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*"David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, the evil spirit would depart from him." I Samuel 16:23*

**Jacob's jottings...** It is thought that King Saul had a mental illness of some sort. David, who later became the King of Israel, played music for Saul helping Saul feel better. Reading this text, please be aware we no longer see mental illness as an evil spirit – but as a sickness often caused by genetics, a brain injury or the use of chemicals by an individual or their parents. We don't always know what will help people with mental illness, yet supporting them with medication, therapy (maybe even music therapy) and acceptance, and encouraging the people who support them is a beginning. There is help available. UCC has a listing of resources (thanks to the Armitage Family). I am on the Mental Health Task Force so know folk who can help or know where to get help.

Mental illness includes a wide variety of disorders. Mental illness affects some individuals in ways where they have trouble managing day to day experiences, while others manage life quite well. Some people are occasionally affected by their illness, while others are never without symptoms – sometimes severe.

We have experienced several frightening incidents in the last few months in our community. There has been some talk about mental illness and drug and alcohol addictions. We always need to be careful about making those assumptions, though small-town memories run deep. Just as it was hard for Jesus to be accepted in his hometown, who we were in our younger days also follows us. We also need to remember not all violent behavior is caused by mental illness or addictions. Many times, someone just gets angry or they were poorly treated through the years or had a crisis the day before they reacted violently. They aren't necessarily mentally ill, just overwhelmed or have easy access to a weapon they use without exercising good judgment. However, no matter the cause of the behavior that has frightened some of us, we need to remember we are all children of God, created by our God who loves us unconditionally. We also are to love one another as Jesus loves us.

My undergraduate degree is in special education for emotionally impaired children and youth. I still remember some of the children I taught. Years later I subbed in an adult day care for people with autism and emotional impairment. I learned the children and adults with mental illness can be a delight to be around. I also learned I needed to remember their illness could suddenly cause a change in behavior. As a teacher of these children and adults, I was always on alert. I loved them; I read stories to them; taught them how to work with money; played games with them. And I was also careful, knowing they might suddenly strike out, or bite or have a melt-down. I also learned what might calm them, or soothe them and how to keep everyone safe. As we find ourselves facing challenges in our community (we are not the only community with these kinds experiences!), I hope we will receive positively what we are doing at UCC to help us feel safe even as we accept and continue to be the welcoming, hospitable and caring church that is our identity.

May is mental health/illness month. I wonder what we as a church can do to help our first responders as they work with folks who have mental illness or drug addictions. What can UCC do to support individuals with mental illness and drug and alcohol addictions? At the least, we can encourage one another to get help when needed. We can help one other accept that getting help dealing with life's challenges is a wise decision.

The theme I have been touching on in worship these weeks between Easter and Pentecost might be helpful for us as we figure out our next steps. Paul writes in I Corinthians 16:13-14,

**"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all you do, be done in love."**  
May this text be true of us as we figure out what we can and cannot do to feel safe and be Jesus followers.

**CONFIRMATION!**

We rejoice that six eighth graders confirmed their faith and became members of UCC. We celebrate the many who have helped them reach these decisions – parents and family members Sunday School teachers, Jenny and Tammy as their CD teachers, Confirmation teaching assistants, their mentors and pastors.

The six students who were confirmed on May 5, their parents and mentors are: (and their Confirmation verses)

*Dante Erickson*, son of Chad and Lacey Erickson - Mentor: Mitchell Erickson; Luke 22:32

*Logan Erickson*, son of Kevin and Jennifer Romens Erickson – Mentor: Mike Perkl; Philippians 2:13

*Mackenzie Hediger*, daughter of Crispin and Lisa Hediger – Mentor: Jenny Romens Erickson; Psalm 119:105

*Alex Northup*, son of Karen and David Northup Mentor: Tim Voigt Psalm 31:3

*Delaney Rochester*, daughter of Ricky and Clarissa Rochester – Mentor: Sue Voigt Psalm 33:22

*Derek Zschernitz*, son of Wendy and Travis Zschernitz – Mentor: Ray Weyer Psalm 100:3



**PENTECOST – JUNE 9, 2019**

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. It is fun to wear red – remembering the tongues of fire that danced on the heads of the disciples who began to speak in other languages. If there are any members open to speaking/reading in other languages on Pentecost, please let me know. Vicente may sing for us again.

