



# The Chronicle

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

46 Stam Street, Williams Bay, WI 53191

Sunday Worship at 9:00 am

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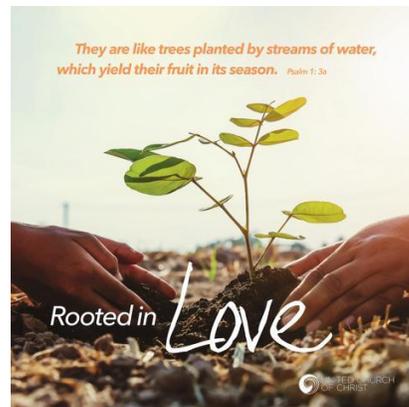
October 2021

A FRESH WORD from Pastor Marty

*“They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season.” Psalm 1.3a*

Why church?

When so many people today in our culture are practicing their spirituality as individuals, often apart any community of faith, what, actually, is the purpose of church as a community of faith and faithful action?



The Rev. Rachel Bauman, a Wisconsin UCC pastor, answers that question—“**Why church?**”—with this response:

**Shared Reality:** As a community we believe different things, but we share an understanding that there is ‘Something More’ that gives life meaning beyond our individual identities and experiences. We share a commitment to following in the way of Jesus.

**Self-Expression & Contribution:** Church was where my leadership skills were first named, noticed and nurtured and where I was encouraged to claim and use my voice.

**Effectiveness:** Through church I am part of a collective body that has the power, through our actions and advocacy, to bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice a little quicker and more effectively than my individual efforts alone.

**Challenge:** Church challenges me to align my behavior with my values and beliefs, holding me lovingly accountable to being my most authentic self.

The list goes on: compassion, celebration, belonging, beauty, inspiration, connection . . .

There is no community that will meet all my needs all the time. But during this season of stewardship as I reflect on what value the church has in my life, I am grateful for how many of my needs are met consistently through my engagement with the United Church of Christ. And, equally important, how investing my time, talent and treasure in this community of faith provides the opportunity to contribute to meeting the needs of others.

(from 2021 *Rooted in Love* UCC Stewardship Resources)

I agree wholeheartedly with her perspective. May we again rediscover the deep fruitfulness of our community of faith in Christ’s way.

With you, learning to be together in the way of Christ, *Pastor Marty*

## Outreach Committee Rocks It with Fall Fun-raising!!

Sunday, October 3, 2021 is the Geneva Lakes Area Annual **CROP Hunger Walk**. Jim Killian will again lead a group of walkers through Kishwauketoe. Contact Margaret Gregg or Jim Killian if you have not contributed to this worthy cause yet but would like to do so. Support the global effort to fight hunger where a share of the donations are used locally and the remainder around the world.



*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*  
Matthew 25:40



Thanks to everyone for donating school supplies to the children at **New Beginnings APFV** - we were able to send \$145.

On Saturday, October 2nd, New Beginnings will be holding fundraiser themed **“Victory over Violence: Benefit in the Barn”** at the Walworth County Fairgrounds featuring live entertainment, food & drink, games, silent auction and decorated stick pony competition.

Many thanks to Jo Siebers and her team: Connie Reader, Gail Johnson, Margaret Gregg, and Suzie Arnold for the creation of stick pony “Sage”. We will keep you posted on how the competition turns out...Sage’s theme was “Love Your Nei-ei-ei-ei-ei-bor!!



### Sunday Dinner with Friends – Fall Feast



Hope you are all getting in the *Feast Mode!* On Sunday, October 24, the Outreach cooks are planning to create \$10.00 to-go turkey dinners with dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberries, and gravy. The pick-up times will be from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.. Watch the October Worship Bulletin notices for the order form. Get your pre-order in as soon as possible as quantities will be limited.

### The Nuts and Goodies Are Coming!

Kudos to Connie Reader and Marilyn Slocum for organizing this year’s nut sale fundraiser. See the attached order form. Orders can be submitted until October 24 and delivery can be expected just after Thanksgiving.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Church Budget meeting will take place on Sunday, October 17, 2021 immediately following service. Please plan to attend.**

## OUR PRAYERS | *as of September 29, 2021*

*Gracious God, in your mercy meet these with your peace and wellness...*

- + Bless Marilyn as she recovers and engages physical therapy at the rehab center.
- + Bring recovery and wellness to Mike, son-in-law of Marilyn in his health challenges.
- + May you give strength and hope to Jo, and all the doctors, nurses and health-care workers during this intense time during the pandemic. May they find peace and rest in the midst of the stress and trauma.
- + Be with Sandy and her husband, friend of Kathy, and bless him with healing in his serious health concerns.
- + Bless Betsie, the cousin of Suzie, as she begins treatments for breast cancer.
- + Thomas, friend of Jo, give wisdom and strength to him in his life struggles.
- + Blessings for Chery, as she struggles with advancing cancer and treatments; may she have strength and trust in you in this difficult time.
- + Bless Pete, as he continues to struggle with a heart condition, after his bout with COVID.
- + Peace for Brooke, Connie's great-granddaughter, and bless her health and ongoing endurance with health challenge.
- + Bless Deborah with her treatments for breast cancer.

