

May 2021 Branches

How God Created Mother

God took the fragrance of a flower,
The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea.

The beauty of the twilight hour,
The soul of a starry night,
The laughter of a rippling brook,
The grace of a bird in flight.

Then God fashioned from
these things,
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece
was through,
He called it simply - Mother.

Herbert Farnham

In-Person Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Currently One Service due to COVID-19

Find our recorded services on YouTube. Also check out our Facebook page.



First Congregational United Church of Christ

To Engage and Inspire All Generations to Connect with God through Love and Service

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[Spring and the Ascended Christ](#)

Spring's new buds in nature mirrors the growth in the Christian church. Once those who knew Jesus realized the power of His resurrection, they had power beyond what they could have imagined. Since that time, Jesus' resurrection is realized over and over throughout the centuries again by the followers of Jesus. We are the people of God for we are all created by God and restless until we rest with God. We who believe that Jesus was Son of Man and Son of God find deep meaning and comfort in Jesus who invites us to his comfort and rest. Matthew's Gospel, at 11:23, states Jesus' promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." We trust in Jesus who was like us in every way except that He was always striving to do the will of His Father, while we often fail, electing to do our own will. Jesus' will was to do the will of His Father. Jesus disclosed more of the mystery of God to us. The wonder of the resurrection is that people of all times and places have personally realized the miracle of Jesus' resurrection – and the power of God!

In the church's liturgy, as in our own lives, we begin with birth: in our life with our own birth, and in Jesus' birth celebrated at Christmas with the incarnation. In liturgy, as in our life, we continue with day to day life, as did Jesus for His thirty quiet work-filled life, as we live out our ministries. We, as Jesus did, minister to those we love, and even to those harder to love, for all are our neighbors. In life we suffer emotionally, physically, and search intellectually, and Jesus did. As we agonize in our anxieties and sufferings, Jesus remains with us, for our faith and hope is in and through Jesus. As we reflect on His resurrection we are reminded of His new life within us. The liturgy reminds us to hold onto the Resurrected and the Ascended Christ, who is the Head of His Body on this earth, the church. We, then, who are members of His Church, including this church, the First Church of Oconomowoc United Church of Christ, are all, in a mystical way, ascended with Christ. Can we easily grasp this? No, but we trust Jesus. The words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 11:25 bring us into humility, which is the simplicity of knowing that God is God, and we are not! "Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants.'"



Through faith we begin to understand God's plan. Therefore, we have worked through Lent into Easter, then into the time of Jesus' Ascension. Knowing that Jesus the Christ is the Head of His Church, we must continue to rely upon Him. Prayer is the key. Humility is the door. God is God, and we are not. What is Christ's will for each of us? Now, in Spring 2021? Forget Fall 2021 -- that is far off. What is Christ's will for you now? What are you called to do? What are you called to let go of? What simplicity are you summoned to? What new thoughts are beckoning to you? What new paradigms are inviting you? What fears are you being asked to discard? What is Jesus requesting of you? As Jesus said at verse 27, "All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." We must enter into the mind and heart of Jesus to seek to understand him, and then His Father.

Working within God's church can take us beyond what we can imagine. Why? Because it is His church. It is ours only because we join His church. God remains God; we remain who we are, but praying to be open to the Holy Spirit. My prayer for this church is that each of us, me included, be vulnerable to God's Spirit. And to let God take us where God wants us to go. Individually. And as church. Jesus tells us he is gentle. He will give us rest. Let us rest in Him.

-- Submitted for your Reflection by Pastor Barry

Pastoral Search Committee

As members of the Pastoral Search Committee, we want to express our gratitude for the trust you place in us. During the Church service on April 11, we were officially installed as a committee by Rev. Lorraine Cenicerros, Associate Conference Minister of Southeast Wisconsin for the UCC.

We have begun meeting on a regular and frequent basis to ensure we make steady progress. As you may be aware, we have been advised by the Conference that this process can take up to 18 months to complete. While this seems to be a lengthy time frame, we are committed to finding the best fit for our congregation in a timely manner without compromising our search for the best fit for our church. To track our progress throughout this process, we will be providing the congregation with approximately monthly updates during Sunday services, in Branches and email announcements and at Quarterly meetings.



