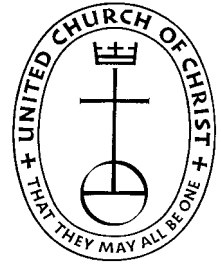




# The Chapel Chimes



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## A Message from Mary

As I write down my thoughts this day to share with you, I cannot help but be reminded of the wonderful memories I have of working here. You chose me from a slate of excellent candidates to work with the children and their families. I hope you know what an honor that was for me. I had the best job in the world. I used to chuckle when people asked me what I did for work and I would always say "I teach children about Jesus! There was no question in my mind that I had been called by God to serve the needs of this congregation... Lake Edge UCC right here at 4200 Buckeye Road.

I began my ministry here in 1996 and had a great time! We had VBS, Advent Adventures, Workshop Rotation Learning, Friday night lock-ins for the kids, Christmas programs, Teacher Appreciation, and Intergenerational Learning. I absolutely loved what I did! Please don't ever forget that!

Then things started to change...

Why was I so tired?

Why was my hand shaking?

Why was I frustrated with my increasing lack of ability to do the job I wanted to do the way I wanted to do it?

I think I knew something was wrong and so did many of you, so, in typical Lake Edge fashion, you granted me a three month PAID sabbatical to help me focus on my health and get better. I worked hard at getting better, but it was not to be... six months after my return to work I was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

Now what? I thought... what will I do? The job I had was more than I could handle but I wasn't ready to call it quits either. The Cabinet approved a new position, that of Senior Ministries Coordinator and gave the job to me. That was almost three years ago.

Two jobs I loved in one career of working. How could I be so lucky? I have been richly blessed. But now the time HAS come for me to call it quits.

I was not fired, I was not terminated. I was not asked to leave.

The position I held most recently has been eliminated due to budget issues.

I want all of you to know that this decision has come at a very good time for me and my family, and I not only understand the decision, but know on a personal level, it is absolutely the right decision for me.

I need to tell you something I hide very well... I am tired most of the time, and the energy it takes to work and be on when I am often off is very taxing. I am wired to do the best job I can at all times and have been frustrated that I have, at times, been unable to give you my best. The fatigue associated with PD can be paralyzing at times, and because of my strong work ethic, I am very uncomfortable bringing that into a work setting.

Also, as many of you know, we are expecting our first grandchild in early June, and we are in the process of moving to a new home which is built on a single level... no steps and a much smaller place to live. By the way, if you know of anyone looking for a lovely home in a great neighborhood, with a park across the street and an elementary school across the park, our home is for sale and they can contact us!

Anyway, we are in the neighborhood and we are thrilled about the condo's proximity to our work, our families, the bike trail, and, of course, our church!

Several of you have asked what is going to happen to the seniors. My response to them and to all of you now is this...

Nothing would honor my ministry more here than to see it continue.

I need YOU to come forward and be part of a group of seniors who plan once a month gatherings for learning, serving, and fellowship. I know you can do this!

There are so many of you to thank for my time here. You welcomed me warmly when I arrived on July 1, 1996, and you continue to love me today. It is always dangerous to name specific people to thank, but ALL of you know who you are, and  
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I cannot thank you enough for making my final working years so pleasant and enjoyable!

I ask for your prayers as our church finds its way through these difficult times. I ask for your prayers for me as I embark on this new chapter of my life with my family.

Thank you to you and thanks be to God!  
*Mary Hoffman*

### **Coffee and Conversation Gatherings Open to All**

During the month of June, instead of the scheduled senior activities, Mary Hoffman will be hosting a time to gather to remember and celebrate her ministry at Lake Edge. All are welcome to attend.

The dates and times are:

Thursday, June 3, 9:00-10:00 am

Wednesday, June 9, 1:00-2:00 pm

Tuesday, June 15, 10:00-11:00 am

Friday, June 25, 9:30-10:30 am

The Senior Book Club on Thursday, June 17, will be held as scheduled from 9:30-11:00 am

AND

The Lunch Bunch will meet as scheduled on Monday, June 28, at 11:30 am at The Cottage Café on Atlas Court (behind the fire station).

### **The Annual Giving Campaign Committee Thoughts from the Dessert First Annual Giving Program**

In Deuteronomy, Moses explains the commandments to his people right before they leave the desert and enter the promise land. He says the first commandment tells us there is one Lord and God who gives us many blessings. Our power and strength comes from God. The apostle Paul, in the New Testament, tells people who live in the great city of Corinth that God gives us more than we need AND when we give generously to others, we are celebrating God's love. This outpouring of love makes all of us stronger. What strengths, gifts, or talents do you possess and can share during the renewal of the Lake Edge Church community? We are all one body of Christ and together we can strengthen our faith and love to God and each other. The committee will continue pondering the words of the bible to discern our spiritual commitment of giving to God, our church, and others. Praise be to God!

