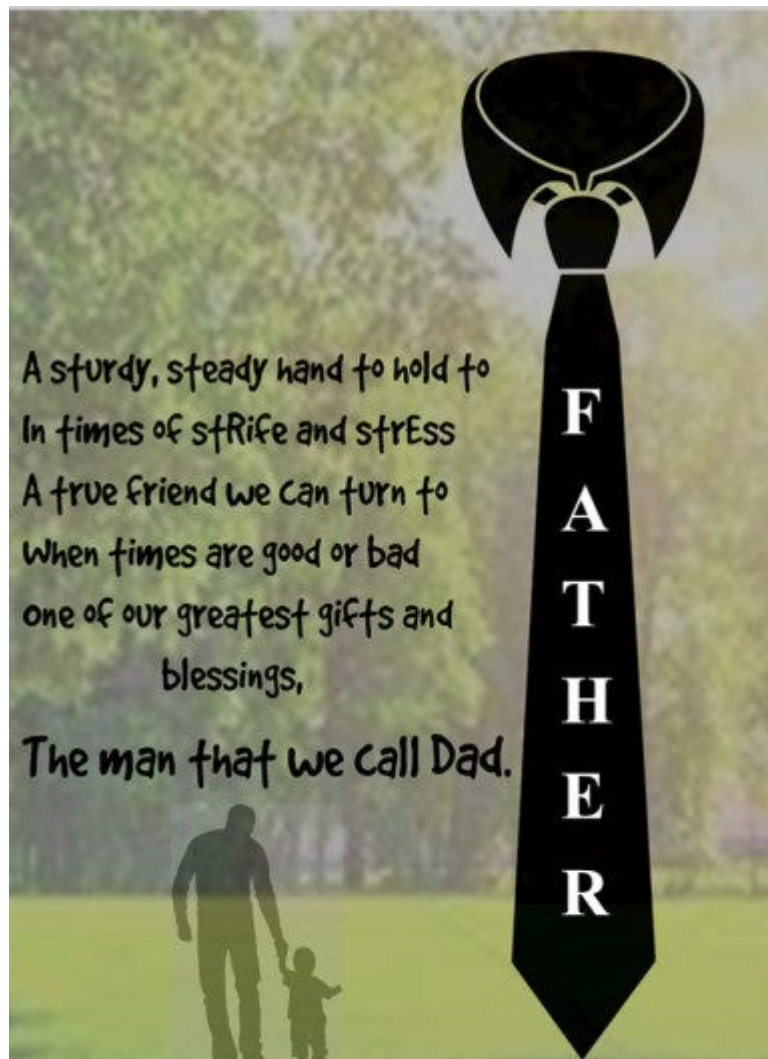


June / July 2023 Branches Newsletter



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Pastoral Ponderings . . .

Wiggle Room

During a trip to Russia my wife and I spent nearly a week in Moscow. On the eve of the next to our last full day we met up with an Orthodox Priest, Fr. Nikoli, who was the friend of a friend. Fr. Nikoli offered to come pick us up to be our tour guide for the day. He asked what we'd like to see. I told him that we'd already toured the Kremlin, the Church of the Master, and the Tretyakov Gallery. We had seen Moscow, but felt we hadn't seen Russia.

The next morning, he arrived at the door of our hotel and took us about 60 kilometers east of Moscow where he was serving a church. The church building's construction was nearly complete. Inside was full of scaffolding and he offered me the opportunity to climb up to see the frescoes that were being painted on the ceiling. They were magnificent. After the tour of the church, his mother met us outside. That morning she had hand shoveled through 300 yards of snow that was three feet deep to create a path from the church building to their house. She arrived pulling a sled behind her. The sled was for our 23-month-old son, Daniel. She bundled him up with blankets and secured him on the sled. Then she led us to their house where she was preparing a feast for us to eat.

While lunch was being cooked, Fr. Nikoli and I had a long conversation about the empty farms we passed along the way. He told me that no one was working those farms any longer because, with the fall of the Soviet Union, the state was no longer employing people to do so. I never imagined that I would ever have a conversation about the benefits of communism, and yet there we were. With the arrival of Capitalism, people were now unemployed. Their jobs may not have paid much, but they had a reason to get up in the morning, labor that helped them rest at night, and enough money to provide a simple life for their families. He wasn't trying to convert me to communism, (I wasn't), just to show me that it wasn't all bad.

In his book, *Travel as a Political Act: How to Leave Your Baggage Behind*, Rick Steves writes, "Travel challenges truths that we were raised thinking were self-evident and God given. Leaving home, we learn other people find different truths to be 'self-evident.' We realize it just makes sense to give everyone a little 'wiggle room.'"

