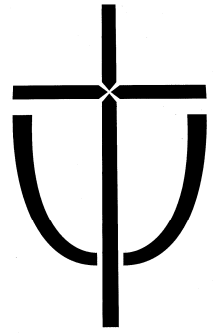


Still Speaking



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

October 2018

The Inside Scoop

Newsletter Deadline

*Our next newsletter will be published
the week of **November 14, 2018.**
The deadline for that newsletter is
Friday, **November 9, 2018.***

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Candy or Chili?

As the forecast turns and frost threatens our gardens, if you're like me, your thoughts turn to the patterns and rituals of the season. When I was growing up, October meant taking a trip to a farm outside of town to take a hayride, drink hot cider, and pick out pumpkins. The only rule as we were picking out pumpkins was that you had to be able to carry the one you wanted to bring home—no one was going to carry it for you!

October is full of great rituals and patterns—raking and jumping in leaves, pondering the geese flying south, dreaming and scheming about a Halloween costume. But none of these live up in a kid's mind to trick-or-treating. I'm sure that the experience was not nearly as phenomenal as my memory, but oh, the fun! Dressing up, running around the neighborhood, ringing every doorbell and having each and every neighbor drop candy in your bag. (Actually, there was one lady who gave us apples, but we didn't mind because she was nice and always let us climb in her apple trees.)

But for me, even more fun than the trick-or-treating was our chili dinner afterward. You see, every year as we would return home from trick-or-treating, my mom and several neighbor friends would be gathered in our kitchen with a couple of pots of chili on the stove. All of the leaves would have been added to the dining room table earlier in the day, and we would all squeeze in around the table for dinner. At the time, it felt like there were more than one hundred people there, though in retrospect, I can only count 22 people in the participating households. We'd squeeze in as tightly as we could, making sure there was room for everyone between the kitchen and dining room. We'd laugh and tell stories. The person nearest the kitchen had to serve everyone seconds, because there was no way you could get through to the stove, and everyone was fed.

As we contemplate stewardship and supporting our church financially this season, I think these two Halloween activities of mine were symbolic. For many, faith is like trick-or-treating—we approach God with our hands outstretched, say what we believe to be the magic words, and receive something. Maybe it's not exactly what we were hoping for (think of those

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Lectionary Readings**October 21****22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

• Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c or
Isa 53:4-12 • Ps 91:9-16
Heb 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 28**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

• Ps 34:1-8, (19-22) or
Jer 31:7-9 • Ps 126
Heb 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

November 4**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 1:1-8 • Ps 146 or
Deut 6:1-9 • Ps 119:1-8
Heb 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 11**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 • Ps 127 or
1 Kings 17:8-16 • Ps 146
Heb 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 18**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Sam 1:4-20 • 1 Sam 2:1-10 or
Daniel 12:1-3 • Ps 16
Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 25**Reign of Christ**

2 Sam 23:1-7
• Ps 132:1-12, (13-18) or
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 • Ps 93
Rev 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Candy or Chili?*(continued from page 1)*

chewy peanut buttery nougat things wrapped in wax paper), but we receive something. But good stewardship tells us that a life of faith is more like the chili supper, more like squeezing in together, making room for everyone, taking turns serving so that everyone is fed, getting to really know one another through the telling of our stories, receiving something that is truly nourishing rather than a morsel of sweetness that will leave us hungry an hour later, or worse sick an hour later.

We can treat God and our faith and the church like we're trick-or-treating, but everyone's experience is so much richer when we approach God and faith and the church like the chili supper afterward. The world becomes more and more like God's kingdom, God's vision, when we are about community, not grab-and-go.

When you pledge to our Annual Stewardship Campaign, you are among the ranks of those who understand the value of sustained, relational support of one another as we do the work of the Gospel. Thank you.

And special thanks this year to three dearly departed members of our church who graced our church through estate gifts: Rev. John Staton, Elaine Pamperin, and Katie Small. By remembering Union through trusts and in their wills, these faithful souls are helping to ensure that Jesus' work will continue through them into the future. Not only was Union an important part of each of their lives, their gifts tell us that even in death, they want to be an active part of Union's continued life.

In the end, there's nothing wrong with reaching out to God with our hands outstretched, just as there's nothing wrong with trick-or-treating. The reality is, though, that trick-or-treating isn't a sustainable lifestyle; gathering as many people around the table as we possibly can to break bread, tell our stories, and serve one another is. Thanks for being part of Union's sustainability.

