

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

SPRING REJOICING

Our planet tilts toward the sun. Stronger sunlight, and more of it, warms our days and our spirits. Let us rejoice!

The winter snow melts away. Brown, gray sludge is rinsed off from sidewalks and streets by the cleansing rainfalls. Let us rejoice!

Green shoots push their way up from the once frozen, hardened soil. They have survived the winter and announce their aliveness. Let us rejoice!

Birdsongs fill the air with melody. They sing to their future mates with the hope of attracting love and having little birds fill their nests. Let us rejoice!

The woods welcome tiny flowers and the first hint of green leaves. Crocuses show their faces, and promise more color to come. Let us rejoice!

Geese heading North honk their travelers greeting as they sail their way home on the wings of the wind. Let us rejoice! Seeds that fell from wild plants and hid themselves under leaves now take root and begin to grow, a signal of earth's resurrection. Let us rejoice!

Children's voices echo play, their hearty laughter in play drawing all who hear them into heartfelt happiness. Let us rejoice!

People everywhere taste the freshness of Spring's brand-new arrival. Their grumpiness lessens and their hearts grow lighter and freer.

Let us rejoice!

Shared by *Pastor Sue*

If interested in going to church camp
 this spring/summer or fall
 check them out at ucci.org website

Scholarships Available



- for Spring/Summer camps due by May 15th
 - for Fall camps due by September 15th
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- Go to Church Website for Applications

Christian Education Update



J. A.M. Club and confirmation at 5 PM
 - April 3 – at Calvary
 *kids will sing at the 6 pm worship service that night

- April 17 – at UCC

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Will meet **both** of those nights at Calvary Lutheran Church



Continuing the following in our thoughts and prayers.

Janet Harrington	Dave Beck
Lisa Schermitzler	Gayle Schermitzler
Wallace Garbisch	Jim Repinski
Duane Marty	Fran Ormond

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

Northwest Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

First Congregational UCC

310 Broadway St. Eau Claire, WI 54703

Please respond ASAP as we are looking for delegates to attend this meeting.



Thank you, Church family, for the continued prayers and thoughts throughout Jim's hospital times and surgery. The support is so wonderful and uplifts

us both. The cards and calls, gifts of love are all appreciated. We are still working through the first surgery, which has taken the pain of the foot on that leg away. Now just the healing of that leg and foot. We will let you know when the second surgery is on the other leg. God Bless each and every one of you for being Christ servants!

With Love, Jim and Rosie Repinski



With Deepest Sympathy

We announce the passing of a long-time member of our church, **Marian Vornholt**. She served as a treasurer/money counter here at UCC for many years. We send our heartfelt condolences to her sons, Mark & Karen, John & Pastor Sue, and Paul along with their families.

A Memorial Service is being planned here on Saturday, May 11th.

Visitation 10-11 a.m., with service at 11 a.m.



Sunday, March 3, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Jim & Rosie Repinski "In Praise of Jesus Christ".

Sunday, March 10, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Sue & Jim Popple in remembrance of parents Norbert & Phyllis Embke.

Sunday, March 17, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Paul Vine & Kelley Burch in loving memory of mother, Faith Vine.

Sunday, March 24, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Pat & Wally Garbisch in celebration of Wally's 87th birthday.

Sunday, March 31, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Karlene Wallace in memory of Dolores Johnson, Berdella Carl, and Tammy Marty.

2024 Radio Broadcast Sponsors Needed

Would you like to sponsor a **2024** 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.

The cost remains the same:
\$75 for a full broadcast; \$37.50 for half

The following dates remain open -

- Apr 14, 21
- May 26
- Jun 9, 23, 30
- Jul 28
- Aug 4, 18
- Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Oct 6, 13, 20, 27
- Nov 17
- Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

OFFERINGS FOR – MARCH 2024 & APRIL

March 4, 2024

General Offering	\$4,587.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	387.00
Meal Give-Away	<u>305.00</u>
	\$5,279.00

March 18, 2024

General Offering	\$2,024.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	126.00
Meal Give-Away	90.00
Radio Broadcast	225.00
Lent	<u>10.00</u>
	\$2,475.00

March 18, 2024

General Offering	\$4,700.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	480.00
Meal Give-Away	5.00
Radio Broadcast	150.00
Lent	<u>78.50</u>
	\$5,433.50

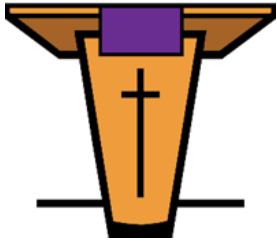
VANCO for March \$ 532.44

Facts and Figures of March 2024

Attendance for In-Person Worship

March 3	online 8	Sunday 51
March 10	online 6	Sunday 62
March 17	online 5	Sunday 54
March 25	online 8	Sunday 55
March 31	online 7	Sunday 98

Our Interim Pastors



Sunday, April 21st –
A “**THANK YOU and Recognition**” Service to show our appreciation for our interim pastors –
Pastor Jim Mohr
Pastor Sue Vornholt.
A free meal will be served following worship.



