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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)

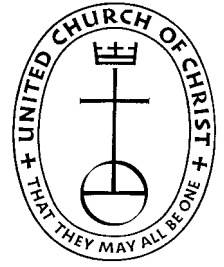
*No matter who you are,
no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Come just as you are.





The Chapel Chimes



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From the Interim Senior Pastor

A Message from the Cabinet:

We would like to take this opportunity to give you an update on what is happening in the Cabinet. We appreciate everyone's patience in welcoming our Interim Pastor, Lisa. It has been a great summer and fall welcoming her and getting to know her. The next step, as the cabinet has discerned, is to summarize our identity as a congregation. We will use a variety of different methods to do this; beginning October 11 with Pastor Lisa's class in between the services. Sharing our stories and faith journeys together will remind us of who we are and why we are here at Lake Edge. This information, a part of the church's Profile, will be recorded and given to the search committee in order to create a new Profile. At the November cabinet meeting, we will compile names into a list of people who will be contacted to be on the search committee. At the December cabinet meeting a committee will be confirmed. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to be on the committee, please speak to Nicole Rosenthal or any member of the cabinet. Our email addresses are on the website (www.lakeedge.org) and most have us have phone numbers listed in the church directory. Cabinet members are Nicole Rosenthal, David Lindorff, Nancy Schultz, Bonnie Holmes, Ann Moyer, Lorece Aitken, Amanda Helm, Randy Trzinski-Becker, Kevin Parker, and Sue Brockman-Zeigler.

As this message shows, things are moving along at Lake Edge UCC. The next few months will be a busy time. As we approach Advent we will also be working on assembling a search committee and continuing to process the past few years of the congregation's life.

This can also be a time of uncertainty and some anxiety; the congregation is in a "between time" of waiting while the deliberate and somewhat lengthy interim period unfolds. It is normal to feel a little itchy about where "things" stand. We wonder when the search committee will start, what their work will consist of and how long it will take them to complete their work. It is important that we all strive for patience and compassion with one another right now. While it may seem that many things are uncertain, one thing above all remains true: God is with us in every moment of this congregation's life.

It would also be very helpful to remember that the church's work continues with strength and hope. Our many mission projects move forward unabated, including the January trip to New Orleans. New groups are emerging for study, reflection and prayer. Each of our committees continues to do their work. Perhaps most evident of all is the Trustees' action to install the new heating system. The very good news in the short term is that we have a temporary heating system to keep us warm until the permanent system is complete.

Let us all remember that the church is not a pastor, nor a building, but it is the people of God who share God's mission in the world. This church is a vital, witnessing community of faith whose work in God's name has not been diminished by its current challenges. For this, we are grateful to our God!

Peace, Pastor Lisa



In Sympathy

Prayers are being said for the comfort of the families and friends of Larry Smail, Charles Schnetzler, Lavern Anderson, and Juliet Snow Bush, who all passed away in early October. God's peace be with all of their families.

Recent Celebrations Of Baptism

On September 27, we were pleased to celebrate the baptism of Charlie Sonnentag, son of Claire Bedford and Peter Sonnentag, and on October 11, we celebrated the baptism of Alex Hudgens, son of Erin and Lance Hudgens. We welcome Charlie and Alex into the faith and family of Christ here at Lake Edge United Church of Christ.

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.

Feed the Children Christian Folk Music Concert

On November 12 at 7:00 pm, our Lake Edge Sanctuary will be filled with marvelous Christian Folk music. You will need to be there to hear it. Tickets are being sold in the Narthex before and after the Sunday services. Bryan Sirchio and Margart Trost, both of whom have meal programs for the children of Haiti, will be entertaining us with stories and music. All proceeds will go to Margaret's "Feed My Lambs" and Bryan's "Haiti Partners" programs. You won't want to miss this incredible experience. See you there. Members of the Board of Christian Outreach (BOCO)

For Our Souls and Minds: "And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed."

– Kahlil Gibran

The first Wednesday in October promised to be a very fine day for me. I arrived at church early, caught up on some phone calls, e-mails, and snail-mail. Then I turned to the task of finding a topic for my next article. Ta-da! An idea presents itself. After a little research, I feel ready to begin writing. It all seems too easy.

As it turns out, it is.

This is the day Lake Edge gets a new server, our computers will be unavailable to staff most of the day. Swell. I recognize that my fine-day-feeling is fading fast; so I decide to cut my losses, move onto something else. (Denial is a beautiful thing). After our staff meeting ends, I grab my coat and head out for a series of visits. Turns out, that's a wise choice.

First stop – Hospice. I quietly enter a darkened room and am immediately greeted by the opened, uplifted arms of someone in a recliner; a warm hug follows. (Can't do that with a computer screen and mouse) No words of greeting are needed, we smile at each other and then pray. Afterwards she closes her eyes, rests. I sit beside her just holding her hand. God is here. I have no words for it. It is priceless.

