

# Congregational Connections

Monthly Newsletter of First Congregational Church, UCC | Port Washington, Wisconsin | July 2024

**CAN  
YOU  
HELP?**

Adopt & Clean  
Church Sign

Join the  
Stewardship Team

Steam Clean  
Padding on Chairs

*A new monthly  
"job board"  
that will  
appear in this  
newsletter  
going forward.  
Please contact  
the office if  
you are able to  
help. Thanks!*

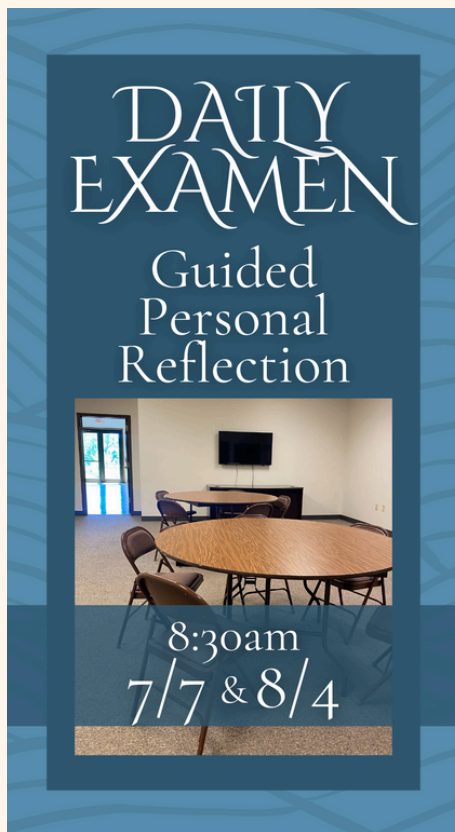
Church Council is seeking a volunteer to become our "Fundraising Liaison". As you may know, our 2024 budget includes a \$5000 fundraising minimum goal. This role would be responsible for guiding and assisting members and friends who choose to initiate and host fundraisers to benefit the church. The Liaison will ensure that fundraisers follow best practices outlined by a planning template that has been created. The Liaison will ensure that Church Council approves all fundraising initiatives and is kept aware of plans. For more information, please contact Jodi Cowen, Church Council Moderator, at [fcc.committees@gmail.com](mailto:fcc.committees@gmail.com) or speak to any Church Council officer or team representative.



# FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



## Before the Service at 8:30



Louise Mollinger, a member of the church Thrive Team, is leading a Guided Personal Reflection from 8:30-8:45 prior to our first service of the month on summer Sunday mornings - July 7 and August 4. Meet in the Dennett Room, off Fellowship Hall, for brief preparation at 8:20. The reflection is based on the Daily Examen of St. Ignatius, a 16th century spiritual practice, as practiced by the Thrive Team through their past year of learning a discernment process. Anyone is welcome to join Louise to experience the 15-minute Personal Reflection. Perhaps you will find it helpful to continue as your own spiritual practice. If you

have any questions, please contact Louise at [lmollinger@yahoo.com](mailto:lmollinger@yahoo.com). If interested, here are some resources: Handout **One**, Handout **Two**, and **An Ignatian Examen Resource**.

## 9:00 Service Led by Jennifer Dimmer

We thank church member Jennifer Dimmer, who is the Fellowship Team Representative on Church Council, for leading our service on July 7. Jennifer is also a part of both the Chancel and Handbell Choirs and a Church School/Kids Club volunteer. It also happens to be Jennifer's birthday, in addition to Louise Mollinger's!

## No Communion on July 7

We apologize that we will not be offering the Sacrament of Holy Communion this month.

## 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Join us for Fellowship Hour after the 9:00 service. Lemonade, coffee, and baked goods will be served. We thank David Franks and Louise Mollinger for hosting!

## WORSHIP WITH US

We have one Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 during the summer months. Sorry, no nursery care is provided.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The first Sunday morning of each month we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Christ, both children and adults. No Communion on 7/7.

## LINKED UP

Be on the lookout for orange text - it's linked up to documents and web pages that you might find helpful or interesting.

## SUBMIT INFO FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you have a celebration, prayer request, or other contribution for the newsletter, please email us 7-10 days before the first day of the month.

# Summer Socials

## GAME NIGHT ON JULY 10

Our first Game Night on June 19 was a bunch of fun. We hope you will join us on July 10!

# Game Night



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Starting at **6:30 PM**

Join Us for Fun & Games!  
And ... ICE CREAM!



