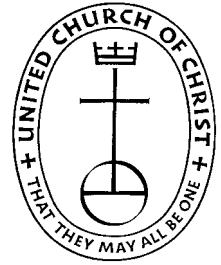




# The Chapel Chimes



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## From the Interim Senior Pastor

I like slogans. They are short and simple. They make their point. In the case of the church, slogans can be mini-mission (or vision) statements. For instance, one of the slogans of the United Church of Christ is “That They Will All Be One.” Those who founded our denomination had a vision of one future Church where all people could be united in the love of God. This is why our denomination talks so much about diversity. Our mission is to find a way to be the one, true Church with all of our differences intact. That’s a mission!

Each week at the beginning of our worship services we read a kind of slogan: “No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” That is a slogan that I am proud of. Lake Edge UCC has declared that it has a vision for itself that all people are welcome. Every time I hear those words read my heart swells.

Of course, it is one thing to have a vision and another thing to live in a way that makes it possible for the vision or mission to come true. This is the hard part of slogans. They sound good, but they are usually much harder to do than to say.

Perversely, it is often the case that it is harder to live such a vision with the people we know and love than it is with others. We may fall into the trap of taking one another’s goodwill for granted. We may assume that our loved ones will always love us, so it doesn’t matter so much how we treat one another. Even worse, we may believe that our dedication to serving others is so important that how we treat each other is inconsequential. This is how we most often hurt one another. Our intentions are great, but we forget that God calls to treat all people with the respect deserving of God’s children.

I urge all of us to use our Lenten reflection time to consider how we treat one another. We all share responsibility for building up this community of God so that these words will be

true: “No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

*Wishing you peace,  
Pastor Lisa*

**Worship Planners:** Easter-related themes. Lenten focus: meditation labyrinths, finding the quiet center to hear the whisper of God. Watch for news of workshops, daily e-devotions and Lenten worship devotions. Post-Easter, an ancient tradition, Easter Laughter worship or Holy Humor—lay-led services on the Sunday following Easter. Watch for chances to help with the planning or call Amanda Helm to join this short-term committee.

**Christian Outreach highlights:** Grant to OGHS Haiti relief, \$500. The February 25 meeting featured a Lutheran Social Services representative speaking about the Madison arrival of Bhutan refugees. The board will encourage IHN host participation by providing “in-church/on-site” practical training for potential hosts.

**Diaconate:** At the January meeting, Diaconate members began looking at plans for Easter and spent some time trying to define the role of the Diaconate as they understand it at this time.

**Christian Ed:** Busy Sundays overseeing the younger group’s worship/activity/snack before dismissing them for class, CE kicked off One Great Hour of Sharing February 14. Family Ministry is planning a communion program for parents and children. The March 7 CE coffee and fellowship hour theme will be Camp Sunday. Watch for details on these events.

## Looking for a Few Volunteers!

The Annual Giving Campaign Committee is looking for three individuals who can join our group for one year. We are looking to create a think tank that will build and communicate the spirit of financial giving. We will meet monthly, with some work between meetings. Our goal is to select and implement a new ask program for our annual giving campaign. Much of the groundwork will be completed by many members of the church. It is an exciting opportunity to be a part of a focused project that will provide an important service to our church's financial health and growth. Contact Anne Schoenemann at 839-8045 or acm071061@charter.net for more information.

## New Director of Children and Youth Ministries to Be Hired

The Board of Christian Education and the Cabinet have approved the creation of a new position called Director of Children and Youth Ministries (DCYM). This is a budget-neutral decision, and doesn't change the bottom line for staffing approved in the 2010 budget. We are combining the two part-time CE Coordinators and the two part-time Youth Coordinators into one position. All four staff people currently serving the church in this capacity are fully in support of this move and will continue to serve until our new staff person is in place.

This position will be about 25+ hours/week during the church year and a bit less during the summer, which is the approximate number of hours we currently have allotted as staff time. By combining all the tasks of children and youth ministry into one position, our hope is to have greater continuity in ministry and a better office presence during the week. The DCYM will be at all staff meetings, will have office hours during the week, and will be a full member of the ministry team. She or he will oversee and coordinate all ministries (with exception of Confirmation and OWL) pertaining to young people (0-18) and their families, including leading youth work camps and working with standing boards and committees. He or she will work closely with Pastor Deb, the nursery manager, and our children's music director. Like many of our other staff positions, the Cabinet voted that this position would be open only to non-members at this time. Our hope is to have someone hired by mid-May. Keep the newly re-formed Human Resources Team in your prayers during this time!

