

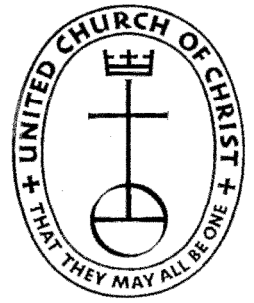
the Pilgrim Visitor

Congregational United Church of Christ

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October 2009



From the Pastor:

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Shortly after arriving in Dodgeville 6 years ago, I began hearing of a large immigrant population in rural Iowa County. But it wasn't until Plymouth was asked to host the Uruguayan Mobile Consulate that I saw the faces of people I had heard so much about. On the day the mobile consulate came, the fellowship hall was filled with people from Uruguay. The church was hopping, and so was the mobile unit of the Uruguayan Consulate. The Uruguayans needed to see the Consulate to renew expired passports and to register babies born in the United States. That day, 36 passports were renewed and over 50 families had appointments and were served.

This summer, I've been working with Deb Ivey and UW Extension, and Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin to plan a Rural Immigration Summit. The summit will be held at Plymouth on Saturday October 17th beginning at 9:00a.m. The agenda includes speakers addressing the History of Immigration in Wisconsin, Challenges with Immigration Policy, Latino Immigrants in Wisconsin's Dairy Industry, and the Life of the Latino Immigrant in Wisconsin. There will also be a panel discussion with Dairy Farmer Dan Patenaude, a Uruguayan worker on his farm, Maria Ferrand, Tony Ruesga from the Darlington Police Department, and Martha Boyer who works extensively as a translator in Iowa County. This promises to be a very informative event. Registration is \$15 and you are encouraged to register with UW Extension by October 12.

Just being on the planning team has opened my eyes. The dairy farmer on our committee estimates that 50 % of the cows in Iowa County are milked by foreign workers. This is one person's estimate, and it may be high or low. But there is general agreement that if it the immigrant workers disappeared, the milk trucks would stop running. "You can send all foreign workers home" my dairy farmer colleague said, "but you'd better get a house cow."

Our hope is to make this invisible reality more visible for local residents. Let's see it and listen to what's going on and talk about it. A secondary hope is to help Iowa County become a more welcoming place. The effort of this summit is consistent with a constant refrain in the Hebrew Scriptures. Leviticus 19:33-34, says this:

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. (NRSV)

This Biblical command intersects not just with the present, but with our own histories. Many of us are from families of Welsh immigrants or Swiss immigrants. I'm from a family of German immigrants who settled in South Dakota in the early 20th century. The more things change, the more they stay the same. May we seek to learn and love in the midst of it.

Pastor Todd



The New Nursery!

A big thank you to the family of Marion Alhgrimm who made a donation on her behalf. The money paid for the paint and the new carpet in the nursery. Marion was a community leader, teacher, a school board member and a beloved member of the congregation. The partnership between The Family Resource Center and the church is something Marion would love. Want to know more about the Family Resource Center? The FRC is a non-profit organization that benefits families.



On staff there is a certified car seat technician who will check or install child safety seats. They offer parenting

classes and family fun nights. The FRC supports new Mom's and works with the County Nurse to coordinate in home visits and follow ups.



Mission Trip to New Orleans, 2010

The planning has begun for the next joint mission trip between Plymouth UCC and Congregational UCC in Mineral Point. The scheduled date is Saturday, January 16 through Sunday, January 23, 2010.

"After 4 years and \$25 million, local Katrina relief groups say they are about half finished," appeared recently in the Times Picayune.

From the New Orleans Disaster Ministry Update: One recent call came from a couple that has lived in Houston since Hurricane Katrina. The man is 80 years old. When I met them at their home in New Orleans east the man was cutting weeds in his back yard. The only tool he had was a machete. No mower or weed hacker. Their story is unique as is everyone's. They hired a contractor, paid him to do work in the house. He began work but had a heart attack and died in their house. The owners now are out of funds and still have a gutted out house. The city of New Orleans is taking the owners to court for blighted property... For this family and so many others, faith based organizations are their only hope. For more information please contact Heather Dampf in the church office.

Harvest Auction

The Harvest Auction will take place on Wednesday, October 21. BBQ dinner will be served at 5:30 with the auction beginning at 6:00pm.

