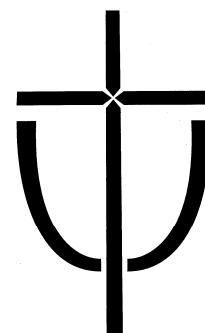


Still Speaking



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

June 2018

No July Newsletter

Still Speaking will take a break in July. Our next issue will be mailed Wednesday, August 15. Deadline for articles for that issue is Friday, August 10.

Have a wonderful summer!

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Annual Conference, 2018

or, What I Learned on my Summer "Vacation"

By Jon Pahl

Union Congregational, UCC was well represented at the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting of the United Church of Christ (think political convention, only a lot more singing and praying). The event was held Thursday-Sunday (June 7 to 10) at Green Lake Conference Center. Pastor Bridget and I represented the staff, Lou Ann Norsetter and Steve Jones were also delegates, and Rev. Jan Davis again served as meeting secretary. Lou Ann was also recognized for her excellent work in Lay Academy (which, if you have an interest in theology, church history, and church leadership, you ought to check it out!)

It was my first Wisconsin Conference gathering, and here are some of my takeaways:

- Rev. Traci Blackmon (Google her!) is a gift to the church. She preached at our worship on Friday, and she delivered a keynote lecture on Saturday. Her theme was "get in the boat"; that is, be the church! We do so when we work for justice, and her focus especially was on working for racial justice. The topic of the conference was "Why Are We Afraid? The Winds of Race and Privilege." I'd like to see us bring Rev. Blackmon here to Green Bay some Sunday. We'd need a special occasion, and we'd want to invite special guests.
- A resolution to study repudiating the doctrine of discovery passed unanimously, and we'll be taking up this theme in our Faith Formation next year. The resolution came from the Hocak United Church of Christ, the only Native American congregation in the Wisconsin Conference. I'm sure our new friends in the Oneida Nation will be supportive and helpful as we study this issue (FYI: the "doctrine of discovery" is the idea that North America was "discovered" by Europeans—as if the native inhabitants didn't exist).

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- Through CHHSM (pronounced “Chism”), the Council for Health and Human Services Ministries, the UCC extends caring and compassion to people on the margins of society, and especially the aging, children, youth, and people with disabilities. I didn’t know CHHSM existed! And yet, through the agencies of this Council of the church (through *our* work) more than one million people received compassionate services last year.
- The 3 Great Loves—for neighbor, children, and the Earth—is a story-telling initiative across the UCC. How have YOU lived out one of the three great loves? Why not tell that story! Go to: <http://3greatloves.uccpages.org/>
- There are some fine musicians in the Wisconsin Conference! I had the privilege of meeting (and playing with) Bryan Sirchio (Google him, too!) His soulful and theologically-deep music warmed our hearts and engaged our minds, and his guitar-playing and singing made us tap our toes. I’ve brought back lead sheets and bulletin inserts so that maybe we can do some of his music in the future during worship.
- Bryan Johnson, Executive Director of Sacred Music at Trinity UCC in Chicago, was also “in the house” on the piano and as choir director. It was a joy to sit in with him, as well. We sang a song he wrote, “We are the Church,” along with a gospel classic, “Every Praise.” I was delighted that I was able to solo on the alto sax along with him on “Let Us Break Bread Together.” He, too, could be a great guest to bring to Union some weekend.

All in all, what I learned during the Conference, which was rich and exhausting (I *crashed* Sunday night), is that the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC is alive and well. “We Are the Church!” I hope you agree with me that it’s a joy to be a part of this great cloud of witnesses.

Our Church Family

Attendance

May	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
1st Sunday	114	148
2nd Sunday	154	150
3rd Sunday	136	157
4th Sunday	76	89
Totals	480	544
Average	120.0	136.0

Habitat for Humanity

This summer and fall we will have several opportunities to support Habitat for Humanity. This year, we will work on the "Faith Build House" located near the intersection of Western Avenue and Oneida Street.

We will build on two days:

Thursday, June 14
Saturday, September 8

We need 6 to 8 volunteers for September 8 (volunteers must be 16 years old or older). Volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. and work until mid-afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

If you cannot participate in the build itself, you may want to volunteer to make lunches for those working. We have signed up to provide lunch on two Wednesdays: **July 11 and August 1**. Our lunches will support workers from other congregations and/or organizations just as others will feed us! We plan to make lunches here at Union and deliver them to the worksite.

To learn more about this build specifically and the Habitat program as a whole, come to Union on Sunday, June 24. Jennifer Meyer will present an overview at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel classroom. She will also kick off a month of fundraising with special calendars and "contribution canisters."

For more information about Union Church's support of Habitat, please contact Christie Reese or Lou Norsetter.

Celebrate America by Celebrating America's Music

Duke Ellington Worship Service, July 1

Tired of nationalistic 4th of July celebrations that feature German marches? Join us for worship at Union Church on July 1 at 10 a.m. when we worship God and celebrate America by celebrating one of America's greatest composers: Duke Ellington.

