



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Welcoming a New Year (a poem by Joyce Rupp "Out of the ordinary")

a new year stands on my doorstep ready to enter my life's journey.

something in me welcomes this visitor: the hope
of bountiful blessings the joy of a new beginning
the freshness of unclaimed surprise

something in me rebuffs this visitor; the
swiftness of the coming the boldness of the
entrance the challenge of a year's good-bye

something in me fears this visitor: the unnamed
events of future days the wisdom needed to walk
love well the demands of giving away and growing

a new year stands on my doorstep.
with fragile caution I move to open the door for
its entrance. my heart leaps with surprise, joy
jumps in my eyes, for there beside this brand-
new year stands my God with outstretched
hand!

He smiles and gently asks of me: can we walk
this year together?

and I, so overwhelmed with goodness, can
barely whisper my reply; welcome in!

SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE

The Search and Call Committee has not received any pastor candidate profiles for consideration. The conference has advised us that Pastors generally are not looking for change during their busy advent season; however we may see some consideration for movement after the first of the year.

We are ever grateful that Pastor Jim Mohr and Pastor Sue Vornholt are willing to serve as interim pastors as we wait for candidate profiles to fill our settled pastoral vacancy.



Charles Francis Carl son of Rachel Carl was baptized by Pastor Gary Wilner here on December 11, 2022. Grandparents are Francis "Butch" & Kathy Carl

2023 Radio Broadcast Sponsors Needed

Would you like to sponsor a 2023 radio broadcast? Please reserve your date with the church office. You may choose to honor or dedicate a particular service to someone. We believe our radio broadcast is a valued service and want to keep it on the air. This is not a budgeted item in our church operations, so we would appreciate it if all monies are in by the end of the year. The cost remains the same: \$75 for a full broadcast; \$37.50 for half broadcast.



- † to the Kellie Murphy & Neil Czarnecki family on the death of her brother, Ryan Murphy on November 25, 2022.
- † to Sue & John Vornholt on the death of Sue's father, Donald Sickels on November 30, 2022.
- † To the family of Bill Sisson, a long time member who passed away on December 22, 2022.



- † Continuing the following in our thoughts and prayers.

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| Allan Hoesly | Glenna Rhoades |
| Darlene & Herman Mueller | Betty Opelt |
| Dolores Johnson | Graeme Williams |
| Dorothy Steiger | Janet Harrington |

Please let us know if others not listed (with their permission of course) would like prayer requests.

Poinsettia dedications

White

Susie Karl – in honor of all members of the Circle of Friends, past and present. Thank you for your legacy of service to our church.

Kathy & Howie Mathis – in honor of our beautiful family past and present

Nancy & Kirk Rodman - in honor of the Luedtke and Rodman family members

Craig & Stephanie Heck, Tracy & Kay Heck -
– in honor of Max, Brynn, Calvin and Sophie Heck

Kevin & Jenny Erickson – in honor of our Godchildren- Matt, Alyssa, Allissa, Caden, Aubrey, Morgan & Isabel

Red

Debbie & Joe Holman - in loving memory of family & friends.

Carole Romens – in honor of all my family
Carole Romens -in honor of Marge Goetsch for hosting our Bible Study

Karlene Wallace – in memory of Tom Wallace

Rosie & Jim Repinski – in memory of our dads and moms and our great father, Lord.

Dave Beck – in memory of Shirley Beck
Dave Beck – in memory of Phyllis Embke

Gary & Dorry Wilner –
in memory of Clarence & Barbara Wilner
Gary & Dorry Wilner –
in memory of Harry & Dorothy Bujak

Craig & Stephanie Heck Family, Tracy & Kay Heck,
Max & Brynn Heck – in memory of the parents of Max and Brynn Heck

Tim & Cheryl Steinbach & family –
In honor of Wally & Pat Garbisch

Kevin & Jenny Erickson – in memory of our friend
Ryan Murphy



We thank all who decorated our sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. We thank those who donated Poinsettias and all who participated in our Christmas Eve Worship services! Thank you.

January 15, 2023
Curbside Pick-Up
11:00-11:15 a.m.

Meal
Give-Away



United Church
of
Christ-Neillsville
515 West 2nd Street

UCC will once again be participating in a Soup-er Bowl Challenge along with these other local churches, Calvary Lutheran and St. Mary's. You may bring your soup cans in to the church narthex prior to SuperBowl, February 12th.