It seems to me that wherever we may travel this summer, across the country, around the world, or through the garden gate, giving everyone "a little wiggle room" is a good idea. It's also a great model for a life of faith. When we're open and honest with one another, we will discover that we don't all believe the same things. Yet, "a little wiggle room" for differing views can help us all grow in faith as individuals and stronger as a community.

May it be so,

Pastor Bob

Sponsors for New Members Needed

Please contact Linda Davis at pldavis.pd@gmail.com or call 207-995-9186 if you are interested in sponsoring a new member family following their joining our church family. If you or a family member are interested in learning more about becoming a member of our Church, please contact Linda Davis at the above email address or phone number.

Moderator Musings

This month's "musings" will discuss our congregation's next step in improved communications while we prepare for Pastor Matt's start on July 1. As many of you are aware, Pastor Bob has been having a series of "Cottage Conversations" designed to get members together in small groups and explore what they love about being church. The next step, after beginning these initial conversations, is to learn how to continue to communicate in a positive manner while dealing with conflict. On Wednesday, June 21st at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall Leadership Team will be hosting a workshop entitled, "Communicating through Conflict". The discussion will be led by two members of the Wisconsin Conference Conflict Resolution Team. They will define conflict and then give us communication tools to work through conflict in a positive manner. Please mark down the June 21st on your calendar and plan to attend. I believe you will find it time well spent.

Chris Mol, Moderator, First Congregational UCC of Oconomowoc

P.S. Thanks to all who attended our Spring Congregational Meeting on May 7. Thanks to those leaders who gave reports on what their ministries or committees are up to. I tried very hard to keep the meeting under one hour but there is just so much great work that is being done that I just couldn't do it. I guess that is a good problem.

Welcome New Members... Welcome New Confirmands...

The month of May has been a busy month of Welcoming new members into our church family!



Grace Saxe Emily Welnak, Cathy Flesher joined our Church as new members on May 15, 2023.

We are pleased you have chosen to make First Congregational UCC your church home and to join this church family.

Please look for their pictures and biographies on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall which are coming soon.



Congratulations to this amazing group of young adults on their Confirmation!

On Sunday, May 21, they led us in a very special worship, professed their faith through their joint faith statement and reaffirmed their baptismal vows through the Rite of Confirmation.

May God continue to bless you on your faith journey!

Let's work together to provide an extravagant welcome to Pastor Matt and his wife, Sue!

Pastor Matt will be arriving on July 1. We're considering it a "slow opening", so to speak, because the first two weekends of July are often filled with vacations and family commitments. We will have his actual Welcome Weekend later in the month on July 16th. Stay tuned for more on this, but plan to stay after church for an enhanced fellowship time.

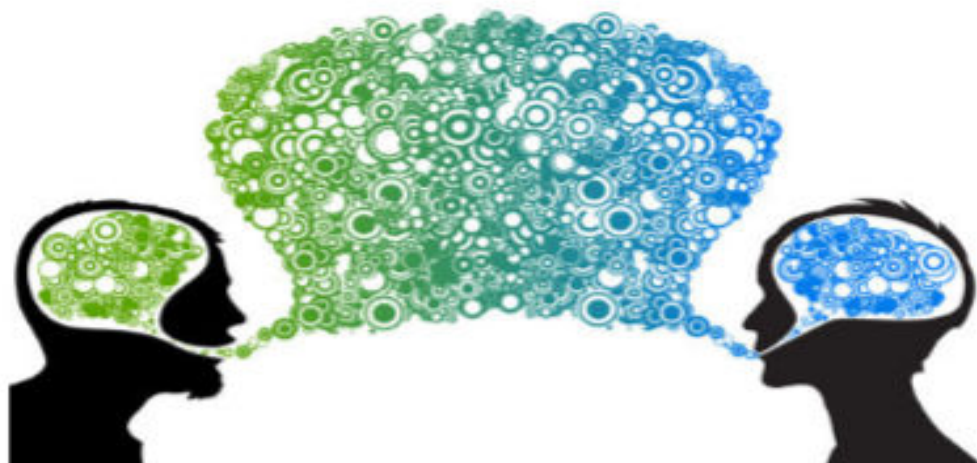
We are creating a "These are a few of our FAVORITE things" gift basket to present to him on Sunday, July 2 so even though we may have a smaller number of congregants in the pews, he and his wife will know how happy we are to welcome them to our church and community.

If you would like to donate something you love that's from Wisconsin or Oconomowoc, or anything you can't imagine living without in your home, since they are relocating, please contact Deb Bursinger or Jill Riemann. They will be making sure we don't have duplicate items. For example, a gift card to the Kiltie is already taken! You can also include a personal note from you if you'd like. Just have fun with it!

