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September

# *The Link*

2011

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## Bibs and Aprons

This month our church is holding an **All-Church Retreat on September 24th from 9:45 am to 10:00 pm** at the First Baptist Church in Delavan. We want all of you to come. Members of the church who have been attending Wisconsin Conference sponsored education and training events will be presenting important information for the present and future health of our congregation. It is the kind of information that has gotten all of us excited and energized about the possibilities for our church today and tomorrow.

With so much information received in these training and educational events some of it will have to go unheard, at least at this time, in order to present a brief overview within the four hours we have allowed ourselves for the retreat. As I prepared my own presentation, I have had to cut out a lot of good “stuff”, so I thought I would just share one element that would have had to be left on the “cutting room floor”— so while it won’t go in my presentation on Sat., Sept 24th (did I mention we want you to come), its too good to miss.

In one of the presentations we heard during training for “The Turnaround Church” we were asked to think about whether the members of our church wore bibs or aprons. And then give some things to think about, such as:

- **Bibs** are for people who only want to be fed.
- **Bibs** are for those who are not yet ready or willing to feed themselves.
- **Bibs** are for those who are more interested in being served than in serving.
- **Bibs** are for those who insist that the church exists for them and their needs.
- **Bibs** are for babes in the faith, those who haven’t caught God’s vision for the church, or those who are not yet of the faith.

On the other hand there are those who would prefer the **Apron**:

- **Aprons** are for those who have a heart to serve others in Jesus’ name.
- **Aprons** are for those who know that they are the church.
- **Aprons** are for those who don’t mind getting their hands dirty.
- **Aprons** are for those who take the time daily to feed their spiritual hunger.
- **Aprons** are for those who are growing in faith, and hunger to help others.

So the question of whether our church members wear bibs or aprons suddenly sounds rather serious— some of us may recognize ourselves in the description of the Bib wearer and others as the Apron wearer. Maybe we have worn both! But our desire as Christians and as church members is to wear Aprons and not Bibs. We wear bibs because we expect to be fed, and Aprons when we expect to serve.

Church growth consultant Win Arn interviewed thousands of Christians in America several years ago and asked them what they thought the church existed for. Eighty –eight percent said, “The church exists to serve my needs and the needs of my family.” In other words, 88% of Christians in America are still wearing bibs.

I believe there is a growth process from Bib to Apron that sometimes gets stunted. Certainly people come to the church because they yearn to be fed— they come to us as people wearing bibs. They are looking for

spiritual food; they are seeking community, purpose and connection with God in Christ. We need to be able to feed them! At some point, however, having been fed, we must turn our bibs into aprons. We take the bib from around our neck and tie it around our waist in order to get our hands dirty serving, feeding, and doing acts of discipleship for others. From time to time, we may have to untie the apron from our waist and let it serve as a bib again when our faith is fractured or in need of healing— but then as we gather strength it becomes an apron again to serve.

Unfortunately, too often the bib is never outgrown. It can grow wonderfully, terribly comfortable simply sitting back and allowing ourselves to be spoon fed all the time. While it is comfortable, its not healthy and can lead to all kinds of spiritual health problems. We are blessed in order to be a blessing; we are fed in order to feed others. The church does not exist for its own sake.

On the other hand, we need to recognize when our aprons are in tatters and worn out. The apron wearing servants can get tired and burned out. At times it is necessary to allow oneself to untie that old apron and find the clean corner that will do quite nicely as a bib for a little while. To be fed, to be served, to heal and renew one's soul is a necessary part of discipleship. But we are gently reminded once we have had our Sabbath; our Apron has become clean and pressed. We are blessed to be a blessing, we are fed in order to feed others. The church does not exist for its own sake.

Please join us on September 24th. You'll have the opportunity both to wear the figurative Bib and be fed with spiritual (and real) food and the opportunity to put on your figurative Apron as we get to work on strengthening our church's ministry and mission. We need you to be there!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott

## Updates on RAISE And Improving to Serve Everyone Construction Project

Construction for the R.A.I.S.E. project is well underway. All summer major things have been changing as a section of wall was removed to make way for new stairs to the sanctuary, the old stairs have been torn out

and a large hole has been dug to make way for the new lift that will be installed in that space. Never imagined there would be a back hoe parked inside the church lobby for a couple weeks! And now new cement block walls are being built around the area that will house the lift. Once installed (October hopefully) the new lift will travel down into our Fellowship Hall and up to the current landing for access to the sanctuary. The row of cabinets in Fellowship Hall have been removed and will be rotated 90 degrees and reinstalled to make way for an access hall to the new lift. The old bathrooms across from the kitchen in Fellowship Hall



have been taken out and a new unisex bathroom, at floor level, is nearly complete with new plumbing, tile floor, a suspended ceiling and fan all installed.

