

The Hilltop Chimes

September 2021

First Congregational United Church of Christ
120 Kuckkan Lane Watertown, WI 53094
Rev. Stephen Welch, Interim Pastor

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Bible Study continues....

We are starting to work our way through the book of Acts. Our group continues to meet on ZOOM at 9am on Tuesdays. We have wonderful conversations. The study book is available at no cost just call Melissa. We plan to continue meeting into the fall.

Join our ZOOM meeting using the link below.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82456791631?pwd=S0M5R3RCS3dkcFJaODVQUHBWQ0Yvdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 5679 1631 Passcode: 074171

Saturday Morning Fellowship:

Every week on Sat at 10am join in Morning Fellowship for some chat time (and enjoy seeing church family and friends.)

It's not a Bible Study or a congregational meeting (although Pastor Stephen will be there) Its more like Coffee Fellowship except you provide your coffee and snacks and you can wear cozy slippers.

Regular attendance is not necessary. We just meet and chat about life...lots of laughs are also had! In addition, **In person** Coffee Fellowship will take place after worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays!

Here is the link to join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87871939725?pwd=TkUwdTdCRHlNV3lvMDJsOENXOVNoUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 7193 9725 Passcode: 339374

Reopening Committee and Council Update

August 31, 2021

Update on Covid 19 recommended best practices

With the onset of new cases of Covid 19 being "Very High" in Dodge County and "High" in Jefferson County we recommend that all participants in indoor activities with other people wear masks no matter your vaccination status. We also advise to socially distance your family units as much as possible to slow the spread of the virus.

We intend to continue to offer Sunday services, but request that you mask to participate and strongly encourage masking while singing. Weather permitting, we hope to continue to offer an outdoor Fellowship gathering after the first and third Sundays of the month.

These suggested behaviors are subject to change pending the health of our staff, congregants, and community.

Outdoor Coffee Fellowship

Mark your calendars: The Fellowship Board will offer this the first and third Sunday of each month. Please come and join us!



Juice boxes and coffee will be available in the Narthex after service which you then can go outside in front of church and also the patio where there will be seating to visit each other.

Free Will Coffee Offering: Our board will do all the purchasing for coffee, snacks, juice so monetary donations are greatly appreciated Thank you for understanding.

Yours faithfully, Fellowship Board



OUR TURN SEPTEMBER 30TH
Watch for Sign up at church

WE ARE PROUD TO SAY THAT WE BEGAN DINE-IN ON JULY 15TH and it was great. To hear the conversations and communication between our guests and teams was nothing short of a blessing. God is so good. As we continue to grow in this ministry, we wanted to take the time to thank you and your group for everything you do. Without your group this ministry would not be successful.

Currently we are asking our serving teams to help us with the following:

5-6 volunteers, 8 gallons of milk, salad, bread/rolls, and desserts.

We would like the volunteers to arrive about 3:45pm and plan to stay until 7pm. (We understand some people may need to arrive later or leave early and that is completely understandable.)

We will be contacting your group a few weeks before your serving date to discuss the needs, etc. For more information go their website: <https://www.watertownimmanuel.org/bread-and-roses>

Tim and Sherry Errickson 262-719-8569

“Bread & Roses is a free, weekly community meal. We serve a wide range of people - elderly, singles, young families, and everyone in between. It is a meal of fellowship for the community. The joy of Bread & Roses is that **all are welcome**. There is no sign-up or sign-in sheet. There is never a request for a donation. Find an empty chair at a table and enjoy the delicious home cooked meal.



Versiti Blood Drive
BLOOD CENTER OF WISCONSIN
Thursday, September 30

The blood drive will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 30th from 1:00pm-6:00pm**. We will not be serving any food. If you would like to sign up to donate blood, please contact me or use this link to sign up. https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/203518. Many donors are needed at this time. Our goal is to have at least 30 donors at the May drive.

Masks are required. If you have any questions, or would like to schedule an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me. Melissa Mattke 262-719-1383 josc.mom@hotmail.com/
mmattke@firstcongwttn.org



Watertown Food Pantry and Personal Essentials Pantry Open House September 25th

The Watertown Food Pantry and PEP Pantry have had facelifts and we would love for you to see their new space. Come to our Open House on Saturday, September 25th from 12-2pm.

Please take a few minutes to learn about **your** Watertown Food Pantry. Board members will be happy to show you our facilities and share how our program works. Patrons are able to select fresh meat and a huge variety of many purchased and donated items on a monthly basis.

We partner with the Personal Essentials Pantry, located next to us, and they will also be showcasing their program at the same time. PEP provides personal essentials ranging from laundry soap to toothpaste to shampoo and everything in between.