PREPARING for the Search	DISCERNING through the Search	COMPLETING the Search
WHAT PROGRESS ARE WE MAKING IN THE TRANSITION TO A NEW PASTOR?		
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Additionally, the committee would like the congregation to know that there is a new bulletin board on a kiosk in Fellowship Hall. It includes a checklist of what the committee has completed and what's left to do going forward. There will also be a table that will include a comment card and drop box, as well as copies of any materials the committee sends to the congregation for completion. Feel free to utilize the comment cards for any comments, concerns, or to even request a meeting with a committee member.

In terms of progress so far, the committee has started putting together the Local Church Profile. Unfortunately, the profile put together 5 years ago doesn't fit the current guidelines, so this will require a good amount of time and effort to update. One necessary part of putting together the profile is information gathering on a variety of subjects. Some information will require opinions from the congregation. Survey Monkey will be used primarily for this, but there will also be hard copies of the surveys on the table by the drop box.

Finally, if any one has any extra concerns that do not fit on the survey, or if interested in a personal meeting/phone call, please contact the committee's co-chairs Deb Bursinger (bursinger@gmail.com or 262-490-7902) or Jill Riemann (jillr480@gmail.com or 262-719-3823) at any time.

We are grateful we will continue to have guidance from our Conference and Rev. Cenicerros during this time. We profoundly trust that God will guide our candidates and the members of our Committee. We ask that you pray for us regularly. We are blessed with a wonderful church community. With hard work and God's guidance, we will be blessed with a wonderful pastor to guide us as we minister in the name of Jesus Christ.



Your Pastoral Search Committee:

Deb Bursinger (*Co-Chair*), Jack Buss, Toni Guyton,
 Stephanie Hogan, Andy Meckl (*Chaplain*), Jill Riemann (*Co-Chair*),
 Caty Schmitt, (*Secretary*), Tim Schuyler, Fred Steinke and Michael Stevens

**Join us after the Sunday, May 2nd Worship service at 10a.m.
 for our first a Pastoral Search Committee Q & A session**

The Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) invites all members of the congregation to attend a Q & A session immediately following the worship service on May 2, 2021 in the sanctuary. PSC members will provide an update on their progress and answer questions about their work. If you cannot attend the session, there are multiple ways that church members can communicate with the PSC. A comment/question box will be in fellowship hall near the poster that outlines the committee's progress. Regular updates will be provided by the PSC via emails, announcements at worship and in the Branches. The PSC also intends to hold quarterly Q & A sessions. In addition, church members can

Youth News

Join us for In Person VBS at Compassion Camp!



This world and community could use a little more compassion. Join us as we explore what it means to have compassion for ourselves, others, and the world **every fourth Sunday in June, July and August from 4 - 6 p.m.** This is open to all children 3 years old through 4th grade.

There will be exciting lessons as we explore different ways of having compassion and engage in interactive games and fun activities on the church grounds. There is **NO** cost for participants. Spread the word and invite all your friends and family. If you're interested, please [click here](#) to register today!

Compassion Camp isn't just for 4th graders and younger! Volunteers are also needed and will be reminded of ways to share more compassion to others and yourself. Youth 5th grade and older are more than welcome to join and help during Compassion Camp. Of course, we will also need plenty of adults. Sometimes looking through the lens of a child/youth will open our eyes to see so much more.

If you or your youth is interested in volunteering for any of the sessions, please contact Amy Drewa at amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org.

Sunday School News

I can't believe that we are entering into our final month of this year's Sunday School. It has been another interesting yet wonderful year! Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we continued to navigate through these interesting months. It was an honor that you brought me into your homes via zoom so we could continue Sunday School lessons.

Being back to in person Sunday school has been such a delight! Listening and watching the kids interact face to face and exploring their faith has been heartwarming. We are thrilled to conclude this Sunday School year in person!!

This past year we have been exploring our faith through a variety of bible stories and discussion. During the month of May our 3-year old's through sixth graders will engage in the parable of the Sower. Together we will see how this parable still speaks to us today and how we can spread the word of God. We will also find ways of how we can continue to care for our spiritual seeds through games and other activities.

