



Glad Tidings



Congregational United Church of Christ Neenah / Menasha

August 2011

At first, it didn't seem like anything was going to happen. There was a series of fire-cracker sounding "pops" and then nothing. But then, the building started to crumble and the dust started to billow and, within seconds, all twelve stories of the grand Newhouse Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City lie in a pile of rubble, the result of carefully placed explosives and demolition work that got things started until gravity could take over. Several members of my family watched from a nearby hotel as this landmark structure, no longer safe or feasible to operate, imploded in on itself to make way for something new.

Implosions are amazing things. They happen when something collapses in on itself – usually because the central core structure can no longer hold it up. We tend to think of implosions as something done deliberately and, therefore, controllable... as when a building is demolished to make way for something new because its current form and structure are no longer useable.

Some would say that the church (the institution – not the building) is experiencing a sort of "implosion." Phyllis Tickle points out that this is nothing new – that it has actually happened before. About every 500 years or so, the church has undergone a sort of implosion in on itself. But the church has survived because the implosion resulted in it remaking itself into something new and sometimes, better. Tickle (and others) propose that the church is, once again, undergoing a transformation where the church, as it has been known, will implode in on itself and something new will emerge. She refers to this time as "The Great Emergence."

I tend to think that she's onto something for a number of reasons. Denominations are becoming less significant in the life of the local church. Traditions and rituals that have not been regularly practiced for centuries are becoming important aspects in the life of faith communities (centering prayer, pilgrimages, labyrinths, etc.) Other traditions that have been (or were) practiced for many years have started to lose their significance and meaning. Long-held doctrines of Christianity have either found new meaning or have been discovered to no longer be relevant to the church's practice.

I find it quite exciting because, if we know this great emergence is or will be happening, we might just be part of what will shape that which will emerge when the dust settles.

So, what might be the result of this latest "great emergence?" If the church as we know it is crumbling in on itself, what would be the foundation of the "new" that is to come? If we were to remove the "structure" of Christianity as we know it today – the rituals, the ceremony, the doctrine – what would be the basis of that which will emerge?

Perhaps we need not wait for this "great emergence" to happen (most likely it will take place after our lifetime anyway!) Perhaps we could have a look deep within and start to live into what the future will


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become. As I think about what might emerge, I find myself going back, before the Great Reformation of the 1500's, before the Great Schism of the eleventh century, before Gregory the Great's saving of Christianity following the fall of the Roman Empire, all the way back to the time, the culture and the heart of the original teachings of Jesus – compassion.

Compassion – not only is it the heart of what we know of Jesus, it is also very much what the world could use. Who knows, it might just be that the world is in as much need of the church's great emergence into radical compassion as much as the church itself is. I think God would be pleased.

Grace and peace to you all.

Lynne




Long term member **Dorothy Blohm** died on July 13th. Her funeral was held in the sanctuary on July 16th. She is the mother of Pam Klockzien, grandmother to Connie Wadleigh and great-grandmother to Tiffany Maurtiz, Dawn Welling and Kelsey Wadleigh. Please keep Dorothy's family in your thoughts and prayers .




Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers: Bernice Krug, Steve Furstenberg, Shirley Breening, Adeline Miller, George Fucik, Bernie Stieg, Ruth Anderson, Russ and Marilyn Corning, Laurel Mueller, Barbara Tungate, Erv Hemb, Paul Franke and Bob Doornbos and the family of Dorothy Blohm on her passing.

Gospel Workshop



A GOSPEL WORKSHOP will be held at Pilgrim Center Camp in Green Lake Wisconsin, Saturday, September, 10 from 9:00 am to 5:00. Sing and learn gospel music from Robert Robertson, gospel singer and master teacher. Cost \$40, lunch included. You may download a broadsheet on the workshop, along with a registration form by clicking on "Gospel Worksheet" under "Events" on the homepage of the Wisconsin Conference website (wcucc.org) www.wcucc.org

Birthdays



8/02 Mac Shumann
 8/04 Bob Nault
 8/04 Joel Toeppler
 8/06 Ellen Montour
 8/06 Alyssa Rogoff
 8/08 Dan Jischke
 8/09 Leon Flesburg
 8/09 Zak Kellnhauser
 8/12 Kevin Shumann
 8/12 Josh Groom
 8/15 Zack Suechting
 8/16 Donna Holewinski
 8/20 Max Suechting
 8/25 Shane Smith
 8/26 Dave Magruder
 8/26 Stephanie Swatscheno
 8/29 Brittany Rabe
 8/29 Bryant Wadleigh
 8/30 Barbara Tungate

Wedding Anniversaries

August 4th
 Chuck and Mary Jo Meyer
August 10th
 Audrey and Kent Mosebach
August 12th
 Kris and Ken Anderson
August 13th
 Denise and Jeff Stewart
August 16th
 Erv and Sharon Wegner
August 22nd
 Debra and Bruce Janda
August 23rd
 Ken and Ruth Anderson
August 26th
 Ann and Chuck Luebke
August 27th
 Pam And Terry Zielinski
August 28th
 Leon and Terri Flesburg
August 28th
 Mary and Ralph Liesch

We would like to wish all a happy Birthday or anniversary. If your birthday or anniversary was omitted or you would rather not have it published, please contact the church office.

