



January 2018 Newsletter

Come join us for Worship on Sunday mornings at **Community United Church of Christ** 9 am;

510 E. Broadway Ave, Medford, WI 54451

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Pastor Mary Jo

Are you interested in being a member of Community United Church of Christ?



Come, get to know us better

at a prospective new member gathering:

January 10, 2018, 6pm

...in the Fellowship Hall

Meet with members of the Church Council,
the Candlelight Guild, Committees,
long-time members and new.

Have questions? Want to know about our history?

The history of the UCC? Who we are...how we think?

We will be receiving new members
on Sunday, January 14th during the 9am Worship.



Start the New Year with Bible Study:

Wednesdays at 11 am,

Beginning: January 3, January 10, January 17 and January 31

Bring your Bible...the "study" to be announced.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18-25, 2018

Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power

(Exodus 15:6)



The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power," is taken from the book of Exodus 15:6. The resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean by an ecumenical team of women and men under the leadership of His Grace Kenneth Richards, Catholic Archbishop of Kingston, the Antilles Episcopal Conference, together with Mr. Gerard Granado, General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches.

The Week of Prayer also invites those who participate to use it as an opportunity to examine the effectiveness of the ecumenical movement in seeking to end the divisions among Christians. From the smallest to the largest communities, from all cultures, races and language groups, from all the baptized to all those in ordained ministry, the Week of Prayer is also an opportunity to ask and examine the level of support they have given to this important movement in the life of the Church. An accounting of each Christian's discipleship and faithfulness to the proclamation of the Gospel-the good news of reconciliation-can be taken every year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Why use Scrip, you may ask?

- *Scrip cost you no extra money
 - *Scrip makes it easy to live on a budget.
 - *Scrip makes a great gift
 - *Scrip profits go to our Church.
 - *We get a percentage of the cost of each Scrip card.
- purchased. Stop in the Church office. The Scrip “volunteer” will be happy to special order other Scrip on Sunday for you., too!



DECEMBER FINANCES

As of 12-27-2017 Income \$8,629.85
 As of 12-27-2017 Expenses \$14,011.46
 Church building fund (CBF) \$1,985.78

OUR CUCC MISSION:

The mission of this church is that we are united in spirit and inspired by God’s grace. We welcome all, love all and seek justice for all.

JANUARY

Church Newsletter: Please sign -up
 Church Bulletins: Please sign-up
 Fellowship hour: Stewardship

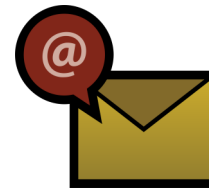
When you are Hospitalized... if you want Pastor MJ to visit during an illness, hospitalization or emergency, please call the church at 715-748-3391 or Pastor MJ’s cell at 715-351-0450. Due to the privacy laws, health care facilities do not contact the church or give information to the Pastor unless you give permission. Thanks for your help.

DATES TO REMEMBER

All annual reports due 01-04-18
 Annual meeting 01-28- 18

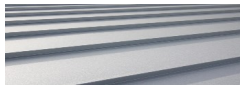
DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

You can receive this newsletter by email. If you would like to try the digital option, send an email to: cuccofmedford@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email newsletter list.



CHURCH BUILDING FUND!

We have done it before. Let’s do it again! Save dollar bills that have a C, B, or F on them. We are saving for buildings and grounds projects! roofing project!



CUCC Projects:

January
 Projects in progress:
 Furnace room
 (walls leaking)



HOLY COMMUNION OUTREACH

If you are unable to partake in Holy Communion during our regular worship service and would like to receive it in your home, hospital, etc., please contact either the Pastor directly: 715-351-0450 or call the church office at 715-748-3391



ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBOR

CHECK IN ON YOUR NIEIGHBOR REGULARLY

HELP A NEIGHBOR WITH TRANSPORTATION TO THE GROCERY STORE OR DOCTOR VISITS



CUCC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Medford, WI

December 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Randi H. at 5:00 pm. Pastor Mary Jo L. offered a prayer of guidance.

Present: Randi H., Mike G.-P., Linda N., Dawn B., Joyce P., Gail P., Pam O., Pastor Mary Jo L., Linda R. and Sandy K.

Absent: Jerry G.-P.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the November meeting were emailed for review prior to tonight's meeting. Dawn B. made a motion to accept the minutes. Linda N. made a second to the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: A copy of the November checkbook register was distributed and discussed. Linda N. made a motion to accept the report. Sandy K. made a second to the motion. Motion passed. A motion was made by Linda N., seconded by Joyce P., to take some money out of our checking account and put it into the General Funds Savings. Motion passed.

Pastor's report: Pastor Mary Jo L. was very thankful for her new office chair. She reviewed her month's activities in her written report. There will be letters sent out for Christmas/Advent services to those we haven't seen for a while. She would like to resume a Bible study group again sometime in January. We have several people who are interested in becoming members of our church.

Group and committee reports: The light in the parking lot has been fixed. Repair of the leaking in the furnace room has not occurred yet, but is still on the agenda, while we wait to purchase the material needed. The list of Committee and Auxiliary Organizations was reviewed and updated for the annual meeting. It was decided to add a combined group of Communications and Five Practices.

