



Congregational Connections

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THE WORK BEING DONE TO CARRY US FORWARD

A Message From Our Outgoing Moderator

As I reflect on the efforts of our Church Council over the past couple of months, it is with humble pride that I share the strides we've made in addressing the many needs of our church. Our Liturgy and Property Teams have been steadfast in ensuring our Sunday services run smoothly, from pulpit supply to the diligent opening and closing of our church. The Church Council Executive Team has focused much of our efforts on the Interim Pastor search process, reviewing and interviewing potential candidates.

In parallel, we have been closely monitoring the progress of essential repairs, including roofing repairs, our elevator, and scheduling the repair of the stained glass that adorns the back our Sanctuary. Collaboration with the Thrive Team has been instrumental in our long-range planning, creating dialogue that will help lay a strong foundation for future growth and enriched missions of our church community.

Behind the scenes, our Office Staff and Executive Team have been the backbone of our daily operations, supported through regular weekly staff meetings. We've also initiated the groundwork for a new Fundraising Team, vital for helping to carry out our mission and vision. Preparations for our Spring Congregational Meeting are underway, promising to be a time of fruitful discussion and communal decision-making.

Furthermore, we are actively recruiting members to fill open Church Council positions, inviting those who feel called to serve to step forward. Lastly, we are formulating plans for our rental space, ensuring it serves both our needs and those of the wider community.

Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant church, and I am deeply grateful for the dedication and spirit of service that each one of you brings to our congregation.

Blessings,
Jason Jacque, Church Council Moderator



SUMMER SCHEDULE UNDERWAY

From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, we offer one service on Sunday mornings at 9:00. All services will be held in Fellowship Hall while our elevator is out of order.



BRAT FRY ON JUNE 1

The church is holding a Brat Fry on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00-2:00, outside of Saukville Piggy Wiggly. Proceeds will go towards church operating expenses.



JUNE HAPPENINGS

Please peruse the following pages for announcements and upcoming events and initiatives this month:

- Guest Leadership, *pages 3 & 4*
- New! Guided Personal Reflection, *page 3*
- Church Grounds Workday, *page 6*
- Become a Member of Church Council, *page 7*
- Spring Congregational Meeting, *page 7*



FELLOWSHIP HOUR ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER



Join us for Fellowship Hour after the 9:00 service on the first summer Sunday mornings of the month - June 2, July 7, and August 4. 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.

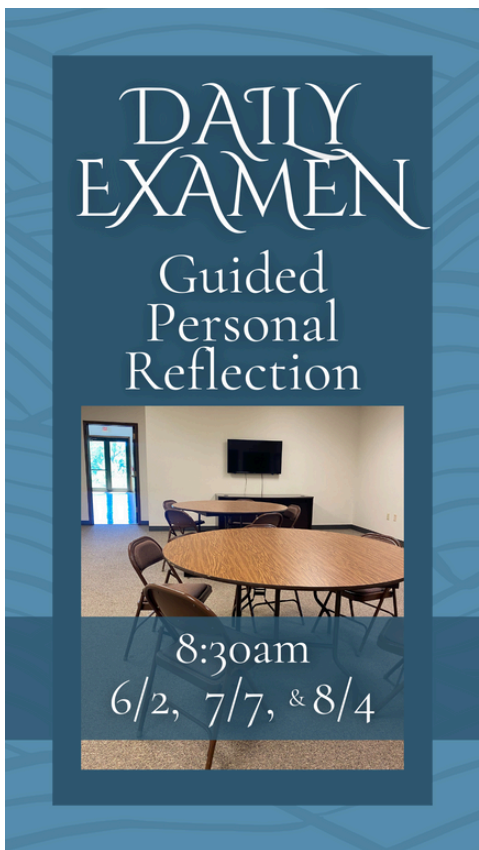
LINKED UP

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.

