



# The Chronicle

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

46 Stam Street, Williams Bay, WI 53191

Sunday Worship at 9:00 am

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June 2021

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FRESH WORD from Pastor Marty

*“God makes grace abound, more than enough,*

*So, you may do every good deed abundantly.”*

2 Corinthians 9:8

**Powered by Generosity** was the theme of the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. I represented both congregations this year in this on-line only Zoom-version of the gathering. As I listened to the Rev Franz Rigert, our Conference Minister, give his annual vision of our communion on Saturday morning, May 15, I was intrigued by his summary of the **Core Values** of the United Church of Christ:

*Extravagant Welcome*

*God is Still Speaking*

*Progressive Faith*

*Intentional Inclusivity*

*Beloved Community*

*Walking the Talk*

As I consider these six realities, I affirm their importance for us as we consider “who we are” as a congregation of the United Church of Christ and within our neighborhood here in Walworth County. I hope we will soon be having lively conversations about the ways we imagine these to be true for us as we live within the generosity of God and continue to do good among our neighbors generously in response.

With you, seeking God’s generous goodness as our empowering guide,

Pastor Marty

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## MODERATOR'S MOMENT

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to be back in the church building to worship together. I hope that those of you who have been hesitant to gather in groups will feel comfortable with the precautions that we are still taking to ensure the safety of everyone attending. We are continuing to social distance, wear masks and refrain from singing. We have opened the building for church meetings but have not yet allowed outside groups to use the building.

For those of you who are just not to the point of venturing out, we are still offering you the opportunity to worship together via Facebook.

Even through the pandemic, the generosity, faithfulness, dedication and commitment to this church and our wider mission has been amazing. Our finances are in good shape, we have strong leadership within our committees, we have a wonderful new administrative assistant, we maintain a sense of “family” through Zoom chats and phone calls, we continue to support New Beginnings and we have a new minister with fresh ideas and thoughtful sermons.

The church is a setting for promoting fullness of spirit, mind and body. As we begin to return, there will be a new rhythm, a new normal. We recognize that there may be grief for what we had. We also know this can be good and something to look forward to.

Isaiah 41:10 tell us: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Thanks be to God. Ruth Anne

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## MAKING PROMISES: ON RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP & CONTINUING ZOOM

We are happy to announce that we will begin in-person worship again on **Sunday, May 2, 2021, 9.00am**. We will also continue live-streaming of the worship service, for the time being, on Zoom. As we begin again to meet in-person, we will also be making promises to continue with pandemic protocols for as long as they are needed. Here are quick reminders, in simple phrases, about the promises we are making to each other to practice these protocols while in the church building for worship and other church meetings:

- Arrive healthy
- Mask properly
- Record participants gladly
- Sanitize hands freshly
- Gather briefly
- Distance safely
- Speak softly

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION IN-PERSON:** Sunday, June 6 we share Holy Communion in morning worship both at the church building and at home. In the building, we will use the little packets of wafer and juice. Those who desire to bless and receive the sacrament at home, please prepare food for yourself and those with you as if it were a celebration of the unexpected gift of Christ's presence. It may be a slice or roll of bread, a corn tortilla, Naan, or rice cake and a cup of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry — or wine, with or without alcohol, and it may be closer to a meal.

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### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS***

The church received a letter of thanks from New Beginnings, APFV (Association for the Prevention of Family Violence) for our recent donation of \$215.45 – proceeds from the Lasagna Dinner, and report the following: “We are settling in quite well to our new surroundings... lovely offices for advocates, counselors, clients, a conference room, reception area with a special connecting room for children with toys and books.”

**SIP AND CHAT** will become “hybrid” in June. We will meet both on Zoom and in-person beginning on Wednesday, June 9, 11:00 a.m.; In-Person, we will meet at Steamers Coffee Shop next to the Green Grocers in downtown Williams Bay. Please note, we will not meet on Wednesday, June 2, because of Memorial Day weekend.

**SPRITUAL LIFE:** Our May meeting was held in person, in the Century Room (safely of course)! It was great to be back together again. The first in-person service was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with Spiritual Life once again in-house to get things setup and usher folks in using our prescribed protocols. Pastor Marty made sure that we had a live broadcast of the service on Facebook for those not able or ready to come in.

The committee has now set our Person of the Day schedule, realigned our tasks and look forward to our work with this wonderful congregation as well as the many events supporting our Christian faith throughout the remainder of 2021 and beyond!. We even put out the pew cushions, which were dry cleaned just prior to the pandemic, for an even better experience with the UCC of Williams Bay!

