



Congregational Connections

Monthly E-Newsletter of First Congregational Church, UCC | Port Washington, Wisconsin | June 2022

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

This year in Confirmation Class as I was getting the Confirmands ready to write their personal “Statements of Faith”, I asked them to each send me one question they still had as it related to the different areas of their statement: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Bible, Church, Discipleship. The questions they asked were fascinating and I did my best to answer many of them in our next class. But there were some that are incredibly difficult to answer, and are perennial questions asked through the centuries: why do bad things happen to good people? What happens after we die? If all the stories in the Bible aren’t literally true, how can we tell fact from fiction?

Confirmands always ask the best questions! They are not willing to settle for old clichés and are doing their best to work out meaningful responses to the issues they are concerned about. I thought I would spend just a little time each month of the summer attempting to respond to just a few of their questions, and probably some of the questions we still carry around with us. Often enough we adults have learned to live with the questions, even if we haven’t quite produced answers—and sometimes that is all we can do.

So, the questions for June: **“Is it more important to attend church services or act like a Christian out in public?”** and a second is similar, **“Do you need faith to be a good person?”**

I love these questions so much! The first question asks us to make a ranking of importance: is it more important to worship on Sunday or to live out our faith day to day? We are a church that believes strongly that Christian faith is tragically insufficient if it is not lived out in the way disciples treat their neighbors near and far, treat themselves and care for God's creation. At the same time, our experience is that disciples who are not regularly engaged in personal prayer and community worship quickly become worn-out, cynical, exhausted, burned out or just as often self-righteous and judgmental because we forget the ultimate resource of our strength, the guide for our actions is Jesus Christ.

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...QUESTIONS OF FAITH continued...

Worship reminds us why we are ministering, refuels our spiritual energies, and inspires the paths we take. Prayer is fulfilled in action. Worship is fulfilled in ministry. It is a “positive feedback loop” that can create real transformation in the individual disciple and in the world around us.

Honestly, I’d rather someone be a good Christian out in public (and in private) than sit in a worship service. And this is where I think the first question and the second question are linked. It is something that bothers all of us when we see it in others and something we may even worry about in ourselves: hypocrisy. The idea that there may be some people who are satisfied with attending worship and then going home and being mean, abusive or simply dismissive to the people in their lives. There are lots of folks who can “talk the talk” but do not “walk the walk”. Does one need faith to be a good person? No. There are lots of great people who have no Christian faith or any faith at all. There are lots of great people who do incredible works of service and compassion who are members of other religions, too. Are there people who claim to be people of faith, or make a good public showing of it, and are terrible people you wouldn’t want to be friends with? Yes.

Another way to see this second question, is out of a sense of the questioner’s own fear or self-doubt. Many of our young people struggle with what they truly believe, and our Confirmation Program invites them to begin sorting it all out within the community of faith. But what if the young person is uncertain about their faith? What if all they seem to express is doubt? And so, the question, then becomes a little more heartbreaking, “Do I need faith to be a good person?” Our faithful compassion is then to answer, of course you don’t need faith to be a good person. You are a good person just the way you are. We say to everyone, “No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome here.” A faith community is about the best place in the world for people who are struggling with doubts to work through them.

More questions from this year’s Confirmation Class to come!
Have a great month of June!

Courage and Peace, Pastor Scott

WORSHIP WITH US - SUMMER SERVICES

We have one service at 9:00 during the summer months of June, July, and August (sorry, no nursery care provided in the summer).

CLICK AWAY

Remember to be on the lookout for orange text throughout this e-newsletter. The orange text is linked up to other documents or web pages that you might find helpful and interesting.

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEXT E-NEWSLETTER

If you have any celebrations, concerns/prayer requests or other contributions that you would like us to include in a future e-newsletter, let us know. Please email us 7-10 days before the first day of the month.

VACATION PLANS FOR PASTOR SCOTT

Pastor Scott will be out of the office June 4 to June 23. He is traveling to Scotland with his daughter, Ruth, and his sister, Cathy, and her husband. The McLeod family will be in Glasgow for several days while Ruth attends a neuroscience conference on behalf of the University of CT where she is a doctoral candidate. Then they will travel over to the Isle of Skye and stay on the grounds of Dunvegan Castle, which is the ancestral home of the McLeod Clan (the clan chief of the McLeod's still lives there) ending their trip with a couple of days in Edinburgh. Scott will be back in time for the Spring Congregational Meeting on June 26.