A QUIET OPTION FOR YOUR SPIRIT - GUIDED PERSONAL REFLECTION STARTING ON JUNE 2



Louise Mollinger, a member of the church Thrive Team, will be leading a Guided Personal Reflection from 8:30-8:45 prior to our Communion service on summer Sunday mornings - June 2, July 7, and August 4. Please meet in the Dennett Room, off Fellowship Hall, for brief preparation by 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 don't hesitate to contact Louise at lmollinger@yahoo.com.

Resources:

- Handout **One**
- Handout **Two**
- An Ignatian Examen Resource**



GUEST LEADERSHIP IN JUNE

We have a wonderful lineup of guest leaders this month. Please join us in giving them a warm and hearty welcome!

JUNE 2 & 9 AT 9:00



REVS. TOM & DEBORAH PAYDEN

Revs. Tom and Deborah Payden are recently retired from serving First Congregational UCC in South Milwaukee for 35 years. In addition to serving a local church, they have both been active in the Wisconsin Conference, Southeast Association, and the UCC denomination. Among other ministries, Tom served on the UCCI Board, Association Church and Ministry Team, and Friedens Community ministries. Deborah has served as a consultant and author for Faith Formation ministry, as well as interim Lay Academy director. In retirement they serve local churches as Supply Worship Leaders.



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GUEST LEADERSHIP, continued...

JUNE 16 & 30 AT 9:00



PAUL ZACHOW

Paul Zachow is a 2014 graduate of Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies. He also holds a BA degree in Sociology and Religion with a minor in Psychology from Lakeland University in Sheboygan and completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital in St. Louis. Paul is a life-long member of the UCC and is originally from Christ Congregational UCC in Clintonville, Wisconsin. He is presently a member of Pilgrim UCC in Grafton. Prior to seminary, Paul served for 30 years as a Social Worker in Milwaukee and St. Louis. He also served as a Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator. For the last seven years, Paul has been providing Pulpit Supply/Pastoral Care in the Southeast Wisconsin area for UCC and Presbyterian (USA) churches. Paul lives in Saukville with his husband, Terry, and their dog, Stella. He enjoys reading, baking, music, and spending time with Terry, their grandchildren, and friends.

JUNE 23 AT 9:00



PASTOR JOHN EYSTER

Pastor John Eyster has a bivocational/tent-making career (tent-making referencing Apostle Paul, see *Acts 18:1-14*). He graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. His first appointment as a United Methodist Elder was to serve the "Mission to Youth" of the Norwegian Conference in Norway. He is fluent in Norwegian - if anyone speaks Norwegian, he will prize a conversation! Returning from Norway, he began graduate studies at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. He served the Hebron U.M. Church in Wisconsin and completed a graduate degree in political science and teaching. He felt the call of both the ministries of pastorate and education, so as a U.S. Government teacher at Parker High School, in Janesville, he accepted the Call to be tent-maker (part-time) pastor. John taught Political Science and Public Policy at various UW System campuses and at UW-Madison until he retired. He has continued as a Supply and Interim Pastor and as an Adjunct Professor teaching online courses for Viterbo University in La Crosse. He is currently teaching "The Ethical Life". John married Marilyn Philpott on June 4, 1965. They are the parents of Beth (Terry Shore) and Mark and have 5 grandsons.



CLASS OF 2024



A Salute To Our FCC GRADUATES



Hailey Bergin

Port Washington HS

Hailey will be attending Creighton University in Omaha to study Biology and Business.



Kyle Guschl

Port Washington HS

Kyle will be taking a gap year while working and taking classes.



Isaac Daevel

Port Washington HS

Isaac is looking forward to graduating and will join the workforce for the next year to explore his options and interests.



Lainey Holmes

Port Washington HS

Lainey will be attending Indiana University in Bloomington to study Marketing.



Macy Eslinger

Port Washington HS

Macy will be attending St. Norbert College and majoring in Nursing.



Joshua Jacque

Port Washington HS

Joshua will be attending Milwaukee School of Engineering to study Mechanical Engineering.



CLASS OF 2024



Elyse Karrels
 Port Washington HS
 Elyse will be attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth to study Biology and Genetics and will play volleyball.



