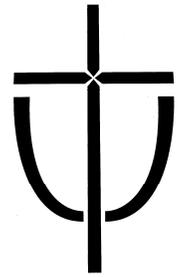




Still Speaking



Indeed, the word of God is living and active...
-Hebrews 4:12

May 2018

The Inside Scoop

Newsletter Deadline

*Our next newsletter will be published
the week of **June 13, 2018.***

*The deadline for that newsletter is
Friday, **June 8, 2018.***

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One of my favorite spaces at our church is the Memorial Garden. I hesitate to tell you that if you ever see my car in the parking lot but can't find me, I may be out back in the Memorial Garden, consulting with our "old friends." It's a quiet, tranquil space amidst the hustle and bustle of a busy, vibrant church.

For some time, I've been aware that our Memorial Garden is one of Union's many well-kept secrets. Many, long-time, very active members don't realize that just beyond the door in the south transept (between the bust of Jeremiah Porter and Ray's office) is a little path to a terraced columbarium. Here are laid to rest the ashes of numerous church members and friends, people who understood Union to be one of their spiritual homes. In addition to the plots where people's ashes can be interred, the little community in the garden also includes a wall of memorial plaques dedicated to people whose final resting places are elsewhere, but who are part of our memorial community.

In worship on Sunday, May 27, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, we will begin worship in the sanctuary as usual, but then will move to the Memorial Garden for our final hymn, thus joining with our "great cloud of witnesses" in our prayers.

This has been in the works for some time, ever since I learned last summer that even some Common Ministry members had never visited the garden. It seemed like a good idea to encourage the congregation to visit the garden once the weather grew hospitable. Little did I realize that, by the time Memorial Day weekend 2018 would be upon us, Rick Johnson, Katie Small, and John Staton would be added to the numerous other friends in the garden to greet us.

(Information about buying a plot or plaque in the Memorial Garden can be found in the brochure rack in Pilgrim Hall or by contacting Phil Hauck, Bob Fahres, or Joan Robb.)

I hope that you will plan to join our little pilgrimage the last Sunday in May, and that you'll make a point to visit our old friends in the memorial garden on your own, too.

Gratefully,
Pastor Bridget Flad Daniels

Our Church Family

Our Attendance

April	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
1st Sunday (Easter Sunday in 2018)	260	146
2nd Sunday (Palm Sunday in 2017)	136	183
3rd Sunday (Easter Sunday in 2017)	Blizzard	301
4th Sunday	99	131
5th Sunday	155	141
Totals	650	902
Average	162.5	180.4

**Invite a friend
to church**

May Adult Education Events

Last Sunday Adult Education before summer. Bagby Chapel at 9 a.m.

May 13 — Ms. Darleen Denny, Oneida Nation: “Oneida Spirituality, Culture and Mother Earth”

Ms. Denny, an Oneida social-service leader and entrepreneur, will introduce us to the integrated life-ways of the Oneida. This is a great way to celebrate Mother’s Day by honoring Mother Earth. Outreach Ministry has invited Ms. Denny to bring items from the store she owns, “Turtle Island Gifts,” that would make appropriate (last minute, or additional) gifts for Mom. She’ll be with us in the service for a brief “overview” of her talk, and will also stay for coffee hour.

May 20 — Dr. Jon Pahl, Community Engagement 101 at Union: Surveying our Strengths

JP will lead a discussion of his vision for Community Engagement at Union Congregational UCC, including (especially) ways to partner with area agencies where members are already involved in work that helps to build a more just, peaceful community. Bring your hopes and dreams, and please also bring your insights and skills. No experience necessary—all are welcome.

In the fall, Dr. Pahl plans to offer an eight-week Sunday a.m. series on “**Philanthropy: The Business of Spirituality, and the Spirituality of Business.**”



Story Time (L-R): Lily Gregg (with microphone), McKenna Stueck (with book), Carter Reese and Isis Garrido read the story "Quackers" during Children's Moments.



Seth Logerquist



Emmaline Weist

Youth Sunday was May 6

The youth of Union Church led worship on Sunday, May 6. From prelude to postlude, with word and song, the younger generation led the congregation as only they can.

