



MAY 2025

Branches Newsletter



Join us for Worship Sundays at 9:30AM

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with God through love and service.

Newsletter Highlights

Spring Congregational
Meeting

Mental Health Month

Teacher Appreciation
Sunday

Vacation Bible School

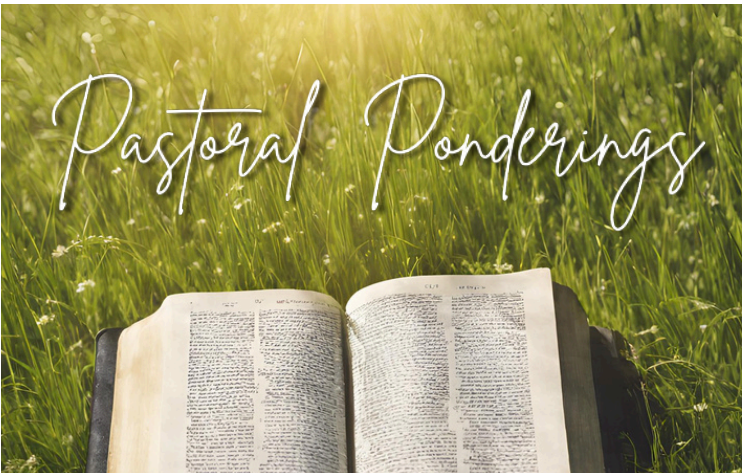
Soles for Jesus

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by Pastor Matt

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month in the United States. These 31 days are dedicated to raising awareness about mental health, reducing stigma around mental health issues, and strengthening access to care and support for persons who live with mental health challenges. A group has formed in our church, the WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Team, to help us focus our thoughtful, prayerful attention on becoming a more mental-health-aware church. Our goal is to create a more welcoming and understanding environment for persons working through mental health challenges.

Across our culture the number of people living with mental health concerns is growing – not just because in 2025 we do a better job of tracking such things, but in real terms. The ways we live, enmeshed in our personal technology, narrow political silos, with fewer people involved in group things from dancing to curling to Rotary to churches to the Masonic order, and less time spent in physical work outdoors, increasing consumption of ultra processed foods – all these and more have a real effect on our overall health, including our mental health.

It is very much the role of the church, not only to provide information about Jesus to inquiring people, to offer the public worship of God, to educate people on the central things of Christian belief, and to take up service work outside the congregation in Christ's name.

It is also the role of the church to follow Jesus, to be guided by the Holy Spirit in arranging its common life to reflect the Jesus we meet in all four gospels. We do this by leaning into his way of meeting people where they are, as they are, and responding to them with respect and grace. The ways Jesus encountered the shamed and the hurting and the sick give us clues to the ways we should be in the community. The WISE approach gives us a structure to meet people where they are, with a Christlike focus and intentionality. If we are to faithfully engage, inspire, and connect with the people in our midst, in Jesus' name, this framework moves us in the right direction.

On the last Sunday in April our WISE Team hosted an after worship Self-Care event with four rotational offerings – chair yoga, zentangle, healthy foods, and meditation. It was a great success! Check out the article in this newsletter about the other things they are up to this month!

Bible Study – Intro to The Revelation

Mondays, May 5, 12, 19

The Revelation to John is a vexing, obsession-sparking, and truly fascinating piece of 1st century writing that attracts both curious readers and passionate theorists. It was written for the purpose of strengthening the faith of people in seven churches spread across Asia Minor (mostly modern-day Turkey), in a time when the emperor was quietly blessing local harassment of non-compliant religious groups. We think the Revelation was written at the time of the emperor Domitian, sometime between 90 AD and 95 AD. These three sessions will explore the wider context for The Revelation, and the overall sweep of its message for its original hearers.

Moderator Musings



It Takes a Village

Once again I was amazed and humbled by the number of volunteers who came out last month for our spring rummage sale. According to Pastor Matt the whole day flowed seamlessly and clean up was completed by 4PM. Much of this is due to Jill Riemann but kudos must also go out to the many volunteers who make this event such a success.