## POOL PARTY ON JULY 21

Come one, come all for an afternoon of sweet summer fun at the pool on Sunday, July 21. We will meet at the church from 2:00-3:00 for ice cream and gather at Pirates' Hollow from 3:00-5:00. If you do not have a pool pass, simply tell the attendant you are with First Congregational Church - admission is covered by the church. We hope you can join us!

# POOL PARTY

**SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON**

**JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**INVITE  
YOUR  
FAMILY  
& FRIENDS!**

**2:00-3:00**

**MEET AT CHURCH FOR ICE CREAM**



**3:00-5:00**

**GATHER AT PIRATES' HOLLOW  
COMMUNITY WATERPARK**





## BE ON LOOKOUT FOR MARKER DEALS

Calling all bargain hunters! Our Church School program is in need of *NEW* markers. All our markers are either several years old or were gently used donations from Port Pre-School and our kiddos have thoroughly enjoyed them. With school supply shopping season upon us, we are hoping members and friends can help us start the program year by filling our marker buckets with brand-new sets. Thick or thin, washable markers in all colors would be appreciated! *P.S.* - We wouldn't mind colored pencils too! Thank you!

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## PULPIT SUPPLY IN JULY

Jennifer Dimmer will lead our service on July 7 and Rev. Bob Wells (our first guest leader on April 14) will provide pulpit supply July 21, 29, and August 4. We are thrilled about Bob's return and appreciative of Jennifer's willingness to help out! Stay tuned to who our guest leader will be on July 14.

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## FAREWELL & BEST WISHES TO THE HOFFMANN FAMILY



We want to wish the Hoffmanns, Rick, Jean, and daughter Ruby, best wishes as they relocate to Tennessee. Their daughter Ella will continue her studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Hoffmanns are eager to live in warmer temps! They will be living in Franklin, just south of Nashville. Their current address is 8202 Champions Circle, Franklin, TN 37064.

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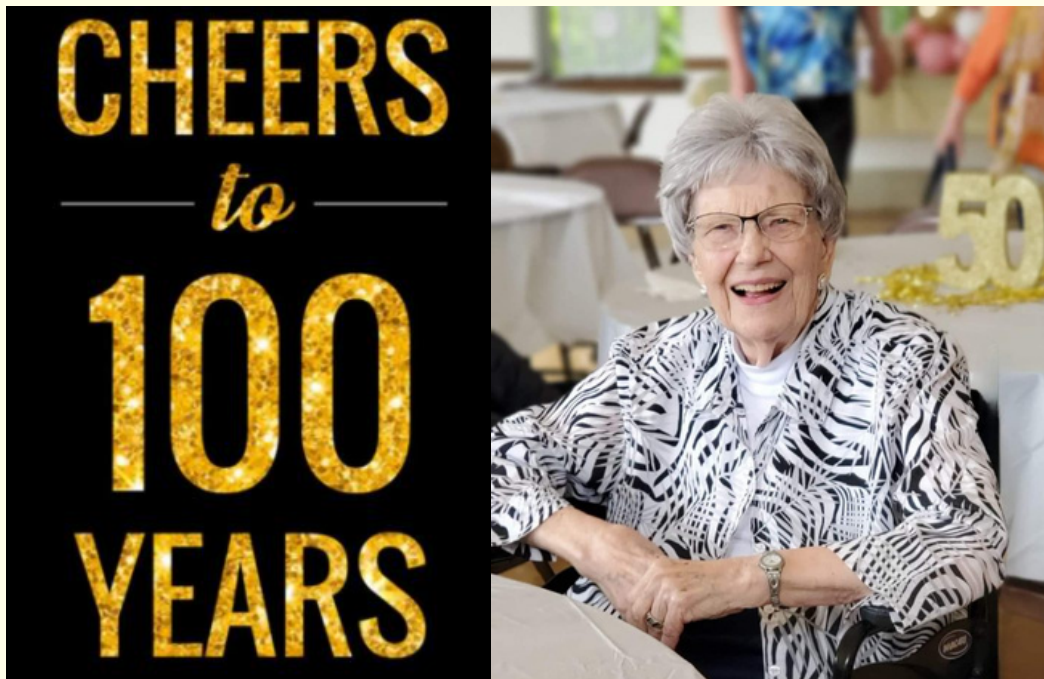
## SUMMER POST-IT PROJECT

The next time you are at church, we invite you to check out the board outside of Fellowship Hall. Take a moment to write down "what comes to mind when you think of church" and add your post-it to the collection!