Emmaline Weist played cello and read the Gospel. Seth Logerquist read Psalm 98. Lily Gregg, McKenna Stueck, Carter Reese and Isis Garrido shared the story of "Quackers" the cat who thought he was a duck. Nick Myers Olson shared a senior reflection, Kaia R. M. Stueck and Eli Gregg preached a sermon titled "51 Sundays." Others such as Nick Sheier, Olivia Delvaux, Christian Reese and Josh Filppula-McArthur served as greeters, ushers or Communion servers. Plants were placed on the altar to honor the dedication of youth leaders Sylvia Garrido, Tim Harder, and Shawna Stueck.



A senior reflects—Nick Myers Olson



Eli Gregg



Kaia R.M. Stueck

Who's Graduating?



We would like to recognize our 2018 graduates in our June newsletter. Please let the church office know (437-9266 or office@unionucc.com) if you will be a 2018 graduate (high school, college) and what type of degree (associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctorate, etc.) you have earned. We would like to say congratulations and give others a chance to do the same!

Used Book Sale May 13

Come to the used book sale in Pilgrim Hall on Sunday, May 13 before and after church. Books sell for 50 cents or one dollar.

Extreme Makeover Work Camp

The Extreme Makeover Work Camp at Moon Beach will be held the week of May 20-26. Union Church has a group of dedicated workers who attend each year. Work involves general clean-up and set-up for the coming camp season as well as current construction projects. Workers with all levels of skill are needed. Please talk to Chuck or Helen Krueger to find out more about the camp.

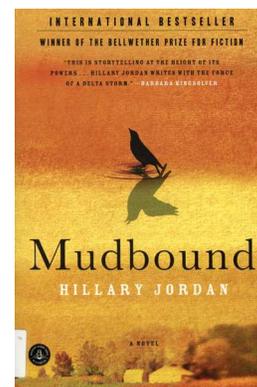
To sign up for the work camp, visit www.ucci.org. Click on: Moon Beach, Event Calendar, 6211–Extreme Makeover Camp–MB.

Rediscover Your Church Library

Libraries like your church library are surviving eBooks! Many people want to hold a book or peruse it before committing to an unfamiliar read. And certainly children want to hold a book, flip back and forth, and study the pictures. Our children's section is the subject of the next post. This one is for you, grownups!

Church libraries collect books that public libraries have sometimes chosen not to invest in. Does that mean your choices at church are limited to books about religion or church or theology? No. We do have those books and a bunch of them, because they are helpful to us on our journeys of faith.

We also collect current fiction, which is another way of understanding our spiritual journeys. A fiction writer can alert us to or envelop us in the dilemmas of living rightly or making the world a better place, with or without mentioning God. Consider an author such as Kent Haruf who tells stories of small town neighborliness or native Texan Hillary Jordan who wrote Mudbound, about the South at the height of Jim Crow.



For example, take a look at these newer titles for borrowing. In social justice: Jane Addams: Spirit in Action. A notable biography of the cofounder of the immigrant settlement agency, Hull House, and lifelong advocate for working people, for peace and for women. Adult nonfiction number 361.92

Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama and the Climactic Struggle for Civil Rights. A detailed version of one moment in time that expands our understanding of the movement and how it confronted the Jim Crow South. Children's nonfiction but suitable for adults. 976.1 blue

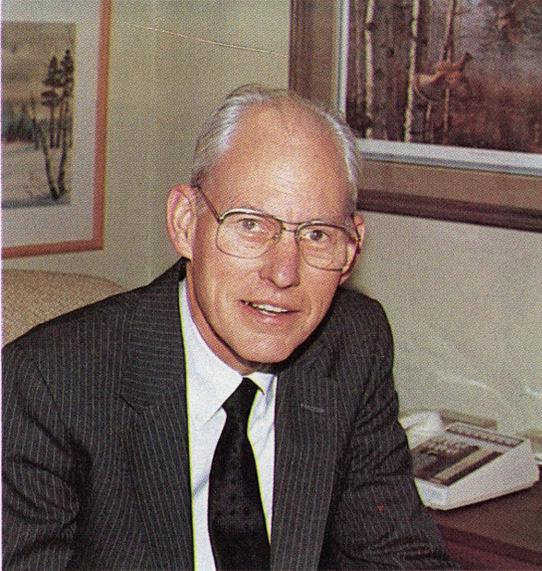
And in fiction, recent donations include: The Sellout by Paul Beatty. Multiple prize winner, toughly satiric send-up of race. Came to us recommended by Ed Tucker. Best read in small doses. Located In adult fiction. A Man Called Ove by Frederik Backman. If you have not sampled this Swedish author's gently comic stories, try this tale of an old curmudgeon (name pronounced ooh veh) and his quirky neighborhood. Adult fiction.