Items can be dropped off in the church office. **Deadline for donations is June 25.**

Additionally, please remember that Pastor Matt and his wife will be new to the community. If there are activities this summer outside of church you can include them in, that would be much appreciated.

Deb Bursinger 262-490-7902, bursinger@gmail.com Jill Riemann 262-719-3823, jillr480@gmail.com



Communicating through Conflict

Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall

Whether at home, work, play, or in the church, conflict is not only inevitable, but it can also be helpful. The key is understanding conflict and acquiring communication tools that can help work through disagreements in a positive manner. Join us for a 90-minute workshop, **Communicating through Conflict**, led by members of the Wisconsin Conference UCC Conflict Transformation Team. While not required, prior registration is appreciated. Please sign up on the Narthex Table, or by contacting the office.

The Leadership Team looks forward to participating in this important conversation with you.

Join us for a **MOVIE** under the Stars!

FRIDAY, JULY 28
AT 8:45 PM

Bring your own comfortable seating and bug spray too.
The movie will be shown in the upper parking lot .
There will be a concession stand with popcorn
and treats. But feel free to bring your own.

[Click here](#) to vote for which movie we should play!



Youth News!

Come “splash” into volunteering!!!

Come “splash” into the Water and the Word with our children 4th grade and younger! We are in need of volunteers to soak us with God’s word and love during our one-day VBS. Youth 5th grade and older are more than welcome to join and help but we will also need plenty of adults. We are looking for:

- “Cannonball” leader’s to lead splashers in our craft, music and game activities.
- “Lifeguards” who will lead the different age groups from activity to activity.
- “Snack Bar Chef” who will prepare and serve our lunch.



If you or your youth is interested in volunteering please contact Amy Drewa at amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org

Mission Trip

Please keep our 2023 Summer Youth Mission Team in your prayers as they travel to Fort Myers, Florida July 9-14.

During their time there they will be the hands and feet of Jesus doing small work projects, building relationships, and spreading Christian love to those they encounter.

Mark your calendars for August 13 for Mission Sunday to hear about their experiences. Thank you to everyone who has supported this group with prayers, monetary donations and participation in our fundraisers. If it wasn’t for all of you this trip wouldn’t be possible!

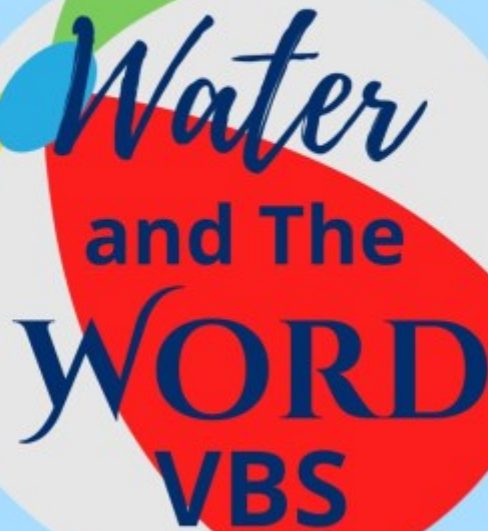


College and High School Graduates



Join us on **June 11** as we celebrate and recognize our 2023 graduates! We are very proud and excited to honor our high school and college graduates during the 9:30 a.m. worship.

If you are or have a graduate (high school or college) please email a picture of you/them, where you/they are graduating from (high school or college) and what their future plans are to Amy Drewa amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org by **June 6**.

The logo features a beach ball with segments in green, yellow, and red. The word "Water" is written in a blue script font across the green and yellow segments. The words "and The" are in a smaller blue sans-serif font on the red segment. The words "WORD" and "VBS" are in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font, also on the red segment. The background is light blue with stylized water splashes and droplets.

Water and The WORD VBS

**at First Congregational UCC
August 13 from 11am-2pm**

Join us as we splash into God's word!

We will explore different biblical stories about water and engage in some **FUN** water activities. Lunch and snacks will also be provided. All children three years old through 4th grade are invited to join us! Come, join us and be prepared to get soaked as you splash in God's word during this **FUN** one day VBS.

This is a **FREE** event as we believe everyone should have the opportunity to splash in God's Word!

To register go to: <https://forms.gle/BihtDPHyZ99SDtgq6>
or scan the QR code.

Contact Amy Drewa at amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org
with any questions.



FRUITS OF OUR LABOR GARDEN

Each month from 5:30-7:30 pm we will be offering a session for all ages, 3 years old and older to work together, build community and learn how to garden. Let us join our fruits of our labor to help sustain and support one another! Come to one session or all three.

June 28 | Seeds, Seeds and More Seeds!

