



Congregational Connections

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Thank You for Viewing This Edition -
Help Us Celebrate the Start of a New
Program Year!

"FIRST CLASS" NEWSLETTER WITH LOTS GOING ON THIS MONTH!

Welcome to the September 2021 "Congregational Connections" newsletter. It's a "first class" publication we are very proud of, so we wanted to send it (this month only) First Class to make sure everyone receives it and is aware of all that is happening this month.

We started publishing "Congregational Connections" back in March in hopes of increasing our communications with the whole church at a time when we hadn't been worshipping together in person for a year. So much communication, relationship building, and personal connections happen during those worship services, we were really feeling the disconnect with our church family - as I'm sure all of you were feeling too.

Even as we have come back to Sunday morning, we hope that the electronic version of these monthly newsletters will become a vehicle through which we can all stay "connected" with one another and the ongoing ministry of the church. It contains announcements of upcoming events so everyone is aware of the opportunities we have to learn, grow, serve, and "connect", as well as reports of the results of our efforts that we might be encouraged and energized for further ministry. We hope to draw attention to the wide range of activities and ministries of the different teams and the wider church. Sometimes, when we're not directly involved in a ministry we never learn what that ministry is all about!

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We have a lot starting back up this month. Keep reading for more information about things like:

Church School - read Savannah Anderson's article about getting our kids going again after having to close down with everything else over a year ago

New Member's Class - folks interested in joining the church with me on September 26 will be invited to meet after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on September 12 and September 19

New Handbell Choir Director - Lydia Clough has accepted the offer to become our newest member of the music staff and hopes to get started quickly this month

New Confirmation Class - will start their journey with a meeting of parents and confirmands on Monday, September 13

Sacred Conversations to End Racism - an eight-week study on Tuesday nights beginning on September 14 that will address issues of racism and its continuing impact on all of our lives

Installation Service - our church will host this opportunity on September 26 at 3:00 p.m. for the whole Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference UCC to celebrate with us the covenant call between church and pastor.

Courage and Peace,
Pastor Scott

TWO SERVICES AT 8:00 & 10:00 STARTING SEPTEMBER 12

A new church program year begins on Sunday morning, September 12. We celebrate with two services at 8:00 and 10:00. On the fourth Sunday of every month at 10:00, we celebrate with a Family Service which includes the participation of our children and youth. Nursery care is available at the 10:00 service.



The good news is that we are beginning most of the regular activities and ministries at church this month. The bad news is that, with a high infection rate and rising number of new infections of Covid-19 in Ozaukee County, we are asking people to wear masks when they are in the church building.

We hope that we will not have to continue this practice for long. Thank you for the care and compassion you have shown for your neighbors by doing what you can to keep them safe.

The current mask policy will be reviewed by the Church Council at their monthly meeting on September 9.