## CELEBRATION OF A BELOVED CENTENARIAN



Someone in our congregation has a very exciting milestone coming up. Betty Bollinger will be turning 100 years old on July 29! Her daughter, Carolyn Heatwole, provided a biography of Betty's storied life to date:

Betty spent most of her life living in Jetmore and then Dodge City, Kansas. She was the eldest of three girls born to John and Isadore Lappin and grew up on a cattle and wheat farm just south of Jetmore. She met and married C.M. (Larry) Bollinger while working in the PX on the Army Air Corp's B-26 training airbase in Dodge City. Larry was sent to England where he completed 69 missions, three on D-day, as the pilot of a B-26 bomber. After the war, the couple took up farming alongside Betty's father on the family farm near Jetmore. There they raised two daughters, Jana and Carolyn. Larry contracted polio in the summer of 1951. With the skill of many doctors and the help and support of family, community, and their church, Betty and Larry were able to overcome many obstacles. Together they learned how to maneuver a wheelchair through 42 years of a life filled with faith, love, and support. Larry passed away in 1985. In 2007, Betty moved to Wisconsin to be closer to her daughter Carolyn (Craig) Heatwole and granddaughter Shandy (Tom) Roehrig's family. Betty and Larry have two daughters, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Betty is the second generation of her family to celebrate 100 Years. Her mother, Isadore Lappin celebrated a full 103 years. Betty has a sister, Virginia Roszel of Hutchinson, Kansas, who is not far behind at 97.

There will be a celebration of Betty's 100 years on Sunday afternoon, July 28, from 2:00 - 4:00 in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Cards may be sent to Betty at 425 W. Walters Street #3, Port Washington, WI 53074.

## SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23

Our annual Spring Congregational Meeting was held on June 23. The primary item of business was the election of Church Council Officers and Team Representatives. Every Team Representative on Church Council submitted written reports as part of our **2023-2024 Annual Report**. You may [click here](#) for a summary of the meeting. Your new Church Council (listed in full on *page 13*) starts on July 1. They meet on their regularly scheduled second Thursday, July 11, at 6:30. Please take a moment to thank both the incoming and outgoing Church Council members when you see them!

### **Congratulations to Our Incoming Council Members:**

To Jodi Cowen who was elected as Moderator. Jodi served as Associate Moderator this past year, and Stewardship Team Representative the year prior.

To Tracy Greymont who was elected as Associate Moderator. Tracy served as Team Representative for Liturgy this past year.

To Shandy Roehrig who was elected to a second term as Team Representative for Christian Education.

To Jeanne Mantsch and Louise Mollinger who were elected as Team Representatives for Community Outreach. Both have served on Church Council in various roles in the past.

To Nancy Hinneberg who was elected as Team Representative for Staff Support and Review.

To Matt Riemer who was elected as Team Representative for Stewardship.

### **Thank You to Our Outgoing Council Members:**

To Jason Jacque who is our outgoing Moderator. Jason served as Stewardship Team Representative, then was appointed to the role of Associate Moderator for a year before serving the last two as Moderator.

To Eric Olson who served two terms as Team Representative for Community Outreach.

To Ken Matthews who served as Team Representative for Staff Support and Review.



## **CAMPERS AND MISSION TRIP GOERS SET OFF THIS MONTH**

This month is a busy one for a handful of our members as they embark on camp and mission trips. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

- Elaina Perez and her friend, Josie Goetz. They are joining Lighthouse Youth Ministry on their service trip to Madison July 14-17.
- Joshua Jacque. Josh is joining Pilgrim UCC Grafton on a mission trip to Ohio to work on Hiram Farm July 7-14. The farm provides meaningful work for the individual growth of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disabilities.
- Simon Gilhooly, Kylee Olson, and Chloe Rychtik who will be spending a week at Daycholah Center on Green Lake for "Night Owl" camp at the end of the month.







SUMMER

# SCAVENGER HUNT



Our Church School program held a Summer Kids Club on Sunday, June 23. Using the colors of the rainbow as their guide, the group enjoyed hunting around the church grounds. The kids found flower petals, berries, pinecones, and a lot of green to fill their buckets. Thankfully the rain ended early, and the sun warmed the adventure! Thank you to Jennifer Dimmer and Shandy Roehrig for coordinating this event.



