



The Good Word

Summer 2007

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Many of us look forward to the summer months as a time to slow down, kickback, relax and enjoy the great outdoors. My experience as a parent raising children and as a pastor of a lively community is that life doesn't slow down, but the rhythms do change in the summer months. For example, Nan and I will embark on a one week vacation to California and celebrate Andrew's graduation on June 17. We fly back on Monday, June 18th and twelve hours later I will be on the road with a group of MCC youth and adults for our annual trip to the Boundary Waters. There's nothing I'd rather do more these two weeks in June than to spend time with my family and enjoy time in the Boundary Waters, but to be honest, I find work to be more relaxing than traveling! Nevertheless, I look forward to the change of rhythms that come in summer.

Norman Wirzba, professor of philosophy at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, was the keynote speaker at an ecumenical food and faith event on Earth Day. Wirzba has written a book entitled, *Living the Sabbath: Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight*. A picture on the book cover of a hammock anchored to a stately tree in a beautifully landscaped and shaded backyard is worth the price of the book alone.

Wirzba's description of living the Sabbath is so rich in meaning that it makes me cringe. I cringe because my pastoral tendency is to pound away that the third commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy," is a command to be obeyed even in the summer! I take comfort knowing that I am not the only pastor who has written columns for June newsletters expressing best wishes for a good summer and then adding a message that

says in effect, "Oh, by the way, don't forget that God doesn't take a vacation in summer, and if you are a faithful disciple you really should be present at Sunday worship!" I used to think that I wrote messages like this because I cared for my flock's spiritual well-being, but I'm not so sure anymore. Maybe I am just jealous that I am tied down here at the ranch on weekends and can't enjoy leisure time in the way so many of you do. Maybe it's just that I miss you when you are gone for weeks at a time.

Wirzba suggests that rest and delight are experienced through the rhythms of living the Sabbath. "Sabbath is a discipline and practice in which we ask, consider, and answer the questions that will lead us into a complete and joyful life. As such, the Sabbath is a teaching that has the potential to redirect and transform all our existence bringing it into more faithful alignment with God's life-building and life-strengthening ways. Sabbath life is a truly human life— abundant life, life at its best— because it is founded in God's overarching design for all places (Sabbath celebration completes the creation of the universe) and all times (Sabbath worship is the week's fulfillment and inspiration).... Put simply, Sabbath discipline introduces us to God's own ways of joy and delight. In the invitation that follows from it, we are given the opportunity to share in the divine life of love and peace."

I conclude this column not by reminding you of God's command that summons you to obedience, but with an invitation into a way of living where the rhythms change from anxiety and depletion to rest and delight. It's not only about
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MCC News

Continued from the front page. whether or not we keep the Sabbath. It's also that the Sabbath keeps us in a life-giving and sustaining relationship with God, creation and community. Sabbath living fills us with gratitude and thanksgiving for all the blessings and challenges life has to offer.

May God bless you in this season of changed rhythms.

Jeff

FATHER DOM'S DUCK'S DOO COM-POST PROJECT RESULTS

Thanks to all of you who purchased compost this year. We are very happy to tell you that it IS all sold....all 450 bags of it. That is amazing to me and people are still asking if we have more available.

You might be interested to know that after paying for the Doo, our profit was \$1054. We spent \$544 on plants for around the gardening shed and rain garden---take a look, the areas are beautiful. That leaves about \$510 for the garden ministry and other outdoor projects around MCC.

A big thanks to John Rowe for renting a humungous truck and transporting the 5 pallets of Doo to Lake Edge for the Earth Day event and MCC---not just an ordinary retirement day. And thanks to Chuck Pills, Tom Walsh, and Jeff Wild who showed up Just-In-Time to help unload the Doo. Our church property has benefited from your purchase and we hope

your yards, gardens and pots are glorified as well.

See you next year if the Ducks are still Dooing.