Austin Lemke
 Ozaukee HS
 Austin is planning on going into the trades and doing an apprenticeship program.



Reese Kasza-James
 Port Washington HS
 Reese will be attending Milwaukee Area Technical College/West Allis Campus for Welding.



Maddie Schlehlein
 Port Washington HS
 Madeline will be attending the University of Minnesota-Mankato for a degree in dental hygiene.

SUMMER SOCIALS IN THE WORKS

The Thrive Team and our Church Council are collaborating to plan a few summer get-togethers! Ideas include kickball, an afternoon of games, and gathering at Pirates Hollow Waterpark. Stay tuned!

ELEVATOR AND STAINED GLASS REPAIR UPDATES

Otis Elevator was here on May 29 to install the repaired control board. We hope they will return soon to finish the work. The Property Team is also hopeful that repairs to our stained glass windows will begin soon.

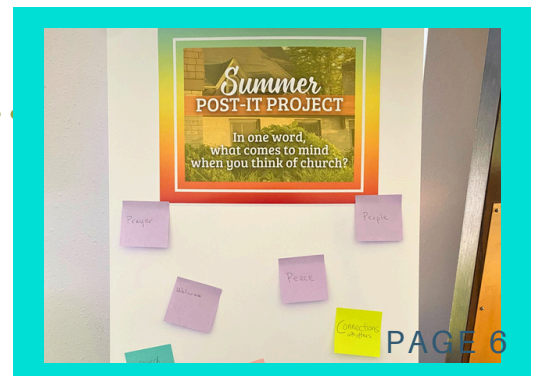
CHURCH GROUNDS WORKDAY ON JUNE 29



The Property Team is looking for volunteers to join them on Saturday morning, June 29, at 8:00, to help lay mulch and clean up our church grounds. Please bring a shovel, rake, and gloves if you have them.

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!





Dear Members and Friends,

Our top priority continues to be securing an Interim Minister. The Executive Team is working to set up interviews with three potential interim candidates. The church will welcome guest leadership each Sunday in June and into the coming months. We hope that members and friends will embrace the opportunity to meet and hear from ministers with an array of backgrounds and experiences. Please help us give Revs. Tom and Debbie Payden, Paul Zachow, and Pastor John Eyster a warm welcome this month! We thank Craig Modahl, Doug McManus, and Don Niederfrank for being willing to provide pastoral care during this time of transition. Continued appreciation to Tracy Greymont, our Liturgy Team Representative on Church Council, for coordinating pulpit supply and welcoming the guest leaders. Thanks also to members of the Property Team who open and close the church each Sunday morning.

Sincerely, Your Church Council



SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JUNE 23

Our annual Spring Congregational Meeting will take place following our 9:00 service on Sunday morning, June 23. The primary item of business will be the election of Church Council Officers and Team Representatives. Each of the Team Representatives on the Church Council will have written reports as part of our 2023-2024 Annual Report. Copies will be available for those in attendance, and also by request. There will be a Zoom option for those who would like to attend virtually. The Zoom invitation will be sent to members and friends the week prior to the meeting via email.



INVITATION TO SERVE ON CHURCH COUNCIL

We have openings on the Church Council and invite members to consider serving in this way. Jodi Cowen will move from Associate Moderator to a two-year term as Moderator. We are looking to fill the role of Associate Moderator. This two-year position supports the Moderator, attends two meetings a month, and is intricately involved in the business of the church. There are two additional openings - our Community Outreach Team Representative and Stewardship Team Representative, both two-year terms. We are also hoping to add team members to the Staff Support & Review and Finance Teams. If you are interested, or would like to nominate another church member, please contact the church office or speak to a member of Council (listed on *page 14*).



Bless Our Confirmands

Sawyer Crain
Simon Gilhooly

Ruby Hoffmann
Kylee Olson
Chloe Rychtik

Addison Wellenstein
Sydney White



Special thanks to Kristin Andrews, friend of our church and Handbell Choir member, for handcreating this Trinity puzzle as a gift to each of the confirmands. Some of the pieces even glow in the dark!