We both operate with volunteer teams of dedicated people. We live in a very generous community and are grateful for every volunteer and donor, and our ability to share with others.

We are located in the basement of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 209 N. Ninth Street. Come meet us!!



What: New or gently used coats, scarves, mittens, gloves, snow pants

Where: Drop Off at church Sunday mornings, Office M-TH 10-4:00.

When: September 1 through October 10th.
Here We Are, Lord. Take and Use Us.

LEARN MORE about this annual collection
visit: <https://www.cacscw.org/koats-for-kids/>



DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS:

We have Upper Room & These Days devotional booklets for September on hand that you can pick the up at church/have mailed to you. T.
Call me at church 920-261-6213 or email me at lbentz@firstcongwttn.org

Peace and grace, Laurel W Bentz



What if you missed Worship?

- 1) check out the email link sent out weekly "Welcome to Worship" from lbentz@firstcongwttn.org
- 2) Go to Our church's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-118640148151341/>
- 3) Tune in: Watertown Cable channel 985 broadcasts the Sunday service on Thursdays at 10 am and 5 pm and then again on the following Sunday at 6 pm.
- 4) Visit our church website <https://firstcongwttn.org> Services posted on Mondays. (see 'Media' tab)

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As we have been sharing in-person worship, it continues to be recommended to have congregational singing only when masked and appropriate distance between family groups (The Hymn Society recommendations). We need to remember that while many may be vaccinated in our congregation, there are those who are not yet eligible to receive vaccines, or cannot, for various reasons. The National Association for Music Education and its state group, Wisconsin Music Educators Association also recommend masking while singing and distancing for both vaccinated and unvaccinated. The aerosols created by singing continue to be a significant means of spreading the COVID virus.

For our fourth month of in-person services, we are maintaining these guidelines. This is well within the common practice for churches of members in the United Church of Christ Musicians Association. Unfortunately, cases are again on the rise, both nationally and in Wisconsin.

We are seeking your offering of musical gifts for our worship. We would like to continue the practice of sharing music in a safe way to enrich our worship. The plan includes a solo vocalist leading the hymns for the day at a safe distance, unmasked and with a microphone for clarity for the in-person congregation and the congregation attending on-line.

Would you be interested in leading the hymns during worship on a Sunday? Would you be interested in sharing a musical offering? I am looking for musicians to serve our church by sharing their musical gifts. The musical offering can be vocal or instrumental. Please contact me if you would be interested. Thank you!

These musicians contributed during the month of August: Susie Krueger and myself. Thank you for willingly sharing your gifts of time and talent.



From the Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries

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Sunday School

Summer is winding down and it is time to start back to school and Sunday school talk! It has been decided by the re-opening committee and the Church Council that all youth programming be done virtually to start the school year off due to the rising number of positive cases and the fact that the youth are not able to be vaccinated. So in order to show love and compassion for others, this difficult decision has been made. Things will be evaluated periodically each month.

We will be changing things a bit this year. Starting Sunday, September 12th class will begin on Zoom at 9am and wrap up around 9:30-9:45.

This maybe helpful to some families. I will be sending home materials that we will be working through together during our Zoom Time! I am excited to get things started again!!

Here is the new Zoom Link:

Topic: Sunday School 9 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87621677567?pwd=ZnErNTJST3hBeWJESThXSUZBVERzUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 2167 7567

Passcode: 632783



H2O Youth Group

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We will be changing things a bit this year. Starting Sunday, September 12th we will meet from 11am 12:30pm and on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. The new Zoom links are listed below. This may be helpful to some families. I will be sending home materials that we will be working through together during our Zoom Time! I am excited to get things started again!!

Here is the new Zoom Link for 11 a.m. Sundays:

Topic: Youth Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87423748627?pwd=anFzaXRSWDBjUnk4Y2RiaW1RRFhLZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 2374 8627

Passcode: 431416

And here is Zoom Link for 6:30 Wednesdays link:

Topic: Youth Group Wednesdays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82097526378?pwd=a2VreEJnRXp4NTVmbDFWL2ZNbFIUUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 9752 6378

Passcode: 570623



September Birthdays

09/01 Colette Kuehl
 09/02 Karla Bakke
 09/04 Carol Yager
 09/05 Kristin Chowanec
 09/06 Lori Schwager
 09/09 Norm Uglow
 09/09 Jim Wescott
 09/15 Lola Meyer
 09/17 Nick Uglow
 09/17 Jesse Day
 09/18 Keegan Behlke
 09/19 Kendra Ninmann
 09/20 Dale Bakke
 09/20 Owen Behlke
 09/22 Daryll Boettcher
 09/23 Josie Mack
 09/23 Tyler Chowanec
 09/24 Constance Swenson