REV. DON NIEDERFRANK TO SERVE IN JUNE

We are so grateful that during Scott's absence, the Rev. Don Niederfrank will be leading worship June 5, June 12, and June 19. Don will also be covering for emergency pastoral needs. Please contact the church office and we will connect you.

You might be interested to know that Don celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination on May 30!



OFFICE MANAGER HOURS THIS SUMMER

Beckie Perez, our Office Manager, will hold summer office hours Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 to Noon. Call, email, or stop by if you need anything!



FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE HOURS

Phil Stepanski, our Financial Administrator, will continue to hold office hours on Mondays, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the church office. Phil invites you to reach out at anytime!



SUMMER PLANS FOR WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP & MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Wednesday Lunch group met for the last time this program year on May 25. They will resume meeting in September. The Men's Breakfast group will continue to meet throughout the summer. They meet on Thursday mornings at 8:00 at the Beacon Restaurant inside the Harborview hotel.

BLESS OUR 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS



Front left to right: *Ben Sanem, Graham Garthus, Grant Eslinger, Drue Nelson, and Brooke Peiffer*
Middle: *Nick Sanem, Libby Holmes, Katja Cira, Avery Roehrig, and Mia Blum*
Back: *Pastor Scott, Amari Daevel, Dylan Crain, Matthew Dimmer, and Grady Karrels*

The whole church should be very proud of the group of young people who stepped forward to affirm their baptism and join the church on May 29. You may [click here](#) to view the service. The fourteen Confirmands began this year's journey in September and have faithfully met with Pastor Scott for class each month and been actively engaged in service within our congregation; leading worship services, providing fellowship opportunities, selling Christmas trees, and caring for children in the nursery. Plus, they have engaged in service projects and educational opportunities beyond our church walls; they had a work day at our camp on Green Lake, Daycholah Center, helping out at both the Port Washington and Saukville Food Pantries, helping with holiday projects at Family Promise as well as trips to Holy Hill Stations of the Cross and America's Black Holocaust Museum.

Throughout the process they have been as attentive as they could manage as Scott went into (far too deep!!) detail about the Bible, about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and about the Church, plus our call to discipleship and ministry. Keep them in your prayers as they move into their high school years, and let's all do our best to encourage them to stay engaged in the work of their church as they grow and mature.



Bless Our Confirmands



CLASS OF 2022



A Salute To Our FCC GRADUATES

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Brielle Bertler | Kamryn Lapacek | Elijah Perez |
| Michael Bunyan | Hannah Lemke | Sydney Rychtik |
| Makenna Eslinger | Cash Mantsch | Emily Schowalter |
| Brady Fleishmann | Jakub Micha | Brayden Thompson |
| Ella Gilhooly | Gabe Pasten | Payton Yellen |
| | Taylor Peiffer | |



Brielle Bertler
Port Washington High School

Brielle will be attending St. Norbert College in De Pere. Her focus is Biology/Pre-PA.



Ella Gilhooly
Port Washington High School

Ella will be attending UW-Madison and plans to study genetics/genomics.



Michael Bunyan
Port Washington High School

Michael will attend the US Air Force Academy & will play football (Go Falkons!) . He intends to major in legal studies and pursue a career in aviation or law.



Hannah Lemke
Ozaukee High School

Hannah graduated from OHS on May 22nd. She will be attending UW-Oshkosh for nursing.



Makenna Eslinger
Port Washington High School

Makenna is currently undecided.



Jakub Micha
Port Washington High School

Jakub will be attending UW-La Crosse. He'll be studying Business and Economics.



**We wish this group nothing
but the best
as they set out into the world!**



Gabe Pasten

Port Washington High School

Gabe will be attending UW-Madison next year for Biology/Biomedical Engineering.



Sydney Rychtik

Port Washington High School

Sydney will be attending the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. She has been accepted to the School of Management for Accounting.



Taylor Peiffer

Port Washington High School

Taylor will be attending UW-Eau Claire for marketing analytics.



