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TAKEAWAYS FROM WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

An excerpt from Wisconsin Conference Newsletter June 12, 2023

1) We're on a journey to becoming 'the next expression of Christ in the world'. Conference Minister Franz Rigert drew on a metaphor from Stephanie Spellers' book "The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for the Beloved Community" in describing the state of the Wisconsin Conference. Although external forces like COVID-19 and racial and political tensions have produced cracks in the Church, Franz said, the Spirit of Pentecost will continue to

"refashion and renew this Church . . . to transform us, to empower us to transcend all that limits us, and ultimately to transition us into the next expression of Christ in the world." [Read the full text here.](#)

2) We got WISer. Delegates to the Annual Meeting unanimously approved a resolution declaring the Wisconsin Conference Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged for Mental Health. The resolution followed a year of discussion by a critical mass of Wisconsin UCC congregations. Vicki Harvey of the UCC Mental Health Network emailed Associate Conference Minister Lisa Hart with the news that Wisconsin is the 4th WISE conference in the denomination. WISE is an official designation awarded by the UCC Mental Health Network. "We are so impressed with the unprecedented effort you have made to get a large number of Wisconsin churches entering this process," Vicki wrote. "These churches are aflame with excitement over beginning their journey."

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3) A window of opportunity for the UCC The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the decline of trust in institutions, including the church, yet it also accentuated individuals' appreciation for community as loneliness and mental health challenges proliferated, said keynoter Sarah B. Drummond, founding dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. That presents an opportunity for the UCC. ""We learned that chronic loneliness is bad," she said. "The church has something to say about this. The idea that communities that check in on each other and provide spaces for moral meaning-making, I'm not sure how long that will last." See full presentation [here](#).

4) 'Make plans in faith but hold them loosely'. In her sermon at Saturday's closing worship, Damascus Project Director Stephanie Perdew preached about the importance to faith communities of "extraordinary, improvised plans" during uncertain times. "We can improvise our plans, excessively and abundantly, with courage and hope and not just the way we've always done it," Stephanie said. "We can plan and God may laugh, but only in order to ask us to expand our imaginations toward the flourishing God intends for all of us." [Read Stephanie's entire sermon.](#)

5) Through our budgets, we build a beloved community. The way the church spends money is a statement about how we are responding to God's call in this time and place "to create a beloved community wherein lives get transformed," said the Rev. Andrew Warner, development director for the Wisconsin Conference. "Through budgets we make decisions about how we will embody God's love in the world." Examples include the Conference's investments in leadership development and congregational development. Support from congregation's through Our Church's Wider Mission makes most of this work possible. Beyond gifts to OCWM Basic Support, individuals in the Conference over the past year have donated generously to refugee relief in Ukraine, earthquake recovery in Syria and Turkey, and tornado recovery in Mississippi and Alabama. [Read Andrew's complete report.](#)



In Rev. Franz State of the Conference Address he discussed "Changing Church . . . Follow Jesus Changing Church?? No question!! The real question is -- Are we ready to follow Jesus forward? Are we willing to go back to the basics and anchor everything we say and do in love. Are we able to accept a calling that looks more like a small band of apostles -- remnant disciples -- ready to lead a grass roots movement by following the Spirit of the risen Christ? "



We are thankful for all of our volunteers. Why not add your name to the rotation? If you would like to volunteer to help with worship services, please contact Carrie in the Church office at saukvilleucc@att.net 262-284-0588.

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JULY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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9	JUL, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: ? AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Kathy Tauben Pulpit Supply: Heather Rogge Reader: Ron Newlin Record Service: ?
16	JUL, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Heather Rogge AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Sandy Dickmann Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Sandy Dickmann Record Service: ?
23	JUL, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Kathy Quade AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Jessica Lemberg Pulpit Supply: Heather Rogge Reader: Sue Sarver Record Service: ?





SUBMITTED BY KAITLYN BECK

Council Members Present: President: Heather Rogge, Vice President: Sue Sarver, Treasurer: Joan Brecke, Secretary: Kaitlyn Watry, Wally Quade

Open with prayer by Heather.

