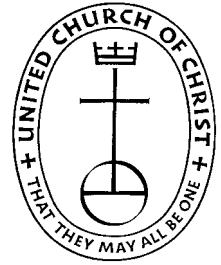




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From the Interim Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

As of January 7 I will have been with you as your interim senior pastor for six months. I can hardly believe it! The time seems to have flown by.

I would like you to know that you have been a delight to work with. I have found LEUCC to be a congregation filled with the Holy Spirit and all of the Spirit's gifts. You are energetic, creative, dedicated, and loving people. Your faith is wonderful to witness. You often fill me with awe and admiration. Your tenacious vitality is leading you into a wonderful future.

In our first six months together, the congregation has been able to share many of its challenges with me, too. You have faced the realities of several years of the loss of beloved professional and lay staff members. You have all but worked your way through a large deficit budget. You began the interim period by sharing your memories and hopes for the congregation. Most recently, 11 of you have agreed to serve as members and alternates for the search committee for a new settled senior pastor. All of this has been accomplished along with the day to day responsibilities of maintaining the life of the congregation: committees have met and projects have been planned and accomplished. You have worked hard! Take a deep breath and rejoice in what God has accomplished through you!

New challenges lie ahead. The search committee will have its first meeting in January with our Associate Conference Minister (and fellow church member) Bob Mutton. We will bless them on their way. While they pursue their work we will continue with ours. The Cabinet will meet in retreat this month to consider the church's priorities in the new year. The Trustees will present the proposed budget for 2010 and the congregation will meet to vote on it on Sunday, February 7.

The next months will be a time of continued transition. We can expect to see some of our lay leaders step back during this time, while others will move forward into new roles. This kind of change is usually as exciting as it is painful. It seems that as human beings we crave the status quo even though the reality of this world is constant change and growth. Our task will be finding ways to preserve all that is valuable of the past while being open to the challenges that lie ahead.

I thank God for bringing me here. I cannot imagine a more exciting ministry than the one I have with you.

Wishing You Peace,
Pastor Lisa

The Search Committee for the New Settled Senior Pastor has been Formed!

Stephanie Endres – Chair
Pat Gadow Kate Templeton
Derek Grady Ken Hahn
Lynda Paasch Elizabeth Parker
Matt Logan Craig Aswegan
Liz Kennebeck – Alternate
Ralph Holmes – Alternate
Walt Borner – Alternate

Stephanie Endres will keep the congregation updated as the committee makes progress. Thank you for your patience! Nicole Rosenthal, Moderator

2009 and 2010 Budget News

by Kevin Parker, Treasurer

As I write this in mid-December it appears that we will end the year approximately \$15,000 in debt. This is a big improvement over where I thought we'd end the year back in January. At that time I anticipated we'd end 2009 \$80,000 in debt. Through a combination of approximately \$25,000 in increased giving, significant reductions in staff and maintenance expenses and some reductions in programming expenses I anticipate we will end up spending approximately \$40,000 less than budgeted this year. I'd like to once again thank all of you who have been so generous with your time, talent and treasure this year.

Our church leaders and members responsible for spending our church's money have collaborated to put together the proposed 2010 budget by reviewing their 2009 expenses and projecting what they will need in 2010 to continue Lake Edge's ministries. The proposed 2010 budget, including both the General and Outreach portions, is a 2% increase over the 2009 budget. However, this is a 10% increase over projected 2009 expenses.

So what does your generous giving support? Essentially the budget supports four main areas of Lake Edge's work in this world – Worship & Spiritual Life, Mission & Outreach, Buildings & Grounds and Administration.

Worship & Spiritual Life – 43% of expenses

At Lake Edge, we **WORSHIP** with joy and integrity to nurture, **GROW** and challenge our relationship with God and each other. Your funding provides the salaries and benefits for our devoted Pastors, Parish Nurse, talented musicians, Children's Ministry Coordinators, Senior's Ministry Coordinator and Youth Ministry Coordinators. Every aspect of worship and pastoral care including worship supplies, sheet music, piano tuning, children & adult education supplies and Nursery Care are all contained in this largest segment of our church budget.

Mission & Outreach – 15% of expenses

At Lake we also **SERVE** by loving one another and our neighbors. Your giving supports the United Church of Christ allowing its mission to flourish, not just in the U.S. but with missionaries around the globe. Our giving to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) is the largest portion of this budget item. OCWM supports the ministries of the Association, Conference and National U.C.C. church. Your generous donations also support our commitment to a variety of selected outreach programs in Madison, the U.S. and the world through the work of the Board of Christian Outreach (BOCO).