Spiritual Life

Musical Greetings!

Hard to believe it, but summer is coming to an end and all the fall activities will be resuming. That means Adult Choir as well as Children's Choir, and Sunday School time music will begin. I hope everyone has had a fun and relaxing summer and re-energized to begin the fall schedule.

Fall Kick-Off Picnic:

When: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 5:00 pm

Where: Jischke's House 1178 Shady Springs Court, Neenah 722-9010



**Please bring a dish to share, meat to put on the grill, and any special beverages you wish to drink.

I will provide plates, silverware, cups, lemonade and condiments.

Who: All are welcome who are involved or even interested in the music department.

Bring a friend or spouse to enjoy the evening of fellowship.

This is ALWAYS a great time to "catch up" and also sing through some fun music to start the year.

First Children's Choir Rehearsal :
Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 at 8:30 am

Adult Choir Begins:
Wed. Sept. 7th, 2011 at 6:30 pm
We'll sing on Sunday , Sept. 11th!

Have a wonderful rest of the summer and we'll see you all very soon.

Musical Blessings, Sherri Jischke, Music Coordinator



Last Outdoor Service of 2011!

Sunday, August 14

9:30 am

Come enjoy the beautiful setting of our outdoor sanctuary

Bring a chair or use one of our folding chairs

Plan to stay after the service for an Ice Cream Social!



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Deadline

August 15th

August Lectionary

August 7

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 14

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 21

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 28

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



Summer Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:30 am-11:30 am

Spiritual Life



Mid-Week Summer Worship

Wednesdays through August 31st.

6:15 pm – Quiet prayer and meditation

**6:30 pm – Worship with Fellowship
following**



Confirmation Mentor Orientation Change of Date

**The date of the
Confirmation Mentor
Orientation
has been changed to:**

Thursday, September 1

7:00 pm



**Welcome to
Our Family**

July Baptisms

July 24th

Regan Christopher Peters
son of Meghan and Christopher
and brother to Hailey.

July 31st

Isaac Cooper Reynolds
son of Sarah and David and
brother to Noah
Grandson of Bruce and Debbie Janda

Ministry of Service

Mission Trip Interest?



Do you have an interest in, experience of, or passion for mission trips? Our church has taken mission trips to Rock Island, Pine Ridge Reservation and Honduras in recent years. Members have given time and talents, accomplished miracles, made friends, and experienced personal and spiritual growth. Those not able to travel have supported and prayed for those who have gone.

The Ministry of Service supports mission trips / service journeys. Would you like to discuss future journeys? In addition to past destinations, we may consider options from the UCC list of mission trips – or a servant journey you've been dreaming of. Your input will be valuable. Please reserve September 8 at 6:30 p.m. to consider our exciting possibilities.

Ministry of Faith Development and Christian Ed Director Kristen Underwood are now making plans for youth-oriented mission trips, so this gathering of folks to consider future trips will focus on opportunities for adults. We'll coordinate with the Ministry of Faith Development on future trips which might be appropriate for adults and kids.



Pantry Sunday Aug 7th

ADVOCAP Needs: When you are looking at what you could bring for the Pantry Sunday there are many needs other than non-perishables. They are in need of personal items such a toothbrush/ paste, deodorant, disposable diapers, feminine products, paper products or any other basic personal needs.

Faith Development



August 7th- August 11th

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 through Thursday, August 11th from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Our culture is embracing all things culinary, including Vacation Bible School. Jesus calls us to “shake up” our lives and become his followers. The Bible gives us the recipe: be ready for God’s call, give happily to God and to others, believe fully in Jesus as God’s Son, remember Jesus’ life and teachings, and celebrate God forever. *Shake It Up Café* introduces your children to stories of biblical festivals that reveal these ingredients and link the Old Testament, the New Testament, and our lives today. Mark your calendars today and be a part of this tasty journey through the Bible. Sign up today!



High School Mission Trip
(for students completing
7th grade through
12th grade)
**August 21-27 at Moon
Beach Camp in
St. Germaine, WI**

This year the CUCCNM youth will be experiencing their first mission trip right here in Wisconsin at one of our very own church camps. For a lovely week in August our youth will be assisting with the Autism Spectrum Family Camp in the morning by “playing” with the children. Their afternoons will be packed full with cabin restoration projects such as, painting, cleaning, washing windows, and general maintenance. Cost of this trip is \$195.00. A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot (there are still a few spots open) is due to Kristin ASAP.

