



# The Chronicle

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

46 Stam Street, Williams Bay, WI 53191

Sunday Worship at 9:00 am

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May 2021

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**FRESH WORD** from Pastor Marty

“You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;  
And You renew the face of the earth.”

*Psalm 104:30, NKJV*

“Come create us by your Spirit, give new life to the earth!”

That has been my prayer, rooted in Psalm 104, in so many ways, since I have been making intentional connections between my love of art and creating art with my spirituality and leadership in church ministry. (This all began during my Doctor of Ministry learning... but that’s a much longer story...)

During this pandemic, these deep connections in my soul have been sorely tested and tried. This has been especially true since the smoldering fire event in my apartment in November 2020. Since then, most of my art studio (and indeed my artwork) has been packed up and cleaned by ServePro. Since the return of my possessions in March, I’ve slowly begun, box by box, to unpack my apartment and studio. I hope in May that my artist studio—I’m now calling it my “Little Greening Space”—will again be functional.

In the meantime, I have been creating digital art and making quick sketches to live the prayer with the Spirit to “co-create” new life in partnership with my wondering at the way of Christ.

This week I have been playing with the image you see here that celebrates this month’s church festival of Pentecost on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the play and the prayer, I hope we will dare to imagine the Spirit breathing new life into our church as well as into God’s good earth.

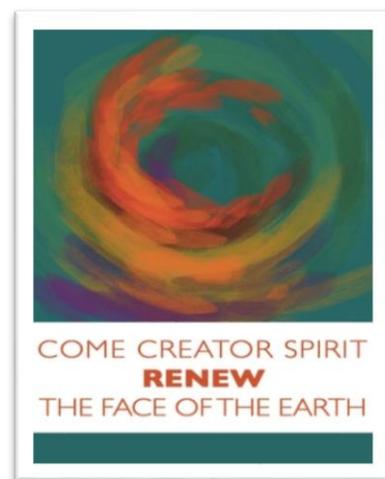
With you, at play and at prayer for new life on the earth, *Pastor Marty*

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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, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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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### OUR PRAYERS (as of April 16, 2021)

*Spirit of Comfort and Wholeness, breathe your healing life into these and their needs.*

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

+May your Spirit rejoice with the Burwells as they celebrated the marriage of their granddaughter Carolyn with her new husband, Aaron.

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

+Peace for Kepler, beloved family dog of the Killians, struggling with the pain of a herniated disk... and also for Jim, in health concerns and upcoming tests.

+Comfort for Roberta and family, at the death of her aunt, Florence Fine, after a long illness.

+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 Char, who is grieving the death of her friend, Gerry who passed away this week.

+Peace for Brooke, Connie's granddaughter, and bless her health and upcoming tests in April.

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

+Give strength to Bonnie as she continues to recover.

+Bless Russ' partner Norm who has dementia (Dorothy B).

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

+For Wilda, comfort and strength as she settled into her new place and with her treatments.

+Bless Rev. Jean and move to assisted living in Janesville.



*May we seek your peaceable wisdom and turn away from our violent ways. May we deepen our commitments to wellness of body, mind, and spirit among our neighbors. We pray with gratitude to You, our Source of Life, Amen.*

### MAY BIRTHDAYS ~ *Happy Birthday!*

May 2 Kim Spolarich  
May 11 Nathan Morava  
May 18 Charolotte Millard  
May 19 Steven Wolski  
May 21 Justin Spolarich  
May 28 Jeff Spolarich and Ava Beyers

### LECTIONARY

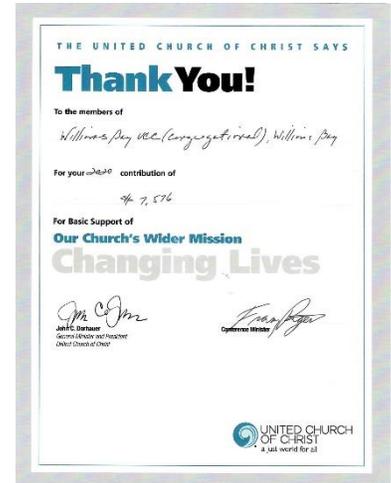
May 2 Acts 8:26-40, Ps. 22:25 – 31, 1 Jn. 4:7-21  
May 9 Acts 10:44-48, Ps. 98, 1 Jn. 5:2 – 6  
May 16 Acts 1:15–17, 21-26, Ps. 1, 1 Jn. 5:9-19  
May 23 Acts 2:1-21, Ps.104:23-34, Rom 8:22-27  
May 30 Isa 6:1-8, Ps.29, Rom 8:12-17

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Finance/Stewardship

The United Church of Christ Williams Bay received a special Thank You! from the national and conference ministers for our congregation's 2020 contribution of \$7,576 for supporting our church's wider mission of "Changing Lives."

**Strengthen the Church Offering:** Our annual Strengthen the Church Offering will be collected on Sunday May 23, 2021. This offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences across the country pool the gifts received from members and friends of the local congregations. The funds raised support the development of new churches, stabilizing and supporting existing churches, innovation in existing congregations, youth ministry and leadership development. Through our collective generosity to this offering, we together build up the Body of Christ.



Please give thoughtful consideration to supporting this one of four special mission offerings received each year throughout the United Church of Christ. We already received the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during Lent. The Neighbors In Need Offering will be received in early October and The Christmas Fund will be collected just prior to Christmas.

### Spiritual Life Committee

We would like to thank those who made the early Easter Sunrise Service possible (notably Pastor Marty), which took place in Lake Geneva's Flat Iron Park where the congregation was greeted by a beautiful sunrise! Attendees included members of the UCC Lake Geneva, UCC Williams Bay as well as, a number of other folks who wanted to enjoy this important occasion with a traditional Easter Sunrise Service.

Additional Easter season service provide by the joint churches of UCC Williams Bay, UCC Fontana, UCC Walworth and UCC Lake Geneva were shared on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The committee thanks the Pastors and Congregation of each shared ministry.

Our next meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm and will be in-person in the Century room (properly spaced, masked and cleaned!). Spiritual Life currently has two (2) openings for anyone who would like to be a part of something that feeds the soul and contributes to our little community. We invite anyone who would like to join the committee to let Suzanne know at [Suzanne.arnold1@gmail.com](mailto:Suzanne.arnold1@gmail.com) or 773-562-3311.

**Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin** should be emailed to the church office by Thursday prior to the worship service. Chronicle articles are due by the 20th of each month. Email: [uccwboffice@gmail.com](mailto:uccwboffice@gmail.com) Prayer requests should be made to: [sharedministry.pastormarty@gmail.com](mailto:sharedministry.pastormarty@gmail.com)

### **MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

May 9	Mother's Day
May 11	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
May 12	Spiritual Life, 4:30 p.m.
May 13	Council, 5:00 p.m.
May 31	Memorial Day

#### **SIP N CHAT**

Join us for a virtual Coffee Hour Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.. Zoom invitations sent out on Tuesday.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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