Next stop – the home of a parishioner I've been seeing for years. Sitting beside each other at the kitchen table we discuss nutrition questions she's been saving for me; I hear updates about the lives of her children and grandchildren; we check her blood pressure - a little elevated, we'll check it again before I leave. Later, as our visit ends, she leads us in a prayer of thanksgiving (something we have always done). This day just feels better and better.

Last stop - Oakwood East - two folks I need to see. We chat, talk about the coming winter and the holidays that sustain us during the long dark days and the beautiful sight of snow as it falls quietly to the ground. There are questions about some changes in their health and about the flu this year. We laugh about nothing in particular. It is perfect.

Now I'm home, intending to write that article, but I find that my mind is wandering. I am thinking about the generous people I have encountered, the gift they give me when they invite me into their lives. That's the story in my head, so I share it with you now.

It is true, "For in the dew of the little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." I am deeply refreshed. I am deeply grateful. And this day ends as it began – as a very fine day.

COOKIE WALK – December 5 Cookie-baking Workshops



- Cookie Baking - Wednesday, Nov. 4, 9:00am-noon
- Cookie Baking - Thursday, Nov. 12 (after late risers breakfast)
- Stained Glass candy - Sunday, Nov. 15, 10:15am-noon
- Cookie Baking, Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:00am -noon
- Cookie Baking - Monday, Nov.30, 8:30-noon with Liz Swingen
- Peanut Blossom - Tuesday, Dec. 1, 9:30-noon with Ruth Kamrath

Questions, suggestions, workshop ideas?
Call Jan: 249-7831 or Kathy: 839-3540



Youth Group – 9th – 12th grades

What's up with our Youth Group?

Check out our bulletin board outside of the church office!

Entertainment Books October 4 – December 13

We are once again selling Entertainment Books. For \$25 you can purchase a year's worth of coupons to local establishments AND support the Youth Group! We will not be selling them through the front office, so you must contact Monica if you want to purchase a book.

Food Drive: October 4 – November 8

The YG is collecting food for the local food pantry. Please place your food donation in the boxes in the Narthex. If you prefer to give a monetary gift, we recommend that you think about how much you spend on a dinner out. Checks should be made out to Lake Edge UCC with notation "food drive 2009" and given to Monica.

Bake Sale at "Feed the Children" Concert Nov. 12, 7:00 pm

YG will be providing goodies for sale while you enjoy Bryan Sirchio's concert to support Margaret's "Feed My Lambs" and Bryan's "Haiti Partners" programs.

Parents' Time Out: "St. Nick's Prep" Sat Dec. 5, 1:30-5:30 pm

YG is providing a holiday drop-in care for children. Activities will include small gift take-a-ways that children can give to others throughout the holidays (e.g. molded chocolates, snack bags, ornament, wrapping paper, etc.) Fee cost of \$5 will be asked when children are dropped off. Head count of participants needed to Monica by Friday, December 4.

Monica Wahlberg's contact info:

1933 Vondron Rd, Madison, WI 53716

mdwimagin@yahoo.com; 608-886-3124

Needing Some Assistance

My name is Grace La Bruzzo and I am a very sweet, enthusiastic, and young thinking 90 year old woman who needs some assistance to attend the 11 o'clock service. Maybe you have seen me. I really enjoy the 11 o'clock service-everyone has been so welcoming. Some of my interests are: baking with my friend, Joanne, watching old television shows, watching movies, dancing, and going to parties. I do have transportation to and from church. Some people are helping me now but a fourth person is needed so that everyone is with me one week a month. I would just need someone to meet me when I arrive (10:45 am), sit with me during the service and then make sure that I catch my ride home (12:15 or so)." Contact Anne Schoenemann at 608/839-8045 to for more information or to pick a date.

Senior News

Many learning opportunities are planned for the last three months of 2009 and you are cordially invited to join us for any of them. Here's what we're doing through November and December....

Fresh Bread Book Talk – Thursday October 22, Thursday November 19 and Thursday December 17---9:30-11:00 a.m.

Faith Studies: Spiritual Practices and Ideas – Tuesday October 27, Tuesday November 24 and Tuesday December 22 – 11:00-1:30 p.m.

The Lunch Bunch – Monday November 9..."The Flu Pandemic" with Peggy Bezruki, our parish nurse. Join us at church at 11:30 a.m. for a salad and dessert lunch. What should you bring? A salad or a dessert! See you there!

On Monday December 14 we will meet at Monona Gardens at 11:30 for lunch and conversation

The Empty Nesters will get together on Friday November 20 at 6:00 p.m. for fun and food at a local area restaurant (place TBD.)

Join us on Sunday November 22 from 11:00-1:00 pm to help prepare and serve lunch for our families participating in our Advent Adventure. Let's do it for the kids! Call Mary for details today!

Jean Willett, the author of "Dear Cousins", will be here on Thursday December 3 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. to celebrate families in all shapes and sizes. How do we keep in touch? What do we have in common? What does the word family mean in the year 2009? Jean's favorite quote?