We do not have fines for overdue items (even years overdue). We don't have a set policy on when you need to bring the book back, though we appreciate relative promptness – a one to two month loan. And we do ask you to check it out. There's a card in the back of the book for your name and the date you borrowed the book.

Want the Church Library to consider a book for purchase or have a donation you think is right for us? Good! Want to join a library committee to steer the future of our library. Great! I hope you know where we are – at the corner of the Office Row and the Mayflower Addition hallways. We're always open even if the door is closed and the lights are off. Rediscover us!

—Cathy Putman, 435-1540 or cputman@new.rr.com

In Memoriam: John Staton 1929—2018



Rev. John J. Staton
Senior Minister

"I felt so honored when I got the letter informing me that I had been voted minister emeritus, pastor emeritus of Union Church and even more honored today to be here.

"I always associated a pastor emeritus with a long, distinguished pastorate like Charles (Bagby) had here in this church. I really didn't feel like I deserved it, but I still felt honored by it. In fact, I got rather big-headed about it for a while, and then I read this quote one day, quite by accident, from a guy named Michel de Montaigne and he said: 'No matter how high we rise in life, we still have to sit on our own bottom.' So that brought me back to earth on my own bottom."

John Staton, May 16, 2004

The Rev. John Jerome Staton, Union Church's senior minister from May 1982 to May 1989, passed away peacefully on April 14 in Carmel, Indiana. On Jan. 23, 2000, Rev. Staton was elected (unanimously) to the office of pastor emeritus.

Rev. Staton served seven years as senior minister of Union Church. During his time at Union, the church purchased its first computer, Marshall Moss was named music director, the Casavant organ was installed, and the church celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Rev. Staton came to Union after having served as minister of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Kokomo, Indiana from 1966 to 1982. The Kokomo (Ind.) Tribune noted his departure with a story on Feb. 13, 1982. The following two paragraphs are from that story.

The Green Bay congregation did a careful screening of prospective ministers. It sent representatives to Kokomo to interview citizens who know Staton well, and what those emissaries learned convinced them they must not miss the opportunity to have a leader of exceptional talent.

And John Staton's talent is exceptional. Not only does he have a scholarly knowledge of the Bible, but he is articulate and innovative in his sermons and his everyday conversation. Blend those attributes with a gentle sense of compassion and empathy and you have an individual of very considerable worth.

Though elected pastor emeritus in 2000, it wasn't until May 2004 that Rev. Staton was formally installed into office. As senior minister Chuck Mize explained in the *Union Church Communicator* in April 2004: "When we elected John as our Pastor Emeritus, his personal life was in crisis. John's beloved wife, Shirley, was suffering from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Shirley's illness and subsequent death (April 30, 2001) prevented John from returning to Union Church to receive his honorary title in person."

When Rev. Staton did return to Union Church on May 16, 2004, he was introduced to a generation who had never met him. He answered questions (asked by the Rev. Kay Krejci) during Children's Moments. He was asked to recall exciting things that happened during his time at Union.

"One was this wonderful pipe organ that we get to hear every Sunday morning. We had a funny electronic organ that made weird sounds. Once it picked up a radio station in town for a few seconds. You never knew what it would do next.

"And so some of the people in the music committee got the brainstorm of getting a new organ, a really good new pipe organ, and we would have a campaign and try to raise the money. I think it was over \$200,000 or thereabouts. And people in the church were so generous. The money came pouring in. I don't think it took us more than a few weeks to have all the money pledged.

"And I remember the men came down from Quebec, Canada. The organ started arriving in big crates, big wooden boxes filling the center aisle and they finally came and unpacked the pipes and put it in. And I remember Tom Hurley, the first time he played it, our organist at the time, thought he'd died and gone to heaven. It was so beautiful."

Rev. Staton preached the sermon that Sunday. He reminisced a short while before starting.