Tisha and Cindy's July 28 Reception Planning – Request for Volunteers

Dear Friends of Tisha and Cindy –

July 28th is a special day in our community. Tisha and Cindy will celebrate their Holy Union and we are all invited to share in the celebration. We need volunteers to set up in the kitchen, serve, and clean-up afterwards. If you are planning to attend the ceremony and would be willing to arrive early or stay late to help in some capacity, please contact LisaAnn Trembath and Raelene Freitag. Thank you!

The MCC Sunday School needs you!

Please consider spending some time with the youth of our congregations this year. We are looking for people to teach classes from preschool to senior high. Two pairs of teachers are assigned to each class; individuals teach one class per month and assist in one class per month. If you are interested, please contact Katrin Wuest or a member of the Youth Education Committee (Laura Komai, Kris Todd, Micki Bradt, or John Brugge, Jr.). We hope you'll join us next school year and spend some time getting to know the young people of our congregations -- they have as much to share with you as you with them!

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MCC Community Group

Wednesday, June 20— Middleton Historical Society Ice Cream Social at Lakeview Park off Allen Blvd. Band starts playing at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 23 - Trip to Pendarvis at Mineral Point. The cost is \$6.50 and includes a tour.

Sunday, July 1 - Mallards baseball game, free day for seniors!

Wednesday, July 11 - Concert on the Square. Meet at Wisconsin Av intersection at 5:30 p.m. Bring finger food to share and a chair.

June 15-17 for MCC Camping

It's time to start planning summer events and one of our favorites is the Annual MCC Campout at Bethel Horizons!! Families of all ages and sizes are welcome to join in the fun for a weekend of camping, hiking, swimming, eating and fellowship June 15-17. We have the campground reserved at Bethel Horizons camp near Dodgeville - people are welcome to camp one or two nights or join us for the day on Saturday and stay for a potluck/bonfire that evening. Mark your calendars now!! Please contact Karen Kuhn with any questions.

Aug 24, 5:00-9:00PM – Women and Girls Event

Who: MCC Women and Girls (those finished with 5th Grade on up)

What: An evening together....details to come

Calling all Green and Nongreen thumbs to the MCC-WRNC Children's Garden

The fourth season of gardening with children from the Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center (WRNC) begins the last week in June when the WRNC Summer Camp opens. However, MCC gardeners and children in the WRNC after school program plant in late May and early June so that seeds and tender starters from Oakhill Correctional Institution Horticultural program are in the ground weeks before the Summer Camp starts. Beginning Tuesday, June 26, we gather twice a week, from 10 a.m. to almost noon to tend, nurture, cook, and learn about our foods. At the same time, we grow relationships and memories that may be everlasting.

First 4 weeks: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - noon

June 26	June 28
July 3	July 5
July 10	July 12
July 17	

Second 4 weeks: Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - noon

July 23	July 26
July 30	August 2
August 6	August 9
August 13	August 16

Please consider gardening to Help Us Grow in any way that fits your need and schedule. All color thumbs welcome. For more information, contact Fran.

Save June 13th at 7 p.m. for a great movie.

Al Gore's, *An Inconvenient Truth* will be show here at church. Bring friends and neighbors. Come see it for the first time or perhaps the second time.

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MCC News—Coming Events

- May 27 Advent Confirmation Sunday
- May 28 MCC Community Group carpools from MCC at 9:30 a.m. to McNatt's cabin for a picnic.
- June 2 ***Sabbath and Society: A Cafe Conversation*** - 9:00-11:00a.m. at MCC a conversation designed to help us develop disciplines for Sabbath-keeping that inform the church's social witness.
- June 3 Summer Worship Schedule begins with worship at 9:30 a.m.
- June 3 Advent New Member Sunday, Hope Graduates Recognition
- June 15-17 MCC Camping at Bethel Horizons
- June 21 Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- June 25-30 Vacation Bible School at St Bernards with Sugar Creek Counselors
- July 8- 15 IHN Week
- July 8-13 Sugar Creek Camp for current 2nd graders and older
- July 15 Wexford Ridge Food Pantry donation Sunday
- July 15 German Youth Exchange Trip to Chicago
- July 28 3:00 p.m. at MCC, come celebrate Tisha and Cindy's Holy Union
- Aug 3-6 Middle High Rafting Trip
- Aug 13-16 Vacation Bible School with 1st Congregational UCC and 1st Baptist at 1st Congregational Church
- Aug 20 Newsletter Items Due for September Good Word
- Aug 24 MCC Women and Girls Event from 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Sept 9 Fall Schedule begins: Education at 9:00 a.m. & Worship at 10:15 a.m.