Church School News

from Stephanie Heck

Sunday School
will resume on
January 15th
at 9 AM

Please reach out to
Stephanie at 920-948-7783 with any questions.



Facts and Figures of December 2022

Attendance for In-Person Worship

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------|-----|
| December 4 | *online 6 | Sunday | 62 |
| December 11 | *online 6 | Sunday | 63 |
| December 18 | *online 6 | Sunday | 103 |
| December 24 | *4:30 | | 77 |
| | *7:30 | 6 | 74 |
| December 25 | youtube only | | |

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 2022

December 12, 2022

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|-------------------|---------------|
| General Offering | \$4,890.00 |
| Radio | 150.00 |
| Back Pack | 50.00 |
| Advent | 20.00 |
| Circle of Friends | 15.00 |
| Meal Give Away | 85.00 |
| Christmas Fund | <u>210.00</u> |
| | \$5,420.00 |

December 13, 2022

\$3,000.00

December 27, 2022

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|-------------------|---------------|
| General Offering | \$6,037.00 |
| Radio | 825.00 |
| Advent | 359.00 |
| Back Pack | 100.00 |
| Neighbors in Need | 50.00 |
| Meal Give Away | 35.00 |
| Christmas Fund | 50.00 |
| MISC | <u>210.00</u> |
| | \$7,366.00 |

(Online Automatic Giving)
VANCO – General Offering
\$633.44



Sunday, December 4, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Phil & Donita Follen in honor of the Church Family.

Sunday, December 11, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Berdella and Roger Carl in loving memory of the Carl and Seelow families.

Sunday, December 18, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Pat Acheson and Herman Seebandt in recognition of “our faithful listeners”.

Sunday, December 25, the radio broadcast was sponsored by “a faithful listener”.

Stewardship Scripture Quotes

Luke 6:8

Give and it will be given to you.

-UCC Stewardship

Committee Members



**Marge Goetsch will be hosting
a Bible Study Class at her home, every
Tuesday at 1 PM
510 W Fourteenth Street, Neillsville**



- 3- Kathy Mathis
- 5- Michael Holub, Jr.
- 6- Allan Hoesly
- 9- Wayne Voss
- 10- Tammy Loberg
- 11- Everett Raine
Lexi Woods
- 16- Michael Holub, Sr.
Dale Opelt
- 18- Landon Bergemann
Robert Keller
- 19- Keith Loberg
- 21- Emilia Mathis
Bruce Rakestraw
- 22- Sidney Sadowska
- 23- Dorothy Steiger
Paige Voigt
Parker Voigt
- 25- Haddie Mathis
James Vradenburg
- 28- David Steiger
- 29- Jill Williams
Clinton Woods
- 31- Lisa Hediger

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



26- Joseph & Marjorie Felser

*Happy Anniversary! Did we have the wrong date
or miss your Anniversary?*



FEBRUARY 1 -9

We are adding first days of February's birthdays and anniversaries so as not to miss any if the Newsletter is late.

February 1-9 Birthdays

- 1- Patricia Acheson
Toni Carl
- 2- Sarah Fields
- 3- Lylah Wilson
- 5- Kyson Erickson
- 6- Paul Vine
- 8- Darwin Zwieg

February 1-9 Anniversaries

None

thank you

A special thank you to
Joel & Marla Raine for
donating an upright
freezer for our kitchen.



2023

United Church Of Christ

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1 New Year's Day <u>First Sunday after</u> <u>Christmas Day</u> Communion served | 2 9:00 am Card Making | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 <u>The Baptism of Christ</u> | 9 | 10 1:00 pm Bible Study at Marge Goetsch's home/bring bible 4:00 pm Deacons Mtg | 11 | 12 1:30 Circle of Friends Meeting | 13 | 14 |
| 15 <u>Second Sunday</u> <u>after Epiphany</u> | 16 9:00 am Card Making | 17 1:00 pm Bible Study at Marge Goetsch's home/bring bible 5:00 pm Trustees Mtg | 18 5:00 pm Leadership Mtg | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 <u>Third Sunday after</u> <u>Epiphany</u> | 23 | 24 1:00 pm Bible Study at Marge Goetsch's home/bring bible | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 <u>Fourth Sunday after</u> <u>Epiphany</u> | 30 | 31 1:00 pm Bible Study at Marge Goetsch's home/bring bible | | | | |