Brayden Thompson

Port Washington High School

Brayden plans to attend Bryant & Stratton College.



Elijah Perez

Port Washington High School

Elijah will be attending UW-Madison and studying Communication Arts and Graphic Design.



Payton Yellen

Port Washington High School

Payton will be attending the University of Minnesota and plans to become a Physical Therapist.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES INVITED TO CHURCH ON JUNE 5



It is a tradition to invite all high school graduates to attend church on Graduation Sunday morning, June 5, at 9:00. We understand it is a full day but hope you might find it meaningful to join with your church community to mark this special milestone. We ask graduates to stand to be recognized and share a bit about their future plans.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 26

The Spring Congregational Meeting will take place following worship on June 26 (approximately 10:15 a.m.). It will be held in Fellowship Hall but there will also be a Zoom option for those who would like to attend virtually. The Zoom invitation will be sent to all members and friends the week prior to the meeting via email. You can join in on the conversation and hear the reports that are given here at church or from the comfort of their own home/car/camper (etc!). There will be a financial update from Kathy Bretl and Phil Stepanski and a new slate of officers and Team leaders will be nominated and then voted upon. We hope you can join us.

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COPIES OF ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE AT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Each of the Team Representatives on the Church Council will have written reports available in an 2021-2022 Annual Report. Paper copies will be available for those attending the Spring Congregational Meeting, and also by request.

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BBQ BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY EVENINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST

Everyone is invited to an informal dinner on Tuesday evenings (5:30-7:30) this summer which will be held outside on the church patio or indoors (if it is raining). BBQ Bible Study will begin on July 5th and run all the way to the end of August (August 30th). Dinner will feature hot dogs or polish sausage or bratwurst or burgers, plus whatever else folks choose to bring to share (chips, salads, desserts, drinks, etc). After dinner we'll have a brief Bible Study focusing in on some of the central themes and scripture texts from the Gospel of Luke. Mark your calendars, it should be lots of fun!



JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR

BBQ BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Evenings
in July & August

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall and Church Patio

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There are 100's of gift cards you can purchase for retail stores and online merchants, restaurants, gas stations, entertainment, even flights and travel purchases; and each can be turned into a small percentage of money coming directly to help the church. Your purchase of graduation gifts, Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, wedding gifts can all become ways through which the church receives a small percentage of the total. It really does begin to add up, especially when you consider this is not "new" spending, just doing the usual things, but being mindful of an opportunity to help us out.

We thank Jennifer Dimmer and Rhonda Thompson who are our church Scrip Coordinators. Please email the church office with questions (office@portucc.org) and Beckie will forward on to Rhonda and Jennifer.

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SCRIPTURE TEXTS AND WORSHIP THEMES FOR JUNE

June 5: Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17, 25-27

Pentecost, Graduation, and Communion Sunday

On the day of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, we celebrate the Spirit bursting across usual boundaries, giving birth to a new community and re-birthing our faith in our own time.



June 12: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 John 16:12-15

Trinity Sunday

On Trinity Sunday, we join Wisdom's eager dance of joy, and hear Wisdom's call to care and work toward justice for all God's creation.



June 19: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 5-7, 8-15a Luke 8:26-39

Second Sunday after Pentecost

We meet the prophet Elijah and reflect on how God comes to us in our times of despair, nourishing and sustaining us.



June 26: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Luke 9:51-62

Third Sunday after Pentecost, Spring Congregational Meeting

We watch as Elisha picks up the mantle of ministry from Elijah. When we pick up the mantle of discipleship, we journey under the Spirit's guidance.



CONGRATULATIONS



Jess (Shupe) and Bob Korup on the birth of their son, Bennett, born on May 10.

Elijah Perez competed at the WIAA Track Sectionals on May 26 in West Bend. Elijah set a personal record of 11.5 seconds in the 100 yard dash.

Hope Gilhooly and the Port Washington Varsity Softball Team has advanced to the WIAA Girls Softball Sectional Finals. They play against Wisconsin Lutheran on June 2.



CHURCH SCHOOL IN MAY



Pennants created to celebrate the important women in our lives!



Flowers were handed out to special women on Mother's Day.



Our thanks to the Church School Leadership Team: Jennifer Dimmer, Tina Olson, Dawn Rychtik, Savannah Anderson, and Shandy Roehrig (not pictured).

