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*Worship with us every
Sunday at 10 AM!*

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Thank You

A Note from Former Interim Pastor Kendall Nordstrom

Kay and I are busy getting ready for our European river cruise, but before we go, I wanted to say thank you for the reception on October 1. The cake was amazing (thanks Tammy!), the personal words of appreciation were moving, and your cards (shout-out to the Church School!) were both touching and gratifying. I will miss your supportive family spirit, your readiness to reach out in mission, and your faith and courage in facing challenging times.

It is never easy to end a pastoral relationship. However, I feel certain that the friendships forged will continue, and the good memories will abide.

Peace to you all.

Kendall

Birthdays

- November 4 - Barbara Pierce
- November 9 - Cheryl Mitchell
- November 11 - Lydia Diawara
- November 12 - Connie Tronnes
- November 14 - Nadia Kim
- November 17 - Gordon Webb
- November 18 - Renee Rosenbaum
- November 20 - Ryan Lyerla
- November 22 - August Dominguez



Thank you to all of our Sunday School children (and parents!) who brought smiles to the congregation in their Halloween costumes!



Events

- 11/5 - Welcoming Interim Pastor Rev. Tiff Bates
- 11/12 - Stewardship Sunday/ Communion Sunday
- 11/13 - Church Council Meeting, 7 PM

Liturgists

- 11/5 - Krista Kim
- 11/12 - Mary Lou Behring
- 11/19 - Connie Wiersma
- 11/26 - Julie Norland

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

- Moderator - Connie Wiersma
- Treasurer - Tracy Tronnes
- Finance - Bruce Morris
- Trustees - Todd Campbell
- Diaconate - Mary Lou Behring
- Education - Jill Sanderson



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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

- There is a new contact email address for our pastors. Please do not continue to use "pastorecucc" and send any communication to ecuccpastor@gmail.com.
- Information for our Thanksgiving service will be forthcoming in your announcements.
- Thank you to all involved in this years stewardship campaign, the search and call committee, continuing education and to Mary Lou Behring for filling our guest pastor spots. We are so grateful for you all!
- There will be a separate monthly Sunday School newsletter going forward where you can find all the information about each month's activities and resources!



Fall Greetings from the Bates Household

I am writing to you on a cold fall morning as the leaves are falling around our house. My name is Rev. Tiff Bates and I have been called to be your Interim Minister as you search for a settled parttime pastor. I have served several churches as an Interim Minister and just completed a long ministry at St John's United Church of Christ in Monroe, WI. I grew up in Connecticut and my college years were spent in Illinois. I graduated from Bethany Theological Seminary in 1979. Since then, I have served churches of various sizes in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and three here in Wisconsin. I served the UCC church in Brodhead for eight years. Much of my ministry has been centered on Christian Education for all ages and church music. I have conducted adult and youth choirs at several churches. I believe that music is an important component in worship to highlight the spiritual gift of faith. My wife Lynn has been an active participant in the churches we have served and has shared her gifts in a variety of ways including Christian Education. We have three adult offspring and a boatload of grandchildren and one great grandchild who all live in Green Country. We enjoy attending their various sports events and concerts at the Brodhead school. Lynn is from Buffalo, NY so a little bit of snow doesn't bother her. I have a variety of interests including gardening and landscaping, skating and cross-country skiing, and playing guitar and piano. We look forward to meeting everyone in the congregation and providing sacred space for all of us to grow in faith and love. I plan on being at church on Tuesday mornings and one other day during the week as needed. If you can't reach me at church, please feel free to contact me at home. My email is revtiffbates@gmail.com and the home phone is 608-684-0012. I will soon be using a church email as well which I will share in a couple weeks.

In the meantime, I hope to see you in church on Sunday morning as we celebrate the Good news of the gospel. Please note that the November communion will be held on Sunday, November 12. We will go back to the first Sunday of the month in December.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tiff

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Mon. SEPT 11, 2023

Present: Rev. Kendell, Connie Wiersma, Bruce Morris, Jill Sanderson, Josephine Navarro, Todd Campbell, Mary Lou Behring and Connie Tronnes. Connie called the meeting to order and Kendell had a moment of silence remembering 911, followed by prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Bruce moved to accept the minutes; Todd seconded it. Motion passed.

CONGREGATIONAL TIME: Josephine stated that the piano that is being donated by Holly Gould /Margret Hawkins will be moved to the church by Adam Gould and a friend in a few weeks. A discussion was had about moving the other piano downstairs. Josephine will take care of arranging that. She asked if the money we have raised toward a piano could be used to tune the new one before Christmas. She thinks a special thank you concert to the families would be a nice tribute as well as a nice note of thanks. Connie Tronnes asked about the outdated bibles in the pews. She is hoping to use some memorial money to buy new ones. Bruce will look into it. She also expressed interest in getting a screen for the front of the church as well as trying to bring in new members. These are things the council has been working on in hopes of some resolution soon.

MINISTERS REPORT: Kendell spoke of some great moments during worship. He is thankful for all the children being back for Sunday school and sharing children's message with them. Also, for the special music that will happen the 17th! Along with Kendell's last Sunday on Oct. 1st it will be Worldwide communion. We are in hopes of Rachel Bauman being with us for the Liturgy of release, if her duties allow it. If not someone else from the conference office will be here. Kendell is expecting the UCC to have special offerings for the disaster in Morrocco as well as a new respite program for dementia patients. There will also be special offerings for Neighbors in need as well as our obligation for our Jams student!

KATHLEEN/ COMMUNICATION: Kathleen stated she left the meals on wheels folder for us. She is hoping for a letter of transition from the council for Kendell in the next newsletter. She stated that it is hard to put out our call for new office staff when we are up in the air about an interim/settled pastor. Bruce suggested we line up pulpit supply for about 4 weeks out so we know we will have a pastor. Mary Lou will reach out to the conference for a recent supply list.

USHERS: There are sign up sheets up stairs for people to volunteer. Mary Lou will revise an usher duty list.

DIACONATE: Communion will remain the first Sunday of each month.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The first week of Sunday school was successful. Oct 8 there will be a special activity during class. There will be a water walk which will be a meaningful task to teach

about poor countries that do not have running water. The Christmas pageant will be held Dec. 17th during worship. Josephine will help with music.

TRUSTEES: Still looking into a tablet of some kind for our FB live. The carpeting on the front steps as well as the stairs coming in the front door will be moved up the needs list as they are progressively getting worse. The hedge project in front has been completed, still waiting on a bill. Tracy will speak with our neighbor at the Venue about the dumpster as well as other objects in our driveway.

TREASURES REPORT: Our income is ahead of budget. There was a budgeted transfer in August.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou Behring