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Aid to Troops

There is a web site dedicated to providing support to the troops in Iraq and elsewhere: <http://www.anysoldier.com/> On the web site you can find the name of a person to support and find what it is that the person is requesting. Simply receiving some attention may be the most useful support of all. There are 10 contacts listed for units from Wisconsin. The members of Advent and Community of Hope have been wonderfully supportive of our troops and this is yet another opportunity.

Also you can register at <http://www.booksforsoldiers.com> to help fill requests sent by soldiers for reading materials, CDs, and so on.

Meeting Minutes are available in the book on the library counter in the Shalom Room. If you are interested in minutes from Community of Hope, Advent and MCC meetings, you can find them in the large black book on the library counter in the Shalom Room.

DROP-IN SHELTER

The dates are Thursday, June 7 and Thursday, August 2. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Shalom Room. Four people are needed from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and two people are needed from 5:00 - 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Ken Johnson.

A Call for Action on Climate Change

The number of US dollars consumers spend on gasoline every day = \$495.
 The number of trees that would be saved if all newspapers on one average Sunday were recycled = 550,000.
 The number of acres of rainforest lost every hour worldwide = 4,281. The percentage of total heat lost in a typical homes because of poor sealing = 20%.
 The percentage of species facing extinction due to global climate change = 9%.
 The number of people it takes to start change = 1.

MCC News —

Food Drive for Wexford Ridge Food Pantry—Sunday, July 15

Again we are asking that members of Advent and Hope make a special effort to bring food for the pantry on the 3rd Sunday of July. Suggested items include canned goods (fruit, vegetables, tuna, beef stew, fruit juice, etc.) peanut butter, jelly, cereal. We can especially use any large grocery bags.

We do not have facilities to handle fresh produce. For those who prefer to donate money, checks can be made out to the Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center and designated for the pantry.

Dobbin McNatt, Coordinator

AN EXCELLENT LOCAL WEBSITE:

Craigslist is an online classified ad website that has had a local Madison site for a couple of years. There is no charge to either buyer or seller and there are good privacy and scam prevention features. Almost anything that you'd expect to see in classified ads in the newspaper can be found: jobs, local activities/announcements, housing, garage sale listings, free items, and many well organized listings of things for sale, such as sporting goods, tools, books, furniture, baby items, and musical instruments.

Go to madison.craigslist.org to see the options. Be sure to use the convenient search feature at the top of each category. If there's something you need and you don't find it readily, you can place a Wanted listing in the appropriate category. It's fun to see what's for sale in Stockholm, Bangladore, Moscow, or Beijing or any of the 450 cities on craigslist.

This is an intentional and practical way to enable you/your family to live a more sustainable lifestyle as well as support others in this alternative .

POTLUCK AND MEAL POINTERS

MCC gatherings often include potluck meals. We are learning ways to include everyone, so that people who cannot or choose not to eat certain foods may participate. Sometimes the community provides meals for individuals and families who are dealing with health problems or other challenging times. We would like to be mindful of individual needs and preferences. This is a natural part of the welcoming community we continue to build.

The MCC includes people who: are vegetarians; cannot tolerate lactose (the sugar in milk and some milk products); cannot eat soy; or need a gluten-free diet (no wheat, barley, rye, or oats or products that contain these products). We are gradually evolving a systematic way of planning our community meals to easily provide for these individual circumstances. To make this work well, the following simple guidelines are suggested:

If you have special dietary needs you would like considered, please inform event planners who may not be aware of them. If it's convenient, prepare and contribute a food you can eat.

Label foods that are vegetarian (V); lactose free (LF); or gluten free (GF). Be sure that you consider ALL ingredients and read labels carefully.