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

Our Church Family**Attendance**

September	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
1st Sunday	86	107
2nd Sunday	114	162
3rd Sunday	53	65
+ retreat	54	71
Sunday Total	107	136
4th Sunday	141	114
5th Sunday	95	—
Totals	543	519
Average	108.6	129.8

Women’s Advent Event

is Monday, December 3

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 23

Members of Priscilla Circle will meet in the English Room at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23. Dina Borremans will speak about the Golden House. Jean Smithback will host.

Love Life Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who donated diapers and wipes in the recent collection for Love Life. Many families really need the extra diapers, wipes, formula and clothing this ministry provides for babies and toddlers. You donated 2,332 diapers and 2,232 wipes—the church at work! Anyone interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact Jean Smithback. Great job, Union!

More Ushers Needed!

Ushering is an easy way to help out at church. Ushers help greet folks, distribute bulletins, help guide visitors, and take up the collection. Most folks sign up for one of the Sundays each month. Others offer to fill in as substitutes.

Would you like to try it out? Training is available.

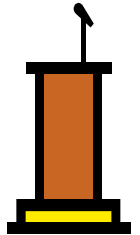
Please contact Susan Forsythe at mysuzygirl1900@yahoo.com.

Second Sunday Series



Lindsey Draper
Mass Incarceration and
Disproportionate Minority Contact

Sunday, November 11
at 9 a.m.
Bagby Chapel



For our Second Sunday Speaker in November, we have invited a dear friend of Pastor Bridget’s, the Honorable Lindsey Draper, J.D. Draper grew up with parents who worked alongside the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his passion for civil rights and justice has never wavered.

Draper’s career spanned 30 years, including work as Commissioner of Milwaukee County Children’s Court, and in the state Department of Justice as the State’s Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator. Since retiring, he travels the country training middle and high school civics teachers how to engage at-risk students in the study of U.S. history from a Constitutional perspective.

Draper will speak about mass incarceration and disproportionate minority contact. Join us!



Whoooo Goes There?

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.

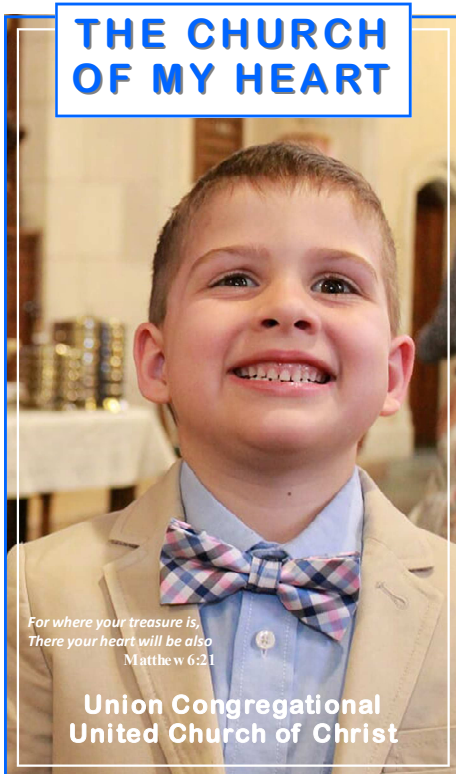


Seong-Kyung Graham

Sing Alleluia!

It is with great joy that we introduce our new Music Director, Seong-Kyung Graham. A talented musician, Seong is currently the Music Director of the Civic Symphony of Green Bay. Although she has been known in the Green Bay area as an orchestral director, she has extensive background in voice and choral conducting, including a bachelor's degree in voice and also a master's degree and doctoral work in choral conducting. We believe that she will bring not only excellence in music and an encouraging demeanor, but also an overt joy for life.

Because Seong conducts the Civic Symphony on Thursday evenings, the new Chancel Choir rehearsal night will be Tuesday evenings. Please join together in offering Seong a warm Union welcome, and consider joining the choir on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Harmony Hall! Even singers who are available periodically are welcome! Alleluia indeed!



Thank you for giving with heart to the church of your heart!
Please return your pledge card by **November 4** to help us plan and budget. Additional cards are available at the church doors or you can pledge online at www.unionucc.com/giving or simply email your intentions to finance@unionucc.com.

In the Names of Those You Love, Give the World a Present!

Honor your friends and family this holiday season with gifts that make the world a better place. Gifts bought at a Heifer International Living Gift Market enable hungry families around the world to become more self-reliant.