We will read about seeds to discover how magical they truly are, touch/hold many different kinds and sizes of seeds, find seeds inside edible suitcases (called "fruit") and then we'll eat the suitcases! We will even inspect a tiny plant inside a sprouting seed. Finally, we'll plant seeds to take home to grow.

July 26 | Possibilities

When it comes to a garden the possibilities are endless. But where do you begin? Join us as we explore the different plants in our garden like tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, and more. We will plant some additional plants and one to take home. We will also be on the lookout for some visitors who enjoy our garden!

August 23 | Ohhh Sweet Rewards

There are all types of rewards and when it comes to a garden rewards are endless! Join us as we harvest the fruits of our labor and create a meal and snack with the items grown in our garden. We will also explore the rewards that can come from composting.

To Register go to: <https://forms.gle/8hondeEXyi4z9qBf7>
or scan the QR code



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June 4 October 1
 July 2 November 5
 August 6 December 3
 September 3

Food Pantry Sundays - First Sunday of Every Month (but welcome anytime)

On the first Sunday of every month, you are invited to bring items for the Food pantry and put them in the baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary. These donations are delivered to the Oconomowoc Food Pantry during the week.

Items that the Food Pantry accepts are:

Non-perishables: food items, Baby items - diapers, wipes, baby food, formula;

Personal hygiene items: soap, shampoo, tampons, sanitary pads, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, toilet paper.

Did you know ?

- Non-profit organization,
- Run by volunteers - no paid staff
- Receives no government subsidies
- 100% of your donations go to servicing those in need.

Please be sure before you donate that all perishable items are within their use dates and have not expired.

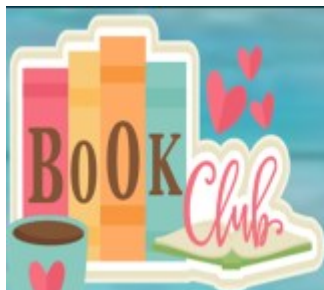
RAISE RIGHT (aka Scrip)

We have a small, but very dedicated group of volunteers who take care of selling the Scrip gift cards on Sunday mornings. It would be great to add some additional volunteers to this group. If you are interested but have never sold Scrip, please contact Cheryl Hoff clhoff4721@gmail.com 262.567.7471. If you have prior experience, you may sign up at the Scrip table on any Sunday morning. Thank you in advance and Thanks to everyone who supports this program either by selling or by buying! All profit goes to the youth fund.

Pull Tabs KEEP 'EM COMING

Wow! A big THANK YOU to all of you who donate your pop top tabs (tabs from soda, beer, soup etc.) Last week I was able to drop off approximately **12 pounds** of them at the Ronald McDonald House in Wauwatosa. That is a lot of tabs and our donations are really appreciated by RMHC (Ronald McDonald House Charities).

- Cheryl Hoff



Book Club— 3rd Thursday each month

Our next meeting is June 15, 2023

ALL ARE WELCOME Join any discussion

1pm in-person or to Zoom,
 please contact Jean Vercauteren 920-366-0053 or jeanvercauteren@yahoo.com.



June 15 Lucy by the Sea by Elizabeth Strout
is a NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

From Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Strout comes a poignant, pitch-perfect novel about a divorced couple stuck together during lockdown—and the love, loss, despair, and hope that animate us even as the world seems to be falling apart.

Rain
or Shine

6th Annual Bald Eagle Car Show

Saturday, June 17, 2023

10 am - 2 pm

First Congregational UCC Grounds

9 am cars & bikes arrive

Food • Beer • Music • Raffles



**Bikers
Welcome**



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



Event Sponsors



6th Annual Car Show . . .

Do you have a car you want to show off? Please bring it out and join all the car enthusiasts on our beautiful grounds! [Registration info here](#). This event is in memory of Rich Behling aka "The Bald Eagle" otherwise known as 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 his dad, Andy Meckl, Amy Drewa (Director of Youth Education), Rachel Zastrow (daughter of Rich), Rebecca Krueger (daughter of Rich), Mick & Pam Van Every (friends of Rich), and Jason Rheineck (church member). If you are interested in learning more how you can assist with the car show, contact Rochelle Behling at rochelle.behling@gmail.com

Thank you for donating your time, raffle and/or food tent items to support our youth mission experiences for high school students for years to come. This event is in memory of Rich Behling aka "The Bald Eagle" otherwise known as by the high school students. Rich was passionate about having fun, fellowship, and learning while serving those in need. [Sign-up Genius](#)

If you are interested in learning more how you can assist with the car show, contact Rochelle Behling at rochelle.behling@gmail.com

Community Garden celebrating our 12th summer

The Garden is Open and Welcomes New Gardeners!

