



May 2015

THE MESSENGER

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A Newsletter for the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Park Falls, WI

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Community Choir Concert

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3, 2015. There will be the Community Choir Concert at St. Anthony's Church, 276 South Fifth Avenue, in Park Falls, WI. The concert will begin at 4:00 pm.

Campital Campaign

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)

How many have had the opportunity to attend the Moon Beach Church Camp in St. Germain, WI or Pilgrim Center in Ripon, WI?

The camp is open to families, adults and youth. You can check out the opportunities by going to: www.ucci.org and click on the "Resources & Info" tab. There you will find: Brochures, poster, scholarship form, camp schedule and litany.

The bulletin board in the narthex has information you can look at. Please check it out.

Special Meeting – First Congregational Church

Date: April 12, 2015

Members present: 21

Amy Heizler called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

The purpose of this meeting is to have a congregational vote regarding our capital savings account, reserve checking account, and CD's.

At the time of the meeting our accounts consist of:

Reserve checking account: \$31,348.99

Capital savings account: \$32,598.28

Jill Franck explained what these accounts were and how they were used. The reserve checking

account is an account that we do not use for writing checks. Jill explained her reasons for combining these two account's in order to have a more accurate account of our money and to simplify bookkeeping. The insurance money for the hail-damaged roof that we received from the insurance company went into the capital savings account.

After no additional discussion, Mark Donner made a motion to combine the reserve checking account and the capital savings account into one account. Laurie Fox 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The second item of business: Certificate of Deposits

CD values: \$25,763.89
\$26,058.45

Jill explained the two CD's we have and the possibility of rolling them into the endowment fund. Mark Donner, Jim Corbett, and Kurt Brown had a meeting with the Fiorio Brothers and Mark and Jim explained what was suggested to them. We were advised to keep the CD's separate as they are now as this is invested in a very diversified and balanced fund which is a non-risky/conservative type.

Mark made a motion to keep the money in the CD's, separate from the endowment fund. Laurie Fox 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jacci Wirsing, Church Clerk

Circle of Faith

There will be a meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Brat/Bake sale will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at SuperOne. We are asking that anyone wishing to contribute baked items, please contact one of the Circle of Faith members.

THE STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the **United Church of Christ (UCC)**. Through the **Strengthen the Church offering**, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be church in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that **“God is Still speaking.”**

Stillspeaking: It's the shorter form of **“God is still speaking,”** a campaign by the **UCC** to remind us that God still has a lot more to say. Since 2004, **Stillspeaking** has worked with thousands of **UCC churches and individuals across the country to extend an extravagant welcome to all – because no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.**

“God is Still Speaking”

Consistory Meeting

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015
@ 6:30 pm**

MAY MINISTRIES

USHERS

<u>May 03</u>	Corbett Family
<u>May 12</u>	Peterson Family
<u>May 17</u>	Fischer/Little
<u>May 24</u>	Fischer/Little
<u>May 31</u>	Fox/Heizler
<u>June 07</u>	Heisler/Young

If you cannot usher, please call Jim Ferkovich at 715-762-2385.

COUNTERS

<u>May 03</u>	Renee Donner/Alice Megna
<u>May 12</u>	Arlene Morrison/Lois Gwinn
<u>May 17</u>	Jana Ferkovich/Heidi Peterson
<u>May 24</u>	Kurt and DiAnn Brown
<u>May 31</u>	Renee Donner/Alice Megna
<u>June 07</u>	Arlene Morrison/Lois Gwinn

SCRIPUTRE READERS

<u>May 03</u>	Laurie Fox
<u>May 12</u>	Amy Heizler
<u>May 17</u>	Arlene Morrison
<u>May 24</u>	George Faltinosky
<u>May 31</u>	Lois Gwinn
<u>June 07</u>	Jim Ferkovich

COMMUNION SERVERS

<u>June</u>	Heisler Family
<u>July</u>	Ferkovich/Peterson Families
<u>August</u>	Morrison Family

If you are on any of these lists and cannot make it on your assigned day, please call someone else to change dates.