At the same time we had others working on Holy Week preparations, Bible study going on, building maintenance, and a myriad of other activities that show that our church is alive and vibrant.

Thank you all for the work, either visible or invisible, that goes into keeping our church a going concern. Truly God's mission is alive and well at First Congregational UCC.

Yours in Christ,

Chris Mol

Moderator, First Congregational UCC

Welcoming Ministry

The Welcoming Ministry is all about encouraging Christian fellowship and hospitality among members, friends, and guests of the church. Duties include encouraging members to invite others, and finding members to be Greeters, Hosts for the Welcoming Center and Fellowship hour. The Welcoming Ministry oversees the activities of the Caring Connection and Membership Committees.

Welcoming Ministry members are here to assist you in signing up in person or on Signup Genius for Greeting, Welcome Center and Hosting Fellowship hour. Members who have signed up to host these areas will be reminded via email. Simple instructions for each area are provided by clicking the button below the reminder and are also available in print for each station.

Members hosting Fellowship hour provide their food of choice, be it sweets, fruits or vegetables. Besides coffee and water, apple juice is provided and found in the refrigerator. Serving platters, bowls and utensils are located in the kitchen and should be washed before and after use.

If you like to bake but find it difficult to serve during Fellowship hour alternative arrangements can be made by contacting **Barb Bleecker** at **(262)-269-5663** (talk or text). Monetary donations may also be made toward future Fellowships that can be served by the Welcoming Ministry members.

Welcoming Ministry members are always available to assist as needed especially for those unfamiliar with the responsibilities of each of these duties.



All are invited to have lunch and socialize at Rockwell's Restaurant (Shorehaven north Campus)
The 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each Month
Menu Options are \$15 each

Tuesday, May 13

(RSVP to Sue Zajac by Monday 5/5)

Cranberry Turkey Melt, on grilled Sourdough bread with Cheddar cheese and cranberry, served with fresh fruit and an apple crisp bar.

Chicken Cobb Salad, with chopped greens, egg, avocado, tomato, chicken, cheese and bacon, with Cucumber Ranch dressing and an apple crisp bar.

Tuesday, May 27

(RSVP to Sue Zajac by Monday 5/19)

Crispy Chicken Wrap, with fried chicken strips, lettuce, tomato, onion, bacon and Ranch dressing, served with fresh fruit and a chocolate chip cookie.

Shrimp Caesar Salad, with chopped Romaine lettuce, tomatoes, parmesan cheese, croutons, Caesar dressing, sautéed shrimp, and a chocolate chip cookie.

Reserve your spot for a good time!

See Sue Zajac during Fellowship or call/text her at 414-698-3575. At each meal your cash will be collected by Sue Zajac (or designee) in order to make one payment for the group. Sorry no checks or credit cards—CASH ONLY.



A New Member informational meeting for prospective members and others interested in learning more about our church will take place on **Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30PM** in the church office conference room with the Membership Committee. Please let Pastor Matt know that you will be attending.

On **May 18th** New Member Sunday will be held during which time those interested in becoming members of our church family will be warmly welcomed into our membership. *Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in attending the May 14th meeting and/or in becoming a member.*

Mission and 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.

May's Singing Collection

Soles for Jesus

SHOES. They are a basic luxury that we take for granted every day as we choose our favorite pair from our closet floor. Many of us are unaware that millions of people across our globe live barefoot lives.

Soles for Jesus (based in Milwaukee) is an organization that provides gently used and new shoes to the people in Africa who desperately need them. Those who receive shoes also hear the message of Jesus and are given personal copies of the Gospel Message written in their own language.

During the month of May, we will be participating in a Shoe Drive to collect shoes for those in need. We have collection boxes upstairs by the entrance to the church and one by the church office.



This is our 5th year of participation which has raised approximately 1260 pair of shoes and \$1342.00.

Our Singing Collection for May will raise funds for shipment of the shoes to Africa.

So.. clean out your closets (unless you already have for the Rummage Sale), ask neighbors, friends and family to participate in this very easy but worthwhile mission.



May 4 & June 1

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

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.