## 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 Spirits, Minds and Bodies:* It's March in

Wisconsin. Chapped, dry lips remain fixed in a frown. Fresh tomatoes are a distant, sweet memory. Swing sets and sandboxes stand empty and forlorn. It's a burden to don our big coats; no longer fun to "see our breath" or create snow angels. Our homes magically and slowly shrink to the size of marbles; we feel trapped and confined.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the cabin-fever zone.

But, hold on now! We're seasoned travelers on the Road-to-Blah. Change, sparkle, and surprise are needed, right? With renewed hope in our hearts, let us consider the ideas listed below (not placed in any particular order) and find something (anything) to assist us in avoiding the dreaded March energy-zapping brain-fog monster. How about...

\*Painting a room \*Having an indoor picnic \*Dusting off our board games (perhaps in the process discovering a hidden talent for avoiding shoots and successfully climbing ladders) \*Starting or joining a bible study group \*Exploring a city or county park we've never visited \*Learning to knit \*Rearranging our living room \*Doing a jigsaw puzzle \*Reading a classic

or maybe...

\*Gathering friends to make gift boxes for folks in the armed forces \*Writing a poem \*Learning to play an instrument \*Adopting a pet \*Taking dance lessons \*Exploring new recipes \*Volunteering \*Choosing one task we've been avoiding (i.e., cleaning out that junk drawer) \*Making lunch for a friend

or maybe...

\*Playing Charades \*Creating a winter-fun box for the kids (filling it with play items such as dress-up clothes, coloring books, craft items – paper plates, yarn, finger paints) \*Building a fort with sheets and chairs \*Writing our story \*Coloring pictures and delivering them to residents in a nursing home

or maybe...

\*Planning a candlelight dinner \*Visiting a museum \*Making a meal for a neighbor \*Creating an "I Care" box for someone by decorating a shoebox and filling it with little treasures (such as: a prayer, some cookies, a scarf, a poem, a music box, a book, a collage of pictures depicting summer, etc)

or maybe...

\*Checking out disneyfamily.com and searching under winter boredom busters. Better yet: sitting down with friends and/or family to create our very own list of cabin-fever cures.

March in Wisconsin? It's a piece of cake, folks. We've been there, conquered that.



## Ecumenical Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship

Again in 2010, Lake Edge will be joining with our sisters and brothers in other east side Christian churches to share meals and worship during the season of Lent. On Each Wednesday evening, a simple supper of soup and bread will be shared at 6:00 pm, with worship to follow at 7:00 pm. The schedule is the same, even though the location will change with each week. This is a wonderful way to meet other folks, to worship in other churches, and to involve yourself in a Lenten discipline of worship and prayer.

**March 3** – Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 2401 Atwood Avenue, Madison

**March 10** – St. Dennis Roman Catholic Church, 505 Dempsey Road, Madison

**March 17** – St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 4011 Major Avenue, Madison

**March 24** – Monona United Methodist Church, 606 Nichols Road, Monona

Free will offerings will go to the victims of the Haitian earthquake.

## YOUTH GROUP

### Think Spring

The High School Youth Group will once again be taking orders for America's Best gift cards the Sundays in March. Please see a youth at the table in the narthex to place your order for gift cards of \$10, \$25, or \$50. Gift cards make great gifts to loved ones or to treat yourself. They can also be donated back to the church for use in the courtyard. Cards will be purchased in early April when the greenhouse opens and will be mailed out to individuals. OR you can contact Monica directly to place your order (mdwimagin@yahoo.com or 886-3124).

### Thank You

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who showcased their talent at the Fat Tuesday Talent Show and Dinner through cooking and performing. Lake Edge is truly a generous congregation! All donations raised have gone to Margaret Trost's What If? Foundation and Bryan Sirchio's Haiti Relief Programs. Please continue to keep the people of Haiti and all the volunteers in your prayers.