Back row left to right: Rev. Don Niederfrank, Simon Gilhooly, Sawyer Crain
Front row: Sydney White, Addison Wellenstein, Kylee Olson, Chloe Rychtik, Ruby Hoffmann

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, Rev. Don Niederfrank led a meaningful Service of Confirmation. Congratulations to the seven individuals who confirmed their faith and became full members of our church: Sawyer, Simon, Ruby, Kylee, Chloe, Addison, and Sydney. Special thanks Eric Olson and Don for their support and encouragement leading up to Confirmation Sunday, and to the families who helped with nursery care, ushering, driving, chaperoning, and more!



MUSIC TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE PROGRAM YEAR ON MAY 19

We invite you to [click here](#) to watch and listen to the combined performances of our choirs.



"Prelude for a Celebration"

(Behnke)

Handbell Choir **(6:32)**



"We Will Rise Again"

(Dimmer)

Chancel Choir with Children and
Handbell Choir **(10:32)**

"You Will Be Found"

(Pasek and Paul)

From the Musical

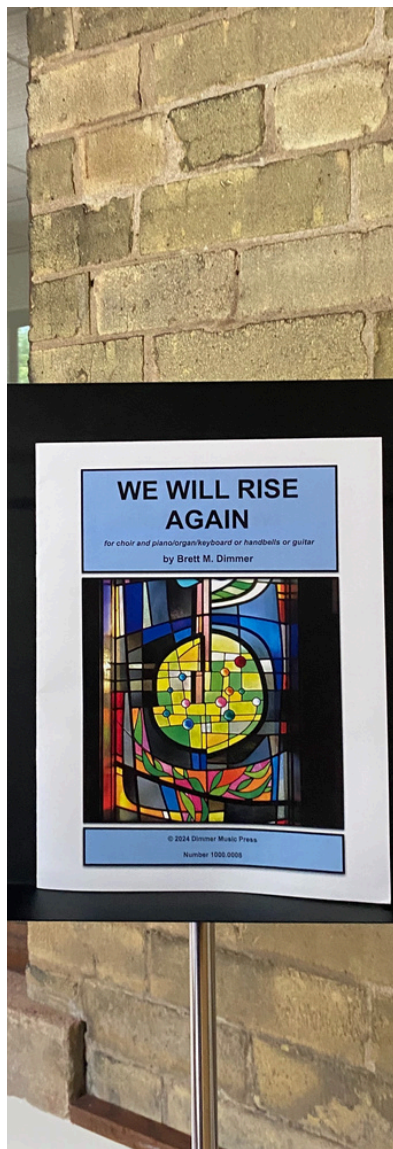
"Dear Evan Hansen"

Chancel Choir **(34:09)**



"Fill Me, Lord"

(Nix) Chancel Choir **(55:01)**



WE WILL RISE AGAIN

Our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir, with added children's voices, performed this original song composed by Brett Dimmer. Enjoy the lyrics!

Living in community, *we will rise again.*
Through the faith we cannot see, *we will rise again.*
Trusting in the gifts we share, *we will rise again.*
Knowing God is always there, *we will rise again.*
Young and old are welcome here, *we will rise again.*
Joined in spirit, need not fear, *we will rise again.*
Common good and common thread, *we will rise again.*
Singing, praying, breaking bread, *we will rise again.*
Like the phoenix we'll return, *we will rise again.*
Flames surround but do not burn, *we will rise again.*
Learning, leading, moving on, *we will rise again.*
Sharing love, our common bond, *we will rise again.*
Young and old are welcome here, *we will rise again.*
Living in community, *we will rise again.*
Through the faith we cannot see, *we will rise again.*
Trusting in the gifts we share, *we will rise again.*
Knowing God is always there, *we will rise again.*
We will rise again.