**HELP NEEDED!**

Repeatedly, I hear people are enjoying having the bulletin responses, hymns and even some pictures on the screen. Don Abel usually – and Pastor Mohr a couple of times – prepare the power point presentation. Please express your appreciation to them. Don has usually operated the computer during worship. We need some more folks willing to operate the computer during worship. The people who operate the computer can sit in the balcony or toward the front of the sanctuary – pulpit side. It is a relatively easy to move through the slides on a Sunday morning. Either Don or I are willing to teach anyone interested. Let us know if you are willing to serve in this way. We hope to get a team of volunteers together who schedule themselves as they are available.

**GENERAL SYNOD – JUNE 21-25**

**In Milwaukee at the Convention Center.**

You can still make a reservation to ride the bus for the Sunday, June 23 activities. The bus leaves from Black River Falls



Walmart at 7: 45am and returns at 9:45pm The cost is \$20. Worship is at 2:30 pm with a street fair following worship. Before worship, the Exhibit Hall is worth checking out. It will have displays on many of the ministries of the UCC which take place throughout the USA and world; also vendors will have items for sale usually including books, jewelry and third world made items.

If going to Milwaukee does not interest you, but you are curious about Synod, you can stream much of what takes place during plenary and worship on your computer. To stream, go to [ucc.org/live](http://ucc.org/live) To see all that will take place go to [www.synod2019.org/en/uccsynod2019/Home](http://www.synod2019.org/en/uccsynod2019/Home)

The worship services will include traditional and contemporary music, choirs of delegates and sometimes from our Samoan or African American Churches; dancers, Communion, renewal of baptism, and because our theme this year is “Shine! Let Your Light Shine!” I expect some kind of light display. The sermons will be preached by women – one of Chinese descent, serving a UCC Chinese Congregation in California. Rev. Traci Blackman will be the preacher on Sunday.

My Mom has gone with me to three Synods – and has very much enjoyed it! I have attended six.

## **June Newsletter 2019**

Hi Everyone,

June Newsletter! Yes, we go to our 9:00 a.m. summer worship time. Starting this Sunday, June 2 through Sunday, September 1. Sunday, September 8 we will go back to our 10:00 a.m. time. We know that some of you really don't like this early time but then we know that a lot of you do like it. Summer seems to go fast so enjoy it while it lasts.

*See you in church! Audrey*

## **Our Volunteers for June**

### **Acolytes**

#### **Sunday, June 2**

Iris Vine

Reese Ziegler

#### **Sunday, June 9**

Haylee Erickson

Dottie Holm

#### **Sunday, June 16**

Parker Voigt

Bryce Erickson

#### **Sunday, June 23**

Paige Voigt

Sydney Subke

#### **Sunday, June 30**

Iris Vine

Reese Ziegler

*We do know that some of our candle lighters will not be here most of the summer, but we still want to make up a schedule. If you can be here, we do really appreciate your help. If you are scheduled to light the candles and cannot be here, please let the Church office know. 715-743-2147. Our acolytes are an important part of our worship service and we thank you for helping us. We are always looking for more volunteers to light the candles...let Pastor Jacoba know if you would like to help out. Volunteers are needed on some Sundays when we have no children in church, and we thank those that help us out by filling in.*

**Nursery** We do have a nursery downstairs and a small nursery upstairs off the Narthex available for mothers/dads with small children. We do not have scheduled volunteers to take care of your children. It is required that an adult/parent be there with your child(ren) if you plan on using the nursery. Please leave it cleaned up when you leave. Thank you.

