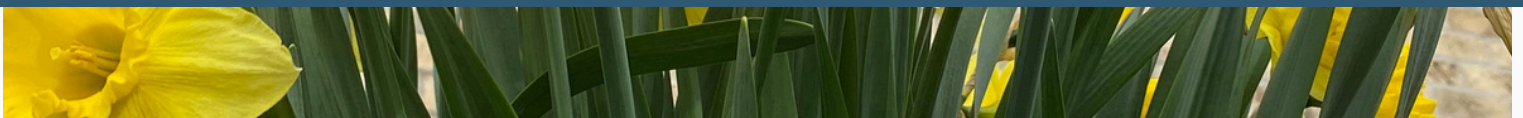




Congregational Connections

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



The church grounds were dotted with daffodils in April.

REHEARSE AND SING WITH THE CHOIR

All children and adults are invited to rehearse with the Chancel Choir and perform together on May 19. If interested, attend rehearsals in the Sanctuary on May 6 and 13. Adults rehearse from 6:30-7:30, middle school youth from 6:30-7:10, and elementary-age children from 6:30-6:50, as well as 9:15 on May 19. Whether you have sung at church many times, or it is your first time, we hope you consider taking part! See *page 6* for more information.



FIRST SERVICE OF MAY IN THE SANCTUARY

A reminder that the first service of each month is held in the Sanctuary while our elevator is out of order. Join us Sunday morning, May 5, at 8:00. Our other services will continue to be held in Fellowship Hall until our elevator is fixed.



PREVIEW OF MAY AND JUNE

May 5 - Services at 8:00 and 10:00, 9:00 Fellowship Hour, Church School at 10:00

May 12 - Services at 8:00 and 10:00, Chancel Choir at 10:00

May 19 - Services at 8:00 and 10:00, Service of Confirmation at 10:00 with Combined Choirs, last Fellowship Hour of the Program Year after 10:00 Service

May 26 - Start of Summer Schedule with one Sunday morning Service at 9:00

June 1 - Brat Fry Fundraiser at Saukville Piggly Wiggly from 10:00-2:00

June 23 - Spring Congregational Meeting after 9:00 Service



ELEVATOR UPDATE

As you may have heard, two of the elevator control boards are no longer operable. One of the control boards can be repaired and the other is on order. We are still awaiting the date of final repair. Thank you for your patience.



SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 26

From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend we offer one service on Sunday mornings at 9:00.

WORSHIP WITH US

We celebrate two Sunday morning worship services at 8:00 and 10:00 through May 19. Nursery care is available at 10:00 on May 5, 12, and 19.

HOLY COMMUNION

The first Sunday morning of each month we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Communion is 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 that 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 us 7-10 days before the first day of the month.


**TRANSITION
UPDATES**
FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear Members and Friends,

We would like to provide you with a few updates in this initial time of transition. We were close to securing an interim minister, but recently learned the role wasn't the right fit for the candidate. The Executive Team is working diligently to connect with other candidates. The church can expect to welcome guest leadership each Sunday through the month of May and into the summer months. We appreciate Tracy Greymont, our Liturgy Team Representative on Church Council, for coordinating pulpit supply (the term for a list of interested guest ministers available on a week-to-week basis) and welcoming the guest leaders. Thanks also to members of the Property Team who open and close the church each Sunday morning.

Sincerely, Your Church Council



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY ON MAY 19

The seven students of this year's Confirmation class, Sawyer Crain, Simon Gilhooly, Ruby Hoffmann, Kylee Olson, Chloe Rychtik, Addison Wellenstein, and Sydney White, have been learning and serving since the program started in September. The class will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, during the 10:00 service led by Rev. Don Niederfrank.

The class has learned about the Bible, the Trinity, and the Church. They have also put their faith into action with mission experiences serving at Daycholah Center, The Food Pantry, and our Breakfast with Santa fundraising event. The group put on a Pageant on Christmas Eve. They also toured America's Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee and will be walking the Stations of the Cross at Holy Hill on May 5. They have helped to lead our monthly Family Service as well as provided nursery care on Sunday mornings.