Our middle and high school youth will be exploring their faith through current events as well as strengthen their relationships with God and their church family. There will be group discussions and time for self-reflection. We look forward to seeing you!

Again, thank you for your support and participation in our children and youth's Christian Ed. I look forward to seeing you throughout summer in church, VBS, and/or the mission trip. As always if you have any questions or need anything please don't hesitate to reach out.

God's Blessings,
Amy

Confirmation



Our 2021 Confirmands have taken the next step in their faith journey. They were able to put into words their thoughts and beliefs of their faith right now. Each of them worked very hard and are very excited to share their individual faith statements with their families on May 22 and a combined faith statement with all of you on May 23. Mark your calendars to join us on May 23 at 9 a.m. for this special service and to witness these wonderful young adults reaffirm their baptismal vows through the Rite of Confirmation. We hope you will be able to join us to show your Christian love and support.

College and High School Graduates

In honor of all our graduates, college and high school we want to recognize you on your accomplishment! Join us on June 13 during the 9 a.m. service as we recognize you. Please let the office know your/their name, where you/they are graduating from, your/their future plans and if you will be attending the service on June 13.



Congratulations, we can't wait to recognize you!!!

HAWSO WISH LIST
Humane Animal Welfare Society

- Dogs / Puppies**
 - Soft dog treats - Zuke's, etc.
 - Kong toys - Medium, Large
 - Nyla Bones
 - Arlo cameras
 - Ziplock bags - snack size
 - Pill Pockets
 - Hair dryers
- Cats / Kittens**
 - Heating pads (*without* auto shut off)
 - Snuggle Safe microwaveable heating pad ([link to purchase thru Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))
 - Dry kitten food
 - Grain-free canned food
 - Cat toys (*glitter balls and plush balls*)
 - Scratching posts: *preferred type at <https://www.stretchandscratch.com>*
- Spay/Neuter Clinic**
 - Ultra-fine Expo Dry Erase markers
- Small Animal Ward**
 - Grass hay: Timothy/Orchard/Meadow
 - Carefresh, Yesterday's News bedding
 - Aspen bedding or kiln-dried pine (*no regular pine or cedar bedding, please!*)
 - Woodstove pellets
 - Oxbow brand foods: Bunny Basics T, Regal Rat, Cavy Cuisine, Hamster/Gerbil
 - Rat/Mouse solid block food
 - Wood House Timber Hideaway or Woodland Getaways - medium & large
 - Fresh green leafy veggies:

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 262-542-8851 | hawspets.org

Youth Group Activity

Our youth came together in April to organize an Animal Shelter Drive. This was very near and dear to many of our youth. Please consider donating some items to their drive. You can drop off your items in the bins near the main church entrance as well as the office by May 16.



This month we will all come together to spread our Christian love to our church grounds. Join us on **May 16 at 11 a.m.** to help with the **Church Ground Spring Clean Up!** Last summer our youth mission team assisted with projects and cleaned up the church grounds. They took so much pride in what they all were able to do and wanted to do it again. So please join us for as long as you are able. This is a fun and great way to give back to our church and build relationships with your church family.

If you are able to attend please respond to Amy at amydrewa@conomowocucc.org.

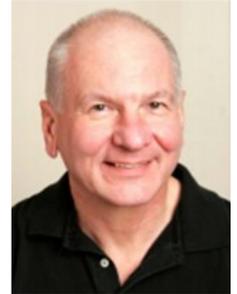


A Presentation on the Birth and Death of a Church Sunday May 16, 2021

The event will be facilitated by Pastor Barry on Sunday May 16, 2021. Churches are founded and often die - but there are churches that hang on - and churches that flourish. First Congregational UCC Church is in the midst of seeking a new full-time settled minister, and this means the winds of change are blowing. In this relatively brief presentation, we can lay a foundation on the birth, regeneration, or death of a church. We certainly cannot explore every reason, but can lay the groundwork why a congregation, an organization, and even a marriage fails. It will start about 10 minutes after the 9 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall and will end promptly 50 minutes later. Pastor Barry first gave this presentation at a local minister's meeting, then was invited to present it at a regional meeting, then at a national convocation in Michigan. All members and guests are welcome; there is no need to sign up.