### **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**

April 25 – Braden Roger Wersland, son of Michelle and Jamie, and grandson of Linda and Peter Roe

May 2 – Marjorie Nell Collins, daughter of Jami and Geoff Collins

May 2 – Alexandra Kay Wittwer, daughter of Wendy and Dan Wittwer

May 9 – Noah Joseph Sundling, son of Jennifer Jelinek and Thomas Sundling

With great joy, we welcome Braden, Marjorie, Alexandra, and Noah into the faith and family of Christ here at Lake Edge United Church of Christ.

### **Thanks**

I'd like to express my appreciation to all who sent thoughts, prayers, food, and cards when my mom passed away recently. Thank you.

*Nancy Schlesinger*

### **Late Risers Breakfast**

Thursday, June 10, 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!

### **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](mailto:ksmith@lakeedge.org).



**For Our Souls:** "A baby is born with a need to be loved - and never outgrows it."

~Frank A. Clark

**For Our Babies' Minds:** By the time a child is three years old, the brain has grown dramatically; moving through the process of producing billions of cells and hundreds of trillions of connections, or synapses, between these cells. The amazing development of a young child's brain takes years to complete. During that time folks interacting with that child can certainly nurture cognitive and emotional development just by doing what comes naturally.

As you may know, infants prefer human faces (more than any other form of entertainment or pastime). Interacting with another human being is magic that can't be matched by giving toys or turning a television on. Just by observing our facial expressions (and who doesn't make goofy faces for babies just to see them smile) children are doing some serious learning.

And it is lucky indeed that we like to be with them as much as they like to be with us! The kind of attention we feel compelled to shower on little ones (touching, holding, comforting, rocking) is precisely the kind of stimulation their growing brains search for, and respond to, so enthusiastically.

Language is another crucial element to brain development. Infants and children who are conversed with, sung to, read to, and otherwise engaged verbally show more advanced linguistic skills than children who are not. Since language is fundamental to most cognitive development, the simple (and fun) act of talking, listening and reading to a child is critical during these brain-building years.

And it isn't all about doing, but also about taking a good old-fashioned nap. A recent study of 15-month old toddlers (at the University of Arizona in Tucson) indicated that they displayed abstract learning (an advanced level of learning) when they were allowed to nap within 4-8 hours of exposure to new information. Children who did not nap did not show this type of learning. Providing our children with mental stimulation through conversation and stories is obviously important, but advanced learning appears to take place most effectively if the child has a well-regulated daily cycle that includes stimulation and napping (so that their brains can process all that new information).

In my next article I will talk about specific ways we can support the healthy development of children early in their lives. Meanwhile, just keep cooing, cuddling, and giggling (with or without a child nearby - helps to keep you young).

Yes, "a baby is born with a need to be loved..." and that, my friends, is a need we all can help to fill!



## Board Of Christian Outreach (BOCO)

Would Lake Edge UCC be interested in assisting refugees from Bhutan to resettle in Madison?

The Board of Christian Outreach (BOCO) recently participated in a meeting with other UCC churches to learn about the Bhutanese refugees who will be arriving in Madison throughout the remainder of this year. At the present time there are five families who have resettled in Madison, but there are approximately 100 additional families who will come to Madison. Lutheran Social Services has a formal resettlement program in Madison to support the Bhutanese families.

The refugees who will be resettled in Madison are of Nepali origin. Although they had lived in Bhutan since the late 19th and early 20th century, the government of Bhutan stripped the minority Nepalis of their citizenship and forced them into exile in the early 1990's. They have been living in camps established in Nepal by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. The resettlement effort in the United States began in 2008 and has now reached Madison. Churches have played a major role in helping with the resettlement program, and Rebekah Johnson of Lutheran Social Services hopes that churches in Madison will also agree to help.

There are several ways in which members of Lake Edge can help. We need to establish a welcoming committee which will consist of 10 - 12 individuals. The goal of the welcoming committee is to help a family reach independence and self-sufficiency in their new community. Examples of tasks the committee would do are: furnish an apartment, provide groceries for one week, greet the family at the airport and take them to their new apartment, take the family to apply for social security cards, take them to appointments and teach them the bus routes. There is no major financial commitment, but there will be a need for donated furniture and a small amount of funds for groceries for one week.