With the support of Confirmation parent and Church Council member, Eric Olson, the group will be working on their personal Statements of Faith in preparation for presenting them on Confirmation Sunday. We hope you can join us on May 19 to celebrate these individuals as they take this meaningful step in their journey of faith!



Christmas Pageant on December 24.

UPCOMING GUEST LEADERSHIP (AT TIME OF PUBLICATION)

We enjoyed visits by Rev. Bob Wells and Rev. Jim Gorman in April. Please see below for upcoming guest leaders and join us in giving them a hearty welcome!

MAY 5 at 8:00 and 10:00 - In the Works

MAY 12 & 19 AT 8:00 AND 10:00

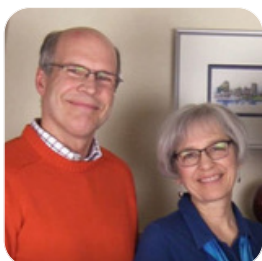


REV. DON NIEDERFRANK

Don Niederfrank is a UCC pastor who joined his wife and daughter as members of our congregation when he retired in 2013. Don has been an integral part of church since then, providing guest leadership, and joining in church activities. He and Susan live in Port Washington, though they are frequently in Chicago visiting their son's family. In retirement Don has taken up writing poetry and fiction (donniederfrank.com).

MAY 26 at 9:00 - Please Check Back

JUNE 2 & 9 AT 9:00



REVS. TOM & DEBBIE PAYDEN

Stay tuned to learn more about this husband-and-wife team!



INVITATION TO SERVE ON CHURCH COUNCIL

Our primary item of business at our upcoming Spring Congregational Meeting, June 23, at 10:00 a.m., is the election of Church Council executive members and team representatives. Jodi Cowen will move from Associate Moderator to a two-year term as Moderator. We are looking to fill the role of Associate Moderator. This two-year position supports the Moderator, attends two meetings a month, and is intricately involved in the business of the church. This person will then move into the Moderator role for an additional two years; this is a four-year commitment. There are two additional openings on Church Council - our Community Outreach Team Representative and Stewardship Team Representative which are two-year terms. We are also hoping to add team members to Staff Support and Review and Finance Team. If you are interested, or would like to nominate another church member, please contact the church office or speak to any member of Church Council (listed on *page 14*). Thank you!



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We had a fun April in Church School where we continued our lessons from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The children created a Jesus tomb out of paper plates with a stone to roll away, and collected boxes of Life cereal which were donated to The Food Pantry. A big thank you to all those in the congregation who donated cereal as part of our service project. We had enough boxes to create a life size Cross to enjoy as part of our lesson.

In Kids Club, we rolled up our sleeves to make an Easter Snack Mix. The children shared their Easter Snack with those who attended the 10:00 service. Each ingredient tied to a passage from the gospel:

Pretzel sticks which represent the cross - *Colossians 2:14*

Raisins for the blood Jesus shed for us - *Ephesians 1:7*

Round crackers for the stone rolled away - *Luke 24:2*

Goldfish as Jesus told the disciples to be fishers of men - *Matthew 4:19*

Mini marshmallows for the sins washed away - *1 John 1:9*

Sweet add-in to see & taste that God is good - *Psalms 34:8*

Church School concludes for the program year on May 5. We will be learning about Respecting Others with a passage from *James 2:1-13*. The kids will be creating a decoration to line the hallway for the summer and celebrate the Church School and Kids Club year with cookies. We hope you can join us!

Sincerely,

Shandy Roehrig, Christian Education Team Representative
on Church Council and Church School Team Leader

1 MORE
CHURCH
SCHOOL
SUNDAY
on **MAY 5th**



See You
in the Fall!

KIDS CLUB

Kids Club, open to all 4K through 7th graders, enjoyed many months of fun since its inception in early winter 2023. Thank you to the kids who took part. We look forward to resuming the program in September!