With everything coming together so smoothly and excitement about the project growing the R.A.I.S.E. committee is moving up installation of the Audio/Video components to October. Metro Video and Sound will be able to have our new system up and running in time for All-Saints Sunday the first week in November. Part of the long-term maintenance component of the campaign will also be implemented this Fall “before the snow flies” as the outside windows of the cupola at the top of the sanctuary will be weather-proofed. The changes to the altar area (moving the choir, creation of access ramps in the Northeast corner and other changes) will have to wait until after Easter 2012 so we don’t disturb the worshipping congregation too much in the middle of our busiest church season.



## WHAT HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT?

Following is a schedule of the events planned for Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>:

Plan to arrive at the First Baptist Church in Delavan at 9:45 am. We will begin with a brief Worship Service promptly at 10:00 am. Worship will be followed by Brunch served by members of the 5 Practices and Turnaround Study Groups. Following Brunch there will be an informational presentation describing the topics these two groups have been studying. You will be given an opportunity to discuss and react to these topics related to the future of our Church.

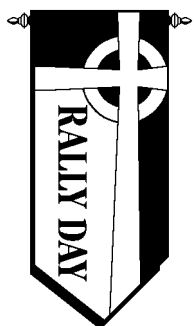
After a break, we will have a chance to experience the potential for worship provided in a sanctuary that has incorporated new technologies. The First Baptist Church is approximately the age of our building and has made significant changes to its structure. This should be meaningful to all. After this presentation we will break into small groups to share our reactions to this worship format.

Our time together will end with communion and a brief worship service. All activities should be concluded by approximately 2:00 pm.

We hope all will plan to participate in the activities planned for this day.

# Christian Education News

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY



Sunday School starts on **September 11th at 9:00 a.m.** While we have been beginning Sunday School off with a Rally Day Breakfast the last couple of years, the current construction project will create some changes this year. Everyone is still invited to participate: Sunday School Students, parents, and all people of the church but we will start off in the Sanctuary for some singing and introductions, then we will enjoy some refreshments (coffee, juice, muffins and donuts) in the Family Room. The kids will be able to go to their classrooms after a little time to get something to eat with their parents and the adult study group will have a brief chance to talk about the upcoming church season. If you can, invite a friend or neighbor to come along.

# SUMMER MISSION PROJECT Funds for Heifer International

Hope all the Sunday School Children are still working on their summer mission project. You are invited to bring any money you have earned or collected this summer to Sunday School during the month of September. We will then total it all up and the children will vote on which animals they would like to purchase through Heifer and send to needy families around the world. If anyone would like to make a contribution, please give it to one of the Sunday School Students or a teacher.



## TEACHERS & MUSIC

We would still like to have some more Sunday School Teachers. Having more teachers would allow all the teachers to teach just one unit— allowing teachers to participate in other ministry or simply have a break! Each unit is 8 to 10 weeks long. There will be 2 classrooms again this year. Please consider helping out, even if it is for 4 weeks. The kids are great to work with.



If you would like to play the piano or play guitar to help with Sunday School singing just let a Christian Ed member know. Ray Knutson and the CD could use a break once in a while.

Next C.E. Meeting --- September 18th, 2011 after church 11:45 a. m.

## CHILDCARE INFORMATION

All children, infants through 3rd grade, are to be signed “in and out” of child care by parents or family. If any of your children are going to be in the child care room, PLEASE SIGN THEM UP BEFORE YOU GO UP TO CHURCH.

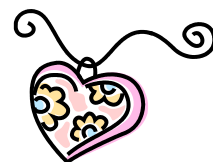
Children 3 years old and up (younger if you wish) are asked to stay with their parents until after the children’s sermon.