Secretary Report: Motion made by Joan to accept the May meeting minutes, seconded by Wally. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Wally to accept the May treasurer report, seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Missions: Ed attended to give an update on the missions committee. The tithe of the parsonage sale should have UCC and nonprofit ties. The committee is going to look into local groups that need more funding and research those groups. Any other group recommendations should be submitted by July 2nd in the suggestion box by the sanctuary. The missions committee will then have time to research and present the recommendations to the council on September 12, 2023. Then we can present those at the November congregational meeting. Since we are not in a rush to tithe the money, it was suggested to put that money into a CD for the next six months.

Faith Formation/Youth: No report.

Stewardship: Craft fair will be held this fall, no rummage sale this year.

Worship: Would like to get back to traditional communion once the kits are used up. Outdoor service will take place on August 6, 2023 at the pavilion with music by Bella Musik and a potluck to follow after service.

Building & Grounds: Looking to get a bench outside the door by the canopy. Garbage disposals being looked at. Met with a company about replacing the door and mechanisms. Replacing bad bricks on the fireplace. Matt will take over Sue's duty of buying and restocking the cleaning supplies and other necessities. Sue, Joan, Kathy Q., and Sandy are doing a deep cleaning of the kitchen this month. Should also plan a yard clean up.

Caring: Meeting biannually, sending lots of cards.

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2023

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Old Business:

Heather will make some updates to the incentive agreement with Carrie.

New Business:

Carrie will be off June 15 and 23rd and August 11 - 18th, 2023.

Carrie is in talks with several people about renting the commercial kitchen and presenting a contract to Spellbound Sweets this month.

The New Horizons Band will store drums in fellowship hall and practice at church if it's raining outside on Monday's from 12:30-3:00p.m.

Looking at the facility rental agreement made up, we need to add a termination clause.

Motion to adjourn made by Sue, seconded by Joan.

Close with the Lord's prayer.

The following was discussed over email as follow up to the in person meeting discussion about the tithing of the parsonage sale during the missions committee update:

I stopped at PWSB today & am waiting on approval for a 6 month CD @ .0491 rate.

If this is approved I would like to make a motion that we purchase this in the amount of \$100,000.00. Motion made by Joan, seconded by Sue. Motion passed via email.

"I go to church as an expression
of my need for God and for
God's family."
-Philip Yancey





Prayer Families:

July 2	Sue Sarver
July 9	Steve & Lynn Beck
July 16	Brenda Wingard-Haynes and Ed Haynes
July 23	Dave Hodgson
July 30	Steve & Kris Schmit

To protect our members' privacy we cannot publish mailing addresses. If you are in need of a family's address, please contact the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net or 262-284- 0588 and we can email or mail you an updated membership list with addresses.

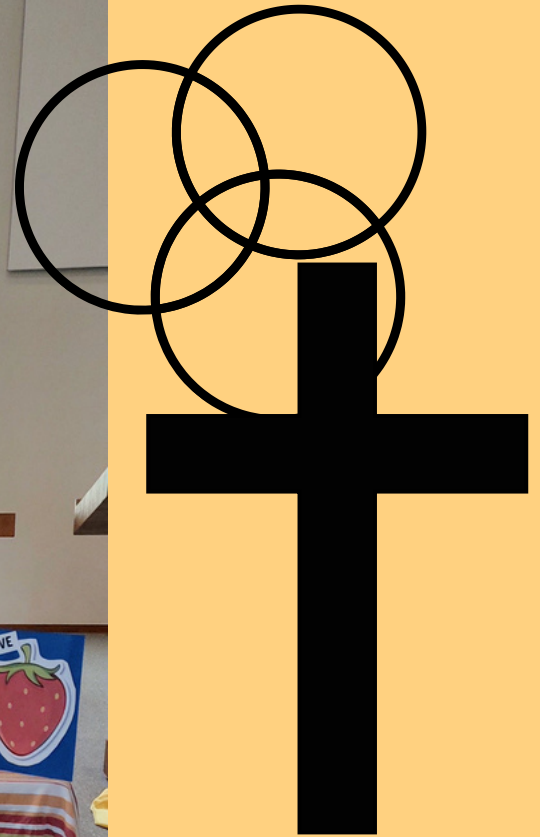
Caring Ministries

Our Prayer Team's prayer list is updated every month. Please let Gail Weigel know if you are interested in this mission. You are asked to pray for a specific portion of the list in whatever way you are comfortable. Information is sent via email so you do not need to pass it on.

Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through the purchase of handmade cards. We are no longer included in the church budget so we appreciate your support with card sales.

To call in a prayer request, please email Gail at saukvilleucc@att.net

PICTURES FROM PARKSIDE'S TRINITY SUNDAY CELEBRATION ON JUNE 4



*We celebrated
Pastor Laura's
birthday with a
cake on June 4*



Welcome!

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Welcome to the
Parkside Family!



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Beginning June 20, 2023
Nicole is renting the Parkside kitchen
to make freeze dried candies for her
business, Spellbound Sweets.



Portlight Shelter Guest Update: We currently have 15 individuals (8 adults and 7 children) at the Portlight Shelter. We recently received this thank you note from one of the guests who recently moved out: "For Everyone, I can't thank every single one of you for keeping me happy and keeping a smile on my face, just for finding this nice little apartment and keeping me off the streets!" One guest will be moving into her new apartment some time next week, but we don't have a date yet. And another guest also found an apartment and will be moving out in the middle of July. Congratulations to both of them!

Volunteers Needed for Painting & Rehab Party: Family Promise is rehabbing the two-bedroom apartment located on the second floor at the main office. This unit is used as transitional housing for a family leaving our shelter program who may need some additional assistance. We hope you can come and help us make this apartment beautiful for the new family that will be moving in. Lunch and beverages will be provided. [Here](#) is a link for anyone who may be interested in helping out on Saturday, July 22, 2022

Immediate Shelter Needs: We are still in need of the following laundry items: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, bleach, and laundry baskets at the Portlight Shelter and also for our community clients. We have updated the Amazon Wish List to include the items we still need at the shelter and items that we will need on an ongoing basis. [Here](#) is a link to the Amazon wish list. Whenever someone moves out of the shelter into their own apartment, we fill a laundry basket with cleaning items, laundry items, paper products, etc., to get them started on the right foot.

Ozaukee County Back to School Fair 2023: The Back to School Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 26 at Grady Park in Saukville. We will be sorting school supplies on Thursday, August 24th and packing backpacks on Friday, August 25th. If you know of any youth groups who may be interested in helping out, please let me know.

Fairways for Families Inaugural Golf Outing: Family Promise and the Ozaukee Food Alliance will be hosting a golf outing benefiting both of our organizations on Monday, September 25th. The outing will be at the River Club in Mequon. We are currently looking for sponsors and golfers for the event. If you know anyone who may be interested in sponsoring the event, such as your church or place of employment, etc., please have them call Kennedy at our office. You can also register to golf for the event and help support two wonderful organizations!

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SAT, OCTOBER 7 -- 9AM TO 3PM

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A Place To Be

is celebrating 5 years!

Join us for a birthday bash:

Friday, July 21 • 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Food • Cake • Door Prizes • Games • Art

Something for everyone!

6:00: Potluck Dinner (Main Dish: Sloppy Joes)

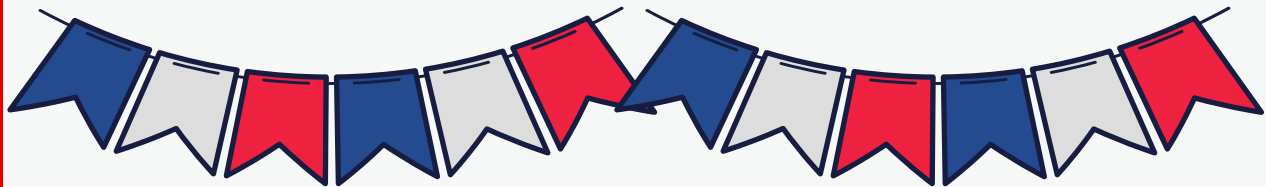
7:00: Board Games

7:00: Sunset Painting Art Project (\$35 fee;
registration required for art)

***With the exception of the art project, this is
a free-will offering event. ALL are welcome!***



Sunset Painting Project led by Lisa Masslich



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Happy Anniversary!

July 28, 2007

Andy & Laura Smith

July 18, 2020

Kaitlyn & Brady Watry

Happy Birthday

July 4 John Fransee

July 7 Kyle Heimerl

July 8 Paul Saler

July 12 Dan Gilbert

July 13 Henry Rogge

July 14 Chelene Golownia (81)

July 23 Jim Brown (91)

July 28 Mary Kiepert



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