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



May is Mental Health Month: Let's Talk, Learn, and Support One Another

This annual observance is dedicated to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and encouraging conversations about mental well-being. It's a month to honor the strength it takes to seek help, to support those who are struggling, and to celebrate the journey of healing and recovery.

Each week, we'll spotlight a different age group, exploring key mental health challenges, treatment options, and valuable resources. Special subgroups will also be featured to spark conversation and deepen our understanding of conditions and concerns across the lifespan.

May 4 – Children | Special Focus: Autism Spectrum Disorders

Addressing early intervention and the importance of developmental support.

May 11 – Adults (Mother's Day) | Special Focus: Postpartum Depression

Honoring mothers by shedding light on the emotional struggles some may face during and after pregnancy.

May 18 – Adolescents | Special Focus: LGBTQ+ Youth

Supporting teens navigating acceptance and mental wellness.

May 25 – Seniors (Memorial Day Weekend) | Special Focus: Veterans

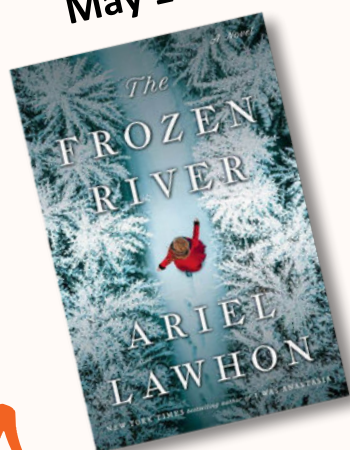
Acknowledging the mental health needs of older adults, highlighting those who have served our country.

Whether you're navigating these experiences yourself or supporting a loved one, we hope you'll find encouragement, resources, and community throughout the month. Be sure to visit our display in Fellowship Hall for additional information and helpful resources related to these topics. Together, let's build a culture of compassion, understanding, and healing.





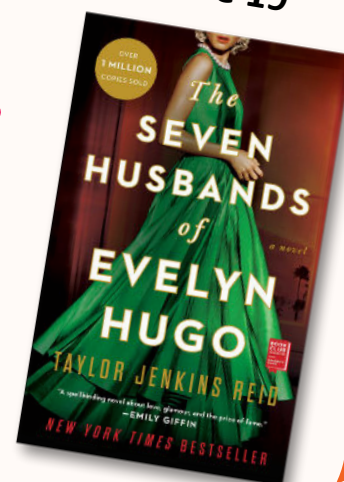
May 15



COME AND JOIN US AT OUR

BOOK CLUB

June 19



Socialize and form friendships by joining us for an immersive experience at Book Club. Book Club gives you a chance to get to know people you may never have had contact with otherwise! We enjoy reading and respectfully discussing a broad range of viewpoints as we seek to grow in our understanding of our Lord and one another. Join us to gain knowledge, creativity and community. Everyone in the Book Club gets a chance to pick a future book of the month. Come help us discover something new!

Join us at 1:00PM in person or Zoom next month. If you prefer Zoom please contact Jean Vercauteren for details.

All are welcome to join for any book and discussion.





THANK YOU! Rummage Sale

The sale was a big success thanks to the efforts of over 160 people who are listed below. This group effort allowed us to have an amazing day and make over \$17,000. We've never had a larger group of shoppers at any of our previous sales. It was a warm, sunny day that brought out many who were in the mood to shop!

Highlights -

- Dan Moldenhauer, Russ Fry, Mick Van Every, and Lois Jackson were instrumental in helping us update our old sandwich board signs. They look great!
- The Crom family made multiple trips into Milwaukee to pick up many tools, etc. that were donated from their friends who were closing down their business.
- Natalie Gruentzel, Carolyn Crom and Sarah Williamsburg went above and beyond in promoting the event.
- Brenda and Katrina Seroka made 10 lbs of sloppy joes and Jason Rheineck made 14 lbs of pulled pork. This was twice as much meat as usual. The mission trip group sold all of it and doubled their sales from the fall rummage!
- We had a shopper who came late, so she missed shopping, but she stayed and cleaned up! This may be the most AMAZING thing I have ever seen at any of our sales.
- I'm sure I've missed many stories, so if you have one to tell, please send them to Natalie and she will include them in a weekly church email.

