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Being Busy with Leisure

Hooray! It looks like summer might come after all! The kids only have a couple more weeks of school, the weather is warming up (finally) and baseball is in full swing (pun intended). We're going to be watching lots of baseball this summer, with Henry playing on two teams and a number of our weekends this year spent at Baseball tournaments. Perhaps by August we will be more than ready for baseball to come to an end, but there are a number of the things we enjoy about the season. And I'm hoping that one of these enjoyable aspects becomes a theme for the next three months.

The most enjoyable part of the Baseball season for Laura and I as parents is simply being able to watch Henry grow as a ball player and more importantly watching him develop as a good person. Henry has been learning the subtle art of baseball and growing in his knowledge of the "national pastime" which is wonderful, but it has been most gratifying to see him grow into a good teammate, practice good sportsmanship, learn that hard work leads to better accomplishment and that success or failure is better with a community of support gathered around you. Laura and I (and Ruth too) have also really enjoyed the community of parents and family members that gather on the bleachers and in the folding chairs on the sidelines to watch all of this baseball.

One of the refreshing aspects about baseball for me, is the leisurely pace at which it is played. In our fast paced world, sometimes baseball is criticized for being boring. And I'll admit there are times in Little League Baseball when the pitchers are walking batters around the bases or in the big leagues when pitchers take forever on the mound and the batters are

stepping out of the box to walk around after each pitch that it does get a little monotonous. But there is a certain amount of leisurely pace in Baseball that allows for conversation and reflection among the spectators and players that other sports played with a clock have lost. And in that leisurely pace, there is room for the building of relationships, for the development of community.

It is this sense of leisure that I would like to hold on to as I move through the summer months, because I believe that it is within the space created by leisure that we might form better connections with one another, building relationships and creating a stronger sense of community.

Here is the dictionary definition of leisure: "freedom provided by the cessation of activities; time free from work or duties; without haste." I'm looking forward to this "freedom" as it always seems as if we're rushing from one thing to another—and "haste" leads, at least for me, to a sense of always just skimming the surface of life. When we're always moving so rapidly from one thing to another we hardly have time for ourselves, never mind developing relationships with others.

The community of parents and families on the sidelines is formed artificially by our mutual presence to watch the kids play. But a funny thing can happen as people are forced to take a more leisurely pace within the confines of six innings of baseball—we start talking to one another. Instead of jumping into the next activity, folks actually take time to begin sharing stories of what's going on in their lives and learning about one another. And over the course of a season "real" community is created in which friendships have been formed.

Of course the same can happen in other contexts; the committee meetings, the community events,

the school activities, the waiting room. It even happens here in the church. At one of the churches I served there was a tight-knit group of folks that first bonded together 25 years earlier when they all happened to attend a Bible study together. The twelve-week class gave them a chance to get to know one another and by the time 25 years had passed they couldn't remember the subject of that Bible study ("something about Jesus" one of them said) but they knew one another's children and grand-children.

So my sense of leisure is still purposeful. I hope that doesn't ruin it. But the sense of freedom I'm yearning for is one in which there is "space" enough between things in which relationships can be created or rebuilt. Let me place before you a paradox. My summer is going to be busy with leisure. Can that ever make sense? From my perspective, I've got to purposefully create space on the calendar in order to have any "cessation of activities" which means my calendar already looks full. But its full in order to allow for baseball games where I can simply sit quietly on the sidelines (with perhaps a word or two of encouragement), its full in order to have a class at church where others may come and create their own community, its full in order to allow for time to reflect, its full in order to spend time with my family. If I don't place those "spaces" on the calendar they will be crowded out by everything else that is usually of lesser importance.

I encourage you this summer to be "busy with leisure". Don't allow the creation of community, and the building of relationships with friends and family be crowded out by all the other "stuff". Take some time for the cessation of activities in order to rediscover something all the kids on Henry's team know instinctually: success or failure is better with a community of support gathered around you.

Peace,

Pastor Scott



Construction Update

While church construction had originally been slated to begin in May, the continuing presence of the "New Chance" school (hard to study with jack-hammers pounding away) and a couple of questions that needed to be addressed prior to "digging in" have held up the starting date until June 6th. But folks will begin to see many signs that the church has become a construction site.

