



The Chapel Chimes



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Rejoice, Restructure, Renew

The world as well as the way we live our daily lives is evolving. To function in an evolving culture, the church structure—the way our congregation gets things done—must evolve too. Our guiding documents, the Constitution and

Bylaws, were last revised in 1982 and no longer reflect the way the church carries out its commission.

The Restructure Team introduces Rejoice (for our past, present and future,) Restructure (as we evolve with the world,) Renew (for our long-term vitality as a community of faith). We believe the image conveys the ongoing process involved. The team has been reading and discussing Flexible, Missional Constitution/Bylaws, recommended by Wisconsin Conference UCC staff. For an opportunity to engage Lake Edge in conversation as we approach the time to revise our church's working documents, the team invites all board, committee and team members (and anyone else who is curious) to attend a morning presentation on Saturday, September 18, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Refreshments and child care will be provided.

Restructuring Team Members:

Sue Brockman-Zeigler,
Dick Schultz,
Kevin Parker,
Judi Knight,
Nicole Rosenthal,
Barb Lewis,
Pastor Deborah Dean-Ware

Search Committee Update

Summer is such a busy time and it just seems to be flying by. The fireworks are over, we're halfway through summer vacation, and school supplies are already displayed in full glory in the stores (much to the dismay of my children). Actually, summer is probably not any more "busy" than any other season, but its lack of structure, extra events, and glorious weather produces a host of reasons to procrastinate. So, what suffers? Let's see... laundry and cleaning (no wait, those are just as bad as ever), my diet (brats and potato salad no doubt), and, oh yeah, updating you on the search process. I know it's been a while. I've even been reminded more than once that it's been a while since I've composed written communication, but being on the computer when it's so nice outside just seems unbearable. Anyway, here it is... finally!

While I may have been a bit lax on the communication end of things, rest assured the search committee has been very busy indeed. The search process is in full swing and we are entering some exciting times. The Local Church Profile is complete, the Cabinet and our Association Minister, Bob Mutton, reviewed it, and it was emailed to the candidates this week. In the event you would like to read our Local Church Profile, there will be several copies available in the Library as of this weekend. The Search Committee chose 16 candidates to receive our profile, and those candidates have until July 28 to consider whether they want to continue on this journey with us. Telephone interviews are tentatively being planned for mid-August. After the telephone interviews, the host of the show brings out a tray of roses and we have an elimination ceremony... hold on a minute... I think I've seen too many episodes of The Bachelor... let's back it up a bit. After the telephone interviews, the committee will have to narrow the pool

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considerably. Usually 3 candidates move forward, but I'm told that number is somewhat flexible. It will be a difficult process for sure. The search committee is extremely blessed with an incredibly diverse group of candidates who possess an amazing array of gifts and talents.

I would love to be able to tell you what happens after that, and exactly when, where, and how it's all going to unfold, but I can't. We have to leave some room for the Holy Spirit to guide us and/or interject if needed, but our excitement is growing week by week and I hope yours is too. Please continue to pray for us. We are extremely thankful for all the loving support we've received and for the patience you continue to show.

Grace and Peace.
Stephanie Endres,
Chair of the Search Committee

Hospitalized? Please Let Us Know

Just a reminder that if you or someone you love is going into the hospital, and you want to make sure that they receive a pastoral visit, you'll need to let us know here at the church. We can't always find out that you've been admitted, and with hospital stays now becoming increasingly brief, it's all too possible for your church to miss your hospital stay. We want to come and visit you, and you can ensure that it happens if you'll just let us know that you're there. Additionally, it helps to identify Lake Edge UCC by name at the time of your admittance.

Recent Celebrations of Baptism

June 13 - Brian Thompson
June 20 - Sophia and Olivia Mardak-Kennebeck, daughters of Elizabeth Kennebeck

With great joy, we welcome Brian, Sophia, and Olivia into the faith and family of Christ here at Lake Edge United Church of Christ.



Heart and Soul From Your Parish Nurse

For Our Souls and Minds: "While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."
~Angela Schwindt

For Our Babies: When babies are 6 to 9 months, things really start happening. These little ones just get better and better at communicating, delighting us with enthusiastic use of sounds, gestures and facial expressions. Some even start putting consonants and vowels together forming words such as "dada" and "mama".

Our job? Basically more of the same. We should keep up a steady stream of conversation, labeling and narrating as we go. For example, "would you like to taste this yellow banana?" then giving the baby time to absorb this information and respond. The trick is to keep this back-and-forth conversation going as long as the baby seems interested and engaged; when she makes a noise we should copy the noise and then give her a new sound to try.

