

# THE SANCTUARY

AUGUST 2025

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIFF

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. Interested singers and musicians will gather after church on August 3 at 11:15 and Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 PM. After worship, there will be a picnic potluck luncheon at the home of Connie and Austin Tronnes, located at 855 Washington Rd. Bring a beverage, dish to pass and your lawn chairs!

Whether you participate in the celebration or simply bring your friends and family to attend, we hope to see many smiling faces as we celebrate the gift of music in worship.

- *Pastor Tiff*

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- Regular administrative office hours will resume in September. For the month of August, office hours may be made by appointment. Pastoral care from Pastor Tiff can be arranged by contacting the office or [revtiffbates@gmail.com](mailto:revtiffbates@gmail.com). The office will be closed to remote communication the week of August 16 - 23 - please contact a member of church council or Pastor Tiff with any inquiries.
- As the church begins a new programming season in September, church leadership will be sending out a mailing to the congregation with a letter from the moderator, director of ministry and education, and a calendar of important dates at the end of August.

## CALENDAR

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

- 3 - Communion Sunday
- 10 - Music Celebration Sunday (Potluck to Follow)
- 11 - Church Council: 7 PM

## LITURGISTS

- 3 - Connie Wiersma
- 10 - Tracy Tronnes
- 17 - Julie Norland
- 24 - Tammy Campbell
- 31 - Holly Gould

## BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Delaney Matson
- 6 - Lewis Kim
- 6 - Josh Bartz
- 10 - Zack Smerchek
- 15 - Lucas Norland
- 19 - Nora Sanderson-Haque
- 19 - Robyn Davis
- 20 - Matt Tronnes
- 20 - Rachel Dampier
- 31 - Max Matson

## 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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## EDUCATION

RALLY DAY: SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

The new Sunday School season is almost upon us. We will be welcoming the children back to Sunday School on September 7 and invite all children to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the new school year!

This year, our seasonal theme is "God the Creator". The children will be exploring fun, themed stations inspired by each day of creation. The education committee is looking for a few volunteers interested in helping with the stations, childcare and the celebratory luncheon to follow our worship service. Please contact Jill Sanderson if you are able to lend a helping hand!

## MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone who made this past month's ministry so special! From the beautiful special music that lifted our spirits, to the sharing of a meal and the fun of gathering at the Heritage Days parade—it was a true celebration of community far and wide.

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# JUNE COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025

**PRESENT:** Rev. Tiff, Krista Kim, Bruce Morris, Matt Thies, Connie Tronnes, Jill Sanderson, Kathleen Matson, Tracy Tronnes and Mary Lou Behring. Krista called the meeting to order. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

**CONGREGATIONAL TIME:** People attended that were interested in being part of the music for a summer celebration. After a lengthy discussion about having a Jamboree, it was decided to hold a special Sunday for Heritage days weekend. This will take place during worship on Sunday July 20th. There will be the history of the church discussed along with pictures on the screen and books to look at. People will be encouraged to bring a lawn chair and stay for the parade following. Connie mentioned having an all-church picnic at their house after worship on Aug. 10th. Bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and beverages!

**MINISTERS REPORT:** Tiff is feeling good but plans to step down a bit until the end of the year when he plans to retire. We will be working with Rev. Bauman to help us move into a more sustainable financial plan by paying staff and guest clergy vs pastor salary. Barb Wells is willing to fill the pulpit once a month. This will be come a new model of worship with God at the center. Tiff stated that he and Lynn plan to stay members of our church.

**COMMUNICATION/ADMIN:** Kathleen will be taking time off in July/Aug. No office hours on June 12. Kathleen is working on the membership list put in google doc. A laptop may be provided during church for folks that would like help getting all their info into the document.

**MINISTRY ENGAGEMENT EDUCATION:** June 1 was the last day of Sunday school and Baccalaureate. Jill will take some time off this Aug. Yeti will be in church on Sundays to provide care for children during worship. Jill stated she will cut down to 5 hours a week during the summer months. Jill's classes are part of the conference lay academy/Damascus Project. She plans to continue with her lay ministry classes in the Fall called Faith Foundations. Confirmation will be scheduled for the Fall.

**TRUSTEES:** Things are going well. Next project will be getting the parking lot sealed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** We are taking money in and keeping up with bills.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The sorting project from the office is going great. Things will be shredded this month.

Respectfully,  
Mary Lou Behring