*With gratitude, we pray, Amen.*



### WORSHIP in OCTOBER

- OCTOBER 3 | Mark 10.2-16 | Communion
- OCTOBER 10 | Mark 10.17-31
- OCTOBER 17 | Mark 10.35-45 | Stewardship Sunday
- OCTOBER 24 | Mark 10.46-52 | Mike Dowling, preaching
- OCTOBER 31 | Mark 12.28-34 | Mike Dowling preaching

### LECTIONARY

OCT 3	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 & Ps 26; Gen 2:18-24 & Ps 8; Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mk 10:2-16
OCT 10	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 & Ps 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 & Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-16; Mk 10:17-31
OCT 17	Job 38:1-7 & Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isa 53:4-12 & Ps 91:9-16; Heb 5:1-10; Mk 10:35-45
OCT 24	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 & Ps 34:1-8; Jer 31:7-9 & Ps 126; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 10:46-52
OCT 31	Ruth 1:1-18 & Ps 146; Deut 6:1-9 & Ps 119:1-8; Heb 9:11-14; Mk 12:28-34

## REPRESENT!

One, or two people from our church are needed to participate and represent us at the Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference UCC annual meeting. This will be an online meeting (via Zoom) on **Saturday morning, October 23, 2021**. Please talk with Pastor Marty if interested.

*So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul!* Deuteronomy 11:13

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## Sip N Chat



As COVID continues to rear it's ugly head, Sip N Chat is a great way to connect to each other, to socialize, to comfort and cheer one another. Sip N Chat will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays, October 6 and October 13, 2021. Zoom invitation are sent via email. Please let Sandy know if you would like to be added to the email list.

*For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”* Matthew 18:20

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## Celebrating in October...

<i>Happy Birthday!</i>	October 7	Alice Morava
	October 9	Marge Lothian
	October 11	Sam Fredrickson
	October 24	Rita Stofflet – 101!!
	October 25	Josh Halstead
	October 29	Linda Hauch Patracca



*Happy Anniversary!* October 6 Linda & Ron Schreiner; Sharon & Dave Ripple

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## MAKING PROMISES: IN-PERSON WORSHIP & LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

In October we will continue with in-person and live-streaming of the worship service. As we 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, sanitize hands freshly, distance safely, gather briefly, speak softly, and record participants gladly.*

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION IN-PERSON:** October 3 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.

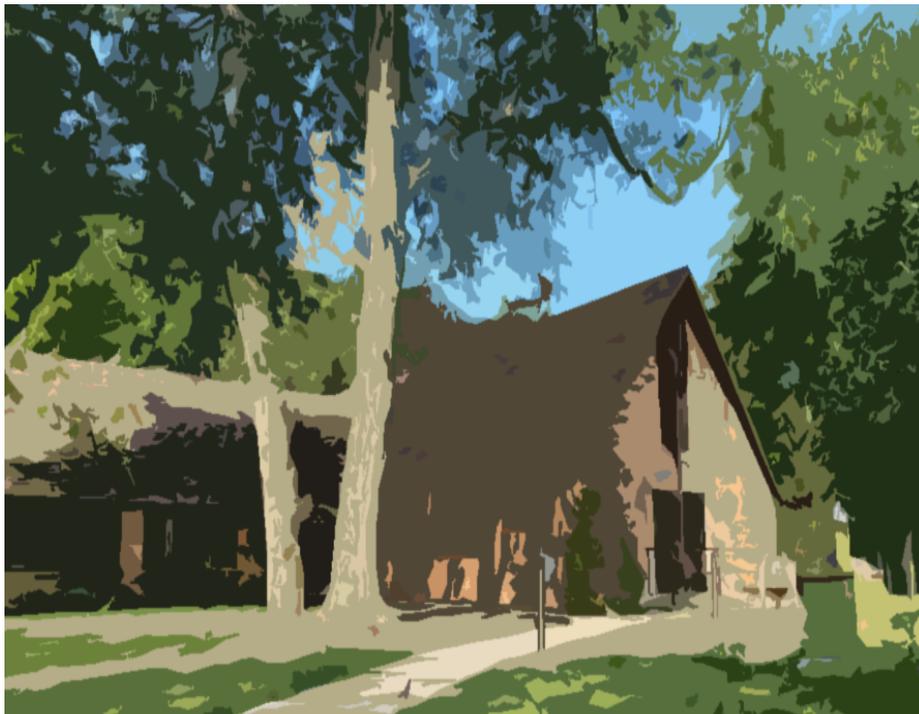
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