seconded it meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Lou Behring