"When I came up here, I looked inside the pulpit to make sure Bev Lathrop wasn't hiding in here. Every Christmas, Bev was our angel. Wings and all. And she always hid in the pulpit for about half the service, and then she would come climbing out. I didn't think I'd find her because her knees creaked that last year that I was here.

I appreciate that Bill Laatsch is here this morning, and Fran (his wife). Bill was the guy that picked me up the first Sunday to make sure I got here. See, they weren't taking any chances that I could find my way. He pulled in the drive, and I crowded in with the family, and we got here.

And this gentleman, George Burridge, down here, the first week I was here George, you invited me over for sandwiches in the backyard, remember? And George had everything all laid out for me for the next 20 years as to what I was to do. Among other things, I remember he said, "Our church is like a country club with a slight religious flavor," and I could tell that, here was a man who loved God, loved the church and was serious-minded about being a Christian, and the church living up to God's requirements."



Rev. Jan Davis, Erin Bowley, Rev. John Staton

Rev. Staton is survived by three children: Katherine Staton Young, Joan Staton (Mark) Siem, and James Arthur (Laura) Staton; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death are his wife, Shirley Ann Welch Staton; his oldest son, Robert Jerome Staton; and his sister, Virginia Staton Dailey.

Union Church Welcomes New Members!

It was our joy to welcome five new members to the faith and fellowship of Union Church during worship on April 29.

Marty and Traci Briggs

1907 Fiesta Lane, Green Bay, WI 54302-2227

Marty's Cell: (920) 619-2326; Traci's Cell: (920) 264-4165

Traci and Marty have been married 25 years. They have two adult daughters, Bobbi and Abbi.

Traci enjoys biking, tennis, pickleball and trips to Mackinac Island and Door County. She is a team leader at Bellevue Family Dentistry. Marty is a service administrator at Penske. He belongs to the Green Bay Strikers Soccer Club board and is a member of the county soccer board. He has been involved for 10 years building the Arnie Wolff Soccer Complex, Green Bay's first soccer complex. Marty also works for the Green Bay Packers on game day as a guest service employee. He has been involved in many community organizations and considers himself a community activist.

Both Traci and Marty look forward to being involved at Union Church.



Dr. Jon Pahl

N10710 Lakeshore Road, Clintonville, WI 54929-9083

Jon's Cell: (610) 909-7107

Jon is the new Minister of Faith Formation and Community Engagement at Union Church. He comes to us from Philadelphia, where he serves as the Peter Paul and Elizabeth Hagan Professor of History at United Lutheran Seminary.

Jon is an author, teacher, administrator, musician (sax), cook, and parent (with his wife, Lisa) of three lovely and loving adult children. Jon grew up in Appleton, and he and Lisa live (with various pets) on Pigeon Lake in Clintonville. Jon was drawn to Union's heritage of leadership in community engagement, strong educational ministries, and vital (joyful) worship. He joined the staff April 12, and is eager to get to know everyone (and is grateful for our practice of using nametags)!



John Krueger and Lisa Woznick

2281 Oliver Lane, Green Bay, WI 54303-5379

John's Cell: (715) 432-9980; Lisa's Cell: (920) 461-3650

John was born and raised in Wausau, the oldest of 14 children (9 boys, 5 girls). John is a retired U.S. Navy senior chief, a retired electronic shop manager (UW-Stevens Point), a retired firefighter, critical care paramedic, technical rescue technician, tactical EMS with Rib Mountain Fire Department and a former critical care paramedic with county rescue.

John's hobbies include singing (he sang in numerous church choirs including four years with a 130-male voice Welsh choir and two years with the Icelandic Symphony), cooking (he leans toward gourmet cooking), wood carving, stained glass work and nature photography.

Lisa is a retired, licensed professional counselor. Her past work history involved working as a mental health therapist for adults and children. She specialized in helping trauma survivors. Lisa loves horses and horseback riding. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, going to concerts, movies, festivals and various community events. She also enjoys biking, reading and spending time in the great outdoors.

Lisa and John have been engaged for six years and will be married this October at Union. The couple has a 'fur child,' their two-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever, Molly. Molly is the love of their lives and is spoiled and adored by them.