NURSERY CARE

Every Sunday morning during the 10:00 service, we provide Nursery Care for children newborn through elementary. Care is mostly provided by our 8th grade Confirmation students and their families. Our Nursery is in the Gilomen Room, across from the restrooms. There are a few weeks left of Nursery, which ends on May 19. Sorry, there is no nursery care in the summer months.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Rev. Don Niederfrank will be leading both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. Our seven confirmands will read their Statements of Faith and be confirmed at 10:00.

COMBINED CHOIRS AT 10:00

The Chancel Choir, with the addition of children's voices, and the Handbell Choir combine to celebrate the end of the program year. Here is their selected music:

"Prelude for a Celebration" (Behnke) - Introit, Handbell Choir

"We Will Rise Again" (Dimmer) - Chancel Choir with Children and Handbell Choir

"You Will Be Found" (Pasek and Paul) - Chancel Choir with Children
From the Musical "Dear Evan Hansen"

"Fill Me, Lord" (Nix) - Chancel Choir

END OF PROGRAM YEAR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The Fellowship Team invites everyone to gather for the last Fellowship Hour of the program year after the 10:00 service. Coffee and treats will be served.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, congregations of the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ receive the **Strengthen the Church** offering. Financial gifts will be shared equally by the Conference and the national setting to support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovations in UCC congregations. The UCC has developed a **series of videos** to accompany the Strengthen the Church campaign. The offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.



NEW LIAISON TO THE FOOD PANTRY

We are pleased that longtime member, Lorraine Halls, is our new liaison to the The Food Pantry. Lorraine will pick up the donated items in the cart located in the church entryway as well as communicate to us the needs of the pantry. Thank you to Lorraine for stepping into this role!



MAY REQUESTS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Our Community Outreach Team invites you to contribute food items for those in need. You may place donations in the grocery cart located in the entryway and we will deliver to The Food Pantry here in Port Washington. Here is a list of needed items:

- Applesauce
- Beef Stew
- Corned Beef Hash
- Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, Spam)
- Cooking Oils
- Salad Dressings
- Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, BBQ Sauce
- Pasta Sauce
- Pickles and Olives
- Canned Pasta Meals (Spaghetti O's, etc)



RAISERIGHT GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM Time to think about Graduation Gifts and Summer Travel!



Through RaiseRight, our gift card fundraising program, the church can raise money when members and friends use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries), instead of paying by credit card, cash, or check. Be thinking about upcoming graduation gifts and summer travel too! Jennifer Dimmer and Rhonda Thompson, our church RaiseRight Coordinators, place an order each month (even through the summer!). Next order date is Sunday, May 12. The gift cards will be available at the church for pick up starting on Sunday, May 19. You can enroll and place an order on the company website, RaiseRight.com/enroll. Our church enrollment code is **P8I47VHNX56H**. Or, you can complete the **paper form** and write out a check to the church. If you have any questions, contact the church office. Thank you!



PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR AVAILABLE SPACE!



Our space previously used by Port Pre-School is available for new occupants. We can use your help - please feel free to use **this flyer** to generate interest with the groups with whom you work or volunteer. If you can think of a group that might be interested, please let us know so we can reach out!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - BRAT FRY ON JUNE 1



The church will be hosting a Brat Fry on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00-2:00, outside of the Saukville Piggly Wiggly. Proceeds will go towards church operating expenses. If you are able to help coordinate this fundraising event, please contact the church office in the coming weeks. Save the date and be on the lookout to sign up for volunteer shifts for grilling and selling at the window. Thank you!



BECOME A FCC DELEGATE FOR WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MEETING

You are invited to attend the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ Annual Meeting, held at Green Lake Conference Center on June 7-9. We are able to send two delegates to represent our church. It is a beautiful location, with great food and workshops offered on a variety of topics around this year's theme: "Listening in New Ways". The keynote speaker is Rev. Shari Prestemon, Acting Associate General Minister and Co-Executive Chair of Global Ministries. If you would like to be a delegate, please [click here](#) to learn more and contact the church office to sign up.



