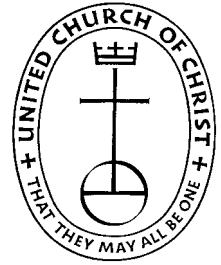




The Chapel Chimes



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From the Interim Senior Pastor

The hustle of Christmas is now behind us. Some of us may be feeling a little let down. This is the depth of winter: the days are short and cold. We're tired of slippery sidewalks and shoveling. There's not much to look forward to right now (except the Super Bowl, of course!)

The spiritual challenge we face this time of year is to remember that we are still celebrating the presence of Christ in our lives. Ironically, this time of year should be filled with hope and awe! Perhaps it's easier to remember that message if you live in the southern hemisphere where it's nice and warm this time of year.

LEUCC does have a lot to celebrate. You will be hearing from the Trustees that last year's daunting budget crisis was met and overcome. You accomplished this feat in the midst of saying goodbye to Pastor Paul and then welcoming a stranger to assume the interim role in Paul's absence. If we ever wonder if God is present with us, we should look at this experience to see that God is very active in this place!

We are approaching the annual budget meeting on Sunday, February 7. While it's normal to feel a little anxious about how the numbers will look in the coming year, it is within our power to make that meeting very pleasant. If you haven't pledged before, please make a pledge this year. If you need some help figuring out how much to pledge, or even the mechanics of pledging, please contact me in the office at 222-8668 or at lschoenwetter@lakeedge.org or Sarah Cleveland, our bookkeeper, at 222-8668 on Tuesdays, 8:00 am-4:00 pm or at scleveland@lakeedge.org. If you intend to pledge but just haven't quite gotten to it, please try to get your pledge card in ASAP. If you need a pledge card, contact Rozan Anderson, our administrator at 222-8668, Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-3:30 pm or at randerson@lakeedge.com. Of course, if God is calling you to increase a pledge you've already made, don't fight it! We'd be glad to help you adjust your pledge upwards!

On the heels of our annual budget meeting follows Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras. We'll be celebrating the day before Lent begins with dinner and a talent show on Tuesday, February 16. This event will raise money for the people of Haiti and to send a group of young Lake Edge adults to Haiti in 2011. Please come and celebrate what promises to be a very entertaining evening while simultaneously helping others.

Finally, if you're feeling a little down these days, please be sure to get yourself to weekly worship. It's the best possible way to begin each week and it will leave you feeling enlivened and excited to see a new day.

*In Peace,
Pastor Lisa*

2010 Budget - How Can You Participate in the Budget Process?

Budget Hearing

Sunday, January 31, 10:10 am, Fellowship Hall

The Trustees and Treasurer have hosted two budget hearings to gather your input on the proposed 2010 budget and one more probably still remains by the time you receive this issue of the Chimes. If you have ideas or concerns about particular budget items, please attend one of this session or contact members of the Trustees or Treasurer to provide them with your input.

Also, if you haven't submitted your 2010 pledge, please do so; it's never too late! Written pledges make budgeting easier as we will have a better picture of our anticipated income for 2010 (pledge forms are available in the Narthex and the church office). Remember that pledges can be fulfilled via check, cash, or through electronic funds transfer (EFT) to the church from your checking or savings account (EFT forms are available in the church office or the pews).

Annual Budget Meeting

**Sunday, February 7, 10:10 am,
Fellowship Hall**

Search Committee Update

Greetings! This is the first of many updates you will receive regarding our work and progress in finding the Pastor who can best serve the Lake Edge community of faith. As you may find in the coming year, I am extremely interested in how people use words, so I would like to invite you to revisit my second sentence for a moment. Notice I said “our work and progress.” By this, I do not mean the committee alone, but your work and progress, as well. This committee was chosen to represent the congregation, and that is all of us. We cannot effectively do what we were charged to do if we do not have your support, your prayers, and your bountiful feedback (and a hint of patience for good measure). Next, I said “finding the Pastor who can best serve,” rather than finding the best pastor, or finding the pastor we like the best. There is a difference, and we can explore that further in the future if you’d like. Finally, I noted the “Lake Edge community of faith,” meaning not just our wonderful friends who joyfully and faithfully fill our pews every Sunday, but our wider community of faith including our mission partners, our extended church families and relationships, and others with whom we share a common faith journey. Your Search Committee is wonderful mix of people who will represent you well, and I am so excited about the coming year and what it has in store for us.

With all that said, here are a few updates to get us started. Last Sunday, the committee met for an orientation with Bob Mutton, Association Minister for the Southwest Wisconsin Association UCC. He is a wonderful resource, and we are extremely lucky to have him for support and guidance. We are gathering our schedules now to plan for our meetings and events. We feel it is very important to be accessible to you throughout this process, so the following items have already been put in place for your benefit:

- The committee’s name tags have been changed to a goldenrod color so you can identify us more easily.
- A mailbox for the committee is in place next to the office. You may leave feedback for us in that mailbox if you wish.
- A special email address has been created for your input. The address is search@lakeedge.org. I requested the church email extension so it would be easier for people to remember, but you should know that emails sent to this address do not go to the church office. They are directed automatically to my personal email address and will be shared only with the Search Committee. Anyone can provide feedback here, but we wanted to have at least one venue where people could share their feedback privately, and I can assure you the committee takes your privacy very seriously.