Church Rummage Sale is May 18 and May 19

Outreach Ministry will host the annual rummage sale at Union Church on Friday, May 18, (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.), and Saturday, May 19 (8 a.m. to noon). Donations of clean and gently used rummage items such as kitchen, household décor, vintage and antiques, small furniture, books, CDs, music, toys, sporting goods and linens will go far in providing financial support for outreach projects. Purses and jewelry are welcome, but we will not be selling clothing or shoes this year.

Please bring items to the Chapel Classroom from Sunday, May 13, through Thursday May 17. Please check out the sign-in sheet upstairs if you wish to volunteer as a church tour guide, to help with the sale, or to deliver leftover items to a local non-profit of your choice Saturday. If you have questions, check with Stacie Christian. Thank you for your support!

Priscilla Circle Meets May 22

Members of Priscilla Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22 in the Community Room of the Bellevue Retirement Community (1660 Hoffman Road). This will be the group's last meeting until September.

Altar Flowers

Why not consider bringing in some fresh cut flowers from your garden to place on our altar. The flowers can be placed there in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event or just to brighten up the sanctuary. These dates are available for you to provide flowers:

May 27
All of June; All of July

Call the church office at 437-9266 or sign up on the board next to the office if you'd like to provide altar flowers. Thank you.

Remember to wear your name tag!

Renewing Union's Long-standing Relationship with Habitat for Humanity

Would you like to try out the theology of the hammer? That is, build up the body of Christ by building a home with a family in need? Union Church members will have opportunities to help out at the current "Faithbuild" sponsored by Habitat for Humanity on the following dates:

- Thursday, June 14: 6-8 workers (filling up fast!)**
- July 11: Provide lunch for approximately 20 workers**
- August 1: Provide lunch for approximately 20 workers**
- Saturday, September 8: 6-8 workers**

On June 24, Jennifer Maier of Habitat's staff will be with us in worship to kick off a month of activities, including a "Giving Calendar" that you can take home and return by July 29 to support the work of Habitat. Worksite volunteers must be at least 16 years old, but willing volunteers of any age are welcome to help with lunch preparation.

Contact Christie Reese (920-273-5349; christie.reese@gmail.com) or contact the church office to volunteer for any of these opportunities.

Union's Family All-Church Retreat

September 14 to 16, 2018
Moon Beach Camp (near Eagle River)

Time for worship...Time for reflection...Time for fun...Time for friends
Time for wonderful food...Time in great cabins...Time on or by the lake!

Join us for a great time. This retreat is for all ages—families, singles or couples.

Union Church Calendar

May 13—June 16, 2018

May 13 Sunday

Housing Offering

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

Book Sale in Pilgrim Hall
before and after worship

May 15 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

May 16 Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:15 p.m. Last PF & YCA

May 18 Thursday

5:30 p.m. Handbells (last)

May 18 Friday

8:00 a.m. Church Rummage Sale
(until 2 p.m.)

May 19 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Church Rummage Sale
(until noon)

May 20 Sunday

8:30 a.m. Youth Choir (last)
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (last)
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

May 22 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle at Bellevue
Retirement Community
6:30 p.m. Saudade

May 27 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

May 28 Monday

Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

May 30 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

June 2 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

June 3 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in the park
11:15 a.m. Church Picnic & Potluck

June 5 Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Inreach Ministry
5:30 p.m. New Members Ministry

June 6 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

Wis. Conference Annual Meeting
June 8—June 10

June 8 Friday

Articles due for June's *"Still Speaking"*

June 9 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

June 10 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

June 12 Tuesday

4:00 p.m. Education Ministry
5:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry
5:00 p.m. Outreach Ministry
6:30 p.m. Common Ministry

June 13 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders
June's *"Still Speaking"* is published

Habitat for Humanity
Faithbuild

June 16 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

Lectionary Readings

May 13

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 20

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

June 3

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Sam 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 or

Deut 5:12-15 • Psalm 81:1-10

2 Cor 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Sam 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20

Psalm 138 or

Genesis 3:8-15 • Psalm 130

2 Cor 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 17

4th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Sam 15:34-16:13 • Psalm 20 or

Ezek 17:22-24 • Ps 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 or

2 Cor 5:6-17

Mark 4:26-34



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Worship and Picnic



in the Park

Sunday, June 3

We will worship in the park on June 3, then continue our celebration at our All-Church Picnic. Enjoy games, food, fellowship and more.

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