The younger children will be brought up for the children’s sermon and all the children can go down to child care with Carol Burton and/or her helper Ruth McLeod afterwards.

If you sign up to pay for child care, please put your payment in an additional envelope or a note in your regular envelope stating that it is for child care. This will help the Treasurer credit it to the right account.

## A FAREWELL “THANKS”

After assisting Carol Burton in our church Childcare Program on Sundays, we are having to give a fond “Farewell” to **Sarah Mather**. Sarah has been a dedicated helper for a long time and a great Childcare Provider. She is heading off to college so we want to wish her a great year at school and to let her know she will be missed.



**NEXT** We would like to say **WELCOME** to our new Childcare Assistant—**RUTH McLEOD** ! Wishing her well on the start of her first job. **Welcome Ruth!**

# “MINUTE TO WIN IT” ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP MEETING THURS. SEPT. 29

All of our Elementary age youth are invited to come and invite a friend to our “minute to win it” youth group meeting on September 29th, a Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. We’re hoping to have a good turnout and have a great time getting to know one another and playing some fun games. The plan is to meet on a monthly basis this Fall and Winter and see what happens in the new year. Put a note on the calendar and we’ll see you there!!

## THE 2011 YARD & BAKE SALE

**A VERY BIG “THANK YOU!” TO EVERYONE FOR ALL THEIR HELP WITH THE YARD AND BAKE SALE.** We made \$344.00 from the bake sale and \$2,958.75 from the yard sale for a total of \$3,302.75. This will be shared with the churches general fund. Thanks again to everyone who donated items, marked items, baked, set up and take down the tents, carried out items, packed up and worked.



## Drive to Support the Food Pantry

As you probably know, the Elkhorn Food Pantry is moving in next door! The Stewardship & Mission Committee would like to invite you to participate in a unique drive to help them stock the shelves.

The UCC has a new campaign called *Mission 1* to commemorate all the “one’s” on the calendar. Their campaign is from 11/1/11 to 11/11/11, making up 11 days. We are translating that to 11 Sundays and collecting one particular food or household item each Sunday leading up to 11/11/11. Ray Knutson contacted the Food Pantry and obtained a list of the top 11 non-perishable items they need. In keeping with the Mission 1 theme, we hope to donate 1,111 items.

This started on August 28 with donations of canned pasta. A complete list for the upcoming Sundays is below. If you missed bringing canned pasta on 8/28, feel free to bring a can to “catch up” (don’t worry, “ketchup” comes later) and then start in on the next item! Bring one or several of each, as your heart and budget allow! Items can be brought to the Sunday service each week through 11/6/11 (the last Sunday before 11/11/11).

In addition to the items collected, we are asking that each of us set aside \$1 each of those 11 weeks (\$11 total) so we can make a cash contribution to the Food Pantry, as well. You guessed it, the goal is \$1,111! You can make your \$1 contribution each week in a separate envelope or mark you regular envelope with an extra dollar to go to Mission 1 Drive. That can be done week-to-week or all at once on 11/6/11.

A tally of items collected will be posted each week with a notice in the Bulletin.

Here’s the list!

8/28/11 Canned Pasta	9/25/11	Laundry Detergent
<b>9/4/11 Chicken Noodle Soup</b>	10/2/11	Mandarin oranges
9/11/11 Instant Potatoes	10/9/11	Pancake Mix
9/18/11 Ketchup	10/16/11	Paper Towel



# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

---We gave out 2 five hundred dollar high school scholarship to the following graduates Mickie Speciale and Marissa Virrueta. The first semester payment of \$300.00 has been made.

---We made \$344.00 for the Bake Sale and \$2,958.75 from the Yard Sale for a total of \$3,302.75. A motion was made and approved to give \$2,000.00 to the churches general fund.

---A donation of \$100.00 will be made to Ruth McLeod for Ruth's Racers JDRF Walk this month.



---We talked a little about sponsoring a fund raiser for the church. It would be purchasing gift cards that you would use and a percentage would be returned to the church. Will discuss it later.

---We touched on the cookie sale a little bit and if anyone would like to donate something for raffle items, contact Merry Kay, Ardelle, Lulu, Betty, Jean, Jennifer, or Donna. Please let them know by October 16th.



--- If anyone has an idea for an outing, please contact those previously listed. We would like to do something that all or most of the women of the church would enjoy.