Old business: Mike G.-P. will send out letters to the congregation by January 9, 2018, announcing the annual meeting date of January 28. Special committee reports for the annual meeting are due by January 4. Annual reports may be picked up in the church beginning on January 14.

New business: Backup secretary duty was discussed. Pam O. is willing to become knowledgeable about the basics in the case that the current secretary wants or needs to have time off. Scrip must be paid for upon receipt. Christmas gifts for special staff members will be discussed in our closed session this evening.

Other business: To our knowledge, our commercial oven still has not been checked. Joyce P. will recheck the issue with K & B Refrigeration. It was questioned whether or not money from the 21st Century Foundation might be transferred to the Building Fund. We will confer with that committee before the annual meeting.

Closed session: The Lord's Prayer was recited by all in attendance before the Council members went into a closed session at 6:22 pm.

Adjournment: Linda R. made a motion to adjourn. Dawn B. made a second to the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.



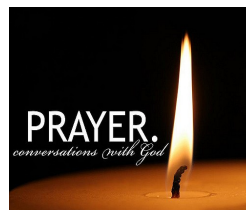
The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. Thank you for your generous contribution.



THE CANDLELIGHT GUILD

The Candlelight Guild will meet on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00. The CG meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:00. All are invited to join us to participate in projects and programs that support the church both spiritually and financially.

Join us!



Let us pray...

Milton, Judy, Cason, Betty, Shelly, Randy, Roger, Kelly, Dorie, Richard, Marge, Lavern, Lacey Rose, Jayse, Kitty, Cory, Greg, Gail, Shirley, Ginny, Lil, Lucille;

friends and family members; those anticipating medical testing;

those recovering from surgery; those traveling; those serving



O God of love,
we are wayfarers in the world,
prone to erratic changes of course,
to losing sight of our goals,
to becoming so discouraged by the journey
that we will hitch a ride on anything that comes
Help us on our way, O GOD
If we change our course
let it be not in self-interest
but in order to share the love of Christ
with another sojourner
If we lose sight of our goals,
let out our quest bring us as your curious people
to honest searching of our faith.
If we become weary and discouraged
and forget you are with us,
let it lead to recognition of our need for you.
As we travel in a world.
that sometimes seems a trackless, hostile wilderness,
we ask that your spirit sustain, encourage,
and enable us to go on.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

COUNCIL MEMBERS: If any questions should ever arise, please feel free to contact any of our Council members.

President- Randi Hirt (2015-2018)

Vice President- Joyce Peterson (2015-2018)

Recording Secretary-Linda Reynolds (2015-2018)

Financial Sec.- Jerry Goen-Penney (2017-2020)

Treasurer- Linda Neumueller (2016-2019)

Dawn Brink (2016-2019)

Sandy Kummer (2016-2019)

Gail Paulson (2017-2020)

Pam Ouimette (2017-2018)



THANKS go out to all you gave Poinsettias:

Gail Paulson

Mike and Jerry Goen - Penney

Mike and Sandy Kummer

Don and Clarice Brink

Dorie Eiden

Jim and Joyce Peterson

Faith and Roger Higgins

WE ARE REACHING OUT TO HELP

-Stepping Stones is a non-profit organization that provides free support services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Taylor County.

-The Back Pack program sends food home for families in need on the weekends.



January 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

Office closed



2

Pastor 10 - 2

Mike 9 - 1

AA/Al Anon 7pm

3

Pastor 12 - 4

Mike 9 - 1

Confirmation 4 - 530

EDA 7pm

4

Reports due

Pastor at Exec-Committee meet.

Mike 9 - 1

AA 7pm

5

6

Epiphany

7

Service at 9
Holy Communion

8

Pastor 12 - 5

Mike 9 - 1

Council Meeting
5pm

9

Pastor at Merrill
district meeting

Mike 9 - 1

Candlelight guild 6

AA/Al Anon 7pm

10

Pastor 12 - 4

Mike 9 - 1

New member get
together 6

11

Pastor 10-2

Mike 9 - 1

AA 7pm

12

13

14

Service at 9

15

Pastor at Division
of Ministry local
church

Mike 9 - 1

16

Pastor 10-2

Mike 9 - 1

AA/Al Anon 7pm

17

Pastor 12-4

Mike 9 - 1

Confirmation 4-
530

18

Pastor 10-2

Mike 9 - 1

AA 7pm

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Service at 9

22

Mike 9 - 1

23

Pastor 10-2

Mike 9 - 1

AA/Al Anon 7pm

24

Pastor at interim
Minister gather-
ing

Mike 9 - 1

25

Pastor 10-2

Mike 9 - 1

AA 7pm

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28

Service at 9
Annual Meeting

29

Mike 9 - 1

30

Pastor 10-2

Mike 9 - 1

AA/Al Anon 7pm

31

Pastor 12-4

Mike 9 - 1

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510 E. Broadway Avenue
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**Wherever you are
on your life's journey,
you are welcome here!**

**Worship:
9 am each Sunday
* Holy Communion:
the first Sunday
of the month**