# BRAT FRY

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Brat Fry. See page 12 for more info.



# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UCC HELD JUNE 7



Excerpt from Rev. Franz Rigert's **State of the Conference Presentation**:

“Two troubling realities – the widely reported epidemic of loneliness and political polarization – have created an opportunity for the Church, Conference Minister Franz Rigert said in his State of the Conference Address. “People are longing for belonging,” he said. “Guess what: We in the Church are really good at building community. The time is ripe.” What’s more, the Church can provide safe spaces “for relationships in which we can hold diverging perspectives and honor each other in the process. Using Jesus as our model, we are called to be truth tellers who practice civil discourse – otherwise known as Christian behavior – in order to show the world that it is possible to keep our integrity to treat those with whom we disagree . . . lovingly.”

## ANNUAL MEETING RECAP FROM OUR DELEGATE

Written by our church’s delegate at Annual Meeting, Jeanne Mantsch



I attended the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting, and, as usual, found it very interesting. One resolution was voted on - “Declaration for a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel” which requires a study in a majority – it may be 30% - of our churches during the next year. So, that’s something we should plan to do – with or without a settled pastor! All the speakers were very good, and the workshops engaging. There was additional discussion of ending the 4 associations into which our state has historically been divided. This was also a topic of discussion at the annual association meetings held in April.

### *“Declaration for a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel” Resolution*

Resolution of Witness to Adopt the 2021 General Synod Resolution Declaration for a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel The Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ Board of Directors hereby brings forth a resolution of witness to adopt the 2021 General Synod Resolution Declaration for a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel. This resolution will be placed on the agenda of the 2024 Annual Meeting with the support of the Board of Directors. The full text of the Declaration for a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel resolution is available below. The process for adopting a resolution of witness calls for a vote of the Annual Meeting when first brought forth, followed by one year of study and engagement by local congregations, and a confirming vote at the next year’s Annual Meeting. The motion that will be voted on this year is: “Is this an issue that the Holy Spirit is calling the Wisconsin Conference to engage in the coming year and consider for a possible resolution of witness after a year of study and reflection?” The action at the business meeting this year will determine whether we begin this process. The resolution process calls for at least 30% of the congregations to report that they have engaged in some study. This study can be done in the manner chosen by the local church. This local study calls only for some discussion; it does not require that any action be taken, or a decision voted on. Responses are expected by May 1, 2025. A vote to formally adopt the resolution would be held at the Annual Meeting in June 2025. The Palestine Justice Working Group is available to provide support during the year of study and to be a resource to any local congregation, any committee, any Association body, any clergy group or any other gathering that will be holding discussions. To reach the group, email Lisa Hart, Associate Conference Minister for faith formation and justice ministries (lhart@wcucc.org).



## WAYS OUR CHURCH SUPPORTS THE FOOD PANTRY, INC.

The Food Pantry here in Port Washington is one of the six community organizations that our church supports on an ongoing basis. [Click here](#) for a history of our partnership. The Food Pantry, located at 1800 N. Wisconsin Street, assists over 100 households each week and last year supplied over 200,000 pounds of food to those in need. If you know anyone in need, the hours are Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 12:00, Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 - 6:00, and Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call (262) 284-1148.

As we reported a few months back, Lorraine Halls is our new liaison to the pantry. Lorraine will regularly provide us a list of current needs and will drop off our donations when the grocery cart in the entryway is full. Lorraine has also coordinated our involvement in a mobile food pantry for migrant families. See below for more information. The Food Pantry is hosting a fundraising event on Saturday, August 17. [Click here](#) for details and to order advance tickets.

### Mobile Food Pantry to Support Migrant Families

The Food Pantry is collaborating with Family Sharing in Grafton and Ozaukee Food Alliance in Saukville to set up a mobile food pantry at the Lakeside migrant camp this summer and fall, with deliveries made through the end of October. Each pantry has been assigned alternating Wednesdays when they will deliver boxes of shelf stable items, breads/bakery, and protein to about 60 families at the camp. Our church was asked to be a site for storing and packing these items for The Food Pantry. You may notice boxes and goods piling up in the one of the classrooms. Please contact the church office if you have questions or would like to be involved.