A GREAT CONCLUSION TO THE PROGRAM YEAR



The Chancel Choir and the Children's Choir joined together singing "This Little Light of Mine" and "This Is Me" with solos from Kylee Olson and Simon Gilhooly and a duet from Lily Dimmer and Collette Olson. What a spectacular performance!



Some of the kids enjoying lunch together.



Our church friends helping themselves to a spread of Cousins subs, salads, and desserts provided by the Fellowship Team at the Church Potluck Celebration.



Moderator's Farewell Message

What a ride it's been! I realized early on that I would be moderator through Jeff Suddendorf's retirement, and a probable interim ministry, and maybe – maybe the call to a new settled minister. But the addition of Covid in the midst of all these church-shaking changes was totally unanticipated! And oh! The discussions we had regarding how to move forward...stay open...close and move to on-line services only – mask or not to mask – sing with masking – should the choir be required to be masked as they sang? Weekly reports from the state! Numbers going up – numbers going down! Unhappy members regardless of whatever we decided what was best! Will we survive as a church? Of course, only time will tell, but be assured dear friends – we really tried to do what seemed wisest at the moment!

And so here we are – a little scarred, but with a new talented leader in place thanks to the thorough work of the Search Committee, and to all of you for hanging in there with us as we wavered one way – then another!

Thank you for the honor of being – or trying to be – your faithful Moderator over the past two years!

-Jeanne Mantsch

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ADOPT-A-BILL A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

The Church Council would like to thank everyone for helping to make the "Adopt-a-Bill" fundraiser such a great success. Some of the regular budgeted expenses the church is responsible to pay month in and month out were split up into monthly or weekly amounts. So, for instance, our regular cleaning expenses were broken down into four \$150 weekly bills to be adopted. And the repair loan that we took out in 2020 and are paying back now in monthly installments was broken down into four weekly \$275 bills. And the same went for monthly costs; garbage disposal, pest control, utilities such as water, gas and electric, the phone bill, office supplies, etc., etc. The "bills" went up on Sunday, May 8 and by Sunday, May 15 all of them had been adopted! So, Council decided to try it again! On May 22, another set of bills to be adopted went up, this time with "June" written on them, and at the end of May, there were only a few left. Once again we see the power of our faith community; when everyone pitches in and does their part, incredible things are possible!

AVAILABLE CHURCH SPACE - PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

As you may know, we are seeking a new renter for the space that is available due to Port Pre-School closing its doors. They are slated to have the space cleared mid-June. We are very sorry to see Port Pre-School close, but hope we can create a new opportunity for another community non-profit to use the beautiful and welcoming space our church building is able to provide. Please help us spread the word! The people of our church are connected with many of the community service organizations in Ozaukee County-- so make sure the groups you work with are aware that we have space available! Our thanks to Troy Bretl, member and local realtor, for helping the church lease out the space. Please call the church if you have any leads or questions, or contact Troy for a showing - (414) 899-8190, TroyBretl@RealtyExecutives.com.

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Rooms measure approximately 39x18, 39x16 & kitchen 20x14

Family Promise of Ozaukee County

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH FAMILY PROMISE

First Congregational Church has been a support congregation to Family Promise since the founding of the Ozaukee chapter in 2016. Family Promise is a nationwide non-profit organization which provides shelter, meals and social services to homeless families. Prior to Covid-19, the Interfaith Hospitality Network program used congregations like First Congregational to provide temporary housing and meal support on a rotating weekly basis to homeless families and single women. The pandemic caused two issues. First, the churches closed, leaving the organization with no place to shelter people overnight. Second, the number of phone calls increased dramatically from people seeking services. FPOZ responded by increasing capacity and making ten local motel rooms available to households who were homeless or at risk of homelessness. Additionally, the organization expanded their service delivery demographics to include all household types, including single men and couples with no children. Since April 1, 2020, the motel rooms have been filled to capacity prompting leadership of FPOZ to seek more sustainable and cost-effective solutions. On May 20, 2021 ground breaking on the Portlight Emergency Shelter located at 1505 Sunset Road in Port Washington commenced.

