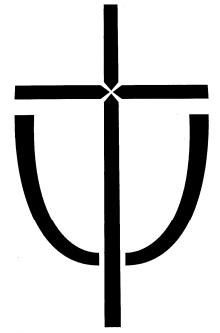


# Still Speaking



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

October 2017

## The Inside Scoop

### Newsletter Deadline

*Our next newsletter will be published  
the week of **November 15, 2017.**  
The deadline for that newsletter is  
Friday, **November 10, 2017.***

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## Living in Grace, Giving with Gratitude

One of the things that I emphasize when preparing parents for the baptism of their child is the idea of grace: that there is absolutely nothing that we do to earn God's love, that God loves us wholly and completely not because of our good behavior, not because we support the right causes, not because we say the right things, but simply because we exist.

It's heady, really, to imagine a love so pure that it is not dependant, but rather wholly and completely a gift. When we celebrate the baptism of an infant, we immerse ourselves in the world-shaping concept of unearned grace. This grace then becomes the foundation for a baptismal life, a life that will be nourished by the Body of Christ manifest as the church, a life that will be welcome no matter how far it strays. Thus, the baptismal concepts of belonging, repentance, and conversion are still very real, but we first acknowledge that God's grace is the foundation, God's grace is what makes those other facets possible.

This fall our annual pledge drive theme is "Living in Grace, Giving with Gratitude." As in baptism, we start with grace. The blessing of God's abundant love in our lives has brought many blessings. We have been graced (pun intended) in innumerable ways – our gifts of character, our resources, those we love and care about. I'd even say that things as ephemeral as our conscience and our ability to appreciate beauty are gifts from the Divine.

If baptism initiates us into God's grace, a baptismal life recognizes that we are swimming in a sea of grace.

"Giving with Gratitude," then, is our response to the wonder which is God's gracious love. We have been blessed to be a blessing. God has given to us so generously, and the natural response is to pass on that generosity. Using God as our model, we give with grace out of love.

Over the course of this month, you will hear testimonies in worship about how your fellow Union members have encountered God's grace through our church. In doing so, we will celebrate the stories of the impact God makes through Union.

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## Lectionary Readings

### October 22

#### 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Ex 33:12-23 • Ps 99 OR  
 Isa 45:1-7 • Ps 96:1-9, (10-13)  
 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22

### October 29

#### 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deut 34:1-12 • Ps 90:1-6, 13-17 OR  
 Lev 19:1-2, 15-18 • Ps 1  
 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46

### November 5

#### 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Josh 3:7-17 • Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 OR  
 Mic 3:5-12 • Ps 43  
 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12

### November 12

#### 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25 • Ps 78:1-7 OR  
 Wisd of Sol 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24  
 Wisd of Sol 6:17-20 or Ps 70  
 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

### November 19

#### 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Judg 4:1-7 • Ps 123 OR  
 Zeph 1:7, 12-18 • Ps 90:1-8 (9-11), 12  
 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

## Attendance

September	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
1st Sunday	107	117
2nd Sunday	162	155
3rd Sunday	65	69
+ retreat	71	52
Sunday Total	136	121
4th Sunday	114	118
<b>Totals</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>511</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>

## Our Church Family

### Living in Grace, Giving With Gratitude

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As you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018, it may be interesting to take on this spiritual exercise designed to help you reflect on God's grace in your life and the practice of generosity: Set aside two periods of time. In the first, take some time to make a list of all of the ways you've been blessed. Think creatively, taking a solid chunk of time to reflect on that for which you are grateful. Offer prayers of thanksgiving. In the second prayer time, after you've prayed in gratitude for all of the ways you've been blessed, ask yourself how you are being a blessing. How are you using your blessings to give glory to God? Jot down some ideas of how you can use what you've been given to invest in the lives of others, to further God's reign of love. This may include ideas for investing financial resources, or it may include ways to invest your time, energy, and passion.

No matter how you are called to express your gratitude, I urge you to steep yourself in God's abundant grace this fall. We'll all be better for it!

*\*Note: Deep thanks to everyone who pledged to our Second Mile Campaign this spring which was earmarked to cover a portion of the cost of calling a full-time Associate Pastor. While calling an Associate Pastor is taking longer than anticipated, be assured that those funds will still be used to support our new staff person when they are called.*

Gratefully,  
 Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

P.S. Pledging is easy! You may fill out the pledge card which was mailed to you and return it to the church office. Additional pledge cards are available at the doors of church. Or you can pledge at <http://unionucc.com/giving/capital-campaign/> or simply email your intentions to [finance@unionucc.com](mailto:finance@unionucc.com).

