

## SUMMER PLANS FOR WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP & MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Wednesday Lunch Group met for the last time this program year on May 31. They will resume meeting in September. The Men's Breakfast Group will continue to meet throughout the summer on Thursday mornings at 8:00 at the Beacon Restaurant inside the Harborview Hotel.



## FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE HOURS

Phil Stepanski, our Financial Administrator, will continue to church hold office hours on Monday late afternoons, 4:30 to 6:30. Phil invites you to reach out at anytime!



## 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!



## SUMMARY OF SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ was held on April 29 at Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Grafton. The day began with an opening worship at 9:00, followed by the business meeting and the keynote speaker, Rev. Rebecca Anderson. Rev. Anderson is the co-creator and co-pastor of Gilead Church Chicago, and Bethany United Church of Christ, also in Chicago. She is a very energetic and engaging speaker, who also has experience in stand-up comedy and playwriting, as well as preaching. At one point during her keynote, she passed out small slips of paper, which had printed on one side, 'I secretly love...' and on the other, 'I secretly hate...' requesting that we pick one side or the other to fill in, and provide our names. After they were collected, she picked one randomly to highlight. She picked Don Niederfrank's slip of paper, which declared 'I secretly hate rabbits!'. There was an amusing exchange between the two of them, of course, during which she asked Don why he hated rabbits. And he said 'Well, they're just so useless!'....or something like that! Following Rev. Anderson's keynote, we broke for an early lunch, followed by breakout sessions including further discussion with Rev. Anderson, what's happening at our church camps, contemplative prayer practices, a discussion with the Creation Care team, and an update on the Frieden's food pantry needs. The day ended with a short closing worship led by Rev. Ashley Nolte and the Pilgrim staff.

Submitted by Jeanne Mantsch, Attendee