A FEW ADOPT-A-BILLS REMAIN

We are wrapping up our Adopt-a-Bill Fundraiser. There is a board in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall with a variety of bills with average monthly expense amounts. We invite you to take one or two. Please contact the church office if you would like to “claim” one of the last ten bills remaining. Thank you!

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM



Through RaiseRight, our gift card fundraising program, the church can raise money when members and friends use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries), instead of paying by credit card, cash, or check. Jennifer Dimmer and Rhonda Thompson, our church RaiseRight Coordinators, place an order each month. Next order date is Sunday, June 9. The gift cards will be available at the church for pick up starting on Sunday, June 16. You can enroll and place an order on the company website, RaiseRight.com/enroll. Our church enrollment code is **P8I47VHNX56H**. Or, you can complete the **paper form** and write out a check to the church. If you have any questions, contact the church office. Thank you!

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR AVAILABLE SPACE!



Our space previously used by Port Pre-School is still available for new occupants. We can use your help - please share **this flyer** to generate interest. If you can think of a group that might be a good fit, please let us know so we can reach out!

NEW CHURCH *Instagram* ACCOUNT FOR PHOTOS

If you are on Instagram, we welcome you to check out our new account. It is fun way for us to share a collection of photos of the church. Our handle is [@portuccphotos](https://www.instagram.com/portuccphotos).





As our Church School program year comes to a close, it's fun to look back at the lessons and activities we shared with the children of our church.

During the 2023-2024 program year, our Church School and Kids Club classes covered 18 scripture lessons from Exodus, Acts, Corinthians, the books of Luke, Matthew, Mark, John, and James as well as a Psalm. We supported three different service projects, collecting items for The Food Pantry, supporting the Gift-a-Child program at Christmas, and donating Life cereal in honor of our Easter lesson.

We celebrated our own congregation by creating and handing out small winter care packages, sharing an Easter snack mix, painting ornaments for the annual Christmas Tree Sale, coloring thank you cards for our Stewardship Campaign, designing centerpieces for the Breakfast with Santa event, and decorating the church hallways with our lessons of love and gratitude. We even had donuts with Grown-ups while wearing crazy hats!

Kids Club was launched this year as a way to expand our curriculum and offer a second Sunday of educational activities. By doing so, we were able to reach additional children and dive deeper into the meaning within each lesson. Overall, we had a successful year with an average of 10 children per class ranging in ages from 4K to 7th grade.

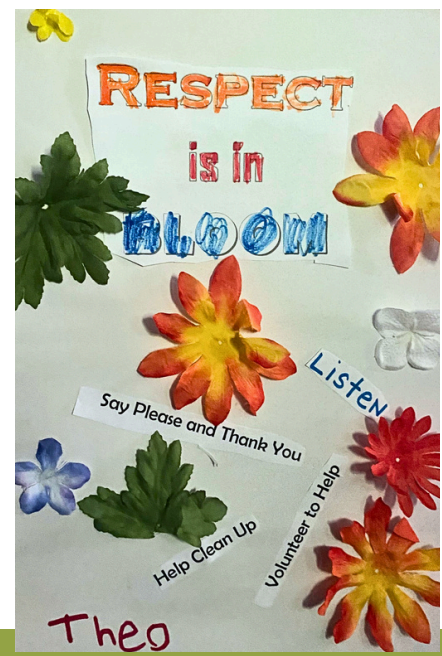
All of these lessons, activities, and fun would not be possible without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers. I'd like to take a moment to thank Jennifer Dimmer, Dawn Rychtik, Tom Roehrig, and Amanda Malloy for their volunteerism throughout the year. Our program would not have been as strong without you!

Wishing all of our Church School children a very happy summer. We look forward to seeing you again in September!

-Shandy Roehrig
Church School Team Leader
and Christian Education Team Representative on Church Council

CHURCH SCHOOL KIDS DECORATE THE HALLS

Our church school kids made posters to hang in the hallway outside of the Music Room for the summer. The posters are decorated with flowers and ways in which we can all show respect and care to one another. Thanks kids for the reminders!



