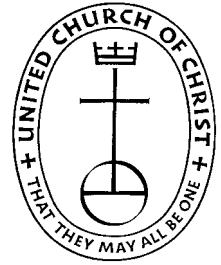




The Chapel Chimes



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At its May meeting, Lake Edge UCC made some tough decisions in order to reduce its deficit budget. In particular, the congregation accepted the Cabinet's proposal to eliminate the funding for two staff positions and more than \$3,000 from the Music budget that will involve a significant reduction in wages for the Edge Band.

Mary Hoffman's ministry to our senior members was one of the positions the church can no longer fund. This was a very difficult decision for both the Cabinet to propose and the congregation to accept. However, Mary, ever gracious, decided that the timing of the Cabinet's proposal fit well with changes in her life. Among other things, Mary and Kevin are in the midst of a move from their family home to a new condo, and her Parkinson's disease is leaving her more tired than in the past. But best of all, on Sunday, June 13, Mary and Kevin became grandparents for the first time when their daughter Katie gave birth to a little girl, Maci Copley! Mary has decided that her life is moving forward in new directions, and she wants time to focus on this.

Mary has, in many ways, been at the heart of LEUCC's ministry for 14 years. Before she worked with our elders, she spent many years working with the church's children. She, like all of the staff members at LEUCC, gave more time to her ministry than we paid for. Thanks to Mary, many children and elders have a deeper relationship with God. We owe her a great debt of gratitude.

Much, if not most, of the work our staff does is invisible to the congregation. This was certainly true of Mary's work. Without its staff, LEUCC would not have the ability to provide quality worship and the many programs and services we now offer.

When you have a chance please offer the staff a pat on the back. Your support makes their work with us much easier!

Peace,
Pastor Lisa

Ursulla Schiller joins Lake Edge's staff as Director of Children and Youth Ministries July 1!

"We would hire Ursulla back in a moment ..."

—Pastor Brad Mather

"Great imagination! She has a wonderful ability to come up with creative, new ideas which are both fun and educational. . ."

—Parent of autistic child

It is our pleasure to introduce to LEUCC our new Director of Children and Youth Ministries, Ursulla Schiller. The search team was blessed with 10 outstanding candidates, did 5 first interviews and 2 second interviews (which included Sue Cotter and Jackie Tadych). Ursulla stood out from the beginning as a top candidate. She is currently working at the Alliant Energy Center as an event operations supervisor and supervises huge events and a large staff. She is organized and thoughtful and a good communicator. Ursulla worked at Bethany United Methodist for 3½ years as their Children's Ministry Director and loved being on staff in a church. She demonstrates creativity and energy, and seems thoroughly excited to be a member of our team.

Some unique aspects of Ursulla's experience are:

- She is a licensed sign language instructor and works with the University teaching Exact Signed English.
- She was a licensed Foster Parent for Dane County.

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- She has worked as a speech therapist with autistic children.
- She feels that God is calling her back into the church to work with children and youth and to nurture her own faith.

Here are some words Ursulla wrote as a first introduction:



Hello! I grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago and moved to Madison, Wisconsin, in 2002, a few years after finishing my BA in Communications from Northern Illinois University. Growing up in a warm, multi-cultural church, I remained very involved in my faith throughout college. Every spring break during college, I traveled with campus

churches to some of the most impoverished parts of our country to do service work. After college, I embarked on a full career in conference, meeting, and project management here in Madison on local, national, and international projects. I also worked for over three years in children's ministry at Bethany United Methodist Church here in Madison from 2005 to 2008. I am excited to return to children's ministry here at Lake Edge, applying both my experience and passion for my faith to my work.

We are looking forward to working with her, and to seeing how we will move forward with enthusiasm and hopefulness in our ministries with children and youth. She will begin on July 1. Keep her in your prayers as she moves into this new role.

Blessings,

Bonnie Holmes, Chair of Christian Education

Bob Hartwig, Human Resources

Monica Wahlberg, former Youth Ministry Coordinator

Deborah Dean-Ware, Pastor of Worship and Faith Formation

The Annual Giving Campaign Committee Update

Committee members are energized about their recent planning efforts. The committee's purpose is to inspire our congregation to more fully experience the joy of giving to support our faith in God. The committee is planning to offer small group meetings in September and October as an opportunity for all of us to share ideas about the meaning of truly joyful, intentional giving. The group will conclude the project with a Celebration Sunday on October 24, so mark your calendars! We look forward to providing more details in the coming months. Please contact chairperson Anne Schoenemann at 839-8045 or acm071061@charter.com if you are interested in participating in a small or larger role with the project.

Summer Vespers

Beginning in July and continuing through the summer, the Wednesday evening Vesper service will provide for personal reflection on scripture. There isn't a sermon and it isn't Bible-study, rather it will offer a framework for personal reflection, for finding how these ancient texts speak to us today. The order of service will include a contemplative prelude, bells calling us to prayer, an opening prayer, and scripture reading, followed by questions and time for reflection. The half-hour service will conclude with prayer and sharing in the celebration of communion. One's time of reflection can be used for listening for what God has to say, for meditating on the reading for the day, or for simply resting in God. This way of being present in the moment offers us a time of renewal. Each service is open to all - come, join us as we travel this ancient yet practical path. (Vespers is a lay-led service and will not meet on June 16, 30, or August 11)

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.

Library News



Fall book discussions:

Sunday, September 19, 10:10 am, Library
"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett

Sunday, October 17, 10:10 am, Library
"Stones into Schools" by Greg Mortenson

Sunday November 21, 10:10 am, Library
"Unbowed" by Wangari Maathai



Heart and Soul From Your Parish Nurse

For Our Souls and Minds: “A baby is God’s opinion that the world should go on.”