Buildings & Grounds – 23% of expenses

Our custodian faithfully cares for our church building. With aging mechanicals and the need for increased technology, maintenance and repair needs can be unpredictable, making budgeting difficult. Our Trustees work to keep maintenance and repair costs down with much "sweat equity." Also included are costs for utilities and the necessary service contracts for equipment around the building. In 2009 we replaced our aging heating system and windows throughout the building to make our building more energy efficient. We will continue paying for these improvements in 2010. Maintaining a warm and pleasant atmosphere in our building is important as we seek to be a welcoming and an inclusive community for our members and friends

Administration – 19% of expenses

Each Sunday when you read the bulletin, each month when you read the Chapel Chimes, each time you call Lake Edge and every email you receive from church is paid for through your giving. Maintenance of and supplies for our office equipment, as well as the salaries of our Office Administrator and Bookkeeper, are also included in this area. In 2010 this area also includes Pastoral search and relocation expenses; a key piece of our congregation's future.

How can you participate in the budget process?

In addition to the budget hearing we hosted on Sunday Dec 13th, the Trustees and I will host two budget hearings on Sundays, January 24 and January 31, at 10:10 am (between services) to gather your input on the proposed 2010 budget. If you have ideas or concerns about particular budget items I urge you to attend one of these sessions or contact the members of the Trustees or myself to provide us with your input.

Also, if you haven't submitted your 2010 pledge, I would like to urge you to 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 church office). Finally I'd like to remind you that pledges can be fulfilled via check, cash or through electronic fund transfer (EFT) to the church from your checking or savings account (EFT forms are available in the church office or the pews).

Annual Meeting to Vote on 2010 Budget

The church's annual meeting for voting on the proposed 2010 budget will be on Sunday, February 7, at 10:10 am (between services).

Budgeting for Our Church's Wider Mission—OCWM

During the December 10 budget hearing, the OCWM request was subject to question. Following is a review of Lake Edge's OCWM funding.

The 1983 General Synod adopted a recommendation that congregations grow toward giving 25% of the current expense budget to OCWM. Each year congregations receive a request for a goal determined by the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC—WCUCC.

Lake Edge had been one of the top 10 churches in OCWM giving. Our annual support to OCWM increased from \$59,000 in 1996 to \$92,000 in 2007, ranging from 13% - 16% of church income. The 2008 total budget saw a goal request of \$95,000, but reduced pledging resulted in the Board of Christian Outreach decreasing the budget request to \$57,000. (Later that year, a small part of the cut was restored.) The board's goal since 2008 has been to restore the amount requested for OCWM over 5 years, and the board approved a budget goal of \$67,000 for 2009.

The goal requested of Lake Edge for 2010 is \$77,000, ~15% of the proposed budget. For perspective, it's \$18,000 **less than** the goal requested in 2008 and **equals the amount requested in 2002**. The Outreach board members recommended that Lake Edge **aspire** to meet the 2010 OCWM request. Board members encourage Lake Edge members to support OCWM as it meets church needs from local to international. Watch for updates on the work of OCWM.

Recent Celebrations of Baptism

On November 22, we were pleased to celebrate the baptism of Blake Kanitz, son of Kristi and Dan and grandson of Diane Thusius, and on December 13, we celebrated the baptism of Stella Jeanne Gustafson, daughter of Katie and Kevin and granddaughter of Sherry and Larry. We welcome Blake and Stella into the faith and family of Christ here at Lake Edge United Church of Christ.

In Sympathy

Prayers are being said for the comfort of the family and friends of Marilyn Wittenberg, mother of Becky Cohen and grandmother of Audra and Christopher. Marilyn passed away on November 24, 2009. God's peace be with their family.

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.

Heart and Soul From Your Parish Nurse

For Our Minds and Souls: "Go to your bosom: knock there, and ask your heart what it doth know." — William Shakespeare

For Our Bodies: To take or not to take, that is the question. Should we take aspirin for the health of our hearts? Is it for everyone? Not necessarily.

For over 100 years aspirin has been used to ease pain; but since the 1970s it has also been used to prevent and manage heart disease. If we are concerned about the health of our hearts, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) wants us to talk to our doctors about aspirin therapy.

Who should take aspirin? The USPSTF makes these suggestions: men ages 45 to 79; women ages 55 to 79; folks with coronary artery disease or atherosclerosis anywhere in the body; those who have undergone bypass surgery; people with angina; and anyone who has already had a heart attack or stroke.