A quartet of musicians—Rissel Peguero on piano, Matt Hillman on guitar, Dr. Bill Sallak on drums, and Dr. Jon Pahl on alto and tenor sax (and, perhaps, some other special guests!)—will lead us in worship by weaving prayer and preaching around the music of "Sir Duke."

Come hear how prayer to God is like a "Prelude to a Kiss," even if you have "Mood Indigo." Come listen to why it's wise to "Do Nothin' Till You Hear from Me" (that is, till you hear from God), and how maybe after prayer you'll be able to say: "I'm Beginning to See the Light!" And, of course, "It Don't Mean a Thing (If it Ain't Got that Swing)" is what it means to live with the Holy Spirit, no?

Join us on July 1 at 10 a.m. at Union Church for a distinctive and uplifting worship service that celebrates American jazz and the living God whose Spirit brings joy!



Smile!

You're a Union Church Greeter!

New Member Ministry would like to ensure we have two individuals signed up to be greeters each Sunday starting September 9 and going through the end of May 2019. Greeters would need to arrive around 15 minutes early to welcome people to Union. In the past, many people chose to sign up for this on a monthly basis. If interested, please sign up at Union Central. Thank you!

Pride Alive is Saturday, July 14

Union will again host a booth (staffed from noon to 6) at Pride Alive at Joannes Park. Sign up for a 2-hour shift to offer "Glitter Blessings," "Made in God's Image Selfies," and help our LGBTQ+ community know there is a Christian congregation in Green Bay that values and welcomes all!

Weeders and Snippers Are Back

The Wednesday Weeders and Saturday Snippers are back! Anyone interested in helping in the church gardens is invited to meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays or Saturdays for about an hour throughout the summer. Bring your gardening tools or share ours. Remember, many hands make light work. If these times don't work for you but you'd like to help, contact Jone Wood.

Note: The weeders will meet on Tuesday, July 3 instead of July 4.

Congratulations, Graduates!

- **Frank Baretta**, son of **Steve and Rita Baretta**, graduated from UW-Madison with a master's degree in accounting.
- **Rebecca Goska**, daughter of **Ann and Eric Goska**, graduated from Green Bay Preble High School and will attend UW-Stevens Point in the fall.
- **Jenna Harder**, daughter of **Tim and Julie Harder**, earned a master of arts in social and personality psychology from Michigan State University in May 2017 as part of the Ph.D. program she is currently pursuing.
- **Elizabeth Jerabek**, daughter of **Linda Jerabek**, graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a master's degree in library and information science.
- **Zak Krueger**, son of **Chris Krueger** and grandson of **Chuck and Helen Krueger**, graduated from St. Norbert College with a bachelor of science degree.
- **Kailee Kryger**, daughter of **Rochelle and Sara Michael**, graduated from Pulaski High School and will attend UW-Eau Claire in the fall.
- **Nickolas Myers Olson**, son of **Cheryl Myers and Denise Olson**, graduated from Green Bay Southwest and will attend Lakeland University to study healthcare and minor in music.
- **Avonelle Weist**, daughter of **Anne Rakow-Weist and Rod Weist**, graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a BSE in communication-media studies and a minor in creative writing.

Pride Leadership Day Camp

The UWGB Pride Center is offering a Pride Leadership day camp for LGBTQ+ and ally youth. This camp is for youth who will be enrolled in high school the next academic year who are interested in learning more about LGBTQ+ topics, increasing their leadership and advocacy skills, seeing what UWGB offers for LGBTQ+ students and allies, and meeting other like-minded youth.

The camp is being offered twice (June 18-22 or June 25-29) and you may enroll for one of those weeks. The time is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for the week; some scholarships are available. The fee covers lunch, snacks, and some of the materials used in the classes. Twenty students will be enrolled for each week, so respond as soon as possible. To receive more information, please email director Dr. Stacie Christian at christis@uwgb.edu.

Those interested in donating to the camp to help cover costs, please make donations to Pride Center LGBTQ+ Operations and student support fund through UWGB Advancement at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/uowgb/>.



Registration Form

2018 All-Church Retreat at Moon Beach Camp

Friday, September 14 - Sunday, September 16, 2018

Retreat Leader—Dr. Jon Pahl; Retreat Theme—“Exploring Sacred Space”

Family Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Participants:	Adult(s)	Child(ren)/Ages
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Are there any physical disabilities that we should know about?

Any dietary concerns? _____

Costs: Adults	\$130 x _____	=	_____
Children under 18	\$25 x _____	=	_____
	Total Cost	=	_____

All pricing includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals.

Please make check payable to Union Church and note Moon Beach Retreat on the memo line. You may choose to make a deposit of half the total cost at the time of registration with the remainder to be paid upon arrival at Moon Beach Camp. Return this form and your check to the church office or via mail by Friday, Aug. 31, 2018 to:

Union Church, 716 S. Madison St., Green Bay, WI 54301

We're so glad you decided to join us for a special time of getting to know one another better, building relationships in the body of Christ, learning more about how God continues to speak to us, enjoying the beautiful outdoors, and just plain having FUN!