---No Meeting in September      Next meeting October 20th at 6:30 p.m.

## Controversial? Why?



Humans appear to crave exclusivity. We form or join groups which somehow make us feel special; buy products which highlight our uniqueness; hold ideas which confer some sort of distinction upon us. Facebook was originally created to include only specially selected people from some elite universities. Country club membership confers some sort of distinction upon those who belong. Hey, think about just how special holders of Packers season tickets feel. The danger which accompanies this desire to embrace the idea that we are included in some sort of special, exclusive group is that we begin to fear that our “group” is not as great as it is cracked up to be. Often, this fear causes us to insulate ourselves even more, and to reject and even denigrate those who are outside our group.

Now, evangelical and or fundamentalist Christians embrace the notion that they have some sort of special relationship with God. If a person is not “born again” or doesn’t “accept Jesus as their person Lord and Savior” they are not saved. They seem to see themselves as being part of a pretty exclusive club. You can apply, but if you don’t buy into the whole package, or if you don’t apply at all, you are doomed.

This month’s book, Love Wins, by Rob Bell seems to be aimed at debunking this notion. If you look on-line at comments about the book, you will see a good many “Christians” attacking it. By definition therefore, it is a controversial book. For the life of me I don’t see why. Bell is an evangelical. Apparently, he began questioning the idea that only Christians could be saved when some member of his church wrote a note and attached it to a quotation attributed to Mahatma Ghandi. The note said, “Reality check: He is in hell.” Bell aimed this book at those who would agree with that statement. Many other evangelicals and fundamentalists vilify him for it.

The book is about 200 pages long; it is written in a very simple style as Bell questions, comments, and quotes Scripture to build an argument summed up by the title Love Wins. God, through Jesus loves all hu-

**REETER – USHER SCHEDULE—OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

DEACONS: OCTOBER—TONY AND ANN SERPE

WORSHIP	OCT. 2	OCT. 9	OCT. 16	OCT. 23	OCT. 30
LEADER	CINDY WALLER	AL REED	DONNA RIESE	RAY KNUTSON	BOB BURTON
GREETERS:	DOROTHY BEVER	CINDY BARR	BROOKE LILE	W. BRANDENBURG	N. CHRISTENSEN
	BOB BURTON	ARDELLE BAUR	LULU PRICE	B. BRANDENBURG	BETTY GAISER
USHERS:	H. MORRIS	BILL ANGLE	CAROL PRCHAL	DENISE BIGELOW	DAN & VINCE
	RAY KNUTSON	AL REED	MARY GODFREY	GERRY STOFLET	WEDIGE

DEACONS: NOVEMBER—JEAN LILE AND JOANNE KRAMER

WORSHIP	NOV. 6	NOV. 13	NOV. 20	NOV. 27
LEADER	BILL NEIS	ANN SERPE	MERRY K. OPITZ	BRIDGET TREWYN

GREETERS DAVE BAKER JOHN MALTBY CAROL PRCHAL PETE HARVEY

DONNA BAKER RUTH MALTBY TOM & PAT BAILEY SARAH HARVEY

USHERS: BROOKE LILE DAN WEDIGE C.KALDENBERGER SHARON JABS

MARY MC CABE VINCE WEDIGE TOM BAILEY RUTH MC LEOD

DEACONS: DECEMBER—DONNA RIESE AND DENISE BIGELOW

WORSHIP	DEC. 4	DEC. 11	DEC. 18	DEC. 25	JAN. 1, 2012
LEADER	JEAN LILE	D. BEVER	DR. HENRY MOL	MARY GODFREY	B. TOWNSEND
GREETERS:	KEN & JANET	JUSTIN & LIZ	MARY GODFREY	ANN & TONY	JACK & JUDY
	HECKERT	HOFFMAN	CAROLYN MORRIS	SERPE	ILLGEN
USHERS:	BILL & JENNIFER	KIM BROWN	W. BRANDENBURG	LARRY & CINDY	BILL & BRIDGET
	NEIS	KEVIN KRUGER	TINA KRUGER	WALLER	TREWYN

**If you cannot keep your assignment, please contact the church office OR the Deacons of the month so that substitutes can be arranged to keep the Sunday service running smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation.**

manity; therefore it is possible for all to be saved.