Moving forward -

- If you lent us a table, please pick it up in the hallway downstairs by the Sunday School.
- If you have anything metal you're disposing of, consider dropping it off in the unfinished space in the next two weeks with a note on it that says Metal Recycling. Rob Kellner recycles metal for us and the proceeds come back to the church.
- You can drop off items for the Fall Sale beginning May 1. Please put them on the tables inside the Unfinished Space, so our amazing group of volunteers (Katie, Karen, Lynn, Mickey and Rob) can pre-sort them.
- When dropping off items, please make sure they are saleable. That means they are clean, tear free, unopened, etc. There is also a list of items we do not take that is on the following page. We very much appreciate you taking a peek at the list before bringing items over.
- It's not too early to remind your friends and family that when they're spring cleaning we'll take items they're ready to donate. If you can, offer to pick up their donations. Many people are happy to help us out.
- If you have larger items you need picked up, send a photo of them to Jill at 262-719-3823 and she'll work to get a crew over to pick them up.

Mark your calendars! We will begin setting up for the Fall Sale on Sunday, November 2. The sale will be Saturday, November 15.

Thanks to all of you for making the spring rummage a HUGE success and wonderful way to spend time together and build memories as a church family!

Jill Riemann, Rummage Chair

RUMMAGE SALE Spring 2025 VOLUNTEER LIST

Aliyah (shopper who helped clean up!)

Brian Albert

Laurie Albert

Stacey Basile

Rochelle Behling**

Dave Berg

Barb Bleecker***

Sally Bott (Rich Perschon's sister)

Randy Bourdo***

Della Brown (student helper)

Deb Bursinger**

Leah Ciriacks

Gabby Cohen (student helper)

Augie Crom

Carolyn Crom**

Charlie Crom

Llyod Crom***

Llyod Crom Jr

Jenny Czerniak (friend of congregation)***

Pat Czerniak (friend of congregation)***

Brett Dailey***

Kit Dailey**

Reegan Dailey**

Ronan Dailey***

Ryan Dailey***

Johnny Dempsey

Rania Dempsey**

Pat Dempsey

Amy Drewa***

Evelyn Drewa

Grace Drewa

Vera Dixon (student helper)

Pat Evans**

Kathy Frey***

Russ Frey***

Bob Frick***

Carolyn Frick

Jane Evans

John Evans

Faith Gruss***

Natalie Gruentzel***

Amy Hayes***

Kim Herro

Mike Herro

Chuck Higbee

Kristina Higbee

Mike Higbee

Venn Holman (church visitor)

Dennis Irvine (St. Vinnys contact)

Lois Jackson***

Jodie Jens**

Robin Jens**

Bob Johnson***

Rimona Johnson (student)

Mickey Kellner***

Rob Kellaer***

Erica Kiser***

Karen Klug***

Nick Klug

Mark Klug***

Dean Koenigs (friend of congregation)***

Peg Koenigs (friend of congregation)***

Jen Kollath

Alex Kozinski (grandson of Fred)

John Kyle

Kris Kyle

Bryce Lau***

Karen Lau**

Ken Lau***

Connie Laufenberg**

Evie Laufenberg

Isabelle Laufenberg

Leah Laufenberg

Lydia Laufenberg

Elaine Ludwig***

Rachel Luedtke (student helper)

Don McCollum

Peg McCollum

Rosemary McMickle***

Andy Meckl**

Cindy Meckl**

Addy Miller (cousin of Willow)

Barb Moeller**

George Moeller***

Debbie Mol

Chris Mol

Dan Moldenhauer***

Evan Moldenhauer

Sara Moldenhauer

Will Moldenhauer

Addison Muehlenberg (student helper)

Sophia Nemoir (student helper)

Ruth Northrup

Rich Perschon***

Susan Perschon

Lexi Printz

Vince Pusateri

Jackson Rheineck

Jason Rheineck***

Melissa Rheineck

William Rheineck

Jill Riemann*****

Brad Riemann***

Howie Riemann***

Paige Riemann***

Aari Roberts

Jean Rosch

Daphne Roy (daughter of Evans')