NEW CHURCH *Instagram* ACCOUNT FOR PHOTOS

If you are on Instagram, we welcome you to check out our new account. It is fun way for us to share a collection of photos of the church. Our handle is [@portuccphotos](#).



APRIL PHOTOS



Church School on April 7.



*Kids Club
Snack Making
on April 28.*




Handbell Choir on April 21.



Special Music on April 28.



*Fellowship Hall rented
for a bridal shower in early April.*



**Happy
BIRTHDAY**

Church Team Spotlight

OUR CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Submitted by Jeanne Mantsch on behalf of the Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Committee meets periodically, with primary tasks involving presence with members of the congregation through birthday cards and anniversary cards, and visitation accompanying the pastor to offer communion and conversation with shut-ins or others unable to attend church. Anyone interested in joining us should let the church know, and we will invite you to join us at our next meeting. We will work together to figure out what role (cards, visits, etc.) fits your schedule and preference best!



REPORT ON ASSOCIATION MEETING FROM OUR CHURCH DELEGATE

The Annual meetings of the Southeast Association (of which we are members) and the Southwest Association was held at First Congregational Church in Oconomowoc on April 27. I attended as our delegate. The day began with morning worship, followed by separate business meetings for each association, and a combined keynote address. Our keynote speaker was Rev. Sandhya Jha, who spoke about their experience growing up in a combined Christian/Hindu family. This was followed by lunch and two workshops and closing worship. I chose to attend the workshops about Re-imagining Associational Life as well as Land Acknowledgement Done Right.

The Re-imagining Associational Life acknowledged that some of the work at the association level was 'busy-work' that could just as productively be done at the Conference level. However, the friendships and assistance that occurred at the Association level is valuable. So, how to retain that which is of value while transferring more of the 'every-day' work to the conference, there-by doing it once, rather than four times!

The Land Acknowledgement Done Right was led by Rev. Kerry Parker, Executive Director of Wisconsin Council of Churches. Given our church Friends for Justice group's interest and work on this issue, I wanted to learn what she might have to add to our existing knowledge base. She began by saying that the workshop should have been entitled 'Land Acknowledgement Done Better', rather than 'Right', and went on to say that it is indeed an ongoing process.

It was a worthwhile day; although I wish I could have attended all of the workshops.

Submitted by church member, Jeanne Mantsch

CHURCH CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to check out all of the church camp, retreat, and workshop opportunities at uccci.org!



Daycholah Center
Ripon, WI

Moon Beach
St. Germain, WI

Cedar Valley
West Bend, WI

Camp AweSum
Supporting Youth on the Autism Spectrum and their Families



LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH MINISTRY LOCK-IN

Our church partners with four other churches, Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Living Hope Lutheran Church, and Parkside Community United Church of Christ, all located in Port Washington and Saukville, to support our joint ecumenical initiative, Lighthouse Youth Ministry.

Friday, May 17 from 8:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. Saturday LIGHTHOUSE LOCK-IN!

Many of the kids have been asking for this event and here it is! Join Lighthouse for 12 hours of late-night fun as the group enjoys games, snacks, more games, midnight worship, movies, and more. Students can be dropped off/picked up from Christ the King Lutheran Church located at 420 W. Whitefish Road in Port Washington. Please RSVP to Lighthouse Youth Director, Christin Flucke, by Sunday, May 12 if you plan to attend.



INVITATION TO LOCAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ALL GOD'S CREATURES

An awesome 4 days of music, games, crafts, and learning about God's love!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Port Washington and Living Hope Lutheran Church in Saukville have invited kids in our church to take part in their Vacation Bible School at the end of June.

**JUNE 24-27, 2024
MORNINGS
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

**ALL KIDS
AGE 3
TO FOURTH GRADE**

**LIVING HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SAUKVILLE**

**\$10 PER
STUDENT**

**REGISTER BY JUNE 1
AT MYVBS.ORG/PWS**

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Katja Cira, Simon Gilhooly, Kylee Olson, and Taylor and Skylar White who were part of the cast of Port Youth Theatre's production of "Aladdin, Jr." April 19 and 20. Katja played the Genie, Simon was Aladdin, and Katja was Jasmine!