## **Ushers for June**

### **Sunday, June 2**

Allan Hoesly, David Harnisch

Don Quicker, Phil Follen

### **Sunday, June 9 & 16**

Volunteer needed, Jake Ratsch

Tim Voigt, Paul Schmidt

### **Sunday, June 23 & 30**

Howie Mathis, Roger Carl

Wayne Voss, Tom Barr

**Ushers Note:** *If you are unable to usher when you are scheduled – please exchange with someone else if possible and call the church office to let us know (715-743-2147) Thank you for your help.*

**Ushers take Note:** *There have been some changes in the ushering duties. Please read over the letter you receive in the mail. If you have any questions, please talk to Mike Perkl. **Also**, we are looking for a **Head Usher** that could help us out on Sundays. (Just to make sure we have ushers in place and that they are aware of what they are to do and to answer their questions.) Even Co-Head Ushers would be nice. Can you **HELP** us out and volunteer for this position?*

**Take Note:** **During our 9:00 a.m. summer worship months the front doors will be open at 8:15 a.m. Ushers, please be here by 8:30 a.m. If you have a key, you can get in anytime but make sure the doors are locked behind you. Thank you.**

## **Greeters for June**

### **Sunday, June 2**

Eileen Zank & Nancy Boon

### **Sunday, June 9**

Barb Miller, Kathy Turner

### **Sunday, June 16**

Mary Finney & Glenna Rhoades Marg

### **Sunday, June 23**

Howie & Kathy Mathis

### **Sunday, June 30**

Jim & M.E. Sjolín

*It is always nice to offer a warm welcome to our church when you walk in the door. Thank you for serving as a greeter. If you are unable to greet, please contact the church office. Thank you.*

## **Communion Assignments for June**

### **Sunday, June 2– Communion at the Altar**

Team 2- Janice Miller, Jim Vradenburg, Wayne

Voss, Jake Ratsch, Karlene Wallace

**Bread:** Wayne Voss

## **Deacons/Deaconesses Hosting for June**

### **Sunday, June 2**

Janice Miller.....715-743-7070

### **Sunday, June 9**

Wayne Voss.....715-937-3072

### **Sunday, June 16**

Karlene Wallace.....715-743-6723

### **Sunday, June 23**

Volunteer.....715-797-4031

### **Sunday, June 30**

Jim Vradenburg.....715-937-3881

## **Coffee Hour for June**

We need coffee hosts for June. Nobody has signed up for any of the Sundays in June. Is there anyone out there that can volunteer? June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Give the church office a call and let us know if you are willing to volunteer one of these Sundays.

We do have the coffee hour schedule on the bulletin board for the whole year. Look at the dates and see if there is a Sunday(s) you can volunteer to serve. Find a friend and sign up together (No need to put on a full meal (just one thing is all you need to serve) some bars/cookies or some cheese/crackers or some fruit. If you have  
(coffee hour continued)

any questions give us a call. The coffee, lemonade, plates, napkins are all provided. Some volunteers like to serve more than one thing; we let them decide what they want to serve...we are all satisfied with **one** thing being served. We are just happy to have some volunteers serve. Thank you for your help and support! (*Just so you know the coffee is always ready and the lemonade is made and in the refrigerator.*) Fellowship/Coffee Hour is a fun time to spend some time together with of our church family. Come and join us!