### WANTED – Unique Items

Start thinking of things to donate to the Youth Group's Silent Auction. The Youth Group will be collecting items for the spring silent auction between March 21 – April 10. Bids will be accepted between April 11 – May 9. On Mother's Day, May 9, we will hold an Ice Cream Social (all moms get free ice cream, everyone else has to pay). The highest bid items will be live auctioned off between services.

## SENIOR NEWS

### "In Your Dreams: Part 2"

**Tuesday, March 2, 9:30-11:30 am**

Last March, Ann Aswegan joined us as we began the exploration of our dreams and what they might mean. Ann is a dream consultant and will be here again to help us discover what exactly happens when we dream... very interesting information. See you soon... and please... dream sweet dreams!

### Lunch Bunch

**Monday, March 8, 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

This month's lunch adventure takes us to Perkins on Hayes Road across from East Towne Mall. All are welcome. We hope you are hungry for food and fellowship!

### Lunch and Second Harvest

**Wed., March 17, 11:30 am-3:00 pm**

Do you like ribs and chicken? Do you prefer salad and bread? Either way, you will love Fat Jack's on Monona Drive! We will meet at Fat Jack's at 11:30 for lunch and then make our way to Second Harvest for another work afternoon.

### Book Talk

**Thursday, March 25, 9:30-11:00 am**

### Faith Studies

**Thursday, March 25, 11:00 am-12:45 pm**

Keep the fire burning in your heart and let the light of Christ shine through you! Join us as we take this hour of our month to make our faith a priority. Life has its challenges and it is important to know God never leaves our side! Come and give thanks!

### Empty Nesters

**Friday, March 26, 6:00 pm**

We know the date! We know the time! We know we always have a good time.....watch the bulletin for the location TBD!

With questions on all programs for seniors, contact Mary Hoffman in the office or at [mhoffman@lakeedge.org](mailto:mhoffman@lakeedge.org).



### Prayer Chain

The Lake Edge Prayer Chain is a powerful resource we happily provide. Any requests can be emailed to Bonnie at [k9b9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k9b9@sbcglobal.net). These will be sent out quickly to our prayer chain members. We are always happy to include new members at any time, and you can also sign up with an email request to that same address. Prayer chain members pray these special prayers during their day, and all prayers are held in confidence.

## **BOCO (Board of Christian Outreach)**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Through *One Great Hour of Sharing* (OGHS), United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to build sustainable communities, respond to disaster, and minister to refugees. OGHS is part of a larger network of eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of witness many times over. In addition, it works with many other agencies which participate in service and caring that helps to make their work efficient, effective, and faithful. And, it is both remarkable and important to know that administrative costs are typically less than 8% annually.

What does OGHS do? Supports self-help programs in communities so that members may rise above hunger, disease, and illiteracy. Provides the needed assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, floods, and other natural or human-caused disasters. Advocates and helps millions of people who have been uprooted from their homes of origin, offering them hospitality and hope. OGHS also supports domestic response and disaster preparedness programs.

For all of these reasons and for many more, it is important for our Lake Edge Community to monetarily support *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Our "Mission Moment" on Sunday, March 14, will focus on OGHS. You will find envelopes for giving in your Sunday bulletin on both March 14 and March 21.

Our children will also be participating in OGHS. They have received a month-long sharing calendar of ideas for giving and an OGHS box into which they can place their coins. On Sunday, March 21, both children and adults will come together in dedicating our gifts to OGHS during both services. Please join in giving generously to *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

### **Crop Walk**

The Board of Christian Outreach wishes to thank our Lake Edge congregation for their wonderful and enthusiastic participation in the Church World Service CROP walk. We made a total of \$8,626.76 as our church families and friends walked together to take a stand against hunger in the world. And together we raised awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. We should feel very proud as this is one of the higher church totals, and we know that the dollars will be used wisely. Judi Knight is our Lake Edge coordinator and she will be letting you know when the next walk will take place. If you did not have the opportunity to join the CROP walk this past spring, we'd love to have you with us next spring.