### July Requests for The Food Pantry

Our Community Outreach Team invites you to contribute food items for those in need. You may place donations in the grocery cart located in the entryway. Here is a list of needed items:

- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned Chicken
- Rice
- Jello and Pudding
- Pasta
- Soups
- Large Cans of Fruit
- Fruit Cups
- Cake Mixes and Tubs of Frosting
- Jiffy Muffin Mix and Quick Bread Mixes



### Future Location Being Sought

The Food Pantry is actively searching for a new home. Click on [building information](#) found on their website or this recent [Ozaukee Press article](#) to learn more.

# RAISERIGHT GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM



The next order date for RaiseRight is Sunday, July 14. The gift cards will be available at the church for pick up starting on Sunday, July 21. You can enroll and place an order on the company website, [RaiseRight.com/enroll](http://RaiseRight.com/enroll). Our enrollment code is **P8I47VHNX56H**. Or you can complete the **paper form** and write out a check to the church. See sample order form:

## FCC RaiseRight Order Form

NAME:  
EMAIL:

DAYTIME PHONE #

ORDER DATE:

				\$	%	QTY	\$					\$	%	QTY	\$
<b>GROCERIES</b>								<b>BOOKS/ENTERTAIN/MUSIC</b>							
Pick N Save/Roundy's/Metro	25	4.00%						Barnes and Noble	10	8.00%					
	50	4.00%							25	8.00%					
	100	4.00%						iTunes	15	5.00%					
Piggly Wiggly	25	3.00%							25	5.00%					
	50	3.00%						Marcus Theaters	25	8.00%					
	100	3.00%							100	8.00%					
<b>ONLINE</b>								<b>SPORTING GOODS</b>							
Amazon	10	1.70%						Cabela's	25	10.00%					
	25	1.70%							100	10.00%					
	100	1.70%						Dick's Sporting Goods	25	8.00%					
<b>DEPT STORES</b>								<b>GAS/AUTO</b>							
Kohl's	25	4.00%						BP	50	1.50%					
	100	4.00%							250	1.50%					
Meijers	25	3.00%						Exxon/Mobil	50	1.50%					
	50	3.00%							250	1.50%					
	100	3.00%						Kwik Trip	25	4.00%					
TJ Maxx/Marshall's	25	7.00%							50	4.00%					
	100	7.00%							100	4.00%					
Target	25	2.50%						<b>HOME IMPROVEMENT</b>							
	50	2.50%						Ace Hardware	25	4.00%					
	100	2.50%							100	4.00%					
Wal-Mart	25	2.50%						The Home Depot	25	4.00%					
	50	2.50%							100	4.00%					
	100	2.50%							500	4.00%					
	250	2.50%						Lowe's	25	4.00%					
	50	2.50%							100	4.00%					
	100	2.50%							500	4.00%					
	250	2.50%						Menard's Home Center	25	3.00%					
<b>HEALTH &amp; BEAUTY</b>									100	3.00%					
Walgreens	25	5.00%						Fleet Farm	25	3.50%					
	100	5.00%							100	3.50%					
Ulta	25	6.00%													

Rebate percentages & card availability are subject to change. Check [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) for the most accurate information

TOTAL SIDE 1:	Qty	\$
TOTAL SIDE 2:		

TOTAL DUE:	
CHECK #:	

Checks payable to: FCC



# RAISERIGHT SAMPLE ORDER FORM continued...

	\$	%	QTY	\$		\$	%	QTY	\$
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>					<b>HOME DECOR/SPECIALTY STORES</b>				
Applebee's	25	8.00%			Bath & Body Works	10	12.00%		
	50	8.00%				25	12.00%		
Arby's	10	8.00%			Bed Bath & Beyond	25	7.00%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	25	8.00%				100	7.00%		
California Pizza Kitchen	25	8.00%			Build-A-Bear Workshop	25	8.00%		
Cheesecake Factory	25	5.00%			Crate & Barrel	25	8.00%		
Chili's	25	11.00%				100	8.00%		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	10	10.00%			JoAnn Fabrics	25	6.00%		
Cold Stone Creamery	10	11.00%			Michaels (arts and crafts)	25	4.00%		
Cousins Subs	10	9.00%			PetSmart	25	5.00%		
Dairy Queen	10	3.00%			Pottery Barn	25	8.00%		
Dave & Buster's	25	13.00%			Sephora	25	5.00%		
Domino's Pizza	10	8.00%							
Little Caesars	20	8.00%			Williams Sonoma	25	8.00%		
Noodles & Co.	10	8.00%							
Olive Garden	25	8.00%							
Panera Bread	10	8.00%							
	25	8.00%							
Papa Murphy's	10	8.00%			<b>CLOTHING/ACCESS</b>				
Pizza Ranch	25	8.00%			American Eagle	25	10.00%		
Qdoba	25	7.00%			Children's Place	25	12.00%		
Starbuck's	10	4.50%			Claire's	10	9.00%		
Subway	10	4.50%			Foot Locker	25	8.00%		
Taco Bell	10	5.00%			J. Crew	25	13.00%		
Texas Roadhouse	25	8.00%			Land's End	25	15.00%		
Red Lobster	25	8.00%				100	15.00%		
					Marshalls	25	7.00%		
<b>TRAVEL</b>					Men's Wearhouse	25	8.00%		
Best Western International	25	12.00%			Nike	25	12.00%		
	100	12.00%			Old Navy/Gap/Bana Rep	25	14.00%		
Carnival Cruise Lines	100	8.00%			Under Armour	25	11.00%		
Disney	25	3.00%							
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	1000	3.00%							
Hampton by Hilton	100	2.00%							
	500	2.00%							
Delta Air Lines	250	4.00%							
Southwest Airlines	250	4.00%							



## THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every Thursday morning at 8:00, even during the summer months, a group meets for coffee, breakfast, and conversation at The Beacon restaurant, located downtown Port Washington on the first floor of the Harborview hotel.

## SPECIAL THANKS

To Jodi Cowen, Jennifer Dimmer, David Franks and Louise Mollinger, Jason and Joshua Jacque, Doug McManus, and Phil Stepanski and Tracy Bretl for coordinating our Brat Fry Fundraiser at the Saukville Piggly Wiggly on June 1. Despite the rain, folks showed up and enjoyed brats and hamburgers. Between the sales, tips, and generous donations from our church members, the sale netted over \$800!

To Louise Mollinger and David Franks for hosting Fellowship Hour on June 2. David's homemade rhubarb cake was delicious!

To Louise Mollinger for hosting our first Guided Personal Reflection on June 2.

To Brett Dimmer and Kai-i Tien for providing special music on June 9. Their trumpet and piano duet was a real treat!

To Ralph and Beckie Perez, and Rhonda Thompson, for mulching the church grounds on Tuesday morning, June 18. We ordered 12 yards of free mulch from the City of Port. The flower shrub beds have really popped with the addition of the mulch, and we hope the weeds will stay at bay!

To Rhonda Thompson and Terry McManus for organizing our first summer Game Night and Ice Cream Social on June 19. A good time was had by all!

To Jennifer Dimmer and Shandy Roehrig for coordinating a Kids Club outdoor Scavenger Hunt on June 23. The boys had so much fun!

To the Roehrig sisters for being on hand to provide nursery care on June 23.

To Carolyn Heatwole for hosting Fellowship Hour on June 23.

To all our church members and friends who donated to our annual Adopt-a-Bill Fundraiser. Over \$4100 (and counting!) has been donated to support the church.

To Shandy Roehrig for updating and decorating the Church School and Kids Club bulletin boards all year long.

To Meg Tackes for sending celebration cards to our members and friends.

To Gary Drasch for helping to repair one of our handheld microphones.

To Gary Tackes for repairing a leaky valve under one of the toilets.

To Mike Dimmer and all those who helped with our Church Grounds Workday on Saturday morning, June 29. Special thanks to Mike for his ongoing time and efforts with cutting the lawn and the many other tasks completed to keep our grounds looking sharp!

To Tracy Greymont who continues to arrange Pulpit Supply and welcomes our guest leaders each Sunday.

To the Property Team for opening and closing the church every Sunday morning.



# OUR CHURCH COUNCIL (Effective July 1)

## Executive Team

Moderator.....Jodi Cowen (26)  
Associate Moderator.....Tracy Greymont (26)  
Clerk.....Rhonda Thompson (25)  
Treasurer.....Phil Stepanski (25)

*Terms for Church Council  
members: One term shall be two  
years beginning on July 1  
following the election.*

## Team Representatives

Christian Education.....Shandy Roehrig (26)  
Community Outreach.....Jeanne Mantsch  
& Louise Mollinger (26)  
Fellowship.....Jennifer Dimmer (25)  
Liturgy.....*currently vacant*  
Property.....Bill Bond (25)  
Staff Support & Review.....Nancy Hinneberg (26)  
Stewardship.....Matt Riemer (26)

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The May minutes were approved at the June 13, 2024 Church Council meeting.