## **Facts & Figures**

Sunday, May 5.....	113
Sunday, May 12.....	62
Sunday, May 19.....	74
Sunday, May 26.....	44

## **Offerings**

### **Sunday, May 4**

General Offering.....	\$1187.00
Radio Fund.....	150.00
Lenten Offering.....	20.00
Silent Auction.....	1205.00
Aluminum Cans.....	56.70

### **Sunday, May 12**

General Offering.....	\$2164.00
Radio Fund.....	75.00
Silent Auction.....	330.00

### **Sunday, May 19**

General Offering.....	\$6892.68
One Great Hour of Sharing.....	5.00
Audio Visual Fund.....	500.00
Donation to Church .....	8.00
Donation (Use of Church).....	200.00

### **Sunday, May 26**

General Offering.....	\$2997.00
Silent Auction.....	150.00

**May Automatic Giving**.....\$2175.00

**Automatic Giving** – Are you interested in giving to your church by “Automatic Giving?” If you are, stop by the church office and we will help you with the forms that need to be filled out. Very easy to do. You decide how much you want to give monthly and about the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month that amount will be taken out of your account. Another option you can do to give to your church

## **(Automatic Giving continued)**

is to set the church up on your automatic bill pay through your bank. With the busy schedules that many of you have and if you are unable to make it to church Automatic Giving would be a way to keep up with your *faith promise* to your church. Think about it.

## **Radio Broadcast Sponsors**



On *Sunday, May 5* the radio broadcast portion of our worship service was given by Frances Short and family

in loving memory of Kenneth Short and other family members.

On *Sunday, May 12* the radio broadcast was sponsored by Marge Goetsch for her church family.

On *Sunday, May 19* the radio broadcast portion of our worship service was sponsored by Ruth and Bob Schmidt in memory of sister, Eunice Artac.

And on *Sunday, May 26* the radio broadcast was given by Dolores Johnson in honor of all mothers.

*Thank you to our May radio broadcast sponsors.*

<p><b>The radio broadcast portion of our Sunday Worship Service can be heard on WCCN AM 1370 on <span style="float: right;">Sunday</span> morning at 11:00 a.m.</b></p>
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**2020 Radio Broadcast Sponsors** We are looking for Radio Broadcast sponsors for 2020. Now is the time to sign-up. The cost is the same. \$75.00 Full Broadcast - \$37.50 Half Broadcast \$25.00 Third Broadcast. We have lots of Sundays to fill. We feel that our radio ministry is very important to our church and community. Are we going to have the support to keep our radio ministry on WCCN? Sign-up NOW! Do it in memory of someone; in honor of someone or for any other reason you may have. This is not a budgeted item of our church, so we ask you to please have your monies in by the end of 2019.



## **Remember Our Shut In's**

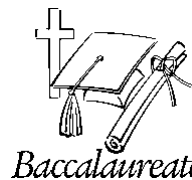
Let's not forget our shut-in's at home, those in nursing homes and in assisted living this summer. Send a card, give them a call, or go visit them. We know that many of you do send cards, call and visit and even do clinic runs. We *thank you!* If you know of anyone needing a visit from Pastor Jacoba, please call her or the church office and we will set up a time to visit. If you would like to help Pastor Jacoba serve communion to our shut-in's let her know. We can always use extra hands. Our shut-in's enjoy it when you come



## **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

– On Sunday, May 19 Piper Nicole Keller was baptized

here in our church. Piper is the daughter of Christopher and Nicole Keller. Pastor James Mohr officiated at Piper's baptism. Anna Brekke and Emily Brekke are her sponsors. We welcome little Piper into our church and look forward to getting to know her. Her name will be added to our Cradle Roll.



## **Baccalaureate Sunday**

On Sunday, May 19 two Neillsville High School students and one reported Tech Student were recognized.

## **Neillsville High School**

*Cole Hediger*, son of Crispin and Lisa Hediger. Cole; attending Madison Area Technical College in Madison – Machine Tooling Technics (Machinist) *Bailey Schumacher*, daughter of Lydia and Ronald Schumacher; attending University of Stevens Point – Nursing.

## **Chippewa Valley Technical College**

*Kathryn Schmidt*, daughter of Paul & Sandra Schmidt; graduated Friday, May 17 – Physical Therapist Assistant

**Congratulations to our UCC Graduates!**



## **Mission & Outreach News**

The Mission & Outreach Committee sent these amounts to local Missions for the special needs of their clients. UCC believes that we need to reach out to our community and help those in need.