The first thing noticeable will be a large dumpster located on the Geneva Street side of the Christian Education building. We'll need to be hauling away debris from the demolition of walls, floors, stairs, plumbing and heating as we create the space necessary for a new handicapped accessible bathroom in fellowship hall. And space for the new stairs into the sanctuary which will replace the ones torn out to create space for the new lift between entrance, fellowship hall and sanctuary levels.

There will also be plastic put up to close off as much of the church as possible from the construction areas. We're hoping to keep the dust from traveling into non-construction areas as much as possible. Both the Wisconsin Street and Geneva Street entrances will remain open, and Fellowship hall will also be accessible— although folks hosting Sunday morning fellowship may want to plan on using the small kitchenette in the Christian Education building rather than trying to move back and forth into the fellowship hall kitchen.

We will also be contacting volunteers to help out on occasion and will be working with our carpenters to get them into the habit of planning on volunteer labor at certain "unskilled" portions of the job as it progresses.

The start of construction will call upon all of us to be very flexible with our plans. There may be times when we can't use an entrance for a certain amount of time as construction progresses. Almost certainly the dust from jack-hammers and demolition will migrate to places we wish it wouldn't despite our best efforts. We will do our best to communicate with the congregation the progress of the work and to give regular updates on anticipated plans. If you have questions please contact the church office and we will do our best to answer them or address your concerns. Thanks for your patience!

Fish Fry Results from Stewardship and Missions

Our committee wanted to update the congregation on the results of the fish fry held on Friday May 13. It was the committee's first venture into the fish fry industry, and we think it came off fairly well. A wealth of time and planning went into the event, and, after a brief crisis with the VFW, all went well.

We served about 80 dinners, and everyone really enjoyed the quality of the food. Proceeds were 640.00. We paid \$363 for the food, and were able to send back all unused/uncooked items. Our committee agreed to pay the VFW a 10% commission of 64.00 for the use of the building. We also paid \$55.00 for advertising, which leaves a total profit of about 157.00

We must thank all those in the church family who helped out with desserts and who volunteered their time. A special word of thanks to Bob Schleiger who manned the fryer, and Darlene Zarnstorff from Frank's who has forgotten more about food service than we'll ever learn. Our hope is to build on our experience and go forward again next year. Ray Knutson c/o Stewardship and Mission Committee



We Are Connected

As we worship at First Congregational UCC of Elkhorn on Sunday mornings, or think thoughts of mission, plan a building upgrade, struggle with finances and plan fundraisers, we are not an island unto ourselves. Our connection as a denomination extends outward to the Southeast Association of the WI Conference of the United Church of Christ. In our SE Association there are 52 other churches, many facing the same issues we face in Elkhorn. We in the southeast section of WI are under the umbrella of the WI Conference, as are the Northeast Association (58 churches), the Northwest Association (62 churches) and the Southwest Association (53 churches). And the WI Conference is under the umbrella of the National office in Cleveland, OH, as are 38 other conferences. Our Southeast Association and the WI Conference have historically held annual meetings and the national church has met every 2 years to conduct business of the church. During the past several years this business has included conversation and discernment relative to restructuring at each of the aforementioned levels.

Changes within all levels will be many but our local churches will continue to remain connected to the larger church via Association > Conference > National Church. Our annual Association meeting took place this year on April 2 at Cedar Ridge Apartments, which are just one component of Cedar Communities, a UCC retirement Community. The setting was superb and everyone would be advised to learn more about this wonderful community in West Bend. Meeting was conducted in the form of liturgy, which served well in reminding attendees of the unfailing, ever-present God in our midst, whether conducting business, raises voices in song, reading scripture, or going about our daily lives. To share and learn from each other, each church was invited to bring a display of their favorite mission project. It was awesome to see projects taken on by churches even smaller than ours.

The SE Association has been in the throws of structure change for 2 years, with our Acting Association Minister using technology to work from a virtual office. Our financial records have been transferred to the Conference office, where they will be administered separately, remaining SE Association

specific (as will be the case with each of the other 3 Associations). As of July 1 we will no longer have an Association secretary and our Association phone number will be answered in Madison. But despite all the changes, First Congregational UCC of Elkhorn will remain connected with UCC churches throughout Wisconsin. We will all continue to learn from and support each other.

