



June 2024

Membership Class offered

Are you familiar with the denomination of United Church of Christ? Do you know what it means to be an actual 'member' of our church?

Join in the Lounge on **June 3rd at 6 p.m.** to learn about those topics, and more. Speak with Pastor Dave if you have any questions.



Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 9th

NEW TIME: 9 a.m.
in the sanctuary



Celebrate those who answer to "dad" on June 16th.

The Diaconate will have a treat for all those 'dads' after worship that day.

Please continue to pray...

Bonnie Deke
Janet Danczyk
Barb Musgrove
Linda Olsen
Joyce Thompson



May Council Meeting Highlights

Your Council continues to meet to discuss issues, concerns, ideas, of the church-- reviewing reports from Boards/committee and staff; evaluating what next steps are re: current issues in the church.

Topics we focused on in May included: church continuity plans, Summer service, Cost savings, fellowship, Board/committee reports, presentation from members of the Southwest UCC Association, and more. Rather than waiting for the minutes, do know you're welcome to come to the meeting-- there's a lot of soulful discussion about aspects of the church that affect all of us!



Food Trucks

June 11
August 15

Contact Scott Raue if you can help. Workers arrive at 11:30. We serve beginning at Noon.

Church Continuity Corner

Various Task groups continue to meet regularly and research information about options to help financially support the continuity of our church-- whether that be via merges with others, "event" rental of different areas of the church to the public, consideration of when we need to make a decision about moving on or not, and many other areas. The goal of those groups is also to determine a potential annual revenue that may be generated, to factor into our budgeting process.

DO KNOW: there's a good core of members working on this, thinking creatively and evaluating options! We may have some tough decisions ahead, and we're working to be prepared for whatever comes.



The Family Night fellowship would like to invite you to their **2nd Annual Church Picnic on June 2nd**, directly following worship.

We will have burgers and hotdogs provided by Christian Education. There will be yard games as well!

This same Sunday we will be **honoring high school graduate**, Kyle Bos, during worship.



We will meet on Thursday, June 6 at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

ALL WOMEN ALL WELCOME

We'll be discussing and deciding future activities and dates, plus wiping out the kitchen cupboards and drawers inside and out (sorting has already been done).

Carrie Newcomer Concert- -a great time!

Carrie Newcomer performed at our church in early May-- and what a wonderful concert! About half of the people attending were not members of our church, and as a

result we had lots of positive exposure.

There were many church members actively involved with assisting with the concert, however, special kudos go to -

The Guys of the Umbrella Brigade who escorted guests in by umbrella, in the rain. It was a great gesture and made participants feel so welcome.

Doug Schnepf and Mike Nelson, for their assistance and management of the sound system-- couldn't have done it without them!

and Sarah Peterson, who cooked a beautiful Vegan Dinner for Carrie and pianist Gary,

And everyone who provided the excellent treats provided after the concert.

And of course, Diane and Lisa Van Duerzen-Otey, who worked on arrangements for this event for at least 9 months!

Per Diane and Lisa, Carrie recently wrote, saying she'd never felt so welcomed at a church.

All told, the concert raised \$2940, thanks to a gracious donation that covered the cost of the performer, housing, etc. Diane and Lisa are currently seeking out other performers for future concerts!

Monthly News

Anyone is welcome to provide news material for the monthly newsletter. Your news can be a thank you, congrats, or an event the congregation is invited to. Pictures are also nice to have.

The deadline for handing in this material is the 15th of every month. If you don't have access to the internet your news can be handwritten or typed.

Note: The editor has the authority to edit material if necessary.



HUGE FOOD DRIVE BY USPS

The Food Pantry workers want to thank our generous community for the largest amount of food that has been ever collected.

A HUGE thank you to the Postal Workers.

It took a few days for the pantry crew to sort and put away what had been delivered.

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Coming Soon! Bulletin Or not?

The church will be implementing an experiment beginning on June 9—we'll go for a month with no printed bulletins during services, other than perhaps announcements, and/or large print bulletin, and then get feedback, to evaluate how an ongoing 'no bulletin' format is working.



06/04 Diane Ritchie
06/21 Robert Gleason
06/23 Eleanore Peterson
06/24 Ann Raue
06/27 Jason Danczyk
06/30 Barb Musgrove

Migrant Welcome Distribution

We Care is looking for volunteers to help unpack, sort and organize for May and June.

Volunteers are needed the day of the distribution, June 20th.

Please contact Yareli, our Hispanic Ministries Coordinator at We Care, 637-4342 for scheduling.

6/10 Robert & Lynn Gabel
6/13 Jeff & Barbara Reber
6/19 David & Nancy Daugherty

Deacons for June

Mike Nelson and Stuart Comiskey