### **Mission & Outreach donations for 2019**

Hannah Center	\$200.00
Shirley's House	\$200.00
Interfaith Caregivers	\$200.00
Sun Catchers Café	\$200.00
House of Mercy	\$300.00
Pilgrim Camp Scholarships	\$250.00

### **Hearts for Home donations for 2019**

ADRC of Clark County	\$500.00
Neillsville Care & Rehab	\$200.00
Neillsville Retir. Community	\$200.00
Riverside Assisted Living	\$200.00

***Thank you UCC for you support of our Lenten and Advent Offerings.***

***Mission & Outreach Committee members: Deb Perkl, Bonnie Weyer, Kathy Mathis, Sue Gurney, Carole Romens, Tim Voigt, Carol Harnisch***

**“Sun Catchers Café** – The Sun Catcher’s Café met on Thursday, May 16 here at the United Church of Christ. Kelsey Wusow and Rebecca Rosandick presented an informative program on “Lyme Disease.”

This month, **Thursday, June 20** the Sun Catchers Café will again meet from 10-11:30 a.m. here at our church meeting in Fellowship Hall. Tara Halopka, Intake and Information Specialist with the Aging and Disability Resource Center will be the guest. Tara will discuss services, programs and solutions for disability and long- term care issues such as living arrangements, health, adult protective services, disabilities nutrition, and other publicly funded programs. Tara will also answer any questions you may have.

The Sun Catchers Café is sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Clark County. Sun Catchers Café is a get together for people interested in lifelong learning, brain-healthy activities, and interesting, positive discussion. It is free and meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-11<sup>30</sup> a.m. Refreshments are provided.



## **Word from the Quilter Ladies**

We are looking for some more people to help tie quilts. You do not need to be an expert at this job. We will train you (it is not hard.)

Watch for our next quilting date! If you have any questions...see Doris Bakker or Nancy Boon.

## **Isaac Keller Benefit**

A benefit for 3 year-old Isaac Keller will be held on Saturday, June 8 at Strike Time Lanes in Neillsville with Bean Bags at 4:00 p.m. and 9 Pin-Tap Bowling at 7:00 p.m. Grilled chicken dinner will be served from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at Custom Heating/Cooling, Gross Motors, and B.P.

## **Stewardship News** – by Dave Harnisch

### **Stewardship Meeting Held May 8**

**“Five for Five”**

During the May 8 meeting of the Stewardship Committee, the projects within the “Five for Five” were highlighted and discussed:

- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Strengthen the Church
- Neighbors in Need
- Christmas Fund
- Our Church’s Wider Mission

## **Stewardship Campaign Project**

The Stewardship Campaign Project is currently in its initial planning stage. Committee members are seeking thoughts from the congregation on church projects, activities, and photos that can best be individually assigned to the committee’s three challenges to our congregation, the giving of:

- Time
- Talent
- Treasure

## **Stewardship Committee Membership and Officer Update**

Marge Goetsch

Dave Harnisch - Council Representative

Emile Miller - Co-chairperson

M.E. Sjolín - Co-Chairperson

Sue Voigt



### **Strengthen the Church**

Our *Strengthen the Church* offerings support the expansion of ministry-and-growth of local congregations. Our church's

contributions assists the United Church of Christ fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all, and by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As called for by the General Synod, 50 percent of our local offerings stay within our conference of churches. More recently and locally, conference offerings have gone for Conflict and Pastoral Training as well as efforts like the Lay Academy and Outdoor Ministries.

50 percent is sent to the national---for its work in strengthening the church universal, which involves the granting of money for:

- new church starts
- inspiring youth and young adults into leadership
- and equipping pastors in their ministries.

Members of your Stewardship Committee thank you for helping strengthen the church through your offerings.

Envelopes have been placed in the pews.

### **Circle of Friends News**

Carol Harnisch has accepted the appointment to be our new secretary/treasurer of the Circle of Friends after the recent passing of Mary Lou Meredith. Thank you – Carol.