Our Wisconsin Conference annual meeting is scheduled June 10-12 at Green Lake Conference Center. During that weekend decisions will be finalized relative to structure changes at the Conference level. Theme of this gathering is "ONE STORY TOLD IN MANY WAYS" and in addition to serious church business, it promises to be a weekend full of wonderful music, enlightening speakers and some fun entertainment, as well.

This is also the year of the biennial UCC General Synod, to be held July 1-5 in Tampa, FL. As structural changes are also in process at the National level, there will be much business to cover. These annual meetings, though, are also full of much more and I'd encourage you to check it all out at www.ucc.org. Find the link to General Synod 28 - "IMAGINE WHAT'S POSSIBLE" - and learn what it's all about.

And while you're on-line, check out, also, our Conference website at www.wcucc.org and the Association website at www.sewaucc.org.

If you would like information about anything UCC but do not have a computer, please contact the church office.

LaFayette Church Celebration

The LaFayette Church, built back in 1855, will be celebrating its 156th Anniversary! There will be a grand opening and showing on Saturday, June 18, 2011. The renovations to the building include the creation of a Civil War Museum. There will be musical performances and an old fashioned Ice Cream Social as well as a number of other activi-

ties scheduled for this Historic Celebration.

Featured guests include:

- Cushing's 4th U.S. Artillery
- Ships Company USS Carondelet
- Jessica Michna

The former Congregational Church which a number of our member families once attended is located at W3465 Church Road and Highway ES, just west of Alpine Valley near East Troy. While the church formally closed its doors a couple of decades ago the church is still much loved by the folks that grew up worshipping there. Mark your calendar and join in this fun event.

For more information call 262-554-5499.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Looking for a way to make a difference in the life of a child? Big Brothers Big Sisters of Walworth County needs your help! Big Brothers Big Sisters matches children between the ages of 6 and 14 with adult mentors in their own community. The children we serve are primarily from single parent families and could benefit from the influence of another adult in their lives.

We ask of our volunteers that they open their hearts to a child and give primarily of their time...just a few hours a week. We downplay elaborate

of expensive activities and emphasize sharing your everyday free time. You will be a role model and trustworthy friend in the life of a child. Studies show that within a year after being matched with a Big Brother or Sister 84% of adolescents do better



in school, 90% improve relationships with friends, and 96% show higher self esteem.

As a volunteer, you will also benefit from making a difference in the life of a child. Currently we have 10 boys in Walworth County who are waiting for a Big Brother. We welcome volunteer big brothers and sisters. Please contact us today and learn more about our traditional one-to-one matches, family matches or our lunch buddies program. You can call Karen or Pam at 728-8864 or email bbbskarenm@hotmail.com. Thank you so much for your help!!

The Light Project Receiving Aluminum Cans

Zac Beine (Tom and Pat Bailey's grandson) would like to thank you for your continued support of his aluminum can collection for THE LIGHT PROJECT. As of May 31, 2011, Zac has been able to send \$142.30 to THE LIGHT PROJECT from can donations.

THE LIGHT PROJECT, a mission of Bread of Stone, was started in order to reach out to the Muslim community in Indonesia. Bread of Stone is working in partnership with a local church in Surabaya to help spread the love of Christ.

THE LIGHT PROJECT provides food, transportation, and other necessities to the Muslim community in Indonesia. They work with the poorest of the poor, sharing God's love through action and deed, and through individual and personal encounters. As St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO HELP: As you have empty aluminum cans, please consider donating them to Zac's collection for THE LIGHT PROJECT!! Tom and Pat Bailey will make sure that he gets them! Thank you!!

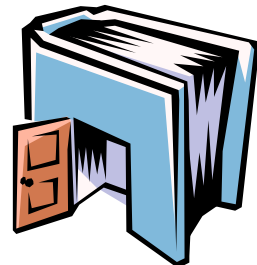


For more information on THE LIGHT PROJECT please visit: <http://breadofstone.wordpress.com/>

Survival Memoir and *Invisible Gorilla* topics for August Book Club

To begin, the book which is the subject of this article was scheduled to be discussed on June 1. This has been postponed.

