

# THE SANCTUARY

*An open and affirming church where God is still speaking.*

## MAY 2026: THE SPIRIT SENDS US OUT

*From Director of Ministry Jill Sanderson*

As we enter the season of Pentecost, we will spend the month exploring what it means to say that “the Spirit sends us out”. Not in a dramatic way, but in the small, real ways we live each day.

As the month unfolds, we will explore how the Spirit is not given to just a few, but is shared freely among all people, moving through community and growing as it is lived out in acts of love and connection. We will also return to the simple truth at the heart of creation: *this is good*. We will be invited to notice and participate in that goodness, trusting that even small acts of care can ripple outward.

Throughout this season, we will ask where the Spirit is already at work among us, and how we are being invited to step into it together.

## BEYOND THE SANCTUARY

*Ways We're Gathering*

✦ MONDAY

5.11

**Church Council Meeting**

7:00 PM

✦ SUNDAY

5.24

**Still Speaking Prayer Circle**

9:30 AM

✦ TUESDAY

5.26

**Spiritually Seeking Book Club**

6:00 PM

## AS ALWAYS...

Keep up with our news via our email announcements! If you do not receive our emails, please contact [officecucc@gmail.com](mailto:officecucc@gmail.com).

**As a reminder, nobody from our church will ever solicit money or gifts via email - if you receive a request that seems suspicious, please reach out to the office.**

## WORSHIP CALENDAR

*Sunday worship begins weekly at 10 AM. Childcare is available and Sunday School is in session weekly unless otherwise noted in the announcements.*

✦ MAY 3

**Reverend Barb Wells**

*Liturgist: Lynn Bates*

✦ MAY 10

**Reverend Kathleen Remund**

*Liturgist: Connie Wiersma*

✦ MAY 17

**Reverend Shelby Jeidy**

*Liturgist: Leia Maves*

✦ MAY 24

**Confirmation/Baccalaureate Sunday**

**Reverend Tiff Bates**

*Liturgist: Bavery/Thies*

✦ MAY 31

**Reverend Kathleen Remund**

*Liturgist: Reilly Family*

*Please note: Regular live-streaming of worship service has been postponed. Please contact Krista Kim if you or someone you know relies on the live stream.*

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

From Director of Ministry & Education Jill Sanderson

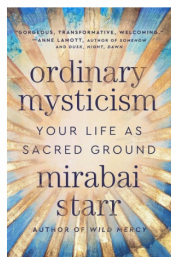
This month in Sunday School, we will be exploring how God's Spirit is with us and moves through us in our everyday lives. Through stories, creativity, and hands-on activities, kids will wonder how we find our way, how we care for our feelings and each other, and how love grows when it is shared.

We will practice noticing the small ways the Spirit shows up, in kindness, in creativity, and in connection. As we move through the season of Pentecost, we will remember that the Spirit is not just for a few, but for all of us, sending us out to share love and goodness wherever we go.

## SPIRITUALLY SEEKING BOOK CLUB

*Ordinary Mysticism by Mirabai Starr*

In *Ordinary Mysticism*, Mirabai Starr helps readers discover their own inner mystic and let go of the limiting belief that spiritual life exists only in traditional places of worship. Mysticism, she explains, is a direct experience of the sacred—no church or clergy required. Our everyday life can be an encounter with the sacred if we pay attention.



**"You do not need to trek to a remote shrine in the Himalayas, enroll in expensive seminars, or convert to a new religion to connect with spirit. Your life is holy ground. And you are a mystic."**

—MIRABAI STARR

TUESDAY, MAY 26 @ 6 PM

📍 **ECUCC Fellowship Hall**  
114 N. Henry St.  
Edgerton, WI 53534

*Spiritually Seeking Book Club is open to all. Childcare is available.  
For more information, contact Jill Sanderson.*

"BUT THE ADVOCATE,  
THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
WHOM THE FATHER  
WILL SEND IN MY  
NAME, WILL TEACH  
YOU ALL THINGS AND  
WILL REMIND YOU OF  
EVERYTHING I HAVE  
SAID TO YOU."

*-John 14:26*

## ✦ A CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

*A Note from Former Interim Pastor Rev. Tiff Bates*

Our congregation will be celebrating God's Holy Spirit coming to the first Christian community long ago and to our faith community today. To make the day even more special, Violet Trainor will be confirmed as a new member of the Edgerton Congregational UCC church. The book of Acts in chapter two tells the story of the Holy Spirit descending on the followers of Jesus as the sound of a rush of wind blew among them. It would be fair to say this was the true beginning of the church of Jesus Christ.

On May 24th, we will welcome a new member, Violet Trainor, to our faith community. Violet has attended several confirmation classes this past year led by Jill Sanderson and Tiff Bates. She has shone a deep appreciation for the love of God and teachings of Jesus. She will be sharing her faith statement and has helped to plan the whole service. After the worship service on May 24th, during fellowship time you will have a chance to welcome Violet as a new member of the congregation. Be on the lookout for a rush of wind and tongues of fire. The Spirit is alive in our congregation!!!

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## COMING UP:

### June Worship Leaders

7 - Rev. Barb Wells  
14 - Rev. Kathleen Remund  
21 - Rev. Kendell Nordstrom  
28 - Rev. Tiff Bates

### July Worship Leaders

5 - Rev. Barb Wells  
12 - Rev. Kathleen Remund  
19 - Music Sunday (lay-led)  
26 - TBD

## PRAYERS

*If you have a prayer request, you're invited to share it with us.*

Requests may be submitted via the church office, during Sunday worship, or a prayer request form located in the sanctuary.

Prayers can be included beyond our worship service in newsletters and announcements upon request so we can lift one another up in prayer as a faith community.

In the event of a need for urgent pastoral care, Moderator Krista Kim or the church office are equipped to facilitate communication with former Interim Pastor Tiff Bates.

*"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."*

-St. Augustine

*Thank you for reading! If you would like your newsletters delivered to your home address, please reach out to [officeecucc@gmail.com](mailto:officeecucc@gmail.com)*

## BIRTHDAYS

May 6 Luke Smerchek  
May 7 Tracy Tronnes  
May 12 Stephanie Wilson  
May 15 Joan Granger  
May 22 Leyla Ninmer  
May 23 Seth Wiersma

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Krista Kim  
Ministry/Education: Jill Sanderson  
Vice-Moderator/Treasurer: Tracy Tronnes  
Worship Life: Mary Lou Behring  
Trustees: Bruce Morris

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:  
Fridays from 11 AM to 1 PM

\*Please note: Our member and leadership contact information is kept private from documents viewable by the general public. If you are a member and would like to get in touch with a member of leadership, please contact the office.