- 4- Carla Marty
- 5- Tye Kranz
- 6- Bonnie Weyer
- 9- Ray Weyer
- 10- Marlys Riedel
- 11- Kevin Erickson
- 13- Kathleen Seelow
- 15- Janice Miller
- 17- Scott Vradenburg
- 23- Stephanie Heck
- 24- Jennifer Romens-Erickson
- 25- Bryce Erickson
Leslie Hemp-Buchholz
- 27- Susie Karl
- 28- Ben Mathis
- 30- Scott Williams

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



- 6- Corinne & Neil Armitage
- 14- Lacey & Chad Erickson
- 27 - Susie & Russ Karl
- 28- Marla & Joel Raine

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



MAY 1 -9

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

May 1-9 Birthdays

- 1- Don Quicker
- 3- Duane Marty
- 6- Sharon Buddenhagen
Ashley Vine
- 7- Jocelyn Vine
- 9- Haylee Erickson

May 1-9 Anniversaries

- 1- Roberta & Bob Gaier
- 4- Ruth & Bob Schmidt
- 9- Kelly & Ben Mathis

50th Holiday Fair in 2024!

Exciting news ... did you realize that this year it will be our 50th Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 9, 2024? Yes, the Neillsville United Church of Christ has been working very hard for 50 years making money for our church and it is greatly appreciated by all. From your donations of supplies, money, and/or items to sell, we have helped our church budget by donating money to the parking lot, new round tables in the fellowship hall, new carpet in the sanctuary and much more.

Now we would like your input on how to celebrate our 50th year. Please attend an informal meeting on **Sunday, April 28** after the church service in the sanctuary to discuss ideas on how to make this event extra special this year. Bring your ideas for crafts, sales, luncheon ideas, etc. If you cannot attend this meeting and have any suggestions, please send me an email with your ideas. Everyone's opinion is welcomed and needed to make this a success.

Thank you for your continued support and ideas on this great annual fundraising event.

Free Ham Lunch



April 21, 2024

11:00 am - 12:00 Noon

United Church of Christ-Neillsville

515 West 2nd Street

Fellowship Hall

Meal Giveaway-Chicken Tetrazzini prepared by Living Hope

10:45-11:00 am

Approved Minutes Neillsville United Church of Christ Council

The meeting was held on Monday, February 26, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall at the Neillsville United Church of Christ.

Vice Moderator Petkovsek called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Attendance

Council Members Present: Trustee Representative Doris Bakker, Christian Education Representative Stephanie Heck, Vice Moderator Barb Petkovsek, Moderator Paul Vine (via Zoom at 6:04 PM), Deacons Representative Karlene Wallace, and Treasurer Bonnie Weyer.

Others in Attendance: Pastor Julie Ruegsegger (via Zoom).

Prayer

Vice Moderator Petkovsek guided the committee with a prayer.

Minutes

Bonnie Weyer informed the committee that she double checked the information that was shared at the January meeting on the sanctuary overhead screen and in fact, the screen has not been repaired and the invoice has not been paid. Once the repairs are completed, the invoice will be paid.

Motion by Stephanie Heck, seconded by Karlene Wallace to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 meeting with the correction that the sanctuary overhead screen has not been repaired and the invoice has not been paid. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

Moderator Vine joined the meeting and assumed duties at this time.

Financial Report

Motion by Doris Bakker, seconded by Stephanie Heck to approve the financial report as presented by Bonnie Weyer reading Assistant Treasurer Don Quicker's written report. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

New Business

Pastor Jim and Pastor Sue Thank You

An appreciation luncheon will be prepared by the Mission and Outreach Committee on Sunday, April 21 honoring Pastor Jim and Pastor Sue immediately following the service. The children will also be singing at this service.