CHURCH CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to check out all of the church camp, retreat, and workshop opportunities at 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



LIGHTHOUSE SUMMER PLANS



Lighthouse welcomes all middle school and high school to partake in their summer activities!

Saturday, June 8th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. — Parking Lot Party

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church (505 W. Grand Avenue here in Port) is throwing a party to celebrate the recent parking lot renovation and all the amazing work God has done through local ministry partners, including Lighthouse! The event includes games, free food (hot dogs, burgers, cake, and ice cream sundaes), and even a bonfire with smores. This will be an awesome way to wrap up another great school year together. Come when you can, leave when you need to - ALL ages are welcome!



Thursday, July 11th - Day Trip to Lifest

Lifest is a 4-day Christian music festival that takes place every year in Oshkosh. Lighthouse will be taking a group up for the day on Thursday to see great artists including Ryan Stevenson, Katy Nichole, Newsboys, and We the Kingdom. Lighthouse will leave from Lighthouse HQ at 12:30 p.m. and be back around midnight. Lighthouse will cover the cost of tickets, but students should plan to bring their own money for food, activities, and souvenirs. Please also bring your own camping chair. **RSVP to Christin by July 1st if you plan to attend.**

Sunday, July 14th-Wednesday, July 17th - Service Trip to Madison

We have an awesome team of seven youth and three adults heading to Madison with Serve Boldly for a mini-week of service, learning, and lots of fun! Please keep this group in your prayers throughout this week that we may have safe travels, open hearts and minds, and that God will be at work in and through us as we serve our neighbors in Madison.



Sunday, August 11th (Time TBD) - Wacky Olympics

Who's excited for the 2024 Olympic games in Paris? Grab a friend and join us for a fun afternoon of crazy games and friendly competition as we host our own version of this exciting world event. More details coming soon!

SPECIAL THANKS

To Adele Richert who donated and planted a "Sem" Ash Leaf Spirea in the northwest corner of the church grounds. The color is beautiful!



To Eric Olson and Don Niederfrank for facilitating the Confirmation Class Trip to Holy Hill on May 5 and the class on May 13. Thanks also to Jean Hoffmann for driving.

To Jane Spalding for creating a vibrant Pentecost altar table arrangement.

To Mike and Sherrie Dimmer for hosting Fellowship Hour after the 8:00 service on May 5.

To Church School for hosting Fellowship Hour after the 10:00 service on May 5.

To Don Niederfrank for leading our services on May 5 and May 12, as well as the very special May 19 Service of Confirmation!

To our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir for providing a joint performance on the last Sunday of the program year, May 19, as well as additional special pieces. Our thanks to James and Emmett Ruplinger for adding their voices to the combined performance and to soloists, Kylee Olson and Simon Gilhooly, for joining the Chancel Choir for one of their songs.

To the Fellowship Team for providing Fellowship Hour on the last Sunday of the program year, May 19.

To Tracy Greymont, our Liturgy Team Representative on Church Council, for leading our first summer service on May 26.

To Chris Drasch for sending celebration cards to our members and friends.

To Mike Dimmer for weeding the church grounds and Creekside Commons. The area around the church sculpture was an especially laborious job! We appreciate all the grass cutting and edging of the sidewalks as well.

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.

To our Sunday Offering Counters: Kathy Bretl, Ken Matthews, Tracy Bretl and Phil Stepanski, and Joe and Dawn Rychtik.

To our May Nursery Caregivers: Riemer, Gilhooly, and Roehrig Families.

To Gary Tackes for troubleshooting the copier issues in the church office.

To Claude Zimmerman and Gary Tackes for overseeing the Otis Elevator repairs on May 29.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

(Through the end of June)

Executive Team

Moderator: Jason Jacque (2024)
Associate Moderator: Jodi Cowen (2024)
Clerk: Rhonda Thompson (2025)
Treasurer: Phil Stepanski (2025)

Team Representatives

Christian Education: Shandy Roehrig (2024)
Fellowship: Jennifer Dimmer (2025)
Staff Support and Review: Ken Matthews (2024)
Property: Bill Bond (2025)
Community Outreach: Eric Olson (2024)
Liturgy: Tracy Greymont (2025)
Stewardship: *currently vacant* (2025)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The April minutes were approved at the May 9, 2024 Church Council meeting.