There are a few garden plot vacancies
For new gardeners, its on a first come, first serve basis.

Ten-foot square plots are available for \$25.00 each.

Water, access to a Garden Shed, Basic Tools, Marsh Hay, and Optional Roto-Tilling are included in the price. Gardeners are asked to practice organic methods without use of insecticides, herbicides or pesticides. In addition to growing fresh vegetables, Community Gardening offers opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and and meet new friends! !!

To find out more, contact Tom or Shirley Depies at 262-567-7254 or email tvdepies@charter.net.

Music Program Recognition June 4th

Spirituality Ministry is planning our church's first annual Music Program Recognition Sunday which will be June 4th. Here at First Congregational UCC we are very fortunate to have such an extensive music program. There are churches in our area that have very limited music programs -- some have small choirs that are only active around the holidays, some have only an accompanist for hymns on Sundays. Our music program is designed around the talents of our active members -- so instead of being based on a particular style, it's based on who we are. It's an authentic reflection of our church family and we want to recognize and celebrate everyone who participates.

Please plan on being with us to honor our dedicated musicians on June 4th.



Mission & Outreach

Singing Collection



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

June's Singing Collection is Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world.

Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

They rely on equipment, supplies, and financial donations from various organizations, along with household, furniture, and other personal donations to their Restores. The profits from the Restores supplement the other expenses needed to execute on their vision. You would be amazed what you can find if doing any home projects to support your efforts!

We have been partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Washington & Dodge Counties. This past winter and spring we've been working on two houses in Juneau hanging drywall, mudding, and sanding. We're looking forward to painting, installing trim, doors, floors, and cabinets. No skill or experience is needed when volunteering with Habitat. They provide all the knowledge, training, equipment, and supplies; all you have to bring is your water, lunch money or pack a lunch! The tasks they offer are based on your skill, interest, and willingness to learn. We tend to book the third Saturday of the month. They will be finished with the Juneau houses late spring and planning to start breaking ground on a West Bend house this summer. Come join us this fall in West Bend to get your hands dirty or financially support their vision during our June singing collection!



July's Singing Collection is for Lake Country Cabs

A BIG Thank You to all the Sewers — Susan Steffens

A big THANK YOU to all the sewers, cutters, and ironers who worked on book bags for BOOK AHEAD!

With the help of crafty church members (bottom of next page), the organization was able to fill 1,500 bags with 3 books each for Head Start kids in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

We will continue to make bags for next year.

Future sewing days will be scheduled at church, most likely in the fall. In the meantime, feel free to sew at home.

Check out the Facebook page at abookahead.org. For more information, contact Susan Steffens at steffens054@gmail.com.





The New Family Promise Shelter is now OPEN! Looking for Volunteers

June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, September 26th & October 24th from 5-8 pm

This is a great opportunity for volunteers to once again interact with the families. Since it has been such a long time since we have hosted families in our churches, ALL must be retrained in order to help with this new program. Below is what is required to complete the training process.

Step 1: Complete online training

Online training includes two sessions with modules, which can be done at your own pace. Volunteer 101 is about 15 minutes and covers overview info about Family Promise. Volunteer 102 takes about 75 minutes and goes into more detail about working with families experiencing homelessness. These sessions need to be completed before attending the in-person training. This is for everyone regardless if they have gone through training before.

[Begin here: ONLINE TRAINING](#)

Step 2: Participate in an in-person training. <https://www.familypromisewaukeshawi.org> for dates and times

Step 3: Complete a background check

More information for the volunteer training process:

- All volunteers over the age of 16 must be fully trained
- Two online sessions are required as well as one in person
- Link to the online sessions: <https://family-promise.coassemble.com/unlock/fD6QseW>
- Link to sign up for an in person session: Volunteers cannot attend an in person session until both online ones are complete. If they sign up before completing both they will receive an email from me letting them know they need to complete the online trainings first <https://calendly.com/fpvolunteer/in-person-volunteer-training-session?month=2023-04>
- Complete the background check form sent to them via email

For more information about this new program, see their website <https://www.familypromisewaukeshawi.org>

OR contact Cindy Meckl (thameckls@gmail.com or 262-567-2558) or Deb Bursinger (bursinger@gmail.com or 262-790-7902).



On May 4 in Fellowship Hall some crafty woman assisted in making the book bags and ironing them for BOOK AHEAD. Pictured showing off their skills, left, Barb Moeller, Bonnie Laugerman and Connie Laufenberg. Susan Steffens and Jean Vercauteren, in the foreground (right) are finishing up a colorful book bag. A colorful sampling of the bok bags made and donated (far right photo).