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Church Council Minutes  
May 9, 2024, 6:30pm

Call to Order – (Jason) by Jason Jacque, Moderator, @ 6:38 pm.

Jason Jacque, Tracy Greymont, Bill Bond, Jodi Cowen, Jennifer Dimmer, Phil Stepanski, Ken Matthews, Shandy Roehrig and Rhonda Thompson.

Opening Meditation – (Bill Bond) Bill read A Meditation for Opening Up by Frank Ostaseski Mindful, Healthy Mind Healthy Life.

Approval of the Council Minutes – April 2024 (Rhonda) Jennifer motions to approve the April minutes and Shandy seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

Treasurer financial Updates (Phil)-

- Financial Statements - Budget vs Actual report was for January and February. Phil says some transactions need to be entered because there is a difference with QuickBooks online version and desktop version (transactions are pulled from the bank and sit in a file to be placed in the appropriate account for online version). Gross Profit total of \$37,697 (2024 Budget is \$34,478), Total Expenditures come to \$35,187 (2024 Budget is \$45,812) for a \$11,335 deficit. The checking account has a balance of \$23,395.87; the Memorial savings account has a balance of \$4,863.00; the savings account balance is \$33,829.79 and the Scrip checking account balance is \$2,164.09. PayPal deposits need to be figured out and Phil will talk to Beckie and Kris more about this. When pulpit supply payment is required, Tracy will email Beckie and Phil as well as copy the Associate Moderator and Jodi. Phil will approve. According to an email from Kris, she is anticipating a loss close to \$15,000 for 2023. Phil mentions that Scott did not get his paycheck on time and had two overdrafts of \$29.50 each. Jodi motions to pay the overdraft fees. Shandy seconded the motion. The vote is approved.

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# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

## Old Business

### Property Team (Bill)

- Elevator Repairs Update - Bill seems to be getting different answers from different Otis employees. MEI will be back to do testing as soon as Otis replaces the electrical boards. Then the loan paperwork can get completed.
- Building Maintenance - Electrical panels and outlets are all labeled.
- Church Security - Bill is asking Church Mutual about allowing alcohol on site and if that impacts our insurance needs.
- Stained Glass Window Repairs - Plans are to start at the beginning of June.
- Shredding Event - Carloads of papers were shredded, files going back to 2015.

Open Council Positions: We should post a Help Wanted Ad in the next newsletter.

- Associate Moderator - Open
- Community Outreach - Eric
- Stewardship - Open

Building Usage and Fee Schedule, Alcohol Policy (Bill/Jennifer) - Tabled

Fundraising Committee (Jennifer) - Jodi made some adjustments to Jennifer's draft. She will email the form to each of us for edits. The goal is to post for a Fundraising Committee following edits to the form.

### Transition Plans

- Interim Pastor plans (Jason/Jodi)- A new Interim Pastor was suggested. The challenge is that he is a current member and doesn't want to leave as UCC policy dictates when we call a settled minister. The role of an interim is to be a bridge to help us heal.
- Pulpit Supply (Tracy) - May 26 is not covered yet. The UCC site for possible candidates is outdated. Tracy would like Council members to sign up for opening the service announcements. There are talking points available.
  - Payment Process - Tracy will email the pulpit supply completed payment form to the Moderator, Associated Moderator, and Treasurer to be passed onto Kris for payment.
- Contacted Seminaries - This might be a good idea when ready to put together a call for a settled pastor. It might be in our best interest to have an experienced pastor as an interim to help with the healing and moving beyond previous pastors.

Additional Team Updates (Shandy, Eric, Jennifer, Tracy, Ken) - Shandy says Church School has ended. Kids Club has also finished for the program year. Savannah Anderson is joining the Lighthouse Youth Ministry committee as a FCC representative. Jennifer says the next luncheon will be June 23 after the Congregational Meeting. Nothing new for Community Outreach. For other committee reports see various other agenda items.

## New Business

Executive Council Report on Thrive Team - The team has been learning a discernment process. They are inviting Council to a meeting on May 19 to share the process and begin developing. They met with the Marquette leaders to introduce phase three of the program. The Marquette leaders recommended discernment on the survey results.