09/25 Reed Larson
 09/25 Carlee Winkelman
 09/26 Dave Ninmann
 09/27 Alexia Asher
 09/28 Collin Ketchum
 09/29 AudreyLamp
 09/30 Jennifer Rhodes
 09/30 Brody Wood



October Birthdays

Jeffrey Pauli 10/01
 Jennie Ortega 10/02
 Zachary Fuchs 10/02
 Lexy Davis 10/02
 William Lamp 10/02
 Greg Kulick 10/03
 John Welbourne 10/03

Rob Rowedder 10/04
 Dan Winkelman 10/06
 Dianna Stai 10/07
 Molly Ryan 10/09
 Stacy Winkelman 10/10
 Louise Lemke 10/11
 Bruce Bentz 10/11
 Jack Mattke 10/12
 Andrew Behlke 10/13
 Ayden Kulick 10/15
 Clarence Zabel III 10/15
 Irene Neitzel 10/15
 Easton Schumacher 10/16
 Camie Wood 10/18
 Roger Martin 10/19
 Mari Ulatowski 10/21
 Joseph Schumacher 10/21
 Janet Stangler 10/21
 Cheryl Rowedder 10/25

Financial Report from the Trustees – As of July 31, 2021

2021	BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	BUDGETED TOTAL INCOME	ACTUAL TOTAL INCOME	BUDGETED EXPENSES	ACTUAL EXPENSES	MONTH GAIN OR LOSS	YEAR GAIN OR LOSS
January	\$17,807	\$15,325	\$18,715	\$16,399	\$18,586	\$15,669	\$730	\$730
February	\$17,805	\$18,042	\$18,719	\$18,992	\$18,586	\$16,521	\$2,471	\$3,201
March	\$17,805	\$17,685	\$18,719	\$21,170	\$18,587	\$19,298	\$1,872	\$5,073
April	\$17,805	\$15,600	\$18,719	\$16,684	\$18,588	\$14,630	\$2,054	\$7,127
May	\$17,805	\$14,840	\$18,719	\$14,942	\$18,588	\$15,354	-\$412	\$6,715
June	\$17,805	\$16,118	\$18,719	\$16,177	\$18,588	\$25,480	-\$9,303	-\$2,588
July	\$17,805	\$14,237	\$18,719	\$14,396	\$18,588	\$12,886	\$1,510	-\$1,078

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 4pm - Prayer Requests Due 10am - Cable TV Broadcast 5pm - Cable TV Broadcast 6:30-7:00 Meditation Youth Rm	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 10 a.m. – Morning Chat Group ZOOM
5 Communion Sunday 10:00 - IN PERSON WORSHIP Outdoor Coffee Fellowship 6:00 - Cable TV Broadcast	6 SCRIPS orders due	7 9am - ZOOM Bible Study	8 MISSION OUTREACH 10:30 at Berres Bros.	9 11 am – Staff meets 10am – Cable TV Broadcast 4pm – Prayer Requests Due 5pm – Cable TV Broadcast 6:30-7:00 Meditation Youth Rm	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 10 a.m. – Morning Chat Group ZOOM
12 10:00 - IN PERSON WORSHIP 9:00 am – ZOOM Sunday School 11:00 A.M. - ZOOM Youth Group 6:00 – Cable TV Broadcast	13 6:30 pm, TRUSTEES TBD	14 9am – ZOOM Bible Study	15 6:30 P.M. - ZOOM Youth Group	16 4pm - Prayer Requests Due 10am - Cable TV Broadcast 5pm - Cable TV Broadcast 6:30-7:00 Meditation Youth Rm	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 10 a.m. – Morning Chat Group ZOOM
19 10:00 - IN PERSON WORSHIP Outdoor Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am – ZOOM Sunday School 11:00 A.M. - ZOOM Youth Group 6:00 - Cable TV Broadcast	20	21 9am - ZOOM Bible Study 6:30 pm, COUNCIL	22 6:30 P.M. - ZOOM Youth Group	23 4pm - Prayer Requests Due 10am - Cable TV Broadcast 5pm - Cable TV Broadcast 6:30-7:00 Meditation Youth Rm	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 10 a.m. – Morning Chat Group ZOOM
26 10:00 - IN PERSON WORSHIP 9:00 am – ZOOM Sunday School 11:00 A.M. - ZOOM Youth Group 6:00 - Cable TV Broadcast	27	28 9am - ZOOM Bible Study	29 6:30 P.M. - ZOOM Youth Group	30 BLOOD DRIVE 1-6:00 in Fellowship Hall 6:30-7:00 Meditation Youth Rm BREAD & ROSES Our turn to help		