Also, we were unable to have a meeting in May due to illnesses and other factors. July is also a problem for almost all of our "regulars" so we will not be meeting until the first Wednesday in August (the third). At that time we will talk about the May book, *The Invisible Gorilla* and the June book *Unbroken: World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*. This book has been a *New York Times* best seller for some time now; it was written by Laura Hillenbrand, author of *Seabiscuit*.



Essentially, the book recounts the story of Louis Zamperini. Zamperini grew up becoming what we would call a juvenile delinquent, stirring up mischief, petty thievery, and general recklessness. In high school he discovered his talent for running, becoming the record holder for the mile. He qualified for the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. After, for him, a disappointing 8th place finish in the 1500 meters, Louie looked forward to the 1940 games which were, ironically, to be held in Tokyo, Japan.

After the United States entered World War II, Louis was inducted into the Army Air Force, and trained to become a bombardier. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant, and assigned to the Pacific Theater, flying on a B-24 *Liberator*. Louis became friends with his pilot, Russell Allen Phillips, known as Phil throughout most of the story. Their B-24 was named *Super Man*.

Zamperini's first real escape from death came on *Super Man's* bombing mission over the Japanese island of Nauru in April of 1943. They survived despite murderous flak and attacking Zeros. The plane made it back to base but had a total of 594 bullet holes in it. One man, Harry Brooks, was killed.

Louis' tale of survival continues when in late May, 1943, in an unsafe plane, *Green Hornet*, he was on a rescue mission when it crashed. Only Louis, Phil, and a third man Francis McNamara survived the crash somewhere in the middle of the Pacific. They had 2

small life rafts, little food and water. Sharks dogged their path. They collected rainwater, ate seabirds, caught a few fish, survived a strafing and lost a raft. Ultimately, primarily through Louis' efforts, a typhoon blew them to Japanese occupied islands after an amazing 47 days in the raft(s). Mac perished, but Phil and Louis survived.

The next phase of the story involves Louis' more than two years of captivity. First, he was taken to Kwajalein "Death Island." Fearing daily execution, Louis and Phil were interrogated, and ultimately after 42 days were sent to an interrogation camp in Japan, Ofuna. Undernourished, weighing probably around 110 pounds, suffering dysentery, and regular beatings, Louis begins his almost 2 years of captivity in three different camps. Two characters tend to stand out from this period, besides Louis.

William Harris was a marine who escaped Corregidor in 1942. He was captured trying to get to Australia. His photographic memory allowed him to peruse stolen maps and documents and reproduce them after they were surreptitiously returned to their proper places. He died in Korea in 1950.

Mutsuhiro Watanabe nicknamed "the Bird" was a sadistic guard whom Louis encountered Omori camp. Hillenbrand suggests that he particularly sought to turn his sadism upon Louis for some reason. The abuse which Zamperini survived at the hands of the bird are almost unbelievable. Watanabe became Louis' nemesis during and after the war, as he became an alcoholic in his attempts to destroy the nightmares of his experiences at the hands of "the Bird."

Ultimately, Louis was able to come to terms with his hatred of Watanabe. Hillenbrand ties some of his "Redemption" to hearing the preaching of Billy Graham. Louis went on to carry the Olympic torch in 1984, be the subject of a CBS profile, and lead an active, successful life. He is still alive.

The August meeting will be at the home of Lorraine Norem, at 6:30.

-Bill Neis



Yard and Bake Sale

We will hold our annual yard and bake sale again this year. The dates are August 5th and 6th.

--- Please mark down these dates. Someone will be contacting you in July and asking if you will help setting things out early Friday morning, closing up Friday, opening up Saturday morning, and packing up Saturday afternoon. The help we received last year worked well. The most help is needed on Friday morning and Saturday afternoon.

---Items may be brought to the church after Tuesday, June 14th. There will be a sign on the door as to where to put items. Depending on how the construction comes along, we may have to use the back door we carry items out of. Will put note on door and in church bulletin if things change. If you have items that you need help with to bring in or when the church is not open, please call Donna at 1-262-642-7594 and she will make arrangements with you.

--- Items should be in good clean condition.

--- ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AGAIN THIS YEAR ARE: clothing, linens, books, shoes, purses

---WORK DAY SCHEDULES for marking, sorting, and pricing items

Monday, June 20th ----- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 22nd ----- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 27th ----- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 29th ----- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

If work times and days change, there will be a note on the door or you can call the office.