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## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

Staff Support and Review Process - Ken met with Beckie and Amy separately for staff support. Ken motions to increase their hourly rate \$3 for the remainder of the year until the next budget is reviewed. Tracy seconds the motion. During discussions, the consensus was that while we appreciate their extra efforts; we also need to consider the long-term financial impacts. The vote does not pass. Jason motions to grant them a spot bonus of \$300 for additional responsibilities they have taken on. Ken seconded the motion. The vote passed with a majority of yeas. Job descriptions need to be updated. Discussion on removing the land line and getting a church cell phone need to be visited at a later date. Wage increases will need to be revisited with the 2025 budget and future budgets. We need to add some additional team members to the Staff Support and Review Team.

Confirmation Sunday Planning - The staff has concerns with having enough space in Fellowship Hall for all members and visitors with all the special events of May 19th. The Council will ask the choirs to plan to sit upstairs for the service. Service will be down, areas roped off for families. Signs for overflow pointing to the sanctuary. Remind members that it's Confirmation Sunday at 10 am but 8 am will be normal service.

Adopt-a-Bill- Jason is going to work with Amy in hopes of getting the boards up before the end of May. Adopt-a-Bill is required for budget income to offset the low summer income.

Food Pantry Storage - Lorraine Halls reached out to ask if FCC could share some space to allow all three pantries to collect dry goods for packages to feed the migrant workers that come to the county. There would be three pickups August 7, September 18 and October 30 with food donations arriving in July.

Spring Congregational Meeting in June - Each Committee will need to submit an annual report. They are on the FCC website if you need ideas.




Any other new business to come before the Council? Shandy has a letter that came to the PPR. Shandy says that they did not respond to the letter. Phil is saying the money is still in the account. Shandy will email them and let them know the money is still in an account to be used for the sculpture repairs. PPR disbanded and Scott has been removed from the PPR Gmail account. Shandy is hoping to shift the survey, not the results, into the committees folder.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment 9:25 pm  
Submitted by Rhonda Thompson - Clerk



## YOGA ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Everyone is welcome to participate in a yoga class on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 at church, led by Dawn Stacey, a licensed yoga instructor and PTA. The group meets in the open classroom space across from the Music Room. Each class is \$12.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1  6:30 pm Executive Team	2	3	 Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!	5	6
7 <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30 - 8:45 am Guided Personal Reflection 9 am Worship Service 10 am Fellowship Hour	8	9  6:30 pm Thrive Team	10  6 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Game Night	11 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon  6:30 pm Church Council	12	13
14 <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship Service	15	16	17  6 pm Yoga	18 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon  11 am Property Team	19	20
21 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship Service 2 pm Ice Cream at Church 3-5pm Pool Party at Pirates' Hollow	22	23	24  6 pm Yoga	25 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon	26	27 
28 <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship Service	29 Happy 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday to Betty Bollinger!	30	31  6 pm Yoga			

## JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2 - Lefty Fowler    | 23 - Jonda Johnson   |
| 6 - Violet Nelson   | 25 - Barb Olson      |
| 7 - Jennifer Dimmer | 26 - Blake Peiffer   |
| Louise Mollinger    | 27 - Ann Fleischman  |
| 9 - Jane Schneider  | 28 - Gabe Pasten     |
| 11 - Taylor White   | 29 - Betty Bollinger |
| 12 - Ralph Perez    | 30 - Macy Eslinger   |
| 13 - Jim Clements   | Joe Wilsnack         |
| 15 - Kassie McManus | 31 - Kathy Bretl     |
| 18 - Joseph Probst  |                      |
| James Mitchell      |                      |



## JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - Brett and Jennifer Dimmer | 6 - Brad and Payton Katzer   |
| Dave and Jeanne Mantsch       | 28 - Emil and Jane Schneider |



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Receive our E-Blasts (emails)

*Please let us know if you would like to be added or have a new email address*

Check out the church website at **[portucc.org](http://portucc.org)**

## RECORDINGS OF WORSHIP SERVICES

We record our Sunday worship services each week. You may subscribe to our **YouTube channel** ("First Congregational Church of Port Washington"). This allows you to receive notification when a service is uploaded.

## ONLINE GIVING WITH PAYPAL

PayPal is an easy way to give to the church to pay your pledge and/or make an extra financial gift. You can find the **PayPal** button on the home page of the church website ([portucc.org](http://portucc.org)) or use this QR code. Thank you!



### The words of our Church Covenant proclaim:

*Depending upon the teachings and life of Jesus for inspiration and guidance,  
we promise to seek to love God with all our heart, with all our soul,  
with all our strength and with all our mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*