Thank you for volunteering.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



05/01	Jamie Tremi
05/07	Betti Michalski
05/08	Doris Kronberger
05/12	Mike Megna
05/16	Megan Griesel
05/17	Roland Kronberger
05/18	Fehlen Houston
05/18	Alex Hilgart
05/19	Fran Gwinn
05/21	Brady Kielpikowski
05/29	Craig Fox
05/30	Betty Charleston

If we have missed your birthday and you would like it acknowledged please let the office know.



**05/06 Chuck & Betti
 Michalski**

If you would like to share your anniversary date, please contact the office. Thank you.

**Wisconsin Conference UCC
53rd Annual Meeting
Courage in the Struggle**

Job 12:22 God shines a spotlight into caves of darkness, hauls deepest darkness into the noonday sun. From The Message

Annual Meeting June 12-14
Thursday Program: Gifts of the Dark Wood
Retreat June 11

Both are events at the Green Lake Conference Center

Annual Meeting Keynotes:

- **Rev. Eric Elnes, Ph.D.** Author, Senior Minister of Countryside Community Church (UCC), Omaha, NE, and Host of Darkwood Brew
- **Rev. J. Bennett Guess**, Executive Minister, UCC Local Church Ministries

Join us for a very energizing and uplifting experience at this year's Annual Meeting. **Rev. Eric Elnes**, well-known host of ***Darkwood Brew***, will lead us through the weekend with thought-provoking presentations, worship and workshops. Rev. Elnes is Senior Minister at Countryside Community Church (UCC) in Omaha, Nebraska, and was lead author and editor of ***The Phoenix Affirmations***.

In addition to Rev. Elnes' program and a **keynote address by Rev. Ben Guess**, more than **20 workshops** will enhance your life and ministry. There will be workshops by Rev. Elnes, jazz musician Chuck Marohnic, and Ben Guess. Dr. John Whitcomb will be back with his standing-room-only workshop on stewarding your health, while Rev Holly Whitcomb will help us face life's changes with courage. Rev. Winton Boyd will share Parker Palmer's teachings on discussing difficult topics. And so much more.

Other highlights:

- Opportunities to connect with friends and colleagues
- Worship to deepen our collective faith
- Participate in the business of the Conference
- Saturday night social event
- Gain respite in the the beautiful setting

All are welcome to attend Annual Meeting. Don't miss it!

About Annual Meeting

This annual gathering of members of United Church of Christ congregations from throughout the state gives us a chance to explore a theme relevant to our work as followers of Jesus, to transact the official business of our conference and to spend time together forming new bonds of friendship and renewing existing bonds.

The annual meeting is held at Green Lake Conference Center. If you plan on attending the Annual Meeting, you may reserve your hotel room through Green Lake Conference Center.

When making your reservation be sure to indicate that it is for the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting. Registration materials will be sent out to all congregations in April, so check with your local church for more details or contact the Conference office at (608) 846-7880.

Annual Meeting Schedule:

Annual Meeting registration opens at 9:00 a.m.

June 12

Lunch 11:30 – 1:00

Program begins with Opening Worship Friday at 1:00 pm

Program ends with Sunday Worship, June 14

(Park Falls UCC can have 2 delegates.

For information:

www.wcucc.org/annualmeeting)

Come, explore new ideas, and enjoy the company of friends old and new in the Wisconsin UCC.

CHANCEL CHOIR UPDATES



Practices are at 8:45 am before services. Dates for May 2015 are the 3rd and 17th. ***New members are always welcome.*** If you would like to join the choir, contact Mark Donner at 715-762-2808.

A recipe from 2015 World Day of Prayer

Coconut Bars

Ingredients:

½ cup(s) butter or margarine

½ tsp. salt

½ cup(s) brown sugar

1 cup(s) flour

1 tsp. vanilla

2 eggs

½ tsp. baking powder

2 Tbsp. flour

1 ½ cup(s) coconut

1 cups(s) coarsely chopped nuts

Direction:

Mix first four ingredients and spread in 8"x12"x2" pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes.