In just the first three months of 2022, staff and volunteers of Family Promise helped a total of 65 households made up of 81 adults and 85 children: \$57,508 was provided in rent assistance, 710 meals were provided by congregational volunteers (like you!), and 983 nights of shelter were provided.

First Congregational Church volunteers worked with members of Parkside UCC and Living Hope Saukville to provide meal support to motel guests for six separate weeks between July 2021 and June 2022. They met at Parkside and packaged meals and delivered them to the motel. When the new shelter is completed, the volunteers hope to be cooking, serving, and eating meals at the shelter with our homeless neighbors.

For more information on how you can become a volunteer, please contact FCC church member Jeanne Mantsch at (262) 243-5193 or jgm@wi.rr.com. Time commitment is as big or as little as you want it to be! Many volunteers sign up for one meal or one part of a meal every cycle and many volunteers help out only one or two meals a year. For more information about Family Promise Ozaukee please visit their website at familypromiseoz.org.

UCC CHURCH CAMPS



Sacred places meant for you!

Enjoy time away and the opportunity to connect deeply with nature, in a loving and accepting community.

Event registration is open!

Go to ucci.org



Daycholah Center
Ripon, WI



Moon Beach
St. Germain, WI



Cedar Valley
West Bend, WI



Camp AweSum
Supporting Youth on the Autism Spectrum and their Families

Our congregation is fortunate to have three different church camp locations to camp at and retreat to as part of the United Church Camps in the state of Wisconsin. Daycholah Center, Moon Beach, and Cedar Valley are outdoor ministry programs associated with the United Church of Christ, the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC, and Outdoor Ministry Association UCC.

You may learn more about all of the camps, retreats, classes and events of the United Church Camps by visiting ucci.org. It is not too late to sign up for camp this summer, and it is a perfect time to find a retreat for the fall!

You might be interested to know that a handful of church friends are headed to camp this summer. **Jeanne, Kerry, and Cash Mantsch are attending Family Camp at Moon Beach. Simon Gilhooly and Kylee Olson are attending Myth Busters Camp, and Elaina Perez is attending Night Owl Camp, both held at Daycholah Center.** Have fun at camp!



Year-round camps, retreats, and events for all ages!



One Ministry - Three Sites

Daycholah Center

is located on the Southeast Shore of Green Lake, near Ripon

Moon Beach

is nestled in the Northwoods, between Eagle River and St. Germain on the shores of Moon Lake and Little Saint Germain

Cedar Valley

is in the heart of Washington County, surrounded by 100 acres of natural beauty

OUR THANKS

To Avery Roehrig, Katja Cira, Brooke Peiffer and their families for providing Nursery Care in May.

To David Franks, Jeanne Mantsch, Ric Probst, Steve Davidson, Jeff Ulicki, Phil Stepanski, and Ken Matthews for serving as Worship Leaders in May.

To Jennifer Dimmer and the Fellowship Team for providing Fellowship Hour on May 1st and 15th.

To Jennifer Dimmer, Mike and Sherrie Dimmer, Marti DeMario, David Franks, Louise Mollinger, Jeanne Mantsch, Barb Bahr, Alice Ruffin, Beckie Perez, Roberta Blumenberg, and Tina Olsen for coordinating the Memorial Reception in memory of Marlys Herbert on May 7th.

To Mike Dimmer for offering to cut the grass through the Fall and to Thomas Ulicki for assisting this Mike with church landscaping.

To Jennifer Dimmer and the Fellowship Team for hosting the potluck luncheon on May 22.

To Meg and Gary Tackes for providing bbq pork sandwiches and dessert for our last Wednesday Lunch Group of the program year.

To Nels Garthus, Kierstin Cira and Brook Holmes for being the Confirmation parent helpers at America's Black Holocaust Museum.

To Susan Niederfrank, Brook Holmes, Scott Symes, Joe and Bev Mueller, Mike Dimmer and Lily Dimmer, Jana Zimmerman, Beckie Perez, Adele Richert, and Shandy Roehrig for adopting a flowerbed and maintaining it through Fall.

To Rhonda Thompson and Jennifer Dimmer for introducing and managing the SCRIPT fundraising program for our church.

To the Property Team for mounting a new flagpole on the church building near the outdoor patio.