If you are interested in learning more about the welcoming committee, please contact Nancy Schultz (randn1509@sbcglobal.net) or Paulette Harder at (paulettea@live.com)

## June 6 is Baccalaureate Sunday

During worship on Sunday, June 7, we'll be celebrating the members and friends of Lake Edge UCC who are graduating from high school this spring. This will take place at the 9:00 service. At coffee hour between the services, we'll celebrate with a cake and a reception sponsored by the Diaconate. We'll also be announcing the award of the several scholarships that our congregation has available for students going on to college, either to four-year programs or to Madison Area Technical College. We hope you'll come and help us celebrate with our young people.

## A Note of Thanks

Dear Lake Edge members, I wanted to thank you for donating to my confirmation compassion project for the South Side Madison Public Library. My mentor, Steve Pieroni, and I put bank book boxes in various locations. The total amount we raised was \$300. The library is very excited. Thank you for your help.  
*Jack Kress-Russick*

## Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the following Frank E. Page Scholarship applicants from Lake Edge who were awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 college year: John Cheadle, who attends UW-Madison, is majoring in Biomedical Engineering, and has received the Page scholarship twice in the past; Audra Cohen, who attends UW-Madison, is a Political Science major, and has received the Page scholarship one time previous to this application.

## Library News



“*Unbowed*” by Wangari Maatha is a memoir of the first African woman and the first environmentalist to win the Nobel Peace Prize. In her book, Wangari recounts her extraordinary journey from her childhood in rural Kenya to the international stage. After she founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977, she began a renowned poor people’s environmental effort that inspired the world and restored democracy to her country. This book is available in the church Library for checkout.

## Outdoor Ministry

For many years Moon Beach has offered Rainbow Family Camps for GLBT-headed families and for our PFLAG allies. Whether you have been with us since the beginning or if this will be your first time at the Rainbow Family Camp, we welcome you! Please see : <http://www.ucci.org/2010%20brochure%20pages/UCCI%202010%20p15.pdf>

July 18-24, St Germain, WI

United Church Camps Inc. is the outdoor ministry program of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ.

## Upcoming Area Bloodmobiles

Lake Edge UCC, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 8, 2:00-6:00 pm

Note: All donors age 16 and older are welcome. Please call coordinators Carol and Bob Naylor at 873-9714 with any questions.

## A Gospel Workshop

Friday evening, September 17 – Saturday, September 18

Our Saviour’s UCC. Ripon, WI

Sing and learn gospel music, attend clinics, hear about the gospel tradition, perform in concert. Download a brochure from the homepage of the Wisconsin Conference UCC at [www.wcucc.org](http://www.wcucc.org).

### August 7th Parking Lot Sale Needs Your Donations!

Bring your donations to the church weekdays between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm. Don’t wait until the last minute. Give the workers time to sort and price the items. We also need paper bags, shoe boxes, and plastic bags. Take all items downstairs and place on the tables at the foot of the stairs. **For pick up of large items: Between May 25 and June 23, call John Sheild at 222-1607. Between June 23 and July 10, call Ralph Holmes at 242-4677.** Thank you for your cooperation!

#### Wanted: Clean & Usable Stuff

Furniture	Sporting equipment
Housewares	Collectibles
Toys	Christmas items
Children’s clothing	Linens and home decorating stuff
Coats	Bicycles and exercise equipment
Antiques	Small appliances
Books	Jewelry
Tools	
Home and garden equipment	

#### Not Wanted

Broken or dirty items	Large appliances (ranges, refrigerators, freezers, etc) unless guaranteed to run in writing
Automobile tires or wheels	Lawn mowers, rotor tillers, gas weed trimmers unless clean and in working condition
Computer monitors, central processing units, keyboards, printers, copiers, scanners	Bicycles unless in good riding condition
Televisions, VCRS, DVD Players	Exercise equipment
Gas grills	Infant car seats
Microwave ovens	Adult clothing
Mattresses and box springs and water beds	
Old telephones and answering machines	

We will need lots of help on August 7. The parking lot will be full, Fellowship Hall will be full, there will be a room devoted to books and a room full of antiques. It takes hundreds of hands to haul and place the items on the tables in the parking lot. We also need cashiers and cashiers helpers the day of the sale. Can you help? Will you help? Call Bernie Hartwig at 222-7350 to volunteer.



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### Sunday Worship

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**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.*

