

Congregational Connections

Monthly Newsletter of First Congregational Church, UCC | Port Washington, Wisconsin | December 2024

CHRISTMAS TREE UNLOADING AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

What a tremendous start to the holiday season! 25 high schoolers unloaded 448 trees on Tuesday afternoon, November 26. After enjoying pizza and refreshments, several of our church kids moved tables and chairs to help set up Fellowship Hall for our Breakfast with Santa fundraiser that took place on Saturday morning, November 30. Santa was as happy as ever to see all the families, and breakfast was delicious. Thank you to Jennifer Dimmer and Tyfani Ulicki for coordinating the event, and to all of the volunteers for assisting in various ways, including our Confirmation families. The event was a great way to get into the Christmas spirit (more photos can be found on page 6).



Special thanks to church members (l-r) Chloe Rychtik, Simon Gilhooly, Elaina Perez, Mia Blum, Avery Roehrig, Graham Garthus, Grant Eslinger, (not pictured Kylee Olson and Sam Pasten), and 16 additional Port Washington High School students who unloaded the trees.



GUEST LEADERSHIP IN DECEMBER

- December 1 Rev. Don Niederfrank
- December 8 (stay tuned)
- December 15 Rev. Muriel Otto
- December 22 Christmas Pageant
- December 29 Ken Matthews and Don Niederfrank



REV. MURIEL OTTO

Muriel Otto is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ who just wrapped up a ten-year call at Unity Lutheran Church in Brookfield. She is delighted to return to the "UCC World" as a guest leader during this in-between time for our church. Muriel is from the San Juan Islands in northwest Washington and came to Wisconsin after seminary at Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia. She currently lives in Bay View with her husband Andrew, their two children Alice (7) and Sal (4), and their aging corgi Manny (13). Muriel firmly believes local churches are a precious and counter-cultural force for good that will be more needed than ever in the coming years and prays God will use our time together to encourage you and bless you for the work ahead for FCC.



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 on December 4, 11, 18

Rev. Don Niederfrank will be providing Wednesday evening services during Advent on December 4, 11, and 18, from 6:30 - 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a respite from the December rush in the beauty of our church; refill your spirit as we allow God's Spirit to bring the light of Christ into our lives.



JOIN US

We have one Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 each week.

HOLY COMMUNION

The first Sunday morning of each month we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, open to all who seek to follow in the way of Christ, both children and adults.

LINKED UP

Be on the lookout for orange text - it's linked up to documents and web pages you might find helpful or interesting.

SUBMIT INFO FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you have a celebration, prayer request, or other contribution for the newsletter, please email the church office 7-10 days before the first day of the month.