Why isn't aspirin recommended for men under 45, women under 55, and folks over 80? Because those in the younger age group are much more likely to have a GI bleed than a heart attack or stroke and folks over 80 have a higher risk for GI bleed plus the complications they might suffer from such a bleed are very serious.

Who else should avoid, or be cautious about, taking aspirin? Children under 18; pregnant women; anyone about to undergo surgery or dental work; heavy drinkers; folks with ulcers or any bleeding problem; those on regular doses of other pain meds (i.e. Motrin); anyone allergic to aspirin; asthmatics; someone taking NSAIDs (i.e. Advil, Motrin), and anyone taking some over-the-counter medications such as ginkgo biloba.

So, let us ask our heart what it doth know, then ask our doctor what it doth need.

Youth Group Update

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our service projects and fundraisers this fall. We raised \$100 towards Margaret's and Bryan's Haiti programs. The McFarland Food Pantry was thrilled to have us for a tour and take our food donations. We sold a number of Entertainment Books (sale is now closed). The St. Nick's Prep was a blast as the teens provided holiday crafts and snacks to 14 kids from the church so parents could do some holiday shopping or just have a break.

We also had a lot of fun this fall. Several youth went rock climbing at Devil's Lake with Todd Stowell from ApexAdventures (and Lake Edge member). We watched and discussed the movie, Grand Torino over homemade soup. We also had a good crew head up to Pilgrim Center for the annual Knock Knock retreat.

So, what does next semester bring?

SAVE THE DATE

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!

Youth Group – 9th – 12th grades

What's up with our Youth Group?

Check out our bulletin board outside of the church office!

Potluck People

You never know what you're going to get at a potluck except good food, good friends, and good conversation. Just like a potluck, we're a hodge podge group of people. Generally speaking we're in the mid years of our life's journey looking for ways to connect with others in the church.

We've been meeting on the second Sunday of the month around 12:15 or after the later service gets out in Fellowship Hall. All you have to do is bring a dish to pass, join in some conversation, and preferably help clean-up. If you would like to be included on an e-mail list please contact Monica Wahlberg at mdwimagin@yahoo.com. Once upon a time we had a list that I would send reminders out but over half of those addresses are now bouncing back. Dates to put on your calendar are: January 10, February 14, March 14, and April 11.

Cookie Walk

Thanks so much to everyone involved in making another successful Cookie Walk--bakers, callers, workshop help, sale help, errand runners--we really appreciate all that you do!!

Women's Fellowship Steering Committee

Late Risers Breakfast

Thursday, January 14, 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!

Senior News

by Mary Hoffman

As we begin the year 2010, I continue to marvel at how much you support and care for our senior ministry program. It is an important ministry for gathering together, making friends, learning new things, and providing opportunities for fellowship. Those of you who consider yourselves seniors have made the program what it is, and I really value any feedback you can give me or would love to entertain any ideas you'd like me to pursue.

The new year finds us ready to engage again as we hear stories from breast cancer survivors, have a follow up class on interpreting our dreams, are led through *the impeccably maintained* archives and history information of this church we all love, continue our faith study series, begin a new book study (the book we read is TBD), participate in an opportunity to learn more about other worshipping communities in Madison, welcome guest speakers on several interesting topics, enjoy lunch and dinner out and "put on our hair nets" to work at Second Harvest.

Watch your mailbox (both email and residential) for a schedule of the 1st quarter of 2010 coming your way soon! If you have any questions, you know where to reach me... May your Christmas be blessed!

Page Scholarships Available

Members of Lake Edge UCC are invited to apply for college scholarships for 2010-2011 from the Frank E. Page Scholarship Fund. Applicants should be planning to begin or continue education at any accredited 2- or 4-year college or university and should have a record of academic achievement and service to church and community, as well as demonstrated financial need. The application deadline is February 15, 2010. Contact the church office for a printed or electronic application. Questions? Contact Carrie Wurz at 221-3459.

The Road Home News

We encourage you to take part of The Road Home's incredible volunteer opportunity coming this February. Work as many hours as you are comfortable; from a variety of volunteer options.

But first, attend one of TRH's Informational Tours to learn how this organization helps so many in need. During these short, powerful, and informative tours, you will learn about family homelessness in our community and how The Road Home is working to help families transform their lives. We invite you to meet our executive director, staff, and board members to see our work first hand. This is not a fundraiser and we guarantee it will only last 59 minutes!