Matt Schneider-Adams

Sue Schneider-Adams

Girma Schrank (Anne Stolz' grandson)

Deb Schuyler**

Tim Schuyler***

Brenda Seroka***

Katrina Seroka***

Karen Short***

Katherine Skumatz

Joyce Stearns

Brynn Steckbauer

Connor Steckbauer

Emily Steckbauer**

Jered Steckbauer

Wesley Steckbauer

Rich Steffens***

Susan Steffens**

Fred Steinke***

Katie Stevens***

Molly Steidl (student helper)

Anne Stoltz**

Beth Stone**

Tom Stone**

Barb Swanson

Steve Torretta***

Mick VanEvery***

Pam VanEvery**

Sue Weber***

Kathi Welnak***

Emily Welnak**

Willow Welnak**

Becky Wilde**

Bill Wilde**

Dan Wiley***

Marty Wiley**

Valerie Jane Williams

Sarah Williams-Berg

Gary Witkowski***

Kelly Witkowski

Pat Witkowski***

Art Worner (Jill's dad)***

Sue Worner (Jill's mom)***

Jim Zajac***

Sue Zajac***

Krissy Zimmer

Steve Zimmer

Lynn Zwaska***

Plus 10 students in the High School Option 2 Program

**ROOM AMBASSADOR
***Went ABOVE AND BEYOND

HUGE SHOUTOUT

Jill Riemann

In the last 22 years with Jill Reiman as the rummage chair, we have raised over a quarter of a million!



Rummage Sale



Items we do not accept:

Aerosol Cans

Fuel

Motor Oil

Asphalt

Gas Tanks

Oil

Bed Pillows

Hazardous Waste

Paint

Batteries

Mattresses

Tires

Concrete

Most Appliances

TVs

Personal Items (e.g., shampoo, lotion),
Medical Items and Cleaning Products
that are opened.

Thank You



FRUITS



of the Spirit



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

for children 3 years old -4th grade

July 8-10

1PM - 4PM

[Click here](#)



to register or scan
the QR code



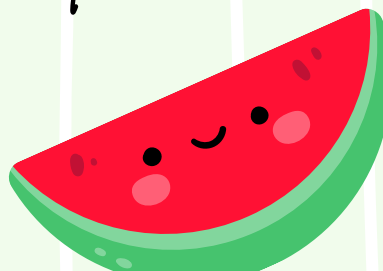
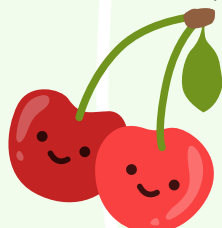
Let us grow together with the Fruits of the Spirit through fun games, engaging activities, craft projects, music, worship, and snacks! Together we will grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control and learn how to share it with others!

SO.....

*Come and see
where God's Fruit Grows!*

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END OF LIFE A CONVERSATION

JUNE 12, 2025 AT 11:15AM

IN THE MUSIC ROOM
SPONSORED BY THE LEGACY COMMITTEE

Our guest D.J. Palmiter, a specialist from Pagenkopf Funeral Home, will be sharing information important to all of us regardless of our age or life circumstances. We will also hear from Pastor Matt and others during this hour session.

Lunch and casual conversation will follow. Please join the Legacy Committee as sponsor of this very special, informative and timely session.



Rain
or Shine

8th Annual Bald Eagle Car Show

Saturday, June 14, 2025

10 am - 2 pm

First Congregational UCC Grounds

9 am cars & bikes arrive

Food • Beer • Music • Raffles



Bikers Welcome



**GUARANTEE A DASH PLAQUE
PREREGISTER BY June 7, 2025**

CONTACT: Andy Meckl 262-720-1876

EMAIL TO: TheMeckls@gmail.com

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Rich Behling
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First Congregational UCC of Oconomowoc

invites you to join us at the

2025 Annual Golf Outing

to benefit the ministry and mission of First Congregational UCC

Monday, August 11, 2025

Where:

Oconomowoc Golf Club
5621 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Check-In, Warm-Up, Box Lunch:

10:00-11:30 am

Shotgun Start:

11:30 am

Dinner:

6:00 pm

Entry Includes:

18 holes of golf on a private Donald Ross course
Practice range and green available before your round

Box Lunch
Golf Contests
Dinner

Silent Auction; Raffles Prizes and Live Auction

FELLOWSHIP

\$25,000
Hole in One Contest
with purchase of premium package

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 at
oconomowocucc.org or
Scan Here to Register

Golf and Dinner Registration

Dinner Choices: French Pork Chop, Dill Sauce Salmon, Baseball Sirloin Steak

GOLF AND DINNER REGISTRATION

(Premium package includes 3 mulligans, 25 raffle tickets, 1 drink ticket, and entrance into the "Hole in One" Contest.)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Entrée Choice: _____ Premium Package _____
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_____ # of Golf/Dinner Registrations @ \$210 + _____ # of Premium Packages @ \$25 = \$ _____

NON-GOLFER DINNER ONLY REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Entrée Choice: _____
Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Entrée Choice: _____
Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Entrée Choice: _____
Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Entrée Choice: _____

_____ # of Dinner Registrations @ \$55 = Dinner Only Total \$ _____

Special Recognition will be made for all Sponsors

Deadline for sponsorship sign-ups and payment is August 1, 2024

Hole Sponsor	\$125	_____	Drink Ticket Sponsor	\$150	_____
Par Sponsor	\$250	_____	Cart Sponsor	\$500	_____
Birdie Sponsor	\$600	_____	(includes two dinners, please add name above)		
Eagle Sponsor	\$1200	_____	(includes one golfer and dinner, please add name above)		
Ace Sponsor	\$2200	_____	(includes foursome for golf and dinner, please add names above)		

Sponsor Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Final deadline for all registrations and checks are due by July 21, 2025. Please make checks payable to: First Congregational UCC with "Golf Outing" in the memo and mail to 815 S. Concord Road, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.
Or simply pay online at oconomowocucc.org and click on the "Give" button.

There is a 3.5% convenience fee if using a credit card.

Youth News

Sunday School News!

Where has this Sunday School year gone? It truly has been another exciting year watching the children and youth build relationships and explore their faith deeper through a variety of biblical stories and lessons. We had fun together learning new skills, meeting new friends, discovering new ideas, and deeply engaging in their faith through many discussions. Thank you to all who were part of our Sunday School program!

During the month of May our children and youth, 3-year old through 4th grade will explore the parable Jesus tells about The Sower. Together we will dig deeper into this story and learn how we can plant seeds of faith through engaging lessons and activities.

Many youth in middle and high school experience or know someone who has experienced anxiety and/or depression. This month in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month our Middle and High School youth will engage in scriptures and discussions around those two topics.

There will be no Sunday School for Middle and High School youth on May 4 so they can engage in the worship service and participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Again, thank you to everyone for your participation and support of our Sunday School program. It is a blessing to watch these children and youth grow and engage in their faith. I look forward to seeing you throughout the summer and can't wait for us to come back on September 7 for the start of another exciting Sunday School year!!

God's Blessings,
Amy

Youth Group (3rd - 12th grade)

We are very excited for this month's Youth Group event by coming together to support our community Postal Food Drive! Join us on Saturday, May 10 as we sort and organize all the food that the postal workers collect on their routes and drop off at the church pavilion. Children, youth, and their families are invited to join us from 1-3 p.m. This is a great way to help our community, come together to have fun as a church family and earn any service hours you may need for school! If you are interested in attending, please email Amy Drewa at amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org by May 8.



Thank you, Teachers!

As we conclude another Sunday School year it is the perfect time to recognize all our amazing volunteers who helped make our Sunday School and Youth programs possible. Each of these individuals brought their time gifts and talents to teach and build relationships with our children and youth. We are so thankful and blessed for everything they have done for our Sunday School and Youth program this past year! Join us on May 18 as we recognize each of them!