About a year ago now, we read a book by Gary Wills entitled What Jesus Meant. In it, he ultimately made a similar point. The book covered more ground than Bell chooses to cover, but Wills reaches the basic conclusion that the New Testament essentially is meant to drive home this core message regarding love. If one reads and understands the primary message which Jesus presents in the New Testament, he or she must comprehend that the love God has is universal and unconditional. Christians who see it as exclusive rather than inclusive, and full of conditions, as opposed to completely without conditions miss the entire point of what Jesus was all about.



There should be no controversy surrounding the message contained in the New Testament. There should be no need for a book like Bell's to be written. It is too bad he felt a need to write it.

Book Club (we try not to be exclusive) meets at the home of **Merry Kay Opitz in Fontana on Wed., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**

Bill Neis

## Ruth's Racers Walking for a Cure

Ruth McLeod's team for the annual J.D.R.F. (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) "Walk for a Cure" is called **Ruth's Racers**. Since she was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at age nine she has gathered together friends and family to raise money for research towards finding a cure. In preparation for her 7th "Walk for a Cure" at the Milwaukee County Zoo on September 17th she put together a video with pictures, music and interviews with her friends (as well as an appeal by her Father). We have mailed out a number of these video's and alerted others that it is available to view on the web. If you go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Ruth McLeod; JDRF walk you will find her video. If anyone is interested in making a donation you can certainly give it to Ruth, checks should be made out to JDRF, or make an online donation at [www.JDRF.org](http://www.JDRF.org) and look under "walk for a cure". Again, search for Ruth McLeod, "Ruth's Racers" in Milwaukee, WI and the webpage will direct you how to make a safe, online donation. Over these seven years we have had wonderful strong support from the church. Thank you for continuing to support Ruth in her quest to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, ELKHORN

August 16, 2011 Meeting of Church Council

**Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

Moderator Harold Morris called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Others present were Ray Knutson, Jennifer Neis, Patti Phillips, Ross Phillips, Donna Riese, Ann Serpe, Bill Trewyn, Larry Waller, and Barb Townsend. The meeting opened with prayer.

**MINUTES** July meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Bill presented the treasurer's report. After some discussion, Ann made a motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Ross and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Committee reports (Board of Trustees (2), Stewardship and Missions) were accepted as presented.

**PASTOR'S MOMENT** Pastor Scott was on vacation and not able to share his moment! We wish the family safe travels!

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RAISE: Remodel And Improve to Serve Everyone** Ann reported that payments continue to come in on (even ahead of) schedule.

**Food Pantry** Ann reported that the latest fund raiser was successful with about \$10,000 collected. She added that they hope to move in soon.

**Construction Report** Larry reported that most of the tear-down work has been completed. All is going well. It is hoped the lift will be installed sometime in September. Ann mentioned a concern with safety at the very top of the new steps leading to the sanctuary level—Larry informed council that they are aware of the issue and will make sure it is addressed. Scott met with the sound/AV people. They will be doing the work involved with that portion of the project, concealing the wiring where they can, but also realizing that some of that work will need to be addressed when the remodeling of the sanctuary is happening. The system should be functioning by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, which will help the "Turnaround Church/5 Practices" group in their planning (details to follow at a later date). Larry also mentioned that glass reframing work has begun (walls surrounding the doors for the memorial garden and the Geneva Street entrance). Bill inquired as to possible energy rebates—Larry will ask Steve Kramer about this. Ray inquired whether or not any photos were being taken for historical purposes—Donna thought Rosalyn might be doing that. Ray suggested a timeline-type poster informing members of the progress made—Patti suggested a moving arrow concept pointing to a listing of the steps necessary to reach the finished product. This could be placed in the Sept. Link and Larry will look into that.