## Service Sunday is November 5

What is our 2nd Annual Service Sunday? The day Union's members get out of the pew and go out to put our faith into action. Love is what we do. Actions put flesh on our beliefs.

Service Sunday will be Nov. 5, 2017. Union members and friends will have the opportunity to live their commitment to being God's hands in the world. We will serve our church, our neighbors, and others in the community. Sign-up forms will be available in your bulletins, at the doors of church, and in the weekly email.

The day will start with a brief Communion service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. From 10:30-12:30, teams will go to their chosen project. All are invited back to Union for a chili luncheon following our service.

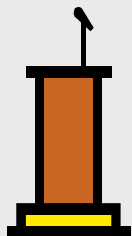
Questions? Contact the church office at 437-9266.

## If These Homes Could Talk

Union Church was the first stop on the Brown County Historical Society's walking tour of the Astor neighborhood. The tour was held Saturday morning, September 23. Ed Tucker gave a short talk on the history of Union Church.



## Second Sunday Series



### Sister Celine Goessl Human Trafficking

Sister Celine Goessl is a former teacher, administrator of parishes, president of her order, and now in retirement has dedicated her life to eradicating human trafficking. She will share her insights into this hidden but major crime around us.

Join us at 9 a.m. in the Bagby Chapel on Sunday, November 12!



# Whoooo Goes There?

Everyone! Join the fun!

If you are Trick or Treating in the Astor Neighborhood

make sure to stop by

## Union Church

on Halloween Night, October 31, 4 - 7 p.m.

Come if you dare.



Three or four friendly adults are needed to hand out candy. Donations are welcome. Contact Pastor Bridget at [Bridget@unionucc.com](mailto:Bridget@unionucc.com).



## Save the Date!

### Women's Advent Program is Monday, December 4

Come and prepare your spirit for the celebration of our Savior's birth through music, scripture, readings and fellowship. Invite your friends!

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Program begins at 6:30 p.m.

## Priscilla Circle

### Meets October 24

Members of Priscilla Circle will meet in the English Room at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24. Ed Tucker will provide details of a recent hiking expedition in which he participated.

## Madison Street Has Been Repaved

Madison Street, from Spring to Cass Streets, was repaved on Tuesday, October 10, roughly three months from the time street repairs began the week of July 9.



## Sunday Adult Classes: How the Bible Came To Be October 15 and October 22

Scholarship has shown that the Bible is the product of many minds and took over 1,000 years to come into its present form. How did this whole process occur? Who composed the texts? Who decided which of the many religious writings of biblical times "made the cut" and got into our Bible? What's involved in translating the ancient Hebrew and Greek manuscripts into English? By the way, the available manuscripts have many discrepancies; how do translators decide which to choose?

The fascinating answers to these questions will be explored at two upcoming Sunday Adult classes. (Note: This will be a condensed version of the recent Seminary Secrets miniseries.)

**WHEN AND WHERE** — Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Classroom

**October 15:** The Christian Canon: How it came to be

**October 22:** Translations: What are the tasks and problems translators face? Which translation is "best"?

**LEADER** — Julie Harder

## "Walk With Me"

Sixty people are needed to bring "Walk With Me" to the Marcus East Theater on Monday, November 6. Show time is to be determined once we reach our goal by October 27. Reserve your spot today, and help us spread the word.

"Walk With Me" is the story of Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese monk and one of the most popular Zen Buddhist teachers of all time. Hanh is widely credited for introducing mindfulness to the western world. Honest and heart warming, "Walk With Me" touches on the themes of belonging, love, loss, hope and death.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/OpenHeartMindfulnessCommunityOfGreenBay/> for more information.

## Union Church's Card Ministry

Do you have a stash of greeting cards that you just don't know what to do with? Do you like to make cards, but are looking for a purpose for them? If so, we have the place for you. Please bring your unused greeting cards (Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Holiday or blank) to church. There is a basket at Union Central in Pilgrim Hall and another outside the church office for you to deposit them.

Then, the fun begins! On Communion Sundays, we will have the opportunity to send a card to someone in our church family who is not able to be with us in church or for whom we have been praying. The cards, names, and addresses will be located in Pilgrim Hall during Coffee Hour for you to select one and send out – Larry Heath and Glen Verstegen will be there to help. What a great way to let our church family members know they are thought of, cared for, and loved!

## Cooks Who Care

Cooks Who Care is a new program designed to provide a meal (or two) to help at times when a meal would be most helpful (such as coming home from the hospital, homebound, new baby, etc.). We are looking for cooks willing to provide a meal when needed. The more cooks, the better.

