

THE SANCTUARY

JULY 2025

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIFF

Coming Soon to Sunday Morning Worship:

The Edgerton Congregational UCC will host a musical celebration during the worship hour on August 10th. We hope to have the service in the parking lot (weather permitting). If necessary, the service will be indoors. Calling all musicians and singers to participate in the service: we will gather after church on July 13th at 11:15. Bring along your musical selections. We hope to have a chorus sing a song or two.

After worship, there will be a picnic potluck luncheon at the Connie and Austin Tronnes home located at 855 Washington Rd. Watch for more information on the picnic and worship service in the weekly newsletters.

Mark your calendars now and bring along your family and friends!

• *Pastor Tiff*

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- Your July and August newsletters will be abbreviated to reflect the slower summer months. Weekly announcements will continue to be sent to your email inbox and contain the most accurate and timely congregational news.
- The office will remain open on Thursdays from 10 - 11 AM through the summer unless otherwise noted in announcements. Hours may also be made by appointment as necessary, and Pastor Tiff may be contacted for any pastoral needs throughout the week.

CALENDAR

Sunday worship begins weekly at 10 AM. Childcare is available through the summer, and Sunday school will resume in September.

- 6 - Communion Sunday
- 13 - Music/Choir Meeting
after Worship
- 20 - Heritage Days Open
House 11 - 2
- 27 - Guest Pastor Rev. Dr.
Barbara Wells

LITURGISTS

- 6 - Connie Tronnes
- 13 - Leia Maves
- 20 - Bavery/Thies
Family
- 27 - Reilly Family

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 - Erin Smerchek
- 9 - Erin Bavery
- 13 - Connie Wiersma
- 17 - Todd Campbell
- 19 - Joel Smerchek
- 26 - George Lynts
- 26 - Cindy Moreno
- 29 - Olyvia Crumbliss
- 29 - Adam Morris

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to Meals on Wheels delivery this month! We are incredibly grateful to have so many volunteers to continue to help us provide this vital community service.

PRAYERS

As a reminder, you may use a prayer request slip located in the sanctuary or contact Pastor Tiff if you'd like to request prayers for yourself a loved one.

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HERITAGE DAYS OPEN HOUSE

JULY 20, 2025/11 AM - 2 PM

Join us for an open house during Edgerton's "Heritage Days" celebration as we honor the rich history of our congregation. We invite all to stick around after our worship service on Sunday, July 20 to enjoy a special potluck, watch the parade, and enjoy fellowship. Members of our congregation have been busy throughout the year sorting through old photos and documents, and we hope to begin to identify the people and stories behind them!

If you would like to bring a dish to the potluck, you can find the signup sheet in the sanctuary. We invite you to bring a dish that carries a story—one passed down through generations, rooted in heritage, or rich in memory. Whether it's Grandma's famous casserole or a dessert with a secret ingredient, we'd love for you to share it with us!

BACCALAUREATE/RECOGNITION (CONT'D)



Congratulations to Zack Smerchek (Erin and Joel) on his high school graduation! Zack will be going to North American Lineman Training Center in Tennessee for high line training. High line crews assist after hurricanes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. Zack hopes to join on a storm crew for his 4 year apprenticeship after completing his training.

Thank you for reading! If you would like your newsletter delivered to your home address, please contact officeecucc@gmail.com

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MAY COUNCIL MINUTES

PRESENT: Rev. Tiff Bates, Krista Kim, Tracy Tronnes, Jim McLouth and Mary Lou Behring. Krista called the meeting to order. Rev. Tiff led us in prayer. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

MINISTERS REPORT: Tiff shared that he is recovering well and hopes to be back to himself soon. The “traveling with Jesus” series went well through lent. Having services with the Methodist will not work for the summer due to their shared ministry. Confirmation is going well. Vacation days will be 5/8, 5/25, 6/29. June 8 and 15 will be the showing of the “Cotton Patch Gospel movie during worship. Tiff brought up the idea of having a picnic/Jamboree for families after church in Aug. The 17 or 24 could be possible dates. Tracy volunteered to check on reserving the shelter at racetrack park although we may use the church. This would be a community event that we would advertise in the paper. Games, music and food would be planned. Josephine will be on vacation on May 25.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND MINISTRY: April was all about the teachings of Jesus. Leia Maves took care of the egg hunt for Easter. May’s theme is “We are all in this together.” June 1 will be the last day of Sunday school as well as Baccalaureate. Krista and Mary Lou will reach out to graduates. Jill is thinking about a women’s fellowship sometime this summer. Krista mentioned That Jill and Kathleen need to take some time off in July to relax.

WORSHIP LIFE: Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

TRUSTEES: Jim McLough filling in for Bruce: Edgerton Reporter was paid for the year for our weekly ads. The entire building has been power washed on the outside. Budget is in good shape. Some funds are being moved from the Capitol Fund to a money market to make more money for the church. Jim and Krista will meet to look over our new emergency documents.

TREASURERS REPORT: We are on budget and are doing better than the actual budgeted deficit.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Behring