Beat eggs well, Add remaining ingredients. Spread over baked mixture. Bake again at 325 degrees for 25 minutes. Cut into bars.

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Church Office Hours

Our office is open from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday.

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Please leave a message and your calls or emails will be answered during these times.
Church Secretary – Lynn Kundinger

Lord's Cupboard

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - Noon

God's Office

Hours: 24/7

May 9, 2015 USPS Food Drive

A huge THANK YOU in advance, to the postal workers and our local community's for your help fighting hunger in our area. As you know The Lord's Cupboard is operating in the basement of the First Congregational UCC here in Park Falls.

Here is a list of items that you might consider donating on May 9, 2015. Remember what your family likes and consider your choices.

Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, salmon, spam
Vegetables: Regular or creamed corn, green or yellow beans, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots, etc.

Soups: Tomato, Beef, Vegetable, Chicken, Cream soups

Cereals: Cereals that don't contain a lot of sugar, Rice Krispies, Bran Flakes, Cheerios, etc.

Fruits: Canned peaches, pears, mixed fruit, mandarin oranges, fruit salad, pineapple, raisins, prunes,

Miscellaneous: Baked Beans, Cake mixes, cookie mixes, baking material (flour, sugars, etc.), rice or pasta side dishes, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Macaroni and Cheese, Pizza crust mix, Pizza sauce, Spaghetti Sauces, any type of pasta, etc.

We do not purchase paper products, so you may want to consider the following items.

Paper Products: Toilet paper, Kleenex, Paper towels

Personal Hygiene: Soap, Deodorants, Shampoo, Laundry Soap, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, etc.

Last year we served 345 families in the surrounding Park Falls area. We couldn't do it without all of you.

The Lord's Cupboard Inc.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2015. Our confirmation students are: Noah Peterson, Blake Richard, Kennedi Kielpikowski, Carson Schmitt, Allison Fischer, Chase Kronberger and Matt Giesel. Congratulations on completing this step in your religious journey.

Here is a reading from Psalm 71, "I have leaned on you from my birth, O Lord, and you have been my hope and trust from the days of my youth. Please be to me a rock of refuge and a strong fortress." This is from Reverend Franz Rigert, Conference Minister.

Hearing Assited Devices

Jim Corbett has been in contact with Audio Architects from Chippewa Falls, WI, concerning hearing assisted devices. Audio Architects will be visiting our church to see what will work for us and installing the system. So be watching soon for this update to our church.

Abraham's Family

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MISTREATMENT

SACRIFICE

Last month's word was: **COURAGE**
There is no hidden word this month.

National BBQ Month

~ May 2015 ~

National
Hamburger Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 May Day International Tuba Day	2 Brother & Sister Day
3 Reverend Bolin Communion Choir	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Nurse's Day Early School Release	7	8 No Sock Day	9 USPS Food Drive
10 Reverend Coy Clean Up Your Room Day	11 Circle of Faith Meeting @ 4:30 pm	12	13 Consistory Meeting 6:30 pm	14	15	16 Circle of Faith, Brat/Bake Sale @ Super One
17 Reverend Coy Confirmation Choir	18 No Dirty Dishes Day	19	20	21	22	23 Chequamegon High School Graduation
24 Pastor to be announced. Pentecost Sunday - Strengthen the Church Offering	25 Memorial Day No School	26	27	28	29	30
31 Reverend Bolin	Notes: Circle of Faith will be holding another brat/bake sale. If you would like to contribute baked items or help in anyway, please contact one of the Circle of Faith members.					

FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
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PO BOX 258
PARK FALLS WI 54552

9:30 am, Sunday Worship

With communion service held on the first Sunday of each month.



No matter where you are
on your life's journey,
you are welcome
here!