Church Council Minutes

April 11, 2024, 6:30pm

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

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

Opening Meditation – (Shandy) Jennifer read two poems provided by Shandy, The River of Change and Seasons of the Heart, by Maya Anthony.

Approval of the Council Minutes – March 2024 (Rhonda) Ken Matthews motions to approve the March minutes and Bill Bond seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

Treasurer/Financial Updates (Phil) - No reports provided. Quickbooks will be for expense tracking. Then REALM will be used for pledges and membership tracking.

- Spending per budget is allowed- Ken Matthews motions to approve spending according to budget expenses. Jennifer Dimmer seconds.
- ACS Realm purchase for Pledge Tracking -REALM is a church membership management program. Ken Matthews motions to approve the REALM expense on an interim basis till we can look at more economical options. Jennifer Dimmer seconds the motion. The vote passes. The REALM expense should have a separate line item from QuickBooks.

Old Business

Property Team (Bill)

- Elevator Repairs Update- Otis is planning to repair the electrical panels they removed instead of replacing them. They could not say when they would be fixed and the elevator operational.
- Building Maintenance - The Property Team is labeling circuit panels as well as the switches and outlets for better operation. They are also cleaning out some storage space by getting rid of old records.
- Church Security - Nothing new to report
- Stained Glass Window Repairs - As soon as the weather is right the crew will be ready to get started on the stained glass window repairs.
- There is a leak in the hall by the Dennett room that needs repair. The leak is due to one of the drains on the roof.

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

Open Council Positions:

- Associate Moderator - Open - Any suggestions.
- Christian Ed. - Shandy is confirmed for staying on.
- Staff Support and Review - Ken is confirmed for staying on. Ken is working on finding help for this team.
- Community Outreach -The Council has a couple of names to contact with regards to filling this opening.
- Stewardship - Open - Shandy will send Jodi a name and contact information so Jodi can reach out.

The Council has a couple suggested names to contact that would be an asset on a committee.

Building Usage and Fee Schedule, Alcohol Policy (Jason/Bill) - In reviewing the Building Usage forms the church has had an alcohol free policy. Discussion is about rental usage, if we market the rooms to allow beer/wine will that give the church a way to compete with other community spaces that allow alcohol and the liability. On the draft provided, Alcohol Policy should be changed to Beer and Wine Policy. Shandy suggests limiting it to beer and wine and adding those words to section B Scope on the draft. Ken motions to complete the form with suggestions and keep the Beer and Wine Proposal for a one time test to re-evaluate at next Council meeting. Phil seconds the motion. Tracy suggests amending the motion to review the policy in six months. Amy brings up concerns that we have cut back cleaning due to the budget and who will clean and move items back. Shandy suggests a call tree for a clean up crew to shift rooms for the events held at the church. The motion passes. Jason will make changes to the form and send it to Beckie and the attending Council. Shandy will edit the Cleaning Procedures.

Additional Team Updates (Shandy, Eric, Jennifer, Tracy, Ken)- Church School has one class left and Kids Club has two classes left. They are considering a summer event to keep the kids active in hopes of not losing them. Shandy is trying to add a few parents to the Church School Team. Jennifer says next month is the end of the program year with both choirs performing and an end of year picnic. For Staff Support and Review, Ken has asked what staff hours should look like with the transition and for Council to approve the extra hours the office staff might be putting in. Phil says the budget has allowances to cover additional hours. There has never been a time when they have not been paid for the hours they have submitted. Ken will meet with them.

New Business

Transition Plans

Exit Interview was conducted and went fine. Jason will write a summary for the next newsletter.