To Jessica Jacque, daughter of Jason, who graduated with honors from UW-La Crosse with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science. Jessica is currently enrolled at Concordia University in the Masters of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration program.

To Courtney Cowen, daughter of Jodi and Ryan, who graduated with honors from Alma College with a degree in Integrated Physiology and Health Sciences. She earned minors in Chemistry and Psychology. She is in the process of applying to graduate school to become a PA (Physician Associate).

IN OUR PRAYERS

To Bev and Joe Mueller. Bev has been dealing with health challenges.

SPECIAL THANKS

To the Fellowship Team for hosting the luncheon for Pastor Scott's last Sunday on April 7.

To Rev. Bob Wells for leading our services on April 14.

To Elaina Perez, Emme Page, and Molly Ritter, *pictured below*, freshmen at PWHS, for cleaning the Sanctuary, Bell Tower, and Upper Narthex on Friday night, April 19. The ladies also earned PWHS Port Pride Program volunteer hours!



Thanks Elaina, Emme, and Molly!

SPECIAL THANKS continued...

To Eric Olson who is leading the Confirmation program and preparing the class for Confirmation Sunday on May 19.

Special thanks to Mark and Lori MacRae, Tom and Shandy Roehrig, and Ray and Brenda Shupe for helping the Property Team deliver old files for a shredding event on April 20.

To Don Niederfrank who officiated the Joyce Cottrell Memorial Service on April 20.

To Jennifer Dimmer and Barb Bahr for coordinating the Joyce Cottrell Memorial Service Luncheon, and to those that helped with set-up, serving, and take-down: Jane Spalding, Francine Barclay, Mike and Sherrie Dimmer, Dan, Lois and Garrett Roth, Kristen Andrews, Sharon Volkmann, Allen Spaude, Mary Van Pietersom, and Jeanne Mantsch.

To Jane Schwacher for sending celebration cards to our members and friends in April.

To Rev. Jim Gorman for leading our services on April 21 and 28.

To Jeanne Mantsch for serving as our delegate at the Wisconsin Conference UCC Association Annual Meeting on April 27 in Oconomowoc.

To Abby Raaflaub for providing violin music at the 8:00 and 10:00 services on April 28.

To Shandy Roehrig and Jennifer Dimmer for leading Kids Club on April 28, and to Kids Club for hosting Fellowship Hour. The Easter story snack mix was a hit!

To Mike Dimmer for cutting the grass and taking care of the church grounds.

To those who helped move chairs and tables back and forth this past month.

To members of the Property Team for opening and closing the church on Sunday mornings.

To Tracy Greymont, our Liturgy Team Representative on Church Council, who is arranging pulpit supply and welcoming the guest leaders on Sundays.

To our Worship Leaders: Ric Probst, Jason Jacque, David Franks, Jeanne Mantsch, Jane Spalding, Gary Tackes, Phil Stepanski, and Carolyn Heatwole.

To our Sunday Offering Counters: Kathy Bretl, Ken Matthews, Tracy Bretl and Phil Stepanski, and Joe and Dawn Rychtik.

To our Nursery Caregivers: Lois Roth, Shandy Roehrig, and Ruby and Jean Hoffmann.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Executive Team

Moderator: Jason Jacque (2024)
Associate Moderator: Jodi Cowen (2024)
Clerk: Rhonda Thompson (2025)
Treasurer: Phil Stepanski (2025)

Team Representatives

Christian Education: Shandy Roehrig (2024)
Fellowship: Jennifer Dimmer (2025)
Staff Support and Review: Ken Matthews (2024)
Property: Bill Bond (2025)
Community Outreach: Eric Olson (2024)
Liturgy: Tracy Greymont (2025)
Stewardship: *currently vacant* (2025)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The March minutes were approved at the April 11, 2024 Church Council meeting.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Church Council Minutes

March 14, 2024 6:30pm

Call to Order – (Jason) by Jason Jacque, Moderator, @ 6:38 pm.
Pastor Scott, Jason Jacque, Tracy Greymont, Bill Bond, Jodi Cowen, Jennifer Dimmer, Amy Gilhooly, Phil Stephanski, and Rhonda Thompson.