Heifer International provides families with food and income-producing animals, trees, bees, and seeds, and training in their care. These gifts build bridges, begun by you, of hope and love between many people. Undernourished children receive daily nutrition from milk or eggs. Increased family income can mean school for the children, health care and better housing. The family learns farming methods that improve the soil for crops and that renew the environment to make it richer and more sustainable for future generations.

The family and whole communities are empowered as they go beyond these immediate needs to fulfill new dreams. And the families "pass on the gift" by giving one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. Veterinary services, extension advice and organizational support are important Heifer International components for ensuring lasting benefit.

By supporting the efforts of Heifer, we have the opportunity to promote the empowerment of women, contribute to ending hunger and poverty, and encourage an educational movement toward sustainable farming and agricultural practices. In addition to this traditional mission of Heifer International's work, we can also support Heifer's efforts to aid in the restoration of areas torn apart by catastrophic misfortunes.

Please visit Union's Living Gift Market on Sunday, November 18, after worship. Visit our hosts and learn how the resources provided by Heifer benefit the recipient communities. Consider making a donation. Enjoy a few treats. Maybe do some of your holiday shopping! And....possibly meet and greet a few special visitors! Thank you!

—Heather Collins, Joni Delwiche, Joan Dudek

Immigrant Advocacy Committee Book Discussion

Sunday, October 28, 11:30 a.m.
in the English Room

Let's discuss: The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border, by Francisco Cantú. The son of a park ranger, Francisco Cantú grew up in the southwest. When he joined the Border Patrol, he became a witness to the stark realities of the desert, where the obligations of his job weighed heavily against his sense of humanity.

"Cantú is a good no-nonsense writer, and his direct, stoic prose... provides a weighty and timely document on one of our most divisive arguments"

—Amazon Book Review

Migration Advocacy members Judy Larmouth and Barbara McClure-Lukens will lead the conversation.

For Those Who Served

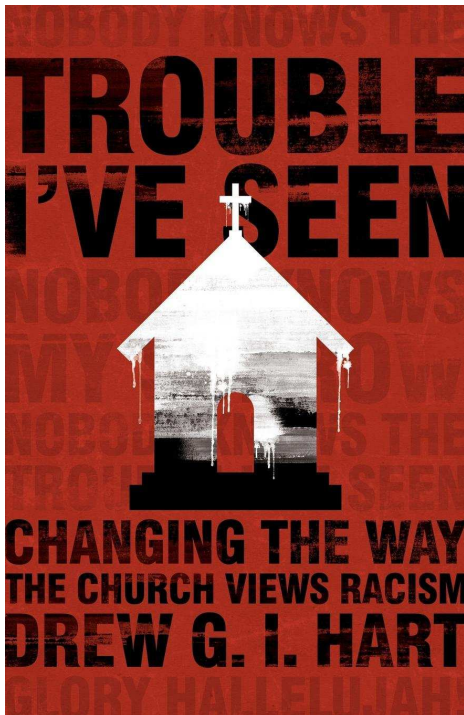
On Sunday, November 11, we will recognize and honor those who have served our country in the Armed Forces.

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,
- Lon Johnson, Bill Johnson,
- Jerry Kalkofen, 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 not on this list, contact the church office (437-9266) with your information including branch of service, rank and years of service. Then, plan to be with us in worship as we give thanks for those who served our country.



BIG READ

The Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism

Individuals and churches throughout the WI Conference UCC are participating in a BIG READ of *The Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G. I. Hart this fall, and Union will host a discussion of the book for anyone in the NE Association who is interested in gathering with us on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. All are then invited to a conversation with Dr. Hart in Madison on Saturday, December 1 (time and location to be determined).

Unfamiliar with a BIG READ? The intent of a BIG READ is to broaden participants' understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Obviously, in a church setting, the hope is to also broaden our understanding of our faith. BIG READS do so by creating opportunities to explore together issues that are relevant to our lives.



Union Church Welcomes New Members!

It was our joy to welcome two new members to the faith and fellowship of Union Church on Sunday, October 14! Our new members are:

Martha (Marty) Johanna Berry

Marty thanks members of Union Church for welcoming her to the Union Congregational UCC community. She looks forward to participating in various church programs especially those involving social justice issues.

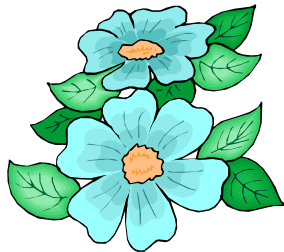
Marty has two married daughters and five grandchildren. Her older daughter and her family—Nicole, Jamie, Cady, and Zander Kinjerski—are members of Union. Marty is a retired teacher and enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and traveling.