When a meal is needed, the program coordinators will reach out to the cooks to see who would be available to provide a meal (they will share the number of people in the household, any dietary restrictions, etc.). No one will be asked to cook two times in a row. Please sign up at Union Central or contact the church office. If you have questions, feel free to contact our coordinators, Joni Delwiche and Joan Dudek, or Inreach Ministry Chair Heather Collins or Pastor Bridget.

*\*Contact Pastor Bridget if you would like to be one of our Cooks Who Care but are financially unable to do so, as she can connect you with the necessary funds.*

## For Those Who Served

On Sunday, November 12, we will recognize and honor those who have served our country in the Armed Forces.

Our list of veterans includes:



Joe Bethel, Paul Bilty, James Bowley,  
Bob Bush, Steve Davis,  
Phil Enscoe, Bob Fahres,  
Don Fenlon, Richard Garber,  
Cathy Ghoca, Daniel Ghoca,  
Bob Haglund, Loren Hart,  
Jerry Johnson, Lon Johnson,  
Rick Johnson, Bill Johnson,  
Jerry Kalkofen, Sean Kennedy,  
Vern Lanoue, Dick Lathrop,  
Ted Ludolph, Tom Martin,  
Tom Peterson, Mel Polarek,  
Bruce Shafer, John Shier,  
Julie Tetzlaff, Ray Thompson,  
Ed Tucker, Glen Verstegen,  
Jack Whittemore and Jim Wise.

If you are a veteran and are not on this list, please contact the church office (437-9266) with your information including branch of service, rank and years of service. Please plan to be with us in worship as we give thanks for those who have served our country.

## Protestant Worship and Communion at St. Norbert College

In recent years, St. Norbert College hired a protestant campus minister who has been working with students to provide many things, including worship services and Communion. Each semester, he invites local protestant clergy to lead Communion and their churches to co-host these services.

On Tuesday, October 24, Pastor Bridget will be presiding at worship service at 7:30 p.m. at the Cassandra Voss Center on the corner of 3rd and Grant Streets in De Pere. All are welcome to attend this service.

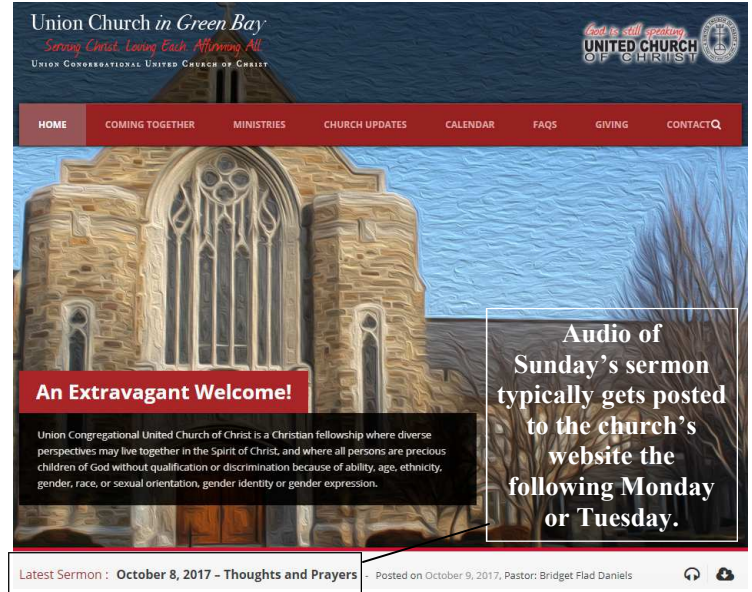
# Worth Repeating

It happens often at Union Church. You hear a wonderful sermon during worship and you tell yourself you'd like to hear parts or all of it a second time.

Do not fret. Look no further than Union's website: [www.unionucc.com](http://www.unionucc.com). There you will not only find a recording of the previous Sunday's sermon, you will find every sermon from the past year.

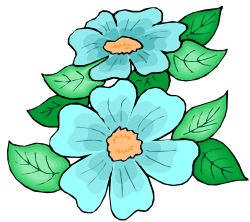
Union Church has been recording its worship services since at least 1995, first on cassette tape and now on CD. Sermons are typically extracted and posted to the website on the following Monday or Tuesday.

So, check it out. Have a listen. You'll be glad you did.



## Altar Flowers

Please consider providing flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. These dates are available for you to provide flowers:



**October 22**  
**November 5**

Please 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.

## EPH News

We received the following note within a thank you card from one of the families served by our partnership.