Opening Meditation – Jennifer read a UCC Daily Devotional from March 9, The Hokey Pokey, by Phiwa Langeni centered around 1 Corinthians 12:27-28.

Approval of the Council Minutes – February 2024 (Rhonda) - Jennifer motions to approve the February minutes and Bill seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

Review of Meeting Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting (Rhonda)

Treasurer/Financial Updates (Phil/Kris)-Phil brought a Budget vs Actual for 2023. We were introduced via zoom to Kris, the accountant. Kris is hoping to get ACS set up and used as another check and balance for pledges. Kris is working on balances from January 1, 2023, to make current and reconcile from that date going forward. The Cornerstone (a demand account with reserves) balance is \$25,763.96. The Budget vs Actual Report through December of 2023, is nearly complete and will be 100% complete when bank accounts are reconciled. Gross Profit total of \$242,233 (2023 Budget is \$202,186), Total Expenditures come to \$214,089 (2023 Budget is \$255,926) for a Net Revenue of \$28,143 (2023 Budget is estimated to end with \$53,740 deficit). The line item of 65065, Bank Charges, is mostly the cost of checks ordered. We need to send Kris the 2024 Budget.

Old Business

Property Team (Bill)

-Elevator Repairs Update- The Property Team talked to the insurance adjuster and his team of technicians felt the drive shaft failure was a result of the power

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

surge in March of 2023. The insurance adjuster suggested taking the electrical issue back to the previous elevator contractor, Otis. The Property Team is waiting to hear back from Otis. The bill for drilling and pumping was \$6,500 and not \$45,000 as estimated. To date all MEI payments made are under the donation amount received. The Otis maintenance contract is paid through June. Completion is considered once the state inspector comes in and certifies the elevator is good to use. At that point MEI will submit a bill.

-Building Maintenance - Property Team job description is written. Bill has asked for Rhonda's help in typing it up. Beckie talked with P and R Cleaning to clean the carpets for \$500.

-Church Security - They Met with Church Mutual to go over several free offerings for Church Safety. There could be a safety switch located at the pulpit and in the office that when used would summon a SWAT team.

Open Council Positions:

Associate Moderator - Open

Christian Ed. - Shandy? - She would like to stay with Christian Ed.

Staff Support and Review - Ken?

Community Outreach - Eric?

Stewardship - Open -

A name to consider for one of the openings, Ric Probst. Jodi will check in with Eric and Ken. Let's put the openings in the Newsletter in May.

Additional Team Updates (Shandy, Eric, Jennifer, Tracy, Ken)- Shandy's report states Church school continues to have ten to twelve in class and Kids Club is successful with an average of eight. In April, Church School will be hosting a service project. The children (and others in the church) will be asked to bring in a box of Life cereal. Jesus gave his life for us, we can give Life to others. We will donate the cereal to the Food Pantry. The Pastor Parish Relations team will be providing chips for Pastor Scott's Farewell Lunch. After attending the exit interview the group will dissolve. They are willing to pass along information to the Search Committee. Jennifer said the Pysanky egg decorating was a success but required a lot of patience. The Seuss Breakfast went well and made about \$1,000. Cinnamon rolls are planned for Palm Sunday. We should have a couple Council members to greet and help with escorting newcomers in the right direction for the Wednesday Lent Service. The raffle license has arrived with regulations and a bookkeeping sheet. Tracy said hosting the South African musical group 29:11 went well with about 50 in attendance. The Chancel Choir received a music donation in memory of Kay Kunz. Pastor Scott says to notify the office when those pieces are sung so it can be highlighted and printed in the bulletin.

Every committee has a folder in the drive. Jason shared the folder with each team leader. Stewardship Thank you's have been sent.