Well, that’s it for now. I look forward to the many interactions we will have throughout the coming year. I would like to thank you again for your support, and ask for your prayers as we ALL go forward on this journey.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Endres,
Search Committee Chair

In Sympathy

Prayers are being said for the comfort of the family and friends of long-time member Heinz Kepper, husband of Lynn and father of Andrew, who passed away on December 20, 2009. God’s peace be with Heinz’s family.



Heart and Soul From Your Parish Nurse

For Our Souls, Bodies and Minds: “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

– Matthew 22:36-40

The time is upon us to act on those New Year’s resolutions we so rashly made; some of us will enter that realm reluctantly, some of us will jump in with great enthusiasm and some of us will ignore the entire process. A good many of us will even tell others about our good intentions, hoping that by making them public we will be forced to follow through. (Actually, that’s a very good idea; procrastination is all too often our middle name.)

As you might have guessed, I believe in the power of this ancient tradition - entering a new year with a fresh perspective and renewed energy (dating back to 153 BC). I like the way it causes us to focus on things we usually let slide; I like the way it nudges us to reflect and set priorities.

However, now that I’ve made such a fine little speech, I hereby offer one big disclaimer. I think we are pretty gosh-darn great just the way we are. I believe this even though the world forever expects us to be more, and in spite of the fact that we so easily find fault with ourselves. Can you hear those voices clamoring in our heads, shouting, “Do more, be better.” Well, enough, I say. Seriously folks we are very, very good just the way we are; we are a delight to many people who know us.

Don’t misunderstand me. Growth and change is healthy and necessary (as we do have feet of clay). Still, what we are right now and what we have right now is blessedly sweet. Consider this for just a moment: you’re pretty nice, aren’t you? You try hard each day, don’t you? Well, okay then, pat yourself and your nearest neighbor on the back and repeat after me: “You did a great job (insert name here), God made you, God loves you. As a child of God you have inherent worth.”

So, let us resolve to change even as we treasure what is. Let us love God, love one another, love ourselves. Let us do all of this by trusting that the wise words of our Teacher will guide us.



Parents' Night Out

Saturday, February 6,
4:30 pm–9:00 pm

Parents' Night Out is a new program sponsored by the Family Ministry Team. We are offering an evening of FREE childcare for parents of our congregation. You may bring your child(ren) to Fellowship Hall anytime between 4:30 and 6:00 pm; pickup is by 9:00 pm. This session will be hosted by the Family Ministry Team. The next session will be Saturday, April 10, hosted by the Youth Group. We'll provide a kid-friendly dinner, followed by organized games and crafts, plus some free play time.

Part of the mission of the Family Ministry Team is to think about ways our church can provide ministry to the family unit as a whole. One way we thought might be helpful is to provide an evening of childcare, so parents can have some time "off" to enjoy doing whatever you wish you had more time to do. We recognize the expense of hiring childcare may prohibit some families from taking some much-needed time for relaxation. It also provides a great opportunity for our children to spend time with their church family. It is our gift to you... please take advantage of it if you can!!! RSVPs are helpful but not necessary.

For more information, contact Peggy Rynearson at 446-4206 or prynearson@charter.net.

Christian Parents' Group

Sunday, February 14, 10:10 am,
Room 104

Family Ministry is excited about a new group which has recently started meeting on the second Sunday of the month between services. The Christian Parents' Group gathers for discussion, support, and social time. The group has talked about traditions and tips for celebrating Christmas, ways to live faithfully in the New Year, and many other topics, as well as providing time to get to know more members in our Lake Edge faith community. Parents have begun to network with other parents with similar age kids and even gotten glimpses into what is to come by talking to parents of older children.

We welcome anyone, and look forward to others joining the group. Feel free to come as often as you want...we don't take attendance! Upcoming topics will include: service projects for families, talking to kids about stewardship, internet safety, and more! Coffee and snacks are provided. Contact Elizabeth Parker or Peggy Rynearson at prynearson@charter.net with questions.

Late Risers Breakfast

Thursday, February 11, 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!

Lake Edge's Fat Tuesday Celebration

Tuesday, February 16
5:30-6:00 pm Festive Dinner
6:15-8:00 pm Talent Show

Gather the beads, practice your talent you'd like to share, and stay tuned for more details. This is one church event you don't want to miss! Last year we raised over \$1,000 for our youth summer trip. We plan on doing the same this year!

Library News



Upcoming Book Discussions

Sunday, February 21, 10:10 am

"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. A novel based on letters written during Nazi occupation on the English Channel island of Guernsey.

Sunday March 21, 10:10 am

"The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America" by Erik Larson. A historical novel about the 1893 Chicago World's Fair's architect and a serial killer.

Everyone is invited to attend the book discussions in the library, regardless of whether they have read the book. Books are available in the Library.