**Turnaround Church and Five Practices** Ann reported that the date for our all-church retreat at the American Baptist Church in Delavan has been changed to Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. The time (10am to 2pm) remains the same. This site was chosen because it is a building similar to our church, but one in which multi-media improvements have already been completed. We will be able to see some of those changes and learn how they are used in that church to enhance the worship experience. It is also felt that this might be something that would attract some younger people, as well. Average weekly attendance figures for that congregation increased (almost doubled) with the addition of the AV component! In a related matter, Harold shared an opportunity for follow-up with the Turnaround Church program attended by several of our members. The cost of \$1,500 would be cut by at least 50% with a guaranteed "scholarship" from the UCC. More UCC sponsored funds might be available, but we would have to commit by early September. After some discussion, council came to the consensus that this is a valuable opportunity—one that was necessary for our church. Ann made a motion that we authorize Scott to commit \$300 in hopes that it would be enough to reserve a spot for us. This was seconded by Patti and passed unanimously. Scott will be contacted so he can complete necessary paperwork.

**Federal Rebate on Health Insurance** No word has been received for this yet, but the paperwork was completed.

**Conceal and Carry Law** Wisconsin's new Conceal and Carry law will go into effect sometime this fall. Council members were asked to go back to their respective committees for feedback. Most people had not considered this and the overall reaction seems to be one of disbelief that this has to be discussed. Not all committees have met and discussions will continue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fund Raisers** Donna suggested that we consider selling raffle tickets for several items at the Octoberfest Celebration on Sat., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. All agreed that this would be a great idea. She also had some information on the "Scripts" program where we would make gift cards for area businesses available for sale, a percentage of the cards going back to the church. She will pursue this further.

**Upcoming Church Events** Sunday School Rally Day Breakfast on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> (Council volunteered to bring needed items) and All-Church Retreat on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next meeting: September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7pm. **Please remember to get committee reports in on time!**

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara L. Townsend  
church clerk

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**3rd Sunday of the month the following Committees host coffee after Worship Service.**



- September. . . . Trustees
- October. . . . . Book Club
- November. . . . Church Council
- December. . . . Sunday School

**Sunday Bulletin Sponsor**  
**MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**  
**Thank you Mary Godfrey**



**Altar Flowers for SEPTEMBER 2011**

- Sept. 04, Ross and Patti Phillips
- Sept. 11, Diane Flitcroft
- Sept. 18, Mary Reed
- Sept. 25, Denise Bigelow



**Sunday Coffee Hosts—July 2011**

- Sept. 04, Cindy Waller and Family
- Sept. 11, Christian Ed
- Sept. 18, Trustee Committee
- Sept. 25, Stacy and Jeff Whiteman



**Meals On Wheels Volunteers**

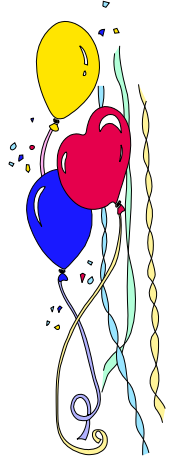
- Sept. 26, Mon., Donna Riese  
Ardelle Baur
- Sept. 27, Tues, Pastor Scott McLeod  
Hank Mol
- Sept. 28, Wed. Bill Neis  
Jennifer Neis
- Sept. 29, Thurs. Sharon Jabs  
Betty Gaiser
- Sept. 30, Fri. Merry Kay Opitz

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

*Best Wishes to:*

**SEPTEMBER**

David Opitz	01
Tish Connolly	02
Paul Brandenburg	03
Judy (Brandenburg) Shaffer	05
Shirley Dettman	08
Laurie Fiegel	13
Tim Beine	14
Katie Godfrey Matter	16
Mike Breaman	17
Larry Jabs	18
Steve Reed	19
David Angle	20
Gerry Stoflet	24
Joe Reed	24
Duane Newman	27
Mark Newman	27
Bill Trewyn	30



**September Wedding Anniversaries**

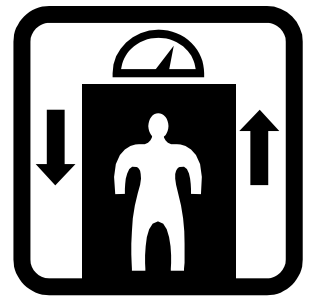
**SEPTEMBER**











Anita and David Stohl	04
Julie and Jim Forster	08
Patti and Ross Phillips	10
Jan and Bob Reed	11
Beatrice and Wayne Brandenburg	17
Cindy and Larry Waller	18
Stacey and Tim Forster	19
Ann Heistad and Jeff Johnson	24
Dorothy and John Bever	28
Bridget and Ron Kramer	30