Building Usage and Fee Schedule (Pastor Scott)- Pastor Scott has updated the sheet. Then he handed out a sample Alcohol Policy to be used for forming a policy for FCC. Bill nominates Claude Zimmerman to write the alcohol policy using the printed example Pastor Scott brought to the meeting. Scott will email all documents to FCC Gmail.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

New Business

Transition Plans

-Pastor Scott's Exit Interview - Thursday, April 4th at 6:30pm-Pastor Parish Relations and Council will conduct the interview. Please read over the questions and answer them. Jason would like exit interview question sheets turned in prior to April 4th. He will set a date and email that date to us.

Liturgy of Farewell - Sunday, April 7th - Jason had handouts on a preview of what the service will look like. Pastor Scott asks for the chance to buy the bookcase, rolling desk and file drawers he purchased with his professional expense fund if they are not wanted by the church. Pastor Scott is planning to leave the keys after the service and not return.

-Interim Pastor plans, Pulpit Supply - Jason is meeting with Jane April 2 to set roles for a part time interim pastor to create the call. Church Council will meet (hybrid) March 21 6:30 pm to complete the part time interim roles. Pulpit Supply is the responsibility of the Council as needed. We will finish the program year with two services and go to the one service for the summer. Pastor Scott will help schedule pulpit supply for April.

-Upcoming Events (Confirmation Class, Connie Cottrell Memorial Service, Confirmation Sunday) - Don Niederfrank is covering. Pastor Scott will send Jennifer the funeral plans.

-Search Committee - Not everyone that volunteers needs to be accepted on the team. Guidelines should be followed closely. Pastor Scott says we do not need to hurry. First Congregational needs to figure out who we are and what we want to do (we are no longer Pastor Jeff's/Scott's church). Need to communicate with members and let the Interim Pastor help start the search process.

Fundraising Committee - Would anyone start drafting a charter of what the committee is to be and a job description for a chair. Best practices, safety policies, as well as awareness and community engagement should all be aspects of the committee. Fundraising and Stewardship should be separate committees. Consider existing fundraisers. Jennifer will start the draft.

Long Term Planning / Thrive Team - Thrive Team is willing to continue. The Team can move forward with or without a Pastor.

There is a consultant, for a fee, that can help with long range planning.

Any other new business to come before the Council? The date for the Spring Congregational Meeting is June 23. Pastor Scott doesn't think we'll be in the sanctuary any time soon. One of the services on Easter could be held in the sanctuary. Consider the logistics of moving flowers and having three services at 6:00, 8:00, & 10:00. Jason motions to have the 6am service in the sanctuary. Bill seconds the motion. Motion passes. Bill brings up names waiting for name badges. The Property Team is putting a list of outdoor needs together in hopes the high schoolers can volunteer for Port Pride hours.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment- 9:19pm
Submitted by Rhonda Thompson - Clerk

MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- | | | | |
|------|-----------------|------|------------------|
| 1 - | Melissa Wach | 14 - | Gabe Chandler |
| 2 - | Olivia Oftedahl | 18 - | Diana Pasten |
| | Alyssa Laabs | 19 - | Erin Arthur |
| 3 - | Patrick Rego | 22 - | Ryan Cowen |
| 4 - | Audrey Franke | 23 - | Wendy Schowalter |
| 5 - | Emmitt Karrels | 25- | Adam Rego |
| | Dave Mantsch | | Kay Rego |
| 7- | Heather Brede | 26 - | Missy White |
| 8 - | Ric Probst | | Bob Woelfl |
| 9 - | Brenda Shupe | 28 - | Eva Perez |
| 12 - | Graham Garthus | 29 - | Katja Cira |
| 13 - | Diana Schroeder | 31 - | Dawn Clements |
| | | | Marion Cooper |



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Doug and Vicki McManus
Norman and Sue Joplin
- 4 - Tom and Shandy Roehrig
- 9 - Nels Garthus and Kerry O'Brien
- 18 - Mike and Sherrie Dimmer
- 21 - Dale and Alice Sanem
- 23 - Wally and Amy Wilsnack
- 27 - Steve and Wendy Schowalter



Please contact Beckie Perez, at office@portucc.org if you would like to add a Birthday or Anniversary.