Congregational United Church of Christ Council Meeting

Date: September 9, 2009

Members Present: Nancy Schmit, Todd Smith-Lippert, Jim Bennett, Karen Tennessen, Kandy Keuler, Fritz Aschlman, and Lisa Howard.

Also Present: Marla Martin

Absent Greg Wilson

Nancy called the meeting to order.

Todd gave the opening prayer.

Financial Report

Marla presented the financial report. Income for the month of August was \$6,721.61. August expenses were \$7,262.68. Kandy made the motion to accept the financial report. Jim seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Bills Payable

The Bills payable report shows \$7,262.68. Jim made the motion to pay the bills. Karen seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

August Council Minutes

The August council minutes were reviewed. Fritz moved to accept the minutes. Jim seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report

Todd reported he attended a conference event on Conference Church Growth. He shared some insights from the conference.

The first five weeks this fall will be spent on the Book of Acts.

Todd shared he will be busy the next few weeks with CUE (Chicago, United, and Seminary) responsibilities. He will be in Chicago on October 5th and 6th attending the board meeting.

The Superintendent from the Moors District in Germany will be preaching when he is here on October 11th.

On October 17th, there will be an Immigration Summit held at Plymouth. Todd will be working with Deb Ivy, UW Extension and other community members to prepare for the Summit.

Building and Grounds reported by Fritz Aschlman

The nursery update is complete. Ann, Sarah and the whole team did a great job!

Once the east big window is finished being restored we will hold off working on the other windows until 2010.

Mission/Partnership

Check out the Mission/Partnership column in the newsletter.

Worship Committee reported by Nancy Schmit

Did not meet in August. Next meeting will be on Thursday, September 17 at 7:30.

Congregational United Church of Christ Council Meeting (con't)

Christian Education reported by Karen Tennesen

The first day of Sunday School is on September 13 starting at 9:30. There will be three separate groups this year.

The council approved for Mark Mitchell to have the dresser that was in the nursery.

We are still in need of nursery help during worship. Please see Karen if you are interested in helping out in the nursery.

Membership/Partnership did not meet in August.

Finance reported by Nancy Schmit

The committee has been working on the pledge packet. It will be ready for review at the next Council meeting.

It's time to start planning the 2010 budget. The committee is asking for a list of needs for 2010 to turn into to them no later than November.

The plaques have been selected for the windows.

The committee is requesting an updated member list by the first of October.

Other Business

Karen shared we will hold two pasty sales this fall one in September and the other in October. The plan is to make 800 pasties both months. In November, we will not have a pasty sale and focus on the beef dinner. In December the Youth group will be holding a pasty sale.

List of duties for the Harvest Auction; Fritz will contact Larry Springer, Kandy will work on the advertising and flyers, and Lisa will contact the cashiers.

Dinner for the Auction will run from 5:30 to 6:30 with bidding to begin at 6:30.

Our next Council Meeting is October 7th at 7:30! Please note the date change.

Nancy made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Lisa seconding the motion.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Howard

Beginning Balance: \$14,721.61

Income: 6,721.61

Expenses: 7,262.68

Ending Balance: \$14,180.54

Bills Payable: \$6,149.83

Food Pantry:

Specific needs include boxed desserts, peanut butter, beans, canned tuna, canned chicken

Visiting Card List

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Merton & Alice Baker
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Marge Johnson
Mineral Point Care Center
109 N Iowa St
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Mission & Partnership Notes October 2009

Partnership Visit:

Our Congregation will be host to 11 visitors from our UEK partner churches in Germany. The itinerary at this time includes:

- Oct 10th, arrive evening, join Mineral Point host families
 - Oct 11th, worship with our congregation, potluck to follow, everyone welcome. We will be providing meatloaf, please bring a dish to pass, afternoon with hosts and visiting
 - Oct 12th, Potosi Beer Museum and lunch, Mississippi River Museum, Dubuque
 - Oct 13th, tour MP schools; Hodan Center, Upland Hills Health,
 - Oct 14th, Free day In Mineral Point, evening send off gathering to Madison area host families
- If you would like to share time, a meal, an outing with some visitors, or have any questions, contact Karen Crawford.