"Dear Lord: as I thank you for the gift of life, I also thank you for the wonderful people I have met along this journey. Some of them inspire me, stretch me, challenge me. All of them help me realize how meaningful and beautiful my life is. I love them so much: bless them Lord with good health, security, wealth, success, peace and joy. Grant their prayers too. Thank you for your hard work with EPH. It means a lot to my family. Amen."

Mom also added, "Thank you for standing up for me and supporting me, even when the whole world was against me." On behalf of EPH, thank you for your support, volunteering, and prayers – all of which make a difference for the families we serve. And thank you, whether with family, friends, or work relationships, for "standing up" for those in our community who are either homeless, in poverty, or feeling marginalized.

**Reminder:** Mark your calendar for the second annual Voices of Hope concert on Sunday, October 29, at Nativity of Our Lord Parish on South Oneida Street in Ashwaubenon! (It's the Packers bye week!) The concert begins at 2:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Invite your friends!

**Home or Duplex Wanted:** We are again in the market for a single-family home or duplex for our long-term supportive housing program. If you are thinking of selling and would like it to be used in ministry with homeless families, please contact your board member or the EPH Executive Director, at:

[executivedirector@ephgb.org](mailto:executivedirector@ephgb.org).

**Invite a Friend  
to Church!**

# Union Church Calendar

## October 15, 2017—November 21, 2017

**October 15 Sunday**  
 8:30 a.m. Youth Choir  
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
 9:00 a.m. Adult Education  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary  
 11:30 a.m. Heifer Living Gift Market

**October 18 Wednesday**  
 5:30 p.m. New Member meeting  
 5:45 p.m. Dinner  
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA  
 6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

**October 19 Thursday**  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**October 21 Saturday**  
 Wedding at 2:30 p.m.  
 Amber O'Connell & Jessica Lundgren

**October 22 Sunday**  
 8:30 a.m. Youth Choir  
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
 9:00 a.m. Adult Education  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

**October 24 Tuesday**  
 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle  
 7:30 p.m. Protestant Worship  
 at St. Norbert College

**October 25 Wednesday**  
 5:45 p.m. PF & YCA Family Bonfire  
 at Pastor Bridget's  
 6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

**October 26 Thursday**  
 9:00 a.m. Souper Cooks  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
 5:00 p.m. Serve Dinner  
 at NEW Community Shelter

**October 29 Sunday**  
 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY  
 8:30 a.m. Youth Choir  
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
 9:00 a.m. Adult Education  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m. Dessert Potluck

**October 31 Tuesday**  
 3:00 p.m. Trick or Treating at  
 Union Church

**November 1 Wednesday**  
 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group  
 5:45 p.m. Dinner  
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA

**November 2 Thursday**  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**November 5 Sunday**  
 SERVICE SUNDAY  
 8:30 a.m. Youth Choir  
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
 10:00 a.m. Worship with  
 Holy Communion  
 10:30 a.m. Service Projects  
 12:30 p.m. Chili Lunch

**November 7 Tuesday**  
 4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry  
 5:00 p.m. New Member Ministry  
 6:30 p.m. Education Ministry

**November 8 Wednesday**  
 5:45 p.m. Dinner  
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA

**November 9 Thursday**  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**November 12 Sunday**  
 HONORING OUR VETERANS  
 8:30 a.m. Youth Choir  
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
 9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Series  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

**November 13 Monday**  
 3:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

**November 14 Tuesday**  
 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry  
 5:30 p.m. Inreach Ministry  
 6:30 p.m. Common Ministry  
 6:30 p.m. Adult GSA

**November 15 Wednesday**  
 5:45 p.m. Dinner  
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA

**November 16 Thursday**  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

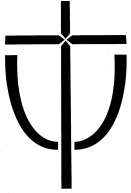
**November 19 Sunday**  
 MEMORIAL SUNDAY  
 8:30 a.m. Youth Choir  
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
 9:00 a.m. Adult Education  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

**November 21 Tuesday**  
 7:30 p.m. G.I.F.T.  
 Thanksgiving Service  
 at Congregation  
 Cnesses Israel  
 222 S. Baird Street

### Union Church's September Diaper Drive

We collected 2,323 diapers in September, almost three times the number collected last year. The diapers benefit a wide spectrum of families in the Green Bay community. We hear "thank you" many times when they are distributed, along with comments like "this is really a godsend."

Thank you, Union, for another needed outreach project.  
 —Jean Smithback  
 on behalf of Love Life Ministry



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----- Union Church -----  
New Member  
**Dessert Potluck**  
(Pilgrim Hall)



**October 29, 2017**

Immediately following New Member Reception  
in worship

Bring a dessert to share and  
meet our newest members at this event

Please sign up at Union Central

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