—Carl Sandburg

For Our Babies: Babies between 2-6 months of age love to try out their voices; if we give them half a chance, they gleefully entertain us with wonderful babble. Early in this stage they use only “ohs” and “ahs,” but before long they will add P’s, M’s, B’s, and D’s to their chatter. Our job? Simply to talk to them as if we can understand every thing they are trying so hard to tell us. Studies show this kind of “conversation” actually teaches a baby hundreds of words before they can ever say them.

And let us never underestimate the power of face-to-face time spent with a child. Our undivided attention teaches her how to communicate; helps her develop confidence; and allows her to experience the warmth of human companionship. At these times a child listens to us talk, intently studies our facial expressions, and learns the comfort of human touch.

As we know, babies are naturally curious - learning by looking at, holding, and putting their mouths on different objects. Of course, these objects must be safe and shouldn’t be able to fit entirely into the baby’s mouth (to prevent choking). Toys can be introduced one at a time in order to allow the child to focus on each one individually and also to help us discover which objects our baby enjoys the most. When he is about 3 months of age, we can hold brightly colored toys over his chest (within his reach) and encourage him to take it away from us. If he is able to do that, we then hold out our hands to encourage him to give it back to us. These kinds of interactions will help him learn the give-and-take of communicating and interacting with others.

Between 4 to 6 months of age, many babies begin to roll both ways; become better at reaching and grasping; and even sit (with assistance). We should vary the positions we place her in during play (on her back, her stomach, sitting with support) in order to allow her to move her body in different directions, and also to provide different views of the world around her.

And of course, there must be quiet time. Rest should be a predictable part of a baby’s day; soothing and comforting being every bit as necessary as chattering and playing.

“A baby is God’s opinion that the world should go on.” We would be wise to take good care of the small hope-filled gifts placed in our care, for it is certain the world will need each and every one of them one day.



Don’t Rock the Ark! A Children’s Musical

The storm clouds are forming, and the boat’s almost ready! Take a flustered Noah, add a wife, three rambunctious sons, and two of every living creature on the earth and you’ve got chaos! It’ll take a lot of faith to get them through 40 days and nights of life on this crowded vessel. The sons have their own ideas on how to pass the time with basketball, stand-up comedy, and a buffet table. The timeless Biblical story of Noah and the Ark is told through the unique perspective of Mom and Dad Elephant (who, of course, remember it vividly).

So mark your calendars and get involved! We will need help with lights, sound, and set construction, too!

July 1, 7:00 pm Auditions and casting in the Music Room; all ages welcome! There are plenty of parts for all from 2-200!

July 19-30 Rehearsal 6:00-8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. (Not everyone will be required to come every day or for the whole time; a more detailed schedule will be handed out to everyone on the 19th)

July 31 Final dress rehearsal 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

August 1 SHOW 10:10 (Between services) Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Kerstin Smith at ksmith@lakeedge.org.

Late Risers Breakfast

Thursday, July 8, 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 am The fellowship is great!

Bloodmobiles

Our June bloodmobile resulted in 22 good units collected. Thank you from Bob and Carol to everyone who made this possible – Rozan, Tim, and Pastor Lisa for your assistance; all who came to donate; registration and canteen, set up and take down helpers; and to all who donated those delicious treats. We couldn't have done it without all of you. Our next bloodmobile is Wednesday, September 1, from 2:00-6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Call us at 873-9714 if you have any questions.

Upcoming Area Bloodmobiles

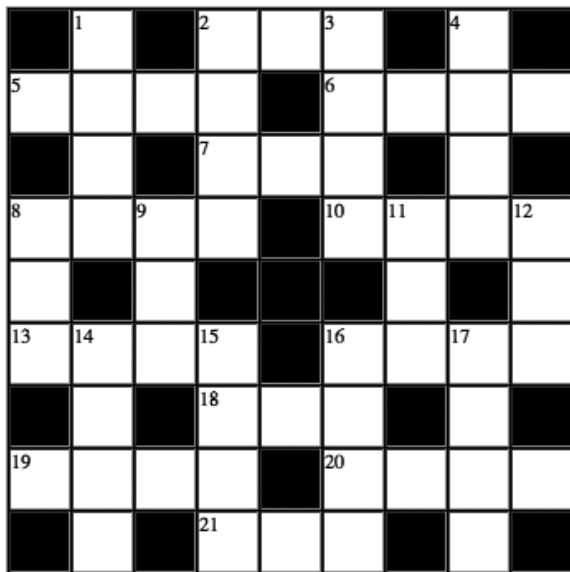
Madison East Donor Center
2109 Zeier Road
June 30, July 1, 2, 3
Call 1-800-Give-Life for donation hours

Country Inn & Suites
400 River Place, Monona
Thursday, July 8, 11:00 am–4:00 pm

Plymouth Congregational UCC
2401 Atwood Avenue
Tuesday, July 27, 1:00–6:00 pm

Just for Fun!

Crossword



Across

2. Unhappy
5. Similar to a butterfly
6. Once ____ a time
7. Vase
8. A small tantrum
10. Makes mistakes
13. A small child
16. Sharply pierce
18. The whole group
19. Look fuzzy
20. Snakelike fish
21. Move head affirmatively

Down

1. Veggie on a cob
2. Closed
3. Hill of sand
4. Not sweet
8. To put down
9. Writing liquid
11. A depression
12. Submarine
14. Small island
15. To gain from working
16. A toboggan
17. Having ability



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Sarah Cleveland, Bookkeeper
Tim Campbell, Custodian

Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Traditional Worship
Childcare – 8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Education Hour – 10:10 - 10:50 am
Adult Education Opportunities

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.