Vicki LaFountain

Vicki was a social worker, but is now retired. She likes to meditate and read. She lives with her mother, and hopefully again soon with her grandchildren.

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:

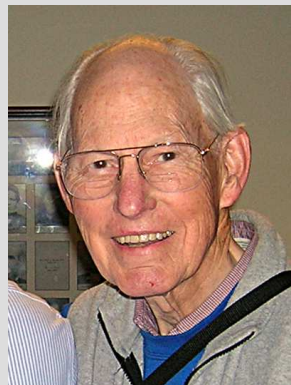
November 4
November 11

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.

Election Day Baked Goods and Soup Sale

Looking for ways to take the chill off now that the weather is turning colder? Bake some goodies or make a pot of soup to donate to the Outreach Ministry Election Day Baked Goods and Soup Sale.

We are in need of items to sell and folks who would like to run the sale between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the polling place at Union on Tuesday, November 6. Contact the church office (437-9266) or Christie Reese (920-273-5349 call or text) if you are interested in cooking or working on election day. Thanks!



Interment Service Celebrating the Life of Rev. John J. Staton

Sunday, October 21
11:30 a.m.
Union Memorial Garden

Union Church Calendar

October 21, 2018—November 23, 2018

October 21 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 9:00 a.m. Adult Ed: Philanthropy
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Interment Service
 Celebrating the life of
 Rev. John Staton

October 23 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Saudade
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

October 24 Wednesday

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

October 26 Friday

1:00 p.m. Wedding: Lisa Woznick
 and John Krueger

October 27 Saturday

1:00 p.m. Proud Theater

October 28 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 9:00 a.m. Adult Ed: Philanthropy
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Immigrant Advocacy
 Book Discussion

October 30 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

October 31 Wednesday

NO YOUTH GROUPS
 4:00 p.m. Trick or Treat
 at Union Church

November 3 Saturday

1:00 p.m. Proud Theater

November 4 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 9:00 a.m. Adult Ed: Philanthropy
 10:00 a.m. Worship with
 Holy Communion
 in the sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Quarterly Meeting

November 6 Tuesday

FALL GENERAL ELECTION
 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Education Ministry
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

November 7 Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
 5:45 p.m. Dinner
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA
 6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

November 8 Thursday

5:00 p.m. New Members/Inreach
 Ministries
 6:00 p.m. Common Ministry

November 10 Saturday

1:00 p.m. Proud Theater

November 11 Sunday

MEMORIAL SUNDAY AND
 RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Series:
 Lindsey Draper
 Mass Incarceration
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

November 13 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Adult Gay-Straight
 Alliance
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

November 14 Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Dinner
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA
 6:30 p.m. BIG READ

November 17 Saturday

1:00 p.m. Proud Theater

November 18 Sunday

HEIFER LIVING GIFT MARKET
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Heifer Living Gift Market

November 21 Wednesday

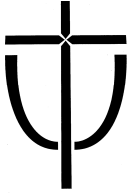
NO YOUTH GROUPS

November 22 Thursday

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
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November 23 Friday

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Christmas Trees for Sale

Union's tree lot will be on the north parking lot and we will be selling trees and wreaths from Whispering Pines Tree Farm and trees donated by Larry Krueger. A total of 65 trees and 50 wreaths will be available for sale. The wreaths will be decorated here at church. We will be selling Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir and Spruce trees along with door-size wreaths. There will also be a few tabletop sized trees and 36-inch wreaths for sale.

The tree lot will be open for business on Fridays (4 p.m. to 8 p.m.), Saturdays (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Sundays (12 noon to 6 p.m.) starting on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24 and will end when all the trees/wreaths are sold. You will be able to pre-order your tree by using the pre-order form located at Union Central.

For this fundraiser to be successful, we need your help. Volunteers are needed to help decorate the wreaths and to staff the tree lot. There are sign-up sheets at Union Central to sign up for 2-hour shifts to staff the tree lot or to help decorate the wreaths.

There will be signs up on the church property and around the neighborhood to advertise this event. We hope you will also help by encouraging your family, friends, and neighbors to support this fundraising event.

Any questions, please contact members of the committee: Achim Seifert, Larry Krueger, Julie Tetzlaff, Dan Baierl, Bill Johnson, Glen Verstegen, Lloyd Schaefer, or Jeff Carels.

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