Thank you to:

Rochelle Behling, Randy Bourdo, Deb Bursinger, Darla Corbe, Kim Herro, Mike Herro, Bob Johnson, Leah Laufenberg, Sara Moldenhauer, Lexi Printz, Melissa Rheineck, Emily Steckbauer, Jenny Wallace, Emily Welnak, Brooke Zirzow.

Youth News

UCC Church Camp

Summer will be here shortly, do you have plans for your kids or grandkids?? Consider coming to church camp! There are a variety of camps for all ages and interests. From family camps to & me camps to individual camps the UCC had you covered.

Wisconsin has two amazing UCC camps: : [Moon Beach](#) in St. Germain and [Daycholah](#) in Green Lake. Registration is still opened for all campers. If you are interested in attending, make sure to register before your favorite camp gets filled up. Check out the links and register today! Come and support our church camps, have some fun and meet new friends!!!

We are very blessed that our church offers scholarships to all youth campers who fill out a service log. Please [click here](#) to access the log. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Drewa at amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org.



College and High School Grads

In honor of all our graduates, college and high school, we want to recognize you on your accomplishment! Mark your calendars to join us on June 1 during the 9:30 a.m. service as we recognize you. In addition please send an email to Amy Drewa at amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org with the name of the graduate, where you/they are graduating from, your/their future plans, a picture that can be shared on the screens and if you will be attending the service on June 1. We are very excited and proud of you and can't wait to celebrate this milestone with you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wanted... Vacation Bible School Volunteers!

We are very excited for our Vacation Bible School to learn and grow on our church grounds July 8-10! However, to help make this successful we need several volunteers. Please [click here](#) to see how you can help our children and youth grow in the Fruits of the Spirit this summer! If you have any questions, please contact Amy Drewa at amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org.



2025 Youth Mission Team- Plant and Flower Sale

Thank you to everyone who ordered their plants and flowers through our Youth Mission Team Plant Sale! All orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, May 9 from 12-2 or on Sunday, May 11 after worship. However, if either of those timeframes don't work for you, please contact Amy Drewa at amydrewa@oconomowocucc.org to schedule another time. Again, thank you for your support of our 2025 Youth Mission Trip!

HEARTS & HANDS

Celebrating ALL of God's Children

Fall Classes

Fall classes are filling fast so there are only a few spots available. We have classes from 1-3 times/week for ages 2.5 - 4K.

Registration information is available on our website: www.heartsandhandspreschool.org

August Friday Fun

"Fly with Me"

Join us from **9-11 on August 1,8,15 & 22** for some butterfly fun! This class is open to ALL children ages 25 months - 4 years old. Cost is \$120 (\$96 for church members).

Mrs. Schmeling is RETIRING after this school year!

Mrs. Schmeling is retiring after this school year after being a part of the Hearts & Hands Team for 16 glorious years!

We are so blessed to have had Teresa be a part of our team for all of these years! She will be missed although we are so excited for her to enter this next phase in her life.

We are hiring!

Due to Mrs. Schmeling retiring, we will be hiring her replacement for next year and if you know anybody looking for an amazing part-time position, send them our way!! We are looking for someone to work Tuesdays & Thursdays and most Fridays from 8:30-11:30. We follow the Oconomowoc school district calendar meaning you are off when your kids are (including summers)!



[CaringBridge page](#)
[Apparel shop](#)
[GoFundMe page](#)

Whatever prayers and support you can give this family is much appreciated!

Eleanor is now off her ventilator and breathing on her own! She continues to amaze everyone at her ability to conquer all that has come her way! She has a few more milestones to reach before she can be added to the heart transplant list.



Board member, Peg McCollum, came to class to read to the kids. The kids loved it!! Thanks Peg!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Congregational Meeting: May 4 (after worship)

Plant Sale Pick Up: May 9

Postal Food Drive: May 10

Plant Sale Pick Up: May 11

Ladies Luncheon: May 13 (11:15AM)

Membership Committee Meeting: May 14 (6:30PM)

Book Club: May 15 (1:00PM)

Work Saturday: May 17

New Member Sunday: May 18

Youth Group: May 18

Teacher Appreciation Sunday: May 18

Memorial Day (Office Closed): May 26

Ladies Luncheon: May 27 (11:15AM)

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