SEPT.4th  
10:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP

# SEPTEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* FOOD PANTRY ITEMS</p> 				1	2	3
<p>4 COMMUNION 10:30 Worship Mission 1: * CHIC NODL SOUP</p> 	<p>5 <b>LABOR DAY!</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>STEWARDSHIP &amp; MISSION MEETS 6:00 PM</p>	<p>7 BOOK CLUB M.K.OPITZ FONTANA RES. 6:30 PM</p> 	8	<p>9 NEW PLACE FOR MEN'S BREAKFAST</p> 	<p>10 MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP 8 AM TELLO'S 781 E.GENEVA ST</p>  <p>ROSS PHILLIPS</p>
<p>11 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 9 am</b> 10:30 Worship Mission 1: *INSTANT POTATOS</p>  	12	<p>13 5:30 P.M. TRUSTEES MEET</p>	<p>14 6:30 P.M. DIACONATE MEETS</p>	15 NO WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	16	17
<p>18 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> <p>Mission 1: *KETCHUP</p> <p>CHRISTIAN ED MEETS 11:45 AM</p> 	19	<p>20 RAISE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE 10 AM</p> <p>COUNCIL MEETS 7 PM</p>	<p>21 5 PRACTICES OF TURN-AROUND CHURCHES 10 AM</p>	22	23	<p>24 ALL-CHURCH RETREAT 10:00—2:00 DELANVAN BAPTIST CHURCH</p>
<p>25 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> <p>Mission 1: *LAUNDRY DETERGENT</p> 	26 M.O.W. RIESE-BAUR	27 M.O.W. MC LEOD MOL	28 M.O.W. B & J NEIS	29 M.O.W. JABS-GAISER	30 M.O.W. OPITZ-THIES	OCT. 1

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United Church of Christ  
76 S. Wisconsin St.  
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**RALLY DAY**  
**9-11-11**

### SEPTEMBER DEACONS: KYLE REED AND KIM BROWN

If you are unable to usher on a particular Sunday, Please call the Deacon/Deaconess with the name of your replacement in order that we may cover the responsibilities. Ushers are requested to be present 30 to 45 minutes before the start of church (10:30 a.m. Worship), on the Sunday they are assigned. Duties involve handing out Sunday Bulletins, and assisting in receiving the offering. Thank you for your participation.

	<u>SEPT 04, 2011</u> <u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>SEPT. 11, 2011</u>	<u>SEPT. 18, 2011</u>	<u>SEPT. 25, 2011</u>	<u>OCTOBER 2, 2011</u> <u>COMMUNION</u>
<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>	<u>JENNIFER NEIS</u>	<u>BRIDGET TREWYN</u>	<u>AL REED</u>	<u>WAYNE BRANDENBURG</u>	<u>CINDY WALLER</u>
<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>BILL NEIS</u> <u>JENNIFER NEIS</u>	<u>CINDY BARR</u> <u>MARY PRIEN</u>	<u>BILL ANGLE</u> <u>ANNA ANGLE</u>	<u>ARDELLE BAUR</u> <u>DOROTHY BEVER</u>	<u>DENISE BIGELOW</u> <u>BOB BURTON</u>
<u>USHERS</u>	<u>KEN &amp; JANET HECKERT</u>	<u>JULIE FORSTER</u> <u>TIM FORSTER</u>	<u>JACK ILLGEN</u> <u>JUDITH ILLGEN</u>	<u>JAMIE LILE</u> <u>JEAN LILE</u>	<u>HAROLD MORRIS</u> <u>RAY KNUTSON</u>
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>DIACONATE</u>	<u>HENRY MC LEOD</u> <u>CRISPIN WALLER</u>	<u>ETHAN HAY</u> <u>NICK HARVEY</u>	<u>JENA BARR</u> <u>EMMA WEDIGE</u>	<u>JOSEPH STILLING</u> <u>DANIEL STILLING</u>
<u>CHILDCARE</u>	<u>RUTH MCLEOD</u> <u>SARAH MATHER</u>	<u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>RUTH MCLEOD</u>	<u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>RUTH MCLEOD</u>	<u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>RUTH MCLEOD</u>	<u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>RUTH MCLEOD</u>
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC</u>		<u>RALLY DAY BREAKFAST</u>	<u>RAY KNUTSON</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>RAY KNUTSON</u>