Elementary Age Youth Group Event on June 21

All the kids in church that are in elementary school are invited to attend a youth group event on June 21st from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Since June 21 is the first "official" day of summer, the theme for this evening of games, activities and learning is "**Summer Fest**". We have looked ahead into the summer calendar and are planning to meet again on Wednesday, July 27th and then again on Monday, August 29th for other nights of fun and fellowship. Please set those times aside if at all possible— we'd love to see a great gathering like we had back in October!! Everybody is welcomed and encouraged to bring friends— we'll be touching base by phone or email to see if folks are going to be able to come out for Youth Group this summer!!

\$\$ Easy Money \$\$ Easy Fundraiser

As many of you know, Brian and I have put our Elkhorn house up for sale and plan to move abroad to Barcelona. We would love to move before the winter, but the current state of the housing market is not the best. Which is why we are offering a \$1,000.00 prize to any CHURCH MEMBER who brings us the next buyer of our house. We will also donate \$1,000.00 to the church's General Fund. Our house is currently listed with Andy Schmidt at Keefe's Real Estate in Lake Geneva, MLS#1195964. Feel free to call Andy if you know of anyone who is looking to buy or you can call Brian or me at 723-6308 if you have any questions.



It truly is a lovely house, for anyone wanting to live in Elkhorn, (34 Elm Street, on the corner of Elm and Randall) and looking for a 3-bed, 1.5 bath home, with many new updates, in the \$250,000.00 range. We are

also willing to include any and all furnishings as well. If we shouldn't sell before this winter, well, you're stuck with us for another year! We'd love to help the church's General Fund too, so put on your estate agent caps and tell all your friends! Again, the prize will be paid only to a member of our church. Thanks in advance for passing along the news and helping the church out as well.

Brian and Shane Smith

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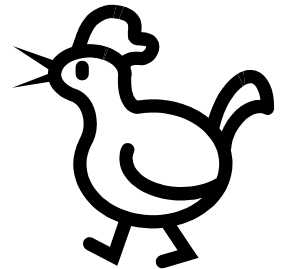
---A very good breakfast was enjoyed on May 15th for our end of the Sunday School Year. We did it a little early as we were not sure when the construction was to start. Fun was had by everyone adults and children after eating.

---Attendance certificates were handed out during church. We had one perfect attendance and that went to Crispin Waller and he received his 5 year pin.

---Have not received any information about Vacation Church School. As soon as we get some a note will be sent to the Sunday School Class.

---We gave Nick Harvey and Cayla Kaldenberger each received a \$100.00 scholarship towards Summer Church Camp.

--- The Sunday School will again be doing a summer mission project, Heifer International. It is a not-for-profit organization that works to help end hunger, poverty, and care for the earth. Heifer provides families with income producing animals and training to help families become more self-reliant in more that 125 countries and the USA,



Banks were sent home. If your child/children have not received theirs, they can be picked up at church. Students are to earn some monies for their summer mission banks. They will bring them back to Sunday School in the fall. Last year the children

raised \$160.00 and purchased a sheep, flock of chickens, and a bee hive. If any of you would like to help them out with a donation. Just give it to one of the children. Hope they can raise more monies this summer.



Pastor Scott and Family on Moon Beach Mission Trip

Laura McLeod and the Delavan U.C.C. were planning to go to Philadelphia, PA for an urban mission trip with families from her congregation. Unfortunately, that trip had to be cancelled— so a quick alternate mission trip was scheduled during the same time-slot for St. Germain, WI and the wonderful folks at our own UCC camp, Moon Beach.

With the closer location, the whole McLeod clan will now be able to join her and the Delavan folks for a week of clearing trails through the forest and cleaning up the waterfront and doing repairs and maintenance on some of the cabins on this beautiful facility in the North-woods.

Pastor Scott will be leaving for St. Germain after church on Sunday, June 12th and will be back to Elkhorn on Saturday, June 18th. There will be pastoral coverage available during the week for emergencies, please call the church office if your are in need.