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New Business Continued

Pastor Jim and Pastor Sue Thank You Continued

Motion by Barb Petkovsek, seconded by Bonnie Weyer to obtain a \$75 Chamber gift certificate for both Pastor Jim and Pastor Sue as a thank you. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

Pastor Julie's Start Date

Pastor Julie informed the committee that Monday, April 22, 2024 will be her official start date as the Neillsville United Church of Christ Pastor and will begin preaching on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

Old Business

Camp Scholarships

Moderator Vine inquired about modifying our camp scholarships. Bonnie Weyer stated that currently, if a church member attends church camp, it is paid 100% and a non-member is paid 75%, out of the Ray Camp Scholarship Fund. Bonnie Weyer stated it is too late to modify the percentage for 2024 and that it should be brought up in the Fall to review.

Committee Reports

Trustees

Doris Bakker shared the following:

- six (6) old tables have been sold at this point, with four (4) remaining
- the committee reviewed and approved the updated funeral service fees
- heat registers in the Pastor's Office and the Administrative Assistant's Office are in the process of being painted
- a railing for the steps to the alter have been ordered

Christian Education

Stephanie Heck shared the following:

- met on February 7, 2024 at Calvary and February 21, 2024 at UCC
- will be meeting on March 6, 2024 at Calvary and March 20, 2024 at UCC
- confirmation sessions will all be held at Calvary
- last week's JAM session, children had their feet washed, as part of the Lenten lesson
- attendance is going great with 30-40 children attending every time

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Committee Reports Continued

Christian Education Continued

- Vacation Bible Study (VBS)
 - discussed with Calvary, and they would like to schedule a weeklong VBS in the afternoon, the same time as summer school is held
 - This does not work for many children due to sports and other activities being held in those afternoons
 - UCC will probably host their own VBS for one day on Saturday, June 1, 2024 and will work with Pastor Julie on the lesson plan and theme

Deacons

Karlene Wallace shared the following:

- Lenten Services
 - all soup suppers are planned that will be hosted by UCC
 - confirmands will help wait on tables at soup suppers
 - confirmands will help usher
- reviewed the funeral policy and have some changes/additions and will review again at their next meeting, which will be Tuesday, March 6, 2024 at 5 PM

Other

Nothing currently.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5 PM.

Emile Miller left the meeting at this time (6:40 PM).

Adjournment

Motion by Barb Petkovsek, seconded by Stephanie Heck to adjourn. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Submitted by:
Emile J Miller
Neillsville UCC Council Secretary



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
April 7, 2024 – May 26, 2024

	Deacon/ host	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)
Sunday, April 7, 2024	Wayne Voss	Carole Romens	Ben Mathis
		Audrey Vradenburg	
Sunday, April 14, 2024	Barb Shoemaker	Debbie Holman	Don Quicker
		Sue Gurney	Jerry Quicker
Sunday, April 21, 2024	Byrl Buddenhagen	Larry & Kathy Marshall	Mickey Marty
			Joel Raine
Sunday, April 28, 2024	Sally Sadowska	Kirk & Nancy Rodman	Russ Karl
			Paul Schmidt
Sunday, May 5, 2024	Karlene Wallace	Jim & Rosie Repinski	Craig Heck
			Scott Williams
Sunday, May 12, 2024	Janice Miller	Cris & Lisa Hediger	Paul Vine
			Kelley Burch
Sunday, May 19, 2024	JoAnn Wren	Phil & Donita Follen	Roger Carl
			Hap Eddy
Sunday, May 26, 2024	Wayne Voss	Lydia Schumacher	Mike Perkl
		Karen Northup	Deb Perkl
Please call the church office if you are unable to be here, or make arrangements with another Church member.			
715-743-2147			



2024 United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9 AM Card Making	2 Each Tuesday - 1 PM Marge Goetsch Bible Study – church lounge / bring bible	3 5 PM J.A.M. Club & Confirmation @ Calvary	4 12 PM - T&C Quilters	5	6
7 <u>Second Sunday of Easter</u> 10 AM Worship Communion	8 6 PM - PEO	9 1 PM Bible Study	10 5 PM Deacons Mtg	11 1:30 PM Circle of Friends Meeting	12	13
14 <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u> 10 AM Worship Change your clocks- Daylight Savings Time	15 9 AM Card Making 9 AM - T&C Quilters	16 1 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM – Trustees Mtg	17 5 PM J.A.M. Club at UCC 5 PM Confirmation @ Calvary *Meal Prep	18 *Meal Prep	19 *Meal Prep	20
21 <u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u> 10 AM Worship & Free Meal for Pastor Appreciation Meal Give Away	22	23 1 PM Bible Study 6 PM - HCE	24 6:30 PM – Council Mtg	25	26	27
28 <u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> Pastor Julie's First Service	29	30 1 PM Bible Study				