**Needed:** For our card inventory we are in need of graduation cards.

### **Update on Funeral Luncheon Teams**

Can you give your time to help with the funeral luncheons that are held at our church? Below is a list of teams that we use for each funeral and their duties. We are also in need of a Team Leader for the Clean Up Team. As the team leader, you would be responsible for calling members on your team when there is a funeral to set up the

### **(Update on Funeral Luncheon Teams continued)**

appropriate number of workers. If you would like to volunteer for this position or to be on any of the other teams, please give let me know. We can always use the help, so the same people aren't always being asked.

**Calling Tree Team:** Members of this team will be calling church members asking for a donation of bars, cakes, and/or Jell-O salads.

**Setting Tables Team:** Members of this team will be setting the tables with placemats, napkins, silverware, salt and pepper shakers, creamers, coffee cups, and water cups.

**Preparing Food Team:** Members of this team will be arranging the bars and/or cakes on platters and/or individual plates, getting water pitchers filled, and serving on the buffet table(s).

**Waitress/Waiter Team:** Members of this team will be serving coffee, lemonade, and/or milk, clearing off the tables, and serving on the buffet table(s).

**Clean Up Team:** Members of this team will be washing (using the dishwasher) and drying dishes; mainly working in the kitchen.

**Anywhere Needed Team:** This is for those that are willing to help in any area that we would be short volunteers for.

If you could help, please give me a call. Thanks for considering to be a steward for your church.

**Emile Miller - 715-937-4626**

### **Silent Auction/Spaghetti Lunch Summary**

Thank you to all the many wonderful people who helped in anyway with the Silent Auction/Spaghetti Lunch; which raised **\$2282.00**.

This year the Silent Auction had 44 items donated by 22 individuals with a profit of **\$2067.00**.

**(Silent Auction/Spaghetti Lunch Summary continued)**

A spaghetti lunch was served before the Quarterly meeting raising **\$215.00** to finalize this fundraiser.

Again, thank you for your help.

Emile Miller and Carla Marty

**More Thank You's**

As you come into the church you see that our planters out under the bells have beautiful flowers planted in them. Thank you, Merrill Brunette and Trink Jenkins for providing and planting these flowers again.

We also thank everyone who bring flowers/plants for our worship services. It always looks so nice when we have flowers.

We also thank Rick Buchsteiner, friend of our church for taking our aluminum cans to the recycling center. There were a lot of them to take and some of the bags had broken and he had to clean them up. Thank you to all that continue to bring us their cans.

Thank you, Corinne Armitage for the cleaning you did here at our church. The kitchen was all wiped down and she even cleaned some very bad spots on the carpeting in the sanctuary and the Narthex. Jim really thanks you for helping out.

Jenny Romens Erickson wants to thank the Christian Education Committee for the recognition for her many years of teaching. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you, Pastor Jim Mohr for filling in for Pastor Jacoba so that she was able to attend a family funeral.

Thank you, Bob Petkovsek for repairing (gluing) the pew racks that are coming apart.



**June Birthdays**

3- Karen Northup  
Barb Miller

8- Lois Lonning  
12-Corinne Armitage  
13-Allison Raine  
14-Don Abel  
Julie Woods  
17-Doris Bakker  
Lars Woods  
18-David Fields  
20-Autumn Marshall  
Barb Petkovsek  
22-Kaia Moseid  
Ellie Moseid  
23-Carolyn Lewis  
25-Ellie Keller  
26-Lois Kren  
27-Deb Perkl  
29-Colton Williams  
Claire Ziegler  
Linda Stalsberg  
30-Phil Follen

*Happy Birthday to all with a June Birthday! Did we miss your birthday or have the wrong date? Let us know if we did.*