"...when a child is born, so is a grandparent..." Mark your calendar today; I will look forward to seeing you!



Late Risers Breakfast Thursday, Nov. 12, 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!

Adult Fellowship Harvest Potluck Friday, Nov. 13, 6:15 pm
Fellowship Hall

Let's travel to Rome and Tuscany with Kevin and Mary Hoffman! It will be an Italian Summer Adventure! Bring dishes, silverware, and a dish to pass. Join the fun! Any questions, please contact Jean Sheild.

IHN News

Lake Edge will host IHN families from November 29 to December 6, and the rotation schedule for 2010 is complete. Watch for your chance to help as November approaches.

Currently IHN is regrouping as fall activities resume. What is your role as we see Jesus' work—feeding the hungry, housing the homeless—done right here at church? Find where your passion meets your talents, and consider Lake Edge's needs for the coming IHN year. The following tasks are timed around our host week, three or usually four times yearly, and were once part and parcel of coordinators' roles. By defining many specific tasks and reducing volunteers' time commitment, we hope many people can contribute to the very large effort of hosting families.

We are in need of a steering committee person who can do communications support. This home-based task includes: updating the volunteer handbook on the infrequent occasions The Road Home changes policies; creating the schedule and floor plan for the week with a Word template that's provided; creating signs for guests' rooms, again with provided template; creating other bulletin board signs as needed; submitting the final volunteer log that includes unseen volunteers with template and lists provided for reference information; updating the IHN news for the monthly Chimes and forwarding it to the website manager. We will coach, support and advise as needed in case of questions.

General laundry management includes the following tasks: prepare sets of sheets for each family (family numbers will be provided) before move-in Sunday; bag used towels, sheets and kitchen linens by 10 a.m. on move-out Sunday—volunteers then pick up a bag, launder and return it; sort and store the returned laundry a week or two after we host. Volunteer launderers sign up via blue sheet and are independently faithful in completing their tasks. Atsuko Kusuda has organized laundry handling so that management tasks take only a couple of hours four times a year and could be nicely shared with a friend or team.

Like books? Could you organize the kids' books and reshelve them? Estimated time, a couple of hours each rotation. Make it more fun by sharing the task with a friend.

Are you an organizer? We'd love the help of someone who can monitor the supply cupboard inventory from a posted supply list (Word copy provided as well) and provide coordinators with a list of needed items.

Food transport. At week's end, could you pack excess food and transport it to the Salvation Army shelter kitchen on East Mifflin Street? This task takes about an hour.

Ice cream pick up. Are you aware that Schoep's donates ice cream to each church that hosts IHN families? We need someone who can pick up ice cream the week before we host. Schoep's is located on Division Street, adjoining Jennifer Street Market.

You are welcome to call Jessie Gwynne, 257-5761 jessiegwynne@aol.com, or Sue Brockman-Zeigler, 764-5208 bzes@verizon.net with questions.

I'm called to help serve IHN families in the following way:

- ___ Communications support
- ___ Laundry management
- ___ Book organization
- ___ Supplies maintenance
- ___ Food transport
- ___ Ice cream pick up

Library News

Library Book Review



"The Faith of Barack Obama" by Stephen Mansfield. This perceptive and well-written book, by a New York Times best-selling author, explains why Barack Obama has such a passion for justice and equity, such a gift for filling people of different generations with a newfound hope that things can and will change for the better. His inspiration comes from his faith. He is an ardent believer and proud of it.

Upcoming book discussions:

Sunday, November 15, 10:10 am, Library

"*The Blood of Flowers*" by Anita Amirrezvani, a 17th century Iranian woman struggles to overcome misfortune.

Sunday, December 20, 10:10, Library

"*The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*" by Stieg Larsson. A murder mystery.

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



Upcoming Area Bloodmobiles

The next Lake Edge bloodmobile will be Tuesday, November 10, from 2:00-6:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall. (Please note this is a date change.) We need donors and other volunteers. Please Carol at 873-9714.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Memorial Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:10 Family Fellowship 11:00 Worship at the Edge 4:00 Confirmation Class	2 8:00 am Cookie Making	3 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 Way of Discernment	4 10:00 am Exercise Class 6:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Band Rehearsal	5 6:30 pm Identity & Evangelism Meeting	6	7
8 Stewardship Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:10 Coffee Hour 10:10 Sunday School 10:10 Pastor's Class 11:00 Worship at the Edge 12:15 pm Potluck People	9 11:30 Lunch Bunch 6:45 pm Bell Rehearsal	10 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 12:00 pm Bible Study 2:00-6:00 Lake Edge Blood Drive 6:00 Budget Committee 6:30 Way of Discernment	11 10:00 am Exercise Class 6:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Band Rehearsal	12 9:00 am Late Risers Breakfast 10:30 Cookie Making 5:15 pm Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm Haiti Concert	13 6:15 Adult Fellowship Potluck	14 9:30 am WillMar Meal
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