- Interim Pastor plans (Jason)- Pastor Jakob is not feeling the call to FCC. Jane has nothing new for us at this time she would get back to us.
- Emergency Care- Shandy shared that Doug McManus is willing to help with hospital visits during this interim period.
- Pulpit Supply (Jason)- Or Guest Leadership
 - Liturgy -Tracy and the team are taking these responsibilities for lining up pastors, meeting them, lining up readers and other service needs.
 - Property Team-Is working with opening and closing responsibilities. Mike Dimmer and Gary Bria have been shown how to turn on and off and lock up. It would be nice to have a checklist for any and all needs with regards to Sunday services.
 - Two Services / Confirmation Sunday- The idea is to continue with two services until May 19th and Confirmation is complete.
 - Google Calendar-Use the calendar to make sure all aspects of a service are covered.

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

- Search Committee - We need to get interim on board and operational before forming a search committee. Anyone that has interest can be added to a list. Accepting nominations could be an idea for forming the committee. Any one that expresses interest should be added to the list and once interim is in place a team will work on selecting the Search Committee members.
- Long Term Planning- Thrive Team is active, moving forward and has a meeting with the Marquette team May 1. They are moving into the next stage of the Examen.

Fundraising Committee (Jennifer)-Jennifer shared a form with the current fundraisers, goals like community outreach and with planning needs. Fundraisers will need Council approval. There could be a template for members to fill out with ideas.

Shredding Event (Bill)- Port State Bank has a shredding party on April 20th. They will need help taking the boxes of records to the shredding location. There is a limit of boxes allowed per person. Jane Spalding, with the Church's Historical Committee, has gone through the boxes for historical documents and set them aside.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment 9:19 pm
Submitted by, Rhonda Thompson - Clerk



JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 - Jackson Bergin | 14 - Terry Bretl | 22 - Dawn Guschl |
| Dale Sanem | Patt Cottrell | Bill Bond |
| 3 - Joyce Bria | Merlin Behnke | Ben Pasten |
| 5 - Don Laubenstein | Brad Katzer | Ben Bechle |
| 7 - Janet Behnke | 16 - Scott Peiffer | 23 - Brett Dimmer |
| 10 - Patt Westphal | 19 - Ryan Umhoefer | Tom Roehrig |
| 11 - Grant Bergin | Alice Ruffin | Tina Olson |
| Brielle Bertler | Tiffany Ulicki | 24 - Eric Oleson |
| 13 - Bev Mueller | 21 - Sydney Rychtik | 27 - Mike Perket |
| 14 - Norman Joplin | Lydia Linendoll | Grace Wilsnack |
| Colin Umhoefer | | Peter Chandler |
| | | 29 - Jacob Sanem |
| | | Ray Shupe |

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



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| 1 - Gary and Joyce Bria | 20 - Claude and Jana Zimmerman |
| 3 - Lydia and Brannon Linendoll | 23 - Aaron and Missy White |
| 6 - Don and Susan Niederfrank | 24 - John and Christa Karrels |
| 9 - Mark and Janet Maechtle | 25 - Dick and Edie Webb |
| Sean and Amanda Malloy | 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 Schlehlein |
| Dave and Debra Wickesberg | |



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 10 am – 2 pm Church Brat Fry at Saukville Piggly Wiggly Locke Piano Recital
2 Second Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 - 8:45 am Guided Personal Reflection 9 am Communion Worship Service 10 am Fellowship Hour	3	4	5	6 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon 6:30 pm Executive Team	7	8
9 Third Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service	10	11	12 6 pm Yoga	13 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon 6:30 pm Church Council	14	15
16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service	17	18	19 6 pm Yoga	20 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon	21 11 am Property Team	22
23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service 10 am Spring Congregational Meeting	24	25	26 6 pm Yoga	27 8 am Men's Breakfast- The Beacon	28	29 8 am Church Grounds Workday
30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service						

Join Us!

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.

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.



CHURCH INFORMATION

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Follow us on Instagram for a collection of church photos **@portuccphotos**

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**

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) 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.*