God Loves Science

Saturday, February 13, 1:00 pm,
First Congregational UCC

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A faith event for families of elementary/middle school kids, put on jointly by First Congregational UCC and Middleton Community UCC, God Loves Science is intended to help kids and their parents bridge the gap between Science and Religion.

It all started with a mother expressing concern when her precocious second grade daughter declared that the Bible was all wrong because it failed to mention dinosaurs... Young people are bombarded with fringe voices on the Science/Religion issue and are compelled to choose one side or the other. Parents want to raise their children in faith, but struggle with what they may perceive as holes or weaknesses in scripture.

God Loves Science is intended to explore how Science has helped us reveal the mysteries and wonders of God's Creation and to help open dialogue for families. It was fear that forced the Church to chastise Galileo for his beliefs or solar-based system. It was respect and wonder that gave us the unimaginable, faith-inspiring pictures from the Hubble telescope, revealing said system and beyond.

This event will begin with a short worship service and follow with a Science Fair. To date, we have experts in the fields of Chemistry, Physics, Veterinary Medicine, Neurology, Optometry, Microbiology, Anthropology, Theology, and Dinosaurs!

Senior News



Lunch Bunch

Monday, February 8, 11:30 am

This month we will make our way to Imperial Gardens on East Washington Avenue for lunch and conversation. Join us for the reading of the fortune cookies!

What's in the Archives?

Tuesday, February 16, 9:30-11:00 am

Did you know we have a historian in the crowd? Our own Dorothy Whitcomb has meticulously kept all the historic information which has defined us as Lake Edge United Church of Christ over the years. Come to learn more about what we have, where it is kept, how it is organized, etc. Thank you Dorothy for years of faithful service!

Book Talk

Thursday, February 18, 9:30-11:00 am

Did you know our seniors gather once a month to participate in a book talk? We enjoy this informal time together and would love you to be part of who we are and what we do. Our new book is available in the office for you to pick up.

Faith Studies

Thursday, February 25, 11:00 am-12:45 pm

Webster's dictionary defines the word "expect" as "to look forward to, anticipate, await as likely to happen or appear." We have expectations of our God and of each other. How do they happen? What do we really need or what should we expect? Come join us today!

Gilda's Club

Thursday, February 25, 1:30-3:00 pm

It seems almost everyone we know either has or knows someone with breast cancer. We have invited Gail Nichols, the director of Gilda's Club in Madison, to come and tell us the story of the club as well as stories of those who have struggled with breast cancer in one way or another. Gail is a positive, upbeat person who truly believes in the work she does. Come join us and be inspired!

With questions on all programs for seniors, contact Mary Hoffman in the office or at mhoffman@lakeedge.org.



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Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort

Please help the people of Haiti by sending gifts payable to Lake Edge UCC marked for "OGHS - Haiti Earthquake Relief" with the request they be sent through the Wisconsin Conference office on to Wider Church Ministries.

You may also make a secure online donation to the OGHS International Disaster Relief Fund or to Margaret Trost's What If? Foundation.

Thank you for your care and concern for the people of Haiti in supporting relief and eventual recovery efforts in Haiti.

Haiti Concert

This is a letter we received thanking us for the Haiti concert in November. Margaret also sent a letter which was in a past Chapel Chimes. Both received a check for over \$800.

Please forgive me for taking this long to officially acknowledge and thank you for the wonderfully generous check I received from you shortly after the benefit concert with Margaret Trost and myself in November. I had a blast with the folks in your congregation and again I appreciate all of the ways you have stood in loving Christian solidarity with the people of Haiti over the years.

I thank God for the witness and presence of Lake Edge. You are a blessing to our community and the world in countless ways. Thanks again. God's Grace and Peace to you. Bryan Sirchio, Haiti Partners MCC

Thank You to all the congregation for your generosity giving to the poor at Christmas. Over 200 people had a Merry Christmas because of you. Thanks again! Bernie and the Board of Christian Outreach

February Mission Moment

The second Sunday of each month, the Outreach Board brings you a mission moment. On Sunday, February 14, Mary Dowling from Sharing Resources Worldwide will help us to understand this amazing mission. Recycling resources and restoring hope is their mantra. Mary will briefly tell us about three main areas: (1) medical missions to needy areas of the world such as the eyeglass mission to Guinea, (2) Wisconsin/Nicaragua Wheelchair Project and (3) shipping donated medical supplies and equipment to needy areas of the world. Come, listen and, if you feel moved to do so, contribute either during coffee hour or in one of the pew envelopes which you can mark "Sharing Resources." Thank you, Board of Christian Outreach.

A Work In Progress

The Board of Christian Outreach (BOCO) has a new display on the bulletin board...to be found in the hallway near the office. Watch as it goes up...telling about how the Board receives money and how this money is spent. There are other efforts and groups within Lake Edge raising money to give to missions. Find out about these efforts also.



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Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Traditional Worship

Childcare – 8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Education Hour – 10:10 - 10:50 am

- Adult Education Opportunities
- Sunday School (age 3 through 6th grade)

Fellowship Time – 10:10 am

(coffee/tea, cookies and conversation)

11:00 am – Worship at the Edge

(lively music and a more informal style)

*No matter who you are,
no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Come just as you are.