**June Wedding Anniversaries**

3- Jim & M.E. Sjolín  
8-Tim & Cheryl Steinbach  
11-Larry & Kathy Marshall  
13-Joey & Michelle Kranz  
15-Mike & Cherrie Holub  
17-Wayne & Jo Ann Voss  
21-John & Sue Vornholt  
21-Jason & Hannah Raine  
29-Ricky & Clarissa Rochester

*Happy Anniversary to all of you! Did we miss your Anniversary or have the wrong date? Let us know if we did.*



June 2019						
◀ May 2019					Jul 2019 ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9 am-1 pm Vacation Bible School 1-2 pm Program
<b>2</b> WORSHIP TIME CHANGE 9 am Summer Worship Communion (Pews) Fellowship/Coffee Hour 3 pm Communion served at Neillsville Retir. Community	<b>3</b>  6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon	<b>4</b>  2:30 pm Neillsville Care & Rehab Pastor Jacoba leading service 6 pm Pastor/Parish Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7pm-9 pm Ho-Chunk Immersion Experience	<b>8</b>  8 am-4 pm Ho-Chunk Immersion Experience
<b>9</b> PENTECOST (Wear Red) 9 am Summer Worship Fellowship/Coffee Hour	<b>10</b>  Pastor – Vacation  6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon	<b>11</b>  Pastor- Vacation	<b>12</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>  Pastor Vacation	<b>13</b>  Pastor - Vacation 1:30 pm Circle of Friends	<b>14</b>  Pastor - Vacation	<b>15</b>  Pastor - Vacation
<b>16</b> 9 am Summer Worship Pastor James Mohr Fellowship/ Coffee Hour Pastor - Vacation	<b>17</b>  Pastor – Vacation 6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon	<b>18</b>  Pastor - Vacation	<b>19</b>  Pastor - Vacation	<b>20</b> Sun Catcher's Café 10 -11:30 am.  Pastor - Vacation	<b>21</b>  Pastor Serving as a Youth Steward Chaperone at General Synod - Milwaukee	<b>22</b>  Pastor Serving as a Youth Steward Chaperone at General Synod - Milwaukee
<b>23</b> 9 am Summer Worship Fellowship/Coffee Hour Pastor Serving as a Youth Steward Chaperone at General Synod - Milwaukee	<b>24</b>  Pastor Serving as a Youth Steward Chaperone at General Synod - Milwaukee 6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon	<b>25</b>  Pastor Serving as a Youth Steward Chaperone at General Synod - Milwaukee	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9 am Summer Worship Fellowship/Coffee Hour						

Greetings Church!

This Sunday, worship begins at 9 am. We know some of you love it and others not so much. Do join us when you can.

There was a meeting of Ushers on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. The usher duties have changed a bit. Each month Audrey sends out letters to our Ushers and Greeters; please take the time to read them. Also, if you cannot come, we encourage you to invite someone else to take your place or please let the office know you cannot come. We are wanting four ushers present each Sunday.

We also ask that if you unlock a door to relock it as soon as you enter. We hope to have doorbells and possibly other kinds of systems to enhance our security which may allow Audrey and I to open the doors from our offices. Neither of us are afraid, but neither do we want to be surprised. The person who intruded into our worship service is very good at finding unlocked doors. The Executive Committee of the Council and the Safety Committee are serious about keeping church staff and all who attend any functions at our church safe. While we are more alert, we remain the caring, hospitable and welcoming church for which we are known.

Vacation Bible School is taking place this weekend – there is still room for anyone 4k- through 4<sup>th</sup> grade to join us after school tonight (3:40 – 7:30 pm ) and tomorrow from 9am – 2pm. You are invited to come to the closing program on Saturday at 1pm. The program will be followed by Ice Cream Sundays for all.

If anyone is willing to run our power point presentation during worship please speak to Don Abel or me. We will ask you what Sundays you will be available – even if you are only able to help once or twice every couple of months – your willingness will be appreciated! Thank you.

God's blessings! Join us for worship when your schedule allows. You are missed when you are absent.