Looking forward, Spiritual Life is pleased to be involved in Pastor Marty's Installation on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we look forward to the many additional and important functions the UCC Williams Bay Church can offer our community.

Spiritual Life welcomes anyone who would like to get involved by joining our committee. Please let Suzanne or Pastor Marty know if you have an interest. Thank you. Respectfully submitted on behalf of Spiritual Life.

**OUTREACH** reports the following:

Chapel On The Hill – Food Pantry Support In the past during the summer (June and July), our outreach to New Beginnings has taken the form of food donations directed at providing good lunches for the children being served since they are not in school. New Beginnings doesn't have

the facility to handle food donations any longer, so we have changed our approach to support the food pantry at Chapel On The Hill. Chapel On The Hills' pantry accepts food items or money to purchase food items. If you choose to purchase food items, there will be a basket in the Narthex at church to place them. The Chapel's actual preference is to receive monetary donations since they can more efficiently direct the funds to specific food items that are in demand at the pantry thru their association with Feed America. If you choose to make a monetary donation, please send you check to the church office with the words "Food Pantry" in the memo section.

Summer Parking Lot Lunch Join with church friends to picnic in the church parking lot on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Bring your own lunch and chair to enjoy the fellowship.

Williams Bay Fine Art & Craft Fest We will be selling water, soda and baked goods but NO sandwich making this year!!!! Watch for the sign up sheets to offer your help. July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – mark your calendars!

Take out Quiche Brunch (Sunday Dinner with Friends follow up) will take place on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> . Full details to follow...

### JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **WORSHIP Service Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.**

June 9 Faith Formation, 10:00 a.m.  
 June 18 Parking Lot Lunch, 12:30 p.m.  
 June 20 Father's Day  
 June 22 Outreach, 3:00 p.m.

#### ***SIP N CHAT***

Join us for a virtual and in-person Coffee Hour  
 Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m..



### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Rick Wolski
- 2 Joan Sochat Ruth Karkow
- 7 Donna Fredrickson
- 10 Evan Beyers
- 12 \* Liz and Dale Beyers
- 15 Brittany Carlson
- 16 Larry Rademaker
- 17 \*Ginny and Greg Stiles
- 18 Neil Stilin
- 20 Kevin Coates \*Julie and Dan Beyers
- 22 Doreen Collins
- 24 \*Joan and Bob Carlson
- 25 Gordon Burwell
- 28 Dale Beyers
- 29 David Williams \*Gail and Bruce Johnson

\*Denotes Anniversary

## OUR PRAYERS (as of April 16, 2021)

*Generous God, empower these with your abundant blessing...*

+May you give peace to Margaret and her family at the death of her great nephew, Tristan.

+Bless Maggie in her struggle with cancer and her treatments.

+Bless Rebecca R in her struggles with health problems and pain, may her doctors have wisdom to help her.

+Bless Fran, neighbor of the Burwells, who is struggling with severe dementia.

+Bless Pete, as he continues to struggle with a heart condition after his bout with COVID.

+Peace for Jim in his health concerns; we are grateful that his procedure went well.

+For strength of spirit for Polly, Dorothy's sister, and her caregiver son, Chip, who is also caring for his wife, Judy, with MS—peace for them all.

+Peace for Brooke, Connie's granddaughter, and bless her health and give doctor's wisdom as they seek the best treatment for her.

+Bless Deborah with her treatments as she has just been diagnosed with breast cancer.

+Give strength to Bonnie as she continues to recover.

+Wellness for Hope, peace as she waits for vaccines in the Netherlands (Burwells).

+We celebrate with Al and Ellen and their granddaughters: Ashleigh graduates from Liberty University and Linnea graduates from Thomas University. May you continue to bless their lives as they learn to bless others.

+For all those in India, and other poorer nations around the world, as they continue to suffer from the surge of COVID infections and illness.

*May there be comfort and healing and health. With gratitude we pray, Amen.*

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## JUNE LECTIONARY

<i>June 6</i>	1 Sam 8:4-11, 16-20; Ps 138; Gen 3:8-15; Ps 130, 2 Cor 4:13-5:1, Mk 3:20-35
<i>June 13</i>	1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Ps 20; Ezek 17:22-24; Ps 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-17; Mk 4:26-34
<i>June 20</i>	1 Sam 17: (1a, 4-11)19-23; Ps 20; Job 38:1-11; Ps 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Cor 6:1-13; Mk 4:35-41
<i>June 27</i>	2 Sam 1:1, 17-27; Ps 130; Sol 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mk 5:21-43

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Sara Johnson

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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