To all our members and friends who "adopted" one of our May or June bills in this month's fundraiser to help fill in our budget deficit gap.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ned Huwatschek who is recovering from hip replacement surgery on May.

Bruce Laabs, Sr. who is back home after a brief stay at Newcastle.

Mickey Meerdink (Beckie Perez's mother) who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Dave and Debbie Wickesberg who lost their son, Chad, on May 16.

Jane Schneider who is recovering from neck surgery.

Janet Behnke who had hip replacement surgery on May 31.

APPROVED APRIL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

(The April Minutes were approved at the May 12, 2022 meeting.)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Church Council Minutes April 21, 2022

Call to Order By Jeanne Mantsch @ 6:30 PM

Pastor Scott, Jeanne Mantsch, Phil Stepanski, Mike Spalding, Jason Jacque, Jennifer Dimmer, Eric Olson, and Rhonda Thompson. Joining from online Kathy Bretl and Savannah

Opening Meditation – Eric Olson

Approval of the Minutes – March, 2022 -Jennifer motions to approve the March minutes and Eric seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

Monthly Budget Review (Phil/Kathy) – There are some inaccuracies in the monthly report, like Scott McLeod's salary is not reported; paid but not entered into Quickbooks. Phil is creating procedures/process for bill approval, payment, reconciling accounts. Then reconciling all accounts and bringing them up to date. He's working on bringing chart of accounts and budgeted item accounts into alignment. Pastor Scott discussed moving Christmas Tree Sale Income to "off budget" so it is not part of the 10% tithe and moving S.E Association Dues into the 10% Mission Expense Tithe. Mike asked about music expense that was donated by Memorial Gift. Discussion took place on the idea of a May fundraiser called "Church Giving Tree"- extra donations for church expenses could be posted up on a board. Members would be encouraged to take one and give the church a gift.

Pastor's Moment (Pastor Scott)- Over 45 people have filled out the Ministry Options volunteer form. Pastor Scott is hopeful that there are some new people interested in helping.

Old Business

Capital Campaign- Pastor Scott is working on finding team member's. Andrew Warner from WI Conference office is willing to work with us in bringing campaign forward as soon as we are ready.

Building maintenance updates – (Bill)-Otis Elevator made repairs following Palm Sunday malfunction. The committee will be presenting a proposal regarding larger preventive maintenance issues on 30 year old elevator.

Review of recent events – card making, cinnamon buns (Jennifer)- Jennifer reported new faces at craft events and on Palm Sunday.

Scrip sales progress – (Rhonda)-Jennifer stated that approval was granted from Great Lakes Scrip. She was able to place an online order. Phil has set up a separate bank account for gift card payments and monies collected. Some delivery logistics still need to be worked out. After a trial run it will be promoted for members to set up accounts/order gift cards and begin earning rebates that will help support funds within the church as needed.

Port Pre-school and the future – any updates? None.

Replacement of Associate Moderator-Jason Jacque will step in to finish the few months of Phil's term.

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

Lighthouse Youth Ministry board of directors' representatives/ Lighthouse (Savannah)- Savannah was please to announce that she approached Dawn Guschl and Tina Olson asking them to join her for the next meeting as new board of director members. A new youth minister was offered the position. It's believed they may start with the beginning of the new school year.

New Business

Annual reports from team leaders for June meeting- The Annual meeting is Sunday June 26th. New officers will be elected at that time. Team leaders from each committee are asked to create a report of the year's happenings (historical record) and turn them in to Beckie no later than June 12.

Fund raising team?-Any and all fundraisers are welcome. Jennifer has been quick to jump on some ideas and gathering information on possibilities. A team could be formed at a later date as ideas need execution.

Any other new business to come before the Council?- Eric says "thanks" for all donations on the Paper Drive for Family Promise. It's possible they'll try one more drive before the summer. June is Pride Month; Justice Team is planning events for month. Mike motions to fly the Rainbow Pride flag the month of June. Jennifer seconds the motion. The vote is approved. Pastor Scott will ask Property team where it would be possible to mount the flag on the outside of the building.