Elkhorn Food Pantry Fundraiser with Tallan Latz (of *America's Got Talent* fame)

Come out and support the Elkhorn Food Pantry and enjoy a night of great music! As seen on *America's Got Talent*, Elkhorn's own 11-year-old guitarist Tallan Noble Latz and his band will be performing at the Sprague Theatre in downtown Elkhorn on June 11th at 7:00 pm. This is a family friendly event! Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids (16 and younger). All proceeds go to the Elkhorn Food Pantry. Food donations will also be accepted.



We will also ask some of the children to sell water at the yard sale on August 5th and 6th.

Next Meeting --- June 12th, 2011 at 10:15 after church

Women's Fellowship

---Salad Luncheon--- THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made salads, bars, cooked turkeys, set up, worked and/or made a donation. We had a very good turnout. We took in \$1,110.00, which will be use for the two \$500.00 high school scholarships we will give out on the 8th.

---Kitchen use during the construction was discussed. Not sure if it will be able to be used, as one part of the construction is changing the bathrooms downstairs as well as the lift at the other end of fellowship hall. Safety and cleanliness may have to be considered in using it during the construction.

---We discussed the yard and bake sale. Will go ahead with it. Look for an article in this link.

No meeting in June and July.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, ELKHORN
Meeting of Church Council

Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Moderator Harold Morris called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Others present were Pastor Scott McLeod, Ray Knutson, Jean Lile, Jennifer Neis, Donna Riese, Ann Serpe, Larry Waller, and Barb Townsend. Pastor Scott opened with prayer.

MINUTES April meeting minutes were presented. With no additions or corrections, they were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer's report was presented and discussed. With no additions or corrections, it was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Board of Trustees, Diaconate, Christian Ed, Women's Fellowship, and Stewardship and Missions minutes were available. Some discussion occurred. There were no changes or additions so they were accepted as presented.

PASTOR'S MOMENT Pastor Scott shared Wayne Brandenburg's suggestion of a new acronym for the building project. It was discussed, but the group felt the first one (RAISE) still served the purpose very well. In other business, Pastor Scott presented a demographics report for our zip code. Both the 5 Practices and Turnaround Church groups will be looking at the report, possibly making an action plan for our church based on the information they find.

OLD BUSINESS

Friday Fish Fry Ray thanked everyone who helped with the fish fry last Friday night. He reported that it went very well. Considering expenses (food, advertising, usage of building, etc.), it is estimated that we made about \$200. Thoughts of it becoming an annual event were favorable and we might be able to do this in our own building next time! Special thanks to Darlene from Frank's as she helped a great deal! Her catering expertise was greatly appreciated.

Food Pantry Ann reported that the people from the Food Pantry have started with ideas about fundraising. They are also getting ideas as to the cost of some of the building improvements needed for the property. A lease had been drawn up stating that they (Food Pantry) would be responsible for all utilities as well as repair and maintenance for the building with the understanding that we (the church) have final approval before any work is done. In addition, they pay for liability insurance while we pay for property insurance. We have signed the ten-year lease—we are awaiting it to be signed by the Food Pantry and returned.

Turnaround Church and Five Practices (See Pastor's Moment.)

RAISE: Remodel And Improve to Serve Everyone Ann expressed her thanks and congratulations for the dependable support from those pledging in the RAISE campaign. People are making scheduled payments and all is going well, including the electronic giving process. She anticipates working with Jean and sending out statements to review individual giving sometime in the future.

Construction Report Scott reported that Scott Simes will be starting on Monday, May 23. Tina Krueger has agreed to be the volunteer coordinator, calling people (volunteers from our church) to help as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Email Policy Use of email addresses of church members for "non-church" purposes was discussed. Council felt the addresses should be used only for church related purposes. This would include emails about our church as well as information about the UCC in general. If people wish to "advertise" other causes, they can feel free to bring things up during the announcements portion of our services on Sunday morning or they may opt to provide a brief write-up in The Link as has been done in the past

Federal Rebate on Health Insurance Tony and Ann Serpe came across some interesting information concerning the possibility of a rebate on health insurance through Obama's Health Care Bill. Exploring the lead, Pastor Scott found this to be true and the church is able to get up to 25% of our health care payments back for 2010. The same will apply for 2011. An extension had been filed just prior to a May 15th deadline to ensure the proper paperwork is in order. Thanks to Ann and Tony for a helpful discovery!

