



**Happy  
BIRTHDAY**

## Church Team Spotlight

### OUR CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

*Submitted by Jeanne Mantsch on behalf of the Congregational Care Team*

The Congregational Care Committee meets periodically, with primary tasks involving presence with members of the congregation through birthday cards and anniversary cards, and visitation accompanying the pastor to offer communion and conversation with shut-ins or others unable to attend church. Anyone interested in joining us should let the church know, and we will invite you to join us at our next meeting. We will work together to figure out what role (cards, visits, etc.) fits your schedule and preference best!



### REPORT ON ASSOCIATION MEETING FROM OUR CHURCH DELEGATE

The Annual meetings of the Southeast Association (of which we are members) and the Southwest Association was held at First Congregational Church in Oconomowoc on April 27. I attended as our delegate. The day began with morning worship, followed by separate business meetings for each association, and a combined keynote address. Our keynote speaker was Rev. Sandhya Jha, who spoke about their experience growing up in a combined Christian/Hindu family. This was followed by lunch and two workshops and closing worship. I chose to attend the workshops about Re-imagining Associational Life as well as Land Acknowledgement Done Right.

The Re-imagining Associational Life acknowledged that some of the work at the association level was 'busy-work' that could just as productively be done at the Conference level. However, the friendships and assistance that occurred at the Association level is valuable. So, how to retain that which is of value while transferring more of the 'every-day' work to the conference, there-by doing it once, rather than four times!

The Land Acknowledgement Done Right was led by Rev. Kerry Parker, Executive Director of Wisconsin Council of Churches. Given our church Friends for Justice group's interest and work on this issue, I wanted to learn what she might have to add to our existing knowledge base. She began by saying that the workshop should have been entitled 'Land Acknowledgement Done Better', rather than 'Right', and went on to say that it is indeed an ongoing process.

It was a worthwhile day; although I wish I could have attended all of the workshops.

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