Pastor Barry's First Informal Meet and Chat

There will be two Meet & Chat sessions on Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 4:00pm and 5:30pm. This is a chance for casual conversation about the sermon topics for the prior Sundays or a Bible passage the attendees may wish to talk about - or even current news. To assure there are enough chairs, please call the office to state you will be attending. [The next 'Meet and Chat' day will be Wednesday June 2, 2021 - time to be announced.]



Communion Flowers

Now that we are back in church, we invite you to sign up to provide flowers for the communion table in celebration or in memory of a special event or just because. Please contact Judy Schuyler at 262-567-2948 or on the sign-up sheet which is on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

Joys and Concerns

As a church family we want to hear your joys and concerns. We can lift you up in prayer. Please submit all joys and concerns to the church office at uccoffice@oconomowocucc.org by noon the Thursday before the Sunday you want it shared with Pastor. Barry and the liturgist to read during worship on Sunday.

Outdoor Worship June 27, July 25, and August 22



This summer we will again be offering outdoor evening worships in our pavilion.

The 2021 dates for outdoor worship are June 27, July 25, and August 22. Each worship will begin at 5:45 p.m. with some gathering music and the service beginning at 6 p.m. So, bring your family, blankets or lawn chairs and a picnic dinner to enjoy while you engage in worship surrounded in God's glorious creation!

Church Grounds Spring Clean-Up Day! Sunday, May 16, at 11 a.m.

You're invited to join us **Sunday, May 16**, at 11 a.m. as we gather to work on some easy spring clean-up projects around our amazing church grounds. There are plenty of projects for all ages. Please bring along work gloves, rakes and any other favorite garden tool you have. This is a great way to give back for all to work together.



Please reply to Amy Drewa @ amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org if you plan to attend.

Mission & Outreach

Singing Collection *"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need" Hebrews 13:16*



Every time we worship, loose coins in the offering are donated to a Mission Partner. Because the coins in the metal plates make a "joyful noise," we call this our Singing Collection.

For the month of March, all singing collection donations were given to Lake Area Club, an organization that "provides a place to meet and socialize for persons affected by, and interested in the arrestment the disease of alcoholism or other addictive dependencies."

To find out more about the Lake Area Club, check out their website: <https://www.lakeareaclub.com>

Thank you to all who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. \$3,575 was collected! Since 2002, \$106,031.55 has been donated by our church to this offering. That's incredible!

May's Singing Collection will be given to Church World Service (CWS). CWS is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. CWS's work began in 1946, in the aftermath of World War II, with a mission to feed the hungry and help those in need. The United Church of Christ has worked with CWS to accomplish more together than it could alone, joining hearts and resources to create a tradition of a legacy of hope. Today, the Covid pandemic is taking a toll on our world unlike anything we have seen in generations. More and more of our neighbors are now facing hunger and extreme poverty. Through the CWS Programs (blanket program, hygiene kits, emergency clean up buckets and CROP walk, to name a few) people are building the resilience to face the pandemics toll.

To make a financial contribution online you can use our QR code (square, blue image)

- First, open your iPhone camera or Android QR Code reader on your phone.
- Hold your device over the QR Code making it visible within your smartphone's screen.
- Select "open link" to be directed to our online giving.



3rd Thursday of the Month
@ 1pm & 7pm

May	June	July
AMERICAN DIRT JEANINE CUMMINS	Elin Hilderbrand 28 Summers	A GENTLEMAN IN MOCCOA ANOR TOWLES

BOOK Club

Questions: Contact Jean Vercauteren
 via email jeanvercauteren@yahoo.com

An Apology *from Luke Edgewood*

I would like to take a moment to say how sorry I am to have gone well beyond the amount of rehearsal time Karl and I had agreed to on the morning of Easter Sunday.

I owe a sincere apology to Karl, all of the Chancel Choir members, and all of the Handbell ringers who had to cut their rehearsal time short because I went well beyond the agreed amount of time for the Praise Team to rehearse. Karl's teams most likely didn't feel as confident or ready for the service as they were entitled to be and if I was in their shoes I would have been upset as well. There was no excuse for this and it will never happen again.