Peggy Bartman, an autism specialist will be doing a special training with our group on **Monday, August 15 from 6:00 – 7:30**. Please let me know ASAP if you are unable to attend this workshop. It is highly recommended for youth planning to go on the mission trip.

YOUTH, look for upcoming fund raisers in your bulletins. You will need to participate in a minimum of 3 of the planned fund raisers.

Important Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, August 16:
6:00 , 2011-12 Sunday school teacher training

Sunday, September 11:
Bible Sunday for 3rd and 7th graders; Sunday school registration day

Sunday, September 18:
First Day of Sunday school

Wednesday, September 28:
6:30 First youth group grades 3 - 6) meeting..

Thursday, September 29:
6:30 First high school youth group (grades 7 -12) meeting.

We rejoice that the following kids will be going to camp this month

July 31st- Aug 8th
Kayla Jischke
Sherri Jischke
Emily Ugoretz

Aug 7th- Aug 13th
Sarah Ugoretz

Aug 4th - Aug 6th
Henry Balogh

Aug 11th- Aug 13th
Bob Nault
Emily Nault



Look
Who's at
Church Camp

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send an email to one of our campers the address is listed Camper.pc@ucci.org

All you need to do is put the camper's name in the subject line. Everyone loves to get mail at camp.

Thank you to all that contributed to the camp scholarship program.



WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH STRUCTURE

Ministry Council

Moderator, Marilyn Kostrzak – 3 year term - 2013
Vice Moderator, Wayne Dickson – 3 year term - 2013
Secretary, Kathy Mahoney - perpetual
Treasurer, David Zernicke - perpetual

Four Ministry Coordinators

Ministry of Service, Laurie Kleist – 2 year term - 2012
Ministry of Stewardship, Ann Pabst – 3 year term- 2013
Ministry of Faith Development Denise Stewart and Alanna Smith – 3 year term - 2013
Ministry of Spiritual Life, Mary Janness – 1 year remaining filling in for past Coordinator,
then 3 year term on her own - 2014

Three at large Members

Kris Anderson – 2012, Kerry Fox -2014, Jim Heiser -2013
All of the above are elected positions

Other Elected Positions

Time and Talent Coordinator, Clo Schumann - perpetual (*Reports to the Ministry Council*)
Historian, Dar Schuff - perpetual (*Reports to the Moderator*)

Ad Hoc Committees

Appointed by the Ministry Council

Staff Relations Committee – Go to committee for paid staff – Kerry Fox, Alison Heiser,
Amy Bertschausen
Pastoral Relations Committee – Go to committee for Pastor – Kris Anderson, Marty Suechting, Bob Nault
Pastoral Review Committee – To do evaluation – Ann Luebke, Shirl Alix
Personnel Committee –Denise Burkett, Dave Peperkorn
Church Membership Follow-up Committee – Kris Anderson

Ex-officio Members

Communications Coordinator, John and Barbara Meier – (elected) - perpetual
Past Moderator – Denise Burkett - 2012
Pastor Lynne Spencer-Smith

Ministry of Service

Laurie Kleist *
Jack Fry
Kent Mosebach
Sue Knuth
Kerry Fox
Katie Ellison- Doe
Pat Day
Pat Bezella
Alison Heiser

Ministry of Faith Development

Alanna Smith *
Denise Stewart *
Chuck Luebke
Jim Heiser
Mary Joe Meyer
Jenn Abing

Ministry of Spiritual Life

Mary Janness *
Terri Flesburg
Sherri Jischke
Shirl Alix
Ruth Kobinsky
Barb Peperkorn
Dorothy Samu
Clo Shuman
Kevin Shumann
Cindy Wolf
Ginny Stuzman

* **Ministry Coordinators**

Ministry of Stewardship

Finance
Ann Pabst *
Dave Peperkorn
Roy Rosenberger
Paula Botten

Stewardship

Jack Fry
Jeff Stewart
Kent Mosebach

Buildings & Grounds

Dave Day
Linda Stoll
Don Kleist *
Walter Finch
Erv Wegner
Kevin Shumann

Ministry Highlights

Highlights of the June 22, 2011 Ministry Council Meeting

Ministry Coordinators reported on their various responsibilities and upcoming events.

Lynne reported the midweek summer service is on hold, and she has sent out a survey to get the congregations input on it.

The Hospitality sub ministry is looking at ways to follow up with guests, review current hosting duties, as well as explore new ideas.

Four folks have filed the necessary paperwork with the Warming Shelter and will assist with serving there on June 22 and August 13.