Upcoming Church Events Summer worship times begin on June 5th. Brat Hut is Saturday, July 23, from 9 to 1:30 at Franks. Rummage and bake sale will also be held this summer.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Next meeting: June 21st, 2011 at 7pm. **Please remember to get committee reports in on time!**

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Townsend
church clerk



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| Ty Brown | 03 |
| Roxanne Kramer | 08 |
| Ron Kramer | 13 |
| Beth Ann Nethery | 13 |
| Carolyn Morris | 16 |
| Sarah Harvey | 17 |
| Kristi Hay | 18 |
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**Childcare Sponsor/s
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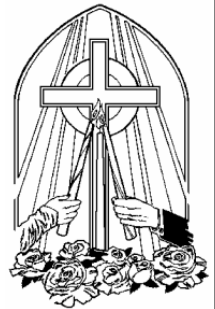
JUNE Altar Flowers 2011

- June 5, Sue Simon
- June 12, Ardelle Baur
- June 19, Pat Bailey
- June 26, Jennifer and Bill Neis
- July 3, Jan and Bob Reed



Happy Anniversary June

- Laura & Scott McLeod 08
- Mary & Al Reed 12
- Pat & Tom Bailey 17
- Jennifer and Bill Neis 23
- Brooke & Jamie Lile 25
- Liz and Justin Hoffman 28



Sunday Coffee Hosts JUNE

- June 5, Donna Riese & Denise Bigelow
- June 12,
- June 19, Choir
- June 26, Donna Riese & Denise Bigelow,



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For the month of JUNE**

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE | | | 1 NO BOOK CLUB JUNE OR JULY | 2 | 3 | 4 MEN'S 8:00 AM BREAKFAST CALABRIA HWY "A" 9 A.M. CLEAN-UP JAMIE LILE  |
| 5 RIESE/ BIGELOW  | 6 9:00 A.M. PRACTICES OF TURN-AROUND CHURCHES | 7 5:30 P.M. TRUSTEES MEET 6:00 P.M. STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION MEETING | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11  TONY SERPE |
| 12 CHRISTIAN ED MEETS 10:15 RIESE/  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 ROSS PHILLIPS  |
| 19  CHOIR  | 20 | 21 COUNCIL MEETS 7 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  _____? |
| 26 RIESE/ BIGELOW  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | JULY 1 | JULY 2  BILL TREWYN |

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Duties for JUNE 2011

DEACONS for March: TONY AND ANN SERPE

*If you are unable to usher on your assigned Sunday, please call the Deacons 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 (Worship is 10:30am), on the Sunday they are assigned. Duties involve handing out programs showing people to the pews and helping at the Offering. Thank you for your participation.

| | June 5, 2011 COMMUNION | June 12, 2011 | June 19, 2011 | June 26, 2011 | July 3, 2011 COMMUNION |
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| Worship Leader | BOB BURTON | | <u>MARY GODFREY</u> | <u>BARB TOWNSEND</u> | <u>ANN SERPE</u> |
| Greeters | <u>BILL NEIS</u> <u>JENNIFER NEIS</u> | <u>ROSS PHILLIPS</u> <u>PATTI PAHILLIPS</u> | <u>CAROLYN MORRIS</u> <u>MERRY K. OPITZ</u> | <u>TONY SERPE</u> <u>ANN SERPE</u> | <u>KEVIN KRUGER</u> <u>TINA KRUGER</u> |
| Ushers | <u>DAVE BAKER</u> <u>DONNA BAKER</u> | <u>BOB BURTON</u> <u>MARY MC CABE</u> | <u>STEVE KRAMER</u> <u>BARB TOWNSEND</u> | <u>MARY GODFREY</u> <u>DIANE FLITCROFT</u> | <u>ROSS PHILLIPS</u> <u>PATTI PHILLIPS</u> |
| Acolytes | <u>DIACONATE</u> | <u>DIACONATE</u> | <u>DIACONATE</u> | <u>DIACONATE</u> | <u>DIACONATE</u> |
| Childcare | <u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>SARAH MATHER</u> | <u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>SARAH MATHER</u> | <u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>SARAH MATHER</u> | <u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>SARAH MATHER</u> | <u>CAROL BURTON</u> <u>SARAH MATHER</u> |