All tours take place in our Madison office, 128 East Olin Avenue, Suite 202. No RSVP is necessary.

Tuesday, January 12	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 27	5:30 pm
Tuesday, February 9	5:30 pm
Wednesday, February 24	7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 9	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 24	5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 13	5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 21	7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 11	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 26	5:30 pm
Tuesday, June 15	5:30 pm
Wednesday, July 21	7:00 pm

For more information about The Road Home, go to www.trhome.org.

And from Rachel Krinsky of the Road Home:

Dear Audrey, Geri, Jessie, Jim, Karelyn, Kellie, Lisa, Mary, Nancy, Naoma, Pastor Nick, Pat, Sandra, Sue, Jill, Tim and Vicki,

Many thanks to ALL of you for organizing The Road Home's IHN week at Lake Edge. Everything was very smooth and well organized, and the families felt welcome and comfortable. Please share our appreciation with all of your participating volunteers. Your warmth and caring make a huge difference to families whose lives have been shaky - you're the first step on the way to something better.

I wish all of you wonderful holidays,
Rachel

More from The Road Home:

Did you know? Our local community provides wonderful holidays for families at The Road Home, including gifts, meals and decorations. The families really enjoy the special attention and festivities. But the best gift you give is the year-round support that offers families the opportunity to be successfully "re-housed."

Susan, Troy (5) and Lindsey (4), for example, just moved to an apartment where they have their own rooms for the first time. Troy showed his case manager around, especially noting his bed and his Spiderman décor. He said "And look what else I can do in my room!" and promptly did a cartwheel across the middle of the floor. He's thrilled to have that much space to call his own.

This holiday season, 56 formerly homeless families will celebrate their holidays at home while participating in The Road Home's housing programs, and countless more are celebrating at home having graduated from those programs and moved on in their lives. The Road Home wishes all of you a wonderful holiday season of abundance and gratitude.

Thank you,
Rachel Krinsky

Upcoming book discussions:

Sunday, January 17, 10:10 am, Library

"Day After Night" by Anita Diamant. A novel based on the true story of four women in a British detention camp in Israel after WWII.

Sunday, February 21, 10:10 am, Library

"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, Library

"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.

Sunday April 18, 10:10 am, Library

"Half Broke Horses" by Jeannette Walls. A true-life novel about the grandmother of Jeannette Walls, author of *"The Glass Castle."*

All books are available in the Library for checkout. Everyone is invited to attend, regardless of whether they have read the book.

Our Newest Members!

Bill and Judy Hogan: We moved to the east side of Madison from the Fox River Valley in September, 1974. We are both retired and have 3 grown children, 2 sons and a daughter. Over the Labor Day weekend, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with our family. We enjoy swimming, canoeing, and hiking in the north woods. Bill has a keen interest in aviation and has a private pilot license, while Judy's interests include singing (church choir and Sound of Madison chorus), sewing/craft projects, and walking. We like the many worship, education/study and service opportunities at Lake Edge UCC. LEUCC's commitment to a strong mission program and core theological teachings make it a perfect fit for us.

Steve Pieroni came to Madison as a student from Indiana and found his home. He has been a lawyer for the Wisconsin Education Association Council for 28 years practicing labor and education law. He and his wife Rita, grandson Marco, and two large cats live by the water in Monona. They enjoy kayaking on Lake Monona and biking on the many miles of bike trails. Steve and Rita first attended the 11:00 service and were immediately made to feel welcome. Steve appreciates Lake Edge's outreach commitment to the less fortunate members of our community.

And welcome to **Donna Dawson**, who has transferred to Lake Edge UCC from Orchard Ridge UCC.

Apple Pies!

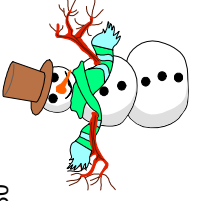
Late - but never too late to thank all the wonderful people who helped make the delicious apple pies in September. The job could not have been done without Jan Zimmerman, Linda Michael, Bernie Hartwig, Judy Fritz, Kathy Witte, Libby Howting, Jean Kleckner, Margaret Kerber, Florence and Irving Smith, Barbara Stoneman, Kathy Garton, Pat Gadaw and Carrie Wurz.

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4 6:45 pm Bell Rehearsal	12 Chimes articles due 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 12:00 pm Bible Study	13 6:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Band Rehearsal	14 9:00 am Late Risers Breakfast 6:30 pm Cabinet Meeting	15	16
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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.