Rummage Sale – Thank you

A HUGE thank you

to all of the church members and church friends who helped with this year's Spring Rummage Sale.

Our joint efforts raised over \$18,000!

Impressive what we can accomplish as a team.

There are so many benefits from this sale. We provide an easy place for items to be donated year-round. We have volunteers who will pick up these items from folks who cannot get them to church themselves. We offer items that have been donated to people in need throughout the year. In addition, the fellowship we receive by working together is very rewarding! There are so many interesting and wonderful people who belong to our church. The sale gives us a reason to work together for the betterment of our church community.

This year we were able to donate clothing and bikes to the local Bethany Recovery Center. Bethany helps women struggling with drug or alcohol abuse or addiction. When the women arrive there, they often have very little. The bikes help them have transportation to get to and from work as they start to rebuild their lives.

We gave many pairs of shoes to Soles for Jesus and provided non-saleable linens as stuffing for sleeping bags for the homeless. We continued our long tradition of providing clothing to New Hope church in Milwaukee. New Hope gives clothing to those in need.

Please mark your calendars for the Fall Rummage Sale on November 4, with large church set ups after church on October 22 and 29. Items can be dropped off in the unfinished space any time after June 1 for the fall sale.

As you find items to donate, please use this rule of thumb. If you wouldn't give it to a family member, it most likely will not be purchased at the sale. Below is a list of the items we can't accept because they typically don't sell and then it takes time, energy and sometimes cash to dispose of them:

- TVs
- TV hutches or large TV stands
- Built in furniture
- Beds
- Pianos
- Tires
- Paint or other similar products
- Any opened products
- Undergarments

We appreciate you finding other ways to dispose of these items.

Please see the list of over 160 volunteers (at right). If I missed you, I greatly apologize. We especially thank the crew who organizes the rummage as it comes in throughout the year and the room ambassadors. We could not pull this off without you!

All my best, Jill Riemann

Rummage Sale 2023 Volunteer list

Joyce Anderson	Kathy Frey*	Julie McIntosh	Kristi Staus*
Jennifer Arnold*	Russ Frey*	Rosemary McMickle*	Connor Steckbauer
Jeremy Arnold	Bob Frick	Andy Meckl**	Emily Steckbauer**
Stacey Basile	Carolyn Frick	Cindy Meckl**	Wes Steckbauer
Rochelle Behling**	John Gibes	Sandy Meyer**	Rich Steffens
Barb Bjur	Deb Groskopf	Barb Moeller**	Susan Steffens*
Barb Bleecker*	Dave Gruss*	George Moeller*	Fred Steinke*
Amy Bobrowitz	Faith Gruss	Chris Mol	Katie Stevens*
Elaine Bobrowitz	Matthew Gruss	Dan Moldenhauer	Anne Stoltz
Mari Bobrowitz	Karen Haag (Kohls)	Evan Moldenhauer	Beth Stone**
Randy Bourdo*	Stefan Hauge*	Sara Moldenhauer	Tom Stone**
Sally Burdick	Kim Herro	Will Moldenhauer	Barb Swanson
Deb Bursinger*	Mike Herro	Morgan Neuberger (SLI)	Steve Torretta
William Buss	Cheryl Hoff	Lia Nicholson	Josie Tylicki
Carolyn Crom**	Jim Hogan	Ruth Northrup*	Mary Tylicki
Llyod Crom*	Maggie Hollis*	Bob Northrup	Brooklyn Vanden Boom
Lloyd Crom Jr.	Lois Jackson*	Richard Perschon*	Mick VanEvery*
Jenny Czerniak (friend of congregation)*	Robin Jens	Rich Perschon*	Pam VanEvery**
Pat Czerniak (friend of congregation)*	Sharon Jesse*	Susan Perschon	Heidi Van Kempen
Brett Dailey*	Bob Johnson	Gary Phillips	Lu Ann Van Kempen
Kit Dailey**	Graysen Juckem	Briannah Rhadans	Victoria Vasquez
Reegan Dailey*	Mona Kane-Blaney*	Jill Riemann**	Jean Vercauteren
Ronan Dailey*	Mickey Kellner*	Brad Riemann**	Dorothy Verhein
Ryan Dailey*	Rob Kellner*	Joan Robbins	Jenny Wallace*
Sam D'Amore	Dean Koenigs	Aari Roberts	Ella Wallace*
Emma Darnell	Peg Koenigs	Jean Rosch	Sue Weber*
Janine Davis	Jen Kollath	Jeff Ruhnke*	Emily Welnak
Linda Davis*	Gabriel Langer	Laura Ruhnke*	Glenn Welnak
Johnny Dempsey	Luke Langer	Barb Rux	Kathi Welnak
Pat Dempsey	Terry Langer	Kenzie Sarver	Willow Welnak
Rania Dempsey**	Sophia Leinen	Alyssa Schuyler	Anya Williamson
Adam Drewa	Eamon Lindemann	Deb Schuyler**	Dan Wiley**
Amy Drewa*	Bryce Lau	Tim Schuyler*	Marty Wiley**
Brayden Drewa	Karen Lau**	Tracie Sella-Kuehl	Arthur Womer*
Evelyn Drewa	Ken Lau	Rebecca Seymour	Susan Womer*
Grace Drewa	Connie Laufenberg**	Karen Short*	Jim Zajac*
Alicia Drahonovsky	Izzie Laufenberg	Emma Sonnenberg	Sue Zajac*
Jake Drahonovsky	Leah Laufenberg	Andrew Sorum	Krissy Zimmer
Dave Evans**	Bonnie Laugerman	Heather Sorum	
Pat Evans**	Madison Lewandowski	Alex Splinter (friend of congregation)*	