Volunteer & Donation Sign-up



4th ANNUAL BALD EAGLE CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 19, 2021



Our 4th Annual Bald Eagle Car Show in memory of Rich Behling is fast approaching! This show is a way to honor the legacy he left for the youth he mentored, and for the church he so loved to serve. All proceeds will fund Youth Mission Trips. It will take many helpers to ensure a successful event. Individuals are needed to assist with preparations in advance, to volunteer and fill the numerous areas at the show and to contribute items for our Raffles, Food Tent, and Door Prizes for Car Owners. There are opportunities for each and every one to participate in this fundraiser event. Please read the list below and volunteer for the interests and availability.

You are welcome to sign-up for as many as you like using SignUp Genius or this form.

If you have any questions, please call or text Rochelle Behling at 262-352-0736 (cell)

ASSIST WITH PREPARATION IN ADVANCE

- Distribute posters & flyers to advertise
- Take a Yard Sign to put in your yard
- Donate (only for the day) a 10' x 10' pop-up
- Solicit business donations for goody-bag items to be given to car/bike exhibitors

VOLUNTEER AT CHURCH SATURDAY OF CAR SHOW (2-3 hr shifts)

- Greet vehicle exhibitors and assist with parking (Starting at 9 am)
- Set up tents, tables, & chairs (7 am)
- Sell T-shirts
- Sell raffle tickets
- Manage free-will offering baskets
- Grill in Food Tent
- Serve in Food Tent
- Cashier in Food Tent
- Work with Clean-up crew (2 pm)

PREFERRED TIMES TO VOLUNTEER DURING CAR SHOW

- 7 AM - 9 AM (set-up)
- 9 AM - 11 AM
- 11 AM - 1 PM
- 1 - 3 PM
- 2 - 4 PM (Clean-up)

PROVIDE ITEMS FOR CAR SHOW

- Donate beverages for Food Tent
- Bake items to sell in Food Tent
- Donate door prizes for car/bike exhibitors
- Donate raffle items or baskets

Please complete the form, checking all areas where you are willing to serve. Place completed form in the basket in Fellowship Hall. You will be contacted to finalize your scheduling. Thank you for volunteering to help with making the Car Show a BIG SUCCESS.

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

[CLICK HERE](#) for the electronic link

Rain
or Shine

4th Annual Bald Eagle Car Show



Saturday, June 19, 2021

10 am - 2 pm

First Congregational UCC Grounds
815 S. Concord Rd, Oconomowoc

9 am cars & bikes arrive

Food • Beer • Music • Raffles



Fundraiser for
Youth Mission Trips
in memory of
Rich Behling
"The Bald Eagle"

Bikers
Welcome





PREREGISTER BY June 7, 2021 TO GUARANTEE A DASH PLAQUE

Registration: <https://forms.gle/z2yVtNChEmcNeXRT7>

CONTACT: Andy Meckl 262-720-1876
EMAIL TO: TheMeckls@gmail.com



Event Sponsors







4th Annual

Bald Eagle Car Show

This event is in memory of Rich Behling aka "The Bald Eagle" by the high school students.

Rich was passionate about having fun, fellowship, and learning while serving those in need.

As many of you know, this idea came to fruition during the 2017 Canada youth mission trip.

Rich and Easton Meckl shared a loved for classic cars and thought this would be an awesome youth mission fundraising event.

Rich said, "Let's make this happen", so Easton and I have made it happen and continue to do so along with Easton's dad Andy, Meckl, Amy Drewa (Director of Youth Education), Rachel Zastrow (daughter of Rich), Rebecca Krueger (daughter of Rich), Mick & Pam VanEvery (friends of Rich), and Rick Pinsh (friend of Rich).

Blessings,

Rochelle Behling

Guarantee a Dash Plaque, preregister by June 7th
(CLICK HERE)

Food Pantry Sunday is May 2



Donations are delivered to Oconomowoc Food Pantry, a non-profit organization run by volunteers with no paid staff. They don't receive government subsidies. 100% of your donations go to servicing those in need.

Please be sure all perishable donations are within use dates and have not expired.