All-Church Retreat
September 14, 15 and 16

Our All-Church Retreat is a weekend of fun, fellowship and reflection. It is a great place to worship, discuss and enjoy camaraderie, with friends of all ages.

Moon Beach Camp is in St. Germain just west of Eagle River and is part of the Outdoor Ministry program of the United Church of Christ. It sits on the shores of Moon Lake and Little Saint Germain Lake. Cabins overlook Moon Lake and each is furnished, heated and has a bathroom with a shower. There is a beautiful lodge, and the camp is fully staffed with helpful people. The camp offers the peaceful quiet of northern Wisconsin amongst the native pine, oak and birch trees.

Friday evening, there will be snacks and fellowship time around the fireplace in the lodge. We are treated to three meals on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. Saturday, adults are invited for interactive learning with our leader/facilitator, Dr. Jon Pahl. Our theme “Exploring Sacred Space,” is based on one of JP’s books. The youth have their own program led by camp members.

The afternoon and evening are up to you. There will be activities, planned and impromptu. There is a beach with a variety of watercraft, hiking trails and places to sit, read and reflect. Evening is game time with ice cream sundaes and a bonfire.

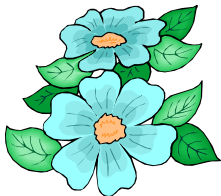
Sunday we pack up, enjoy brunch, and worship informally. We are usually on our way by 11 o’clock.

Cost for the retreat is \$140 per adult and \$25 per child. Financial aid is available (talk to Pastor Bridget). Sign up sheets and registration forms are available at Union Central.

EPH is Dedicated to ...

finding a permanent solution for homeless families in Green Bay. We're not just managing the problem; we're solving it.

Through a community-based collaboration between 16 area churches (including Union Church) and The Salvation Army, homeless families receive shelter, case management, mentorship, education support and budget counseling. EPH is a comprehensive, all-encompassing program to help homeless families transition from a life of turmoil, turbulence and dependency to a life of hope, stability and self-sufficiency.

Altar Flowers

With flowers in bloom, why not consider bringing 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:

All of July
August 5, 12, 19

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.

Lectionary Readings**June 17****4th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 • Psalm 20 or
Ezekiel 17:22-24 • Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 or
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 •
Psalm 9:9-20 or Job 38:1-11 •
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

July 1**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 • Psalm 130 or
Wis of Sol 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or
Lamentations 3:22-33 • Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 • Psalm 48 or
Ezekiel 2:1-5 • Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 • Psalm 24 or
Amos 7:7-15 • Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a • Psalm 89:20-37
or Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:1-15 • Psalm 14 or
2 Kings 4:42-44 • Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

August 5**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a •
Psalm 51:1-12 or
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 • Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 •
Psalm 130 or
1 Kings 19:4-8 • Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 • Psalm 111 or
Proverbs 9:1-6 • Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 26**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 •
Psalm 84 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 •
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

September 2**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Song of Sol 2:8-13 • Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
or Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 • Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Union Church Calendar

June 16—August 19, 2018

June 17 Sunday—Father’s Day
Strengthen the Church Offering
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

June 19 Tuesday
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Immigration Advocacy Team

June 20 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

June 23 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

June 24 Sunday
9:00 a.m. Habitat for Humanity:
Jennifer Meyer
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

June 26 Tuesday
12:00 p.m. Bible Study

June 27 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

June 30 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

July 1 Sunday
Duke Ellington Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
with Holy Communion

July 3 Tuesday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders
(special Tuesday edition)
12:00 p.m. NO Bible Study

July 4 Wednesday
Church Office Closed
7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Group

July 7 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

July 8 Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

July 10 Tuesday
12:00 p.m. Bible Study

July 14 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers
12:00 p.m. Pride Alive at Joannes Park

July 15 Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

July 18 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

July 21 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

July 22 Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

July 24 Tuesday
12:00 p.m. Bible Study

July 25 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

July 28 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

July 29 Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

August 1 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

August 4 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

August 5 Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
with Holy Communion

August 7 Tuesday
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry
6:30 p.m. Education Ministry

August 8 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

August 10 Friday
Deadline for August’s *“Still Speaking”*

August 11 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

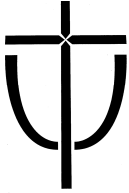
August 12 Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

August 14 Tuesday
FALL PRIMARY ELECTION
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry
5:30 p.m. Inreach Ministry
6:30 p.m. Common Ministry

August 15 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders
August’s *“Still Speaking”* is published

August 18 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

August 19 Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary



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Oneida Pow Wow Outing Friday, June 29

Grand Entry of Dancers is at 7 p.m. (also Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 12 noon). Be at the pow wow site by 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. Meet at church at 5 p.m. if you'd like to car-pool. Bring lawn or folding chairs.

Food (12 food trucks), beverages, and arts and crafts are available at the pow-wow site.

VENUE: Norbert Hill Center Pow Wow Grounds
N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida, WI 54155

COST: Weekend Pass is \$15 — Daily Pass is \$8
60 & older – FREE 5 & under – FREE



Sign-up at Union Central or by emailing office@unionucc.com

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