The Ministry of Stewardship group has decided on a passage from Ephesians to be this year's theme for the campaign. They will be working on the details of the campaign which will run through October and end on All Saints Day.

The Ministry of Spiritual Life is looking at the duties that are assigned to this ministry to see that they are all being carried out. They are looking for volunteers to lead in various areas.

The Ministry of Faith Development reported that a total of \$5000 was raised for camp scholarships. 21 campers and 4 directors will be going this summer.

Sabbatical planning has begun. Lynne has put together a basic itinerary beginning June 4 and then for 12 weeks thereafter. August 4 she would begin a re-entry into her day-to-day work and would return full time August 26.

There were no Ruah applications this month.

The Council continues to work on the Church Chat Feedback.

Yours in Christ,p

Kathy Mahoney, Ministry Council Secretary

Ministry of Stewardship



Mark Your Calendar for Fall Clean UP



October 22,nd

Watch for more information

Treasurer's Report

	June	Year to Date
Giving Income	\$ 11,071	\$ 102,880
Interest + Rents	566	6,765
Vi Smith Income	<u>1,008</u>	<u>6,050</u>
Total Income	\$12,645	\$115,696
Expenses	<u>22,804</u>	<u>136,405</u>
Difference	\$(10,159)	\$(20,710)

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Communication Coordinator:
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Time & Talent Coordinator:
volunteers@cuccnm.org

Time and Talent

Upon receiving the schedule, please review it to ensure you are available when scheduled. If you are unavailable, please use the contact information to find a replacement for yourself. Please notify the church office at office@cuccnm.org and Clo Shuman at volunteer@cuccnm.org with the schedule change

Task	08/07/2011	08/14/2011	08/21/2011	08/28/2011	09/04/2011
Host	Dar Schuff	Pat Bezella	Ruth Kobinsky	Cheryl Humleker	Betty Curtis
Liturgist	Sherri Jischke	Mary Leisch	Kent Mosebach	Dave Peperkorn	Gerry Benz
Greeter 1	Barb Peperkorn	Martin Suechting	Don Kleist	Dar Schuff	Terri Flesburg
Greeter 2	Dave Peperkorn	Sharon Swatscheno	Laurie Kleist	Lee Schuff	Kerry Fox
Head Usher	Denise Burkett	Betty Curtis	Shirl Alix	Steve Stoll	Don Kleist
Usher 2	Kris Anderson	Dean Curtis	Chuck Luebke	John Meier	Laurie Kleist
Usher 3	Maribeth Diem	Erv Wegner	Ann Luebke	Barbara Meier	Dolores Gear
Usher 4	Marilyn Kostrzak	Gerry Benz	Kerry Fox	Ann Pabst	Alan Gear
Depositor	Roy Rosenberger	Ann Pabst	Dave Peperkorn	Roy Rosenberger	Ann Pabst
Communion Preparation	Ruth Kobinsky	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cindy Wolf
Projectionist	Kevin Katzman	Jerry Pozolinski	Kevin Shumann	Kevin Katzman	Jerry Pozolinski

HELP! ADOPT A WINDOW



A number of the windows in the Sanctuary are in need of scraping, priming, and painting. They should not be left for another year before refinishing. This is very big job for a few people but a small job if divided up among many. We invite you to

help by volunteering to do a window or several windows. This would involve climbing a step ladder and some bending. Please see Don Kleist for details. 725-9427 or dlkleist@tds.net.



Book club will be discussing **Still Alice** by Lisa Genova. We will meet on Sunday, October 2nd at 6:30 in the church lounge.

Any questions please contact Mary Janness.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30 am Staff Meeting	2 7:00 am Discussion Group 11:00 am Bible Study	3 6:30 pm Summer Worship	4 12:00 pm Clergy Study	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship	8	9 7:00 am Discussion Group 11:00 am Bible Study	10 6:30 pm Summer Worship	11	12	13
-----VBS 5:00-8:00-----						
14 9:30 am Worship: Outdoor Service  <i>Outdoor Service</i>	15 6:00 pm Mission Trip Meeting	16 7:00 am Discussion Group 11:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm S.S Teacher Training	17 6:30 pm Summer Worship	18 6:30 pm Finance Committee	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship	22	23 7:00 am Discussion Group 11:00 am Bible Study	24 6:30 pm Summer Worship	25 6:15pm Ministry Council	26	27
-----High School Mission Trip at Moon Beach-----						
28 9:30 am Worship	29	30 7:00 am Discussion Group 11:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Min of Faith Dev at Luebke's	31 5:00 pm Choir Picnic at Jischke's 6:30 pm Summer Worship			

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Shake It Up Cafe

Vacation Bible School

August 7-11 5-8 pm

For Children ages 3 to 6th grade

Sign Up Today !

Bring your friends.