PLUS:

- 15 students and staff from the 18-21 year old transition program at OHS
- 2 students in the High School Option 2 Program

*Went ABOVE AND BEYOND

**ROOM AMBASSADOR

First Congregational UCC of Oconomowoc

invites you to join us at the

2023 Annual Golf Outing

to benefit the ministry and mission of First Congregational UCC

Monday, August 14, 2023

Where:

Oconomowoc Golf Club
5621 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Check-In, Warm-Up, Box Lunch:

10:00-12:00 pm

Shotgun Start:

12:00 pm

Dinner:

6:00 pm

Entry Includes:

18 holes of golf on a private Donald Ross course
Practice range and green available before your round
Lunch and beverages
Golf Contests
Dinner
Silent Auction; Raffles Prizes and Live Auction
FELLOWSHIP

All are Welcome to join in the fun!

Invite family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to play.
No matter your group size or skill, we will match you up.

To register, visit us on our [website](#)

[Click Here](#) to print and fill out registration form

Or to use the Google form sign up [CLICK HERE](#)

Volunteer Assignments

If you are unable to fulfill your assignment, please swap with someone and let the appropriate person know of the change.
THANK YOU.

Spirituality (Sign-Up Genius)													Welcoming - Barb Rux			Raise Right	
Contact:	Judy Schuyler	Deb	Kristi//	Deb Graskopf		Deb Bursinger		Barb Rux			Cheryl Hoff						
	Flowers	Wake Up Church	Prepare Communi	Liturgist	Usher	Run Slides	Sound Booth	Lock up	Greeter	Welcome Ctr	Fellowship	aka Scrip					
May 28	Pastor Bob Gross Summer Begins !	M Kelher	M Kelher	P M cCollum	C Crom & D Lupton	S P Perschon	T Schuyler		Cummings-Brown	K Wehnak	T & D Schuyler	P Van Every	Memorial Day				
June 4	M Kelher - In loving memory of past choir	M Kelher	M Kelher	S P Perschon		M Rheineck			J Evans	L Van Dam	K & D Caudill	P. Witkowski	Music Appreciation				
June 11	P McCollum			M Rheineck					B Marvin	S Zajac	Education Ministry M Rheineck (in honor of	S. Perschon	Graduation Sunday				
June 18	B Laugerman - Father's Day in memory of George Laugerman and Shane Laugerman and honor of Ryan Laugerman			M Wiley		S Perschon			L Jackson	C Laufenberg	B & G Moeller		Father's Day				
ALSO JUNE 18																	
FLOWERS:																	
Jo & Pet Debbink celebrating their 72 wedding anniversary																	
June 25	Barb Marvin In Memory of Dave Marvin			P M cCollum					D & M Lupton	B Johnson	S & J Zajac		Last Worship for Pastor Bob				
July 2									J Vercauteren	J Rosch	B Rux& F Steinke		Hymn Sing Pastor Matt 1st Sunday				
July 9									M & D Wiley	G Phillips	P & M Van Every						
July 16									D & S Moldenhauer	C & L Crom	M & D Wiley		Pastor Matt & Famy Welcome Event				
July 23						S Perschon			J Rosch	H & F Ziegenhagen	C & A Meckl						
July 30									C Mulder	K Lau	C Laufenberg & L Jackson		Hymn Sing & Outdoor				
Aug 6	Linda Davis - in memory of Megan Scheehy								K & D Caudill	K Staus	C & L Crom						
Aug 13									P & M Van Every	B Stone	C Mulder & J Rosch						
Aug 20	Lois - in memory of Bill Jackson								R Bourdo	S Steffens	K & R Frey						
Aug 27									C Hoff	M & D Wiley	P & D Evans		Hymn Sing & Outdoor				
Sept 3													sa43:AA77ign up thru today				



Fellowship Hour Barb Rux
 Selling Scrip Cheryl Hoff

Worship Service Areas:

Audio Visual Rochelle Behling & Deb Bursinger
 Musicians Karl Kay
 Ushers Deb Groskopf
 Liturgist Mickie Kellner

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GIVE A HAND WHERE YOU CAN!