Stewardship Ministry



Why give to the church? Last week the Stewardship Ministry and members of the Leadership Team met with Rev. Andrew Warner, Wisconsin Conference Director of Development to discuss how to re-invent the way we, as the local church, should address our giving of time and money. We began that discussion with a simple question; "Why is UCC-Oconomowoc relevant or significant to the wider community?" I thought you would like to see what your fellow church members thought:

- We are a mixed church that welcomes those from diverse religious backgrounds (*Protestant vs. Catholic - Traditionalist vs. Contemporary*).
- We are the conscious of Oconomowoc with our members providing key leadership throughout the city.
- We are a welcoming church that nurtures spiritual relationships through outreach programs.
- We excel at youth programming and provide transitional opportunities as members' age.
- We engage both members and non-members in a multi-generational format.
- We foster spiritual commitment.
- We provide healthy life experiences for youth and foster connections throughout the congregation.

Why give to the church? There are 7 compelling reasons right there.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Mol, Chair, Stewardship Ministry



Family Promise continues to assist homeless children and their families in our community during the pandemic. Instead of using churches in a rotational model, Family Promise leases an apartment to shelter families.

Family Promise assists in the prevention of homelessness through its Homelessness Prevention Initiative. Instead of providing meals and shelter, host and support churches are providing donations of needed items to families.

Please consider donating items in the sign-up or other items. ([Click here](#))

Donations can be dropped off at the church office or in the bin outside the church office door.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Bursinger or Cindy Meckl.





Hearts & Hands Preschool



For more information: e-mail: preschool@oconomowocucc.org

NOW accepting registrations for Fall 2021 classes.

Try out our 3D Virtual Tour! [Click here:](#)



To schedule a private tour, contact Cindy Meckl
262-567-2558 or themeckls@gmail.com.

Know of someone who has a child
aged 2.5 - 4 years old?
Let them know we have a class for them!

August Friday Fun Class God is My Universe

Registration is now open for our August class
which runs from 9-11 am on all of the Friday's in
August (6,13,20, & 27th).

All children ages 2.5-4 years old are invited to join
us. Cost is \$100/child. On-line registration form is
available ([click here](#))



Preschool has a Facebook Page! <https://www.facebook.com/heartsandhandsoconomowoc>

Also, check out our website: heartsandhandspreschool.org



Our dads joined us once again this year for Donuts
with Dads! The weather was a bit cold, but the donuts
and hot cocoa kept us all warm!

Here is the donut recipe! Kids love to bake and these
are super easy and oh, so delicious!



- Can of biscuit dough
(e.g. Pillsbury Grand biscuits)
- Melted Butter
- Cinnamon / sugar

Line baking sheet with parchment paper
(it makes clean up SO MUCH easier).

Preheat oven to 350.

Cut biscuit in half and roll each half into a ball.
Flatten the balls. Poke a hole in the middle to look like a donut.
Drop into the melted butter and then the cinnamon/sugar mixture.
Put on pan leaving a bit of space in between each.
Bake 12-15 minutes or until lightly golden brown.
(Best eaten while still a bit warm.)

Here's an easy way to help the preschool: Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram. Then, comment and share our posts!



Upcoming Events:

- May 2** **Worship with Holy Communion**
- May 9** **Mother's Day**
- May 13** **Ascension Day**
- May 16** **Youth Group Gathering**
- May 20** **Book Club**
- May 22** **Confirmation Dinner**
- May 23** **Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday and Last Day of Sunday School;**
- May 30** **Summer Worship Schedule Starts**
- May 31** **Memorial Day, office closed**

HVAC Fundraiser

- New Furnace & A/C Installed & Working*
- In 2 Weeks we are at 50% of Goal !*
- The Invoice is due, lets finish this up....*
- Your tax-deductible donations, big & small, will be greatly appreciated*

Any questions, please contact a member of Leadership

Please consider investing in our church home

Branches Info:

Please submit info, articles and events to:

Jennifer Arnold @ Jennifer@oconomowocucc.org

<u>Edition Month</u>	<u>Submit Date</u>	<u>Distribute Date</u>
June/July	May 17	May 28
August	July 12	July 30
September	Aug 16	Aug 27
October	Sept 13	Sept 24
November	Oct 18	Oct 29
Dec/Jan	Nov 15	Nov 25 (due to Thanksgiving)



Staying Connected ...

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