Neighbors in Need Offering:

We will be receiving offering for the UCC special mission collection, Neighbors in Need, on Sunday, Oct 4th – you may forward your offering anytime to Marla, just note ‘NIN’ with your donation.

NIN’s theme is “Imagine – Another World is Possible” which supports activities of the UCC to Justice and Witness Ministries including the Justice and Peace Advocacy network, as advocates for issues such as voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties; environmental justice. It also assists the Council for American Indian Ministries. Thank you for supporting NIN.

Iowa County Homeless Shelter:

Currently, a location is operating in a Dodgeville apartment. ICBS would consider another location, possibly in another community. If you know of a place that may be available at low cost, or would like to help with startup or operation of a shelter, please contact Dick J.

Iowa county Food Pantry:

Thank you for continuing to support our donor basket in the Chapel. The need has continued for supplies of food and non perishable items.

A door to door campaign is planned for Oct 10th, we are pleased to have volunteer help from the Mineral Point High School Honor Society members. If you would like to help with fliers on Thurs or Fri, Oct 8 & 9, or pickup on Saturday, Oct 10th, contact Dick J. (the area we will canvas will depend on the number of volunteers)

Food Resource Project:

Our two projects, an animal project at the Mary Dunn Farm and a soybean Project at the Robert and Jill White farm continue. If you have not had opportunity to donate to this project, your help would be welcome to offset expenses of bringing these projects to completion.

Other news:

- A recognition poster from Heifer Project International
- We will be looking into a Companion Churches project
- A donation was made to Lower Wisconsin River Habitat For Humanity, they are looking for donations to be able to host a project, and trades people who would volunteer.

Schedule for German Visitors

October 10th Saturday

- O'Hare Flight #436 1:45pm
- Bus time to be determined later. 5:30PM --6:50PM at Dutch Mill Park and Ride if all goes well

Oct 11th Sunday

- 10:30 church with lunch to follow for all the congregation
- Afternoon: Hosts and guests to decide how to spend time together or with other interested people.

Oct 12th Monday

- Need transportation and drivers for 11 German Guests and hosts
- ETD 9:00--9:30 Potosi Beer Museum
- Lunch
- National Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque
- Evening meal at renovated Pub at Museum in Dubuque

Oct 13th Tuesday

- Hospital: Tour at 10:30AM. Lunch at hospital 11:30AM
- Hodan Center: Tour at 1:45PM
- School: time to be announced later
- Evening guests and hosts decide

Oct 14th Wednesday

- Free Day
- Dinner at 5:30: Local hosts, German Guests & Madison folks
- Brewer House at Fountain and Decatur St (Dick & Kandi's house)
- Madisonians will pick up Germans and luggage

Hosts & Guests

Dr Dan & Theresa Gibbons

- Dagmar Balluf
- Ursula Mayer
- Martina Knop

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Pasty Sale

Monthly UCC pasty sales will take place on:

October 10

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

If you have changes to your standing order, please contact Heather Dampf at the Church Office at 987-2025 or by email at mpucc@gmail.com. We also need workers – please let Heather know if you are available to help.

Opportunities to give

We Care - is in need of help/donations. We Care opened in March 2006 to help families in Wisconsin. There are currently families located in 13 counties that are being served by We Care. It can cost around \$1000 for We Care to help families with the cost of diapers, wipes, clothing, and laundry detergent. Funds will be depleted by the beginning of August. If you are able to make a donation, please contact Ronda Swanson 341-9637

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday school 9am Worship 10:30 am Childcare provided				1	2 Homecoming reunion	3
4 Communion	5 AWF 1:30	6	7 Finance/MP 6:30pm Council 7:30pm	8	9	10 Pasty Sale
11 Potluck following worship	12 German Moor District visiting		13	14	15 Yoke Council 7:00pm @ Cong UCC	16
18	19	20	21 Harvest Auction	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Ushers & greeters

4 Dan Ivey	Mark Mitchell	Dick Ivey
11 Warren Howard	Lisa Howard	Maxine Tibbits
18 Dick Josh	Kandy Keuler	Don Bennett
25 Jean Polkinghorn	Diann Wenger	Bob Wenger

Lay Readers

4 Holly/Julie Allen
11 Greg Wilson
18 Jean Polkinghorn
25 Teresa Gibbons

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*November Newsletter deadline
Tuesday, October 27*