Babies of this age also use toys in more complex ways; instead of just holding a cup he may use it to pour water into the bathtub, teaching himself cause and effect. When he is repeatedly successful at this, he gains confidence and becomes more willing to take on new challenges.

Although motor skills vary from child to child, many babies at this age are now rolling both ways, scooting, crawling and even standing. This new mobility allows her to follow through; the ball rolls away and she goes after it. If she shows us with sounds and gestures that she wants a toy that is inaccessible, we should make it possible for her to retrieve it herself, perhaps by bringing it close enough for her to grab. This type of assistance helps to reduce frustration while allowing the baby to have some control over her environment.

"...our children teach us what life is all about." Truly they are our teachers, we the students. We'd do well to pay close attention to the lessons they bring.



Parking Lot Sale, Saturday, August 7!

Well, folks, it is almost here! And we need your help! We have had some volunteer workers for the day of the sale cancel so... We need: Several more workers!.... A couple of men to help with moving items, and.... 2 or 3 more baggers for the AM shift on August 7, and don't forget your brown paper bags. We need them NOW! To volunteer, or if you have any questions regarding the sale, call Bernie Hartwig at 222-7350.

Library News



Fall book discussions:

Sunday, September 19

"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett

Southern black women write about their experiences in the 60's as maids.

Sunday, October 17

"Stones into Schools" by Greg Mortenson

This book continues on where Three Cups of Tea leaves off, as Greg Mortenson builds schools for girls in Afghanistan.

Sunday November 21

"Unbowed" by Wangari Maathai - The first woman and first environmentalist to win the Nobel Peace Prize writes about her life in Africa.

All discussions take place in the church Library between worship services and are open to everyone, whether you have read the book or not. The books are also available in the church Library for checkout.



Late Risers Breakfast

Thursday, August 12, 9:00 am

Original Pancake House, 516 River Place

Mark your calendars now for the second Thursday of each month to join us for breakfast at the Original Pancake House, 516 River Place, at 9 a.m. The fellowship is great!

Cottage Grove Food Pantry

To our friends at Lake Edge United Church of Christ ~

On behalf of the Cottage Grove Food Pantry, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the food pantry and its mission to make a positive difference in the lives of our community members. Your commitment and efforts to help the families in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Each time we receive an amount of food or a monetary contribution, it is always a welcome gift and a generous addition to our pantry supply. As always, thank you, for your kind and thoughtful contributions.

Warm regards,

Kathy Stapleton, Pantry Coordinator

Upcoming Area Bloodmobiles

UW-Extension

1 Fen Oak Court,

Large Conference Room

Tuesday, August 10, 8:30 am-12:30 pm

City/County Building

215 Martin Luther King Blvd., Room 260

Tuesday, August 17, 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Risser Justice Center

120 Martin Luther King Blvd.,

Rooms 144 &150

Tuesday, August 17, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Meet Our Newest Members on June 27, 2010

Brian and Len Thompson have been partnered for 27 years. We have four adopted sons, Nick, 18, Dillon, 17, Daron, 13, and Mark, 13. We live in DeForest. We are huge Badger fans and attend all the football and basketball games, including some away games. We are home dads working hard at raising our boys. We are extremely happy to have found Lake Edge on the internet and made the decision to choose this church as our spiritual home.

My name is Lindsey Rosenquist Burns, and I have been married to my wonderful husband, William, for almost three years. I moved to Madison about one year ago to attend law school, but I have lived in four different states in the past four years. I am currently working for the Family Law Project, where I help prisoners with family law matters.

My name is Charlie D. Blake and I'm coming from Sierra Leone, West Africa. I've been here in Madison

for the last eight months. I am a permanent resident, and I live with the Jim Stickels family. I am married, but unfortunately, there is no job as yet. I came to Lake Edge United Church of Christ through the Jim Stickles family for the first time in October 2009. Since then, my interest in becoming a member of this church and its congregation continue to grow from strength to strength. Quite a few things I always admire each time I come to church. I like the way of worship, especially prayer time. I also appreciate the fact that the congregation is friendly. Above all, I always like to hear the statements "God is still speaking" and "No matter who you are or where you're coming from, you are welcome in the life journey here at Lake Edge UCC. I like soccer, and I also like to go fishing. I like reading, too. The above statement also goes for my wife, Cecilia Blake, except that she does not like soccer, but she likes to listen to religious music all the time. She also likes to take pictures each time she visits a new place.





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