Audio Visual Volunteers Needed



- Running slides is easy
- You will get training.
- For more info, contact Rochelle Behling or Deb Bursinger

Need volunteer hours ? Use this activity for credit



Recent Request:
30 prayer shawls

Patterns, instruction & guidance given.

Big shawls or lap shawls

Use any color combinations of yarn

Anne Stolz
262.443.0395

Do you know how to knit or crochet ?



Church Landscaping Upkeep Seeking help

There is some work to be done around our church to get it looking its best for summer! Here are 2 areas:

Playground upkeep: Someone to trim (weed whack) the playground. This would take about an hour. If this could be done monthly through the growing season, that would be helpful.

Planting Beds: Join us **Thursday, June 1st at 8:30am** to weed, cut down, and possibly even mulch some of the planting beds around the church. Bring your gardening tools if you have them.

For more information,
contact Cindy Meckl 262-567-2558

Faith & Fellowship



Join us for Fellowship

COFFEE

Christ Offers Forgiveness
For Everyone Everywhere

**Church Office will be closed in observance
of Memorial Day, Monday, May 29**



HEARTS & HANDS

Celebrating ALL of God's Children

See our website www.heartsandhandspreschool.org for more information.

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

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

Join us at Kid's Fest

Tuesday, August 8th from 9-1 pm.
We sponsor the event annually and it is such a fun time:)

Thank-you

Thanks Brian Hahn for trimming the preschool playground!!

Thanks Sandy Meyer for volunteering in our classroom every Wednesday! The kids love having you and so do we!!

Fall 2023 Classes

We still have a few spots available for fall!
We have classes for kids ages 25 months - 4 years old!
See our website for details.



A collage of some of the pictures our kids drew of their moms for Mother's Day :).

Now registering for Fall!

Class Offerings 2023-2024

2 1/2 -Year Old Preschool Class

- Tuesdays AND/OR Thursdays 9:00—11:00am
- At least 2 1/2 years to start class
- Maximum teacher: student ratio 1:8

3-Year Old Preschool Class

- M/W 9:00—11:30 OR T/TH 9:00-11:30 OR
- M/W/F 9:00—11:30 OR T/TH/F 9:00-11:30
- At least 3 years old on Sept. 1, 2020
- Maximum teacher: student ratio 1:10

4-Year Old Preschool Class

- M/W/F 9:00—11:30
- At least 4 years old on Sept. 1, 2020
- Maximum teacher: student ratio 1:10



Some flowers that our kids planted in the playground!! A frog we found on the playground that the kids named "jumpy" ;)

Upcoming Events

May 28	Pentecost & Strengthen the Church Offering
June 4	Music Program Recognition Sunday (with Holy Communion)
June 11	Graduation Sunday
June 17	6 th Annual Car Show (10 am - 2 pm)
June 18	Father's Day
June 21	Communication Worship on Conflict (6:30 - 8:30pm)
June 25	Pastor Bob's Final Worship Service with us
June 28	Fruits of Our Labor Garden (5:30 - 7:30pm)
June 29	Pastor Bob's Last day in Church Office
July 2	Pastor Matt's First Sunday; Hymn Sing (with Holy Communion)
July 16	Welcome Pastor Matt & Family
July 26	Fruits of Our Labor Garden (5:30 - 7:30pm)
July 30	Hymn Sing (9:30am) and Outdoor Evening Worship Service
August 13	Vacation Bible School "VBS" (11am - 2pm)
August 14	Golf Outing at Oconomowoc Golf Club
August 23	Fruits of Our Labor Garden (5:30 - 7:30pm)
August 27	Hymn Sing (9:30am) and Outdoor Evening Worship Service
September 10	Rally Sunday

Weekly Meetings

Mondays	Oconomowoc Community Choir – Weekly Rehearsals (6:46 – 8:45pm)
Tuesdays	A.A. Meetings (10-11:30am)
Wednesdays	Wednesday Morning Men's Breakfast (8-9:30am @ Shorehaven) Women's Bible Study (1-2:30pm; Music Room) A.A. Meetings (7-9pm) HandBells Rehearsal (6-7:30pm) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (7:30 - 9pm)
Thursdays	Book Club (3rd 1-2pm monthly)

Staying Connected ...



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