Phil has stated that Quickbooks needs proof of ownership or right to take over as administrator of the business account. Moderator (chairperson), Jeanne Mantsch, of First Congregational Church moves that Phil Stepanski is admitted as the primary administrator of the Quickbooks account for First Congregational Church. Jason seconds the motion. The vote is approved and Phil Stepanski is now the primary administrator.

Savannah motions to adjourn, Kathy seconds it. Meeting is adjourned 8:00PM.

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ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING REPORT FROM JEANNE MANTSCH

The SE Association of the Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting took place on May 7th at Brookfield Congregational Church. The gathering began with worship lead by Rev. Laura McLeod, which was followed by the annual business meeting. One of the primary pieces of business is the passage of the budget for the coming year.

The keynote speaker, Thomas Thibodeau is a professor at Viterbo University in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He is the founder of the Master of Arts in Servant Leadership, the first master's degree of its kind in the nation, and also a founding member of hospitality and fellowship resource Place of Grace, in La Crosse. He was an inspiring speaker who also led one of the workshops after lunch, Honing in on Servant Leadership, which I attended. I also had the unexpected opportunity to spend more time chatting with him during lunch, which we spent outside on a park bench on the lovely Brookfield Congregational Church's grounds. The other workshops offered were Living Together in Diversity and Calming the Storm - navigating the waters of church conflict.

Submitted by Jeanne Mantsch (Attendee)

JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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| 1 - | Jackson Bergin | 16- | Scott Peiffer |
| | Barbara Sorlie | 19- | Ryan Umhoefer |
| | Dale Sanem | | Alice Ruffin |
| 3- | Joyce Bria | | Laura McLeod |
| 5 - | Don Laubenstein | 20- | Nathan Rego |
| 7 - | Janet Behnke | 21- | Sydney Rychtik |
| 10 - | Patricia Westphal | | Grant Melichar |
| 11 - | Virginia Bichler | | Kim Schuessler |
| | Grant Bergin | 22- | Dawn Guschl |
| | Brielle Bertler | | Bill Bond |
| 12 - | Ezra Bretl | | Ben Pasten |
| | Beau Fleischmann | 23- | Brett Dimmer |
| 13 - | Bev Mueller | | Tom Roehrig |
| | Mary Johnson | 24- | Eric Oleson |
| 14- | Norman Joplin | 27- | Mike Perket |
| | Colin Umhoefer | | Grace Wilsnack |
| | Terry Bretl | | Peter Chandler |
| | Patricia Cottrell | | Heidi Bertler |
| | Merlin Behnke | 29- | Jacob Sanem |
| | Brad Katzer | | Ray Shupe |

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|------|-----------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 1 - | Gary and Joyce Bria | 20 - | Claude and Jana Zimmerman |
| 6 - | Don and Susan Niederfrank | 23 - | Aaron and Missy White |
| 7 - | Scott and Susan Westerbeke | 24 - | John and Christa Karrels |
| 8 - | Scott and Laura McLeod | 25 - | Dick and Edie Webb |
| 9 - | Mark and Janet Maechtle | 26 - | Lefty and Diane Fowler |
| 11 - | Mike and Kelly Perket | | Ralph and Beckie Perez |
| 13 - | Ryan and Jodi Cowen | | Joe and Bev Mueller |
| | Mark and Diana Pasten | 27 - | Scott and Dani Peiffer |
| 15 - | Allen and Patricia Cottrell | 30 - | Matt and Julie Schlehle |
| | Dave and Debra Wickesberg | | |
| | Mark and Terry Sdun | | |

Please contact Beckie Perez, at office@portucc.org, if you would like to add a Birthday or Anniversary.

JUNE 2022 CALENDAR

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|---|--------------------------------------|------|------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon 6:30 pm Executive Team | 3 | 4 |
| 5 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Graduation Sunday</i> 9 am Communion Service | 6 4 pm Friends for Justice | 7 | 8 | 9 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon 6:30 pm Church Council | 10 | 11 |
| 12 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 9 am Worship Service | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon | 17 | 18 |
| 19 <i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Father's Day</i> 9 am Worship Service | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon | 24 1 pm Property Team | 25 1pm Cohan Hechtel Baptism |
| 26 <i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship Service 10 am Spring Congregational Meeting | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Pastor Scott's Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, and by appointment

Financial Administrator Phil's Office Hours

Mondays from 4:30-6:30

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