A photo taken by Kathy Bretl in the wee hours of Easter Sunday Morning.

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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|  | | | 1 6 pm Yoga 6 - 7:30 pm Thrive Team 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 2 8 am Men's Breakfast-The Beacon 6:30 pm Executive Team | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8 am Service of Word and Sacrament (Sanctuary) 9 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Service of Word and Sacrament Church School and Nursery Care 1:00 - 4:00 pm Confirmation Class to Holy Hill | 6 11:30 am Staff & Executive Team Meeting 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7 | 8 6 pm Yoga 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 9 8 am Men's Breakfast-The Beacon 6:30 pm Church Council | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day 8 am Worship Service 10 am Worship Service Nursery Care | 13 11:30 am Staff and Executive Team Meeting 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 - 8 pm Confirmation Class | 14 | 15 6 pm Yoga 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 16 8 am Men's Breakfast-The Beacon | 17 11 am Property Team | 18 |
| 19 Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation Sunday/End of Program Year 8 am Worship Service 10 am Service of Confirmation Chancel & Handbell Combined Choirs 11 am Fellowship Hour | 20 11:30 am Staff and Executive Team Meeting | 21 | 22 6 pm Yoga | 23 8 am Men's Breakfast-The Beacon | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Trinity Sunday One Service Through Labor Day Weekend 9 am Worship Service | 27 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 28 | 29 6 pm Yoga | 30 8 am Men's Breakfast-The Beacon | 31 |  |

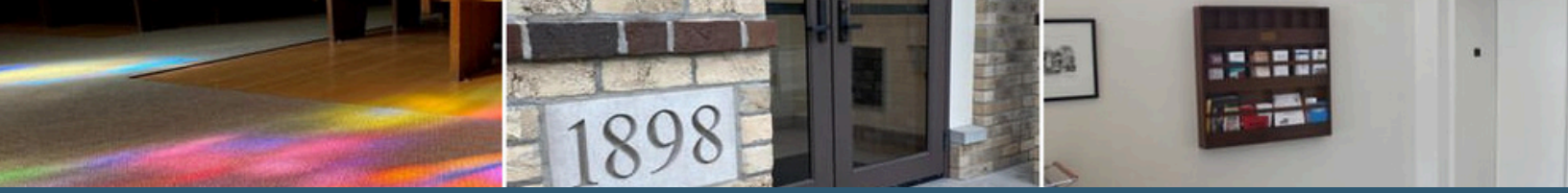
Join Us!

YOGA ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Everyone is welcome to participate in a yoga class on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00** at church, led by Dawn Stacey, a licensed yoga instructor and PTA. The group meets in the open classroom space across from the Music Room. Each class is \$12.

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every Thursday morning at 8:00, even during the summer months, a group meets for coffee, breakfast, and conversation at The Beacon restaurant, located downtown Port Washington on the first floor of the Harborview hotel.



CHURCH INFORMATION

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Follow us on Instagram for a collection of church photos **@portuccphotos**

Receive our E-Blasts (emails)

Please let us know if you would like to be added or have a new email address

Check out the church website at **portucc.org**

RECORDINGS OF WORSHIP SERVICES

We record our Sunday worship services each week. You may subscribe to our **YouTube channel** ("First Congregational Church of Port Washington"). This allows you to receive notification when a service is uploaded.

ONLINE GIVING WITH PAYPAL

PayPal is an easy way to give to the church to pay your pledge and/or make an extra financial gift. You can find the **PayPal** button on the home page of the church website (portucc.org) or use this QR code. Thank you!



The words of our Church Covenant proclaim:

*Depending upon the teachings and life of Jesus for inspiration and guidance,
we promise to seek to love God with all our heart, with all our soul,
with all our strength and with all our mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*