### **BOCO Gives \$500 to Church World Service**

Last month, the Board voted to send \$500 of undesignated funds to the UCC Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund through Church World Service. The UCC is helping to provide basic supplies

to earthquake survivors, blankets that we help to provide on Blanket Sunday, and working with other organizations to provide tents, water purification systems, and food packages. These organizations have already been working in Haiti for many years, and so the board is certain that the money will be used wisely. It is anticipated that the UCC will be responding to this disaster for the next six to eight years.

### **Meeting to Discuss Resettlement of Refugees from Bhutan**

The Board of Christian Outreach will be sponsoring a meeting on Tuesday evening, March 30, to provide information on the resettlement of Bhutanese refugees. Congregations from other UCC churches in Dane County will be invited to participate in this meeting.

Lutheran Social Services which works in Wisconsin with the resettlement of refugees recently opened an office in Madison. The primary reason for the opening of this office is that 100-125 refugees from Bhutan are expected to come to Madison this year. At the present time there are three Bhutanese families in Madison.

The purpose of this meeting will be to learn from Lutheran Social Services staff about the history of the Bhutanese refugees and the timeline for their arrival in Madison. Staff will also explain how Lake Edge and other UCC churches might work together to help with this effort. Working together UCC churches can become a part of a resettlement of Bhutan refugees coming to Madison.

More information about the time and place of this meeting will be forthcoming. The Board of Christian Outreach.

### **Parking Lot Sale**

**Saturday, August 7**

*We are in need of some storage space*, such as a garage – preferably on the East Side relatively near Lake Edge Church – for storing accumulated items (boxes, small furniture, etc.) for the church's Parking Lot Sale. If you have such a space or know of someone who might, please call John Sheild at 222-1607. Thank you. THIS NEED IS URGENT!!!!!!!

### **Cookie Walk**

We are pleased to have raised about \$3,300 at this year's Cookie Walk, thanks to all of you. We are now accepting written proposals for organizations that need some extra help from us. Please submit any written suggestions to Kathy Borner or Jan Zimmerman. We will be meeting the end of February. Each year, we provide \$500 to WilMar for their food budget, \$500 for scholarship funds, \$200 for a nurse's education in Khariar Hospital, \$150 to the East YMCA for their scholarship fund, and other local needs that are brought to our attention.

## Late Risers Breakfast

Thursday, March 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!

## Library News



### Upcoming Book Discussions

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."*

Sunday, May 16, 10:10 am, Library

*"Shanghai Girls"* by Lisa See. Two sisters leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930s Los Angeles.

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



**Feeding the Hungry** is a Lake Edge mission emphasis. You may participate by volunteering one afternoon a month at the Triangle Mobile Food Pantry. This pantry is for the children of Bayview Foundation and the low income handicapped adults of the Triangle area. First Wednesdays, 12:45-3:45 pm (shorter shifts available, those differently-abled given tasks they may easily perform). Call Bob Gwynne at 257-5761 for info or to volunteer. Dates are March 3, April 7, May 5, etc.

## Upcoming Area Bloodmobiles

Wednesday, March 3, 8:30 am-2:00 pm

Monona Grove High School, Gym  
4400 Monona Drive

Thursday, March 18, 12:00-6:00 pm

Madison Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Main Floor  
910 Femrite Drive

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
March 23, 24, 25, 9:30 am-3:30 pm  
State Capitol Rotunda



## The Road Home

Do you know what a difference stable housing can make in the life of a child? Nine-year-old Antony has learning and emotional disabilities. While his family was homeless, he fell far behind in his reading level and his behavior was out of control. He could not get along with his family or other children, had little opportunity for fun, and was frequently in trouble at school.

Over the last six months, since they have been in an apartment, Antony's family has worked closely with The Road Home, an in-home family counseling program, his school and an after-school daycare to help

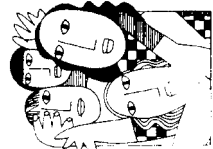
him succeed. Because of this stability and collaboration, Antony is now reading at grade level, behaving well and getting along with his peers. He is reaping the benefits through rewards for good behavior, a reading award at school, and - perhaps most important - invitations to play at the homes of the new friends he's made and the chance to have them over to his home, to play in his very own bedroom.

There are so many more children in Dane County who need housing as a basic platform for success. Call The Road Home at 294-7998 if you'd like to help.



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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.*