Reserve the labeled foods for people who have these limited diets. Most folks can choose among all the casseroles, salads, breads, and desserts, while those who have special dietary needs are limited to specific foods. If the whole crowd samples the labeled foods, it is possible there won't be enough for the intended group. Even if a particular GF or LF dish looks inviting, please resist the temptation to indulge yourself until all have enjoyed the buffet.

See you at the next potluck.

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Bike, sleeping bag, air mattress, tent, lunch and potlucks, vans and drivers

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These are a few items on my list to make sure that the youth exchange program—which will take place this summer between July 3 and July 17 with youth from Juelich, Germany, and youth from the MCC — has everything it needs to be a great experience for everyone.

For the youth exchange we put together an exciting program with various activities, things to see and explore in Madison and the area. Our program includes a tour through the Arboretum, work in a food pantry, time at the pool and playing ball, sight-seeing downtown, camping at Wyalusing State Park, a bike tour and much more. For some of the events we've planned we need your help. If you have a spare bike, tent, sleeping bag and/or air mattress, the youth from Germany (14 people total) could use during this time, please let Katrin know.

Furthermore, we would like to give you opportunities to meet the youth group from Germany and be part of this exciting event even if you are older or younger than 15-18.

On July 15 the youth groups will be involved in the MCC worship and present their experiences. Some of our activities are open for the public to attend: picnics, the Mallards game and other activities. We'd be happy to welcome you at any of those events.

If you, as an individual or as part of one of the church groups, are interested in hosting a lunch, picnic or potluck for the group we'd appreciate this. The schedule for the program with specific requests will be out in the Shalom Room soon.

We are looking forward to the summer! If you like to help out one way or the other please contact Katrin.

JAVA FOR JUSTICE—

Order your Mt. Meru Coffee by June 3, July 1 and August 5. It will be ready for pick-up on June 10, July 8 and August 12. **Make your check out to Mt. Meru Coffee Project and place it in the envelope beside the sign-up sheet.** Price is \$8/small bag and \$38 for 4# bag. Consider ordering an extra bag to be sent to Iraq. Order extra coffee for the 4th of July and remember iced coffee drinks are great in the summer for those of you who need your daily fix of java. Your purchase brings hope to the coffee farmers in Tanzania. Their families are now able to get medical services, go to school and have improved living conditions. Thanks for helping them become more sustainable.

Spring Farmer's Market Pickup: Saturday, June 23

Our Spring 2007 MCC Pickup Volunteers will meet at the base of the outside stairway on the East Washington Street side of the Capitol Building at 11:45 am, Saturday, June 23. At noon we will make the first of two rounds of the Square to collect produce donated by vendors to go to food pantries. We should be finished, with everything loaded on the Community Action Coalition truck, soon after 1pm.

We'll need four teams with a minimum of two people, but teams can include more people, so families can enjoy an outing and collect food for Madison area pantries. Contact Howard Kanetzke.

Our second pickup for 2007 will be October 20—please note that date *now* on your calendar; larger, heavier produce (think squash) will require more volunteers, rounds and/or muscles.

THANK YOU.

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Tisha Brown & Cindy Thiesenhusen

invite MCC Members and Friends
to share in the joy of their

Holy Union
Saturday the Twenty-Eighth of July, 2007
Three o'clock in the Afternoon

Madison Christian Community
7118 Old Sauk Rd, Madison

There will be a reception immediately following the ceremony.
Your presence is gift enough – Please, no gifts.

RSVP Accepts only to LisaAnn Trembath.

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YOUTH EVENTS

Middle High

May 24 Game night, 6-8 pm at MCC with Doug and Katrin
If the weather is nice we'll be outside.

Senior High

May 25 Spanish Night
6 pm Spanish cooking
7 pm Spanish movie

May 30 7 pm Hang out @ Zutz

Next youth ministry board meeting is on May 29!

Middle & Senior High, June 10, Garden/Pool Party at McGinley's

SUMMER SUMMER SUMMER SUMMER SUMMER SUMMER SUMMER SUMMER 2007

Senior High **Boundary Waters** June 19 – June 26
German Youth Exchange July 3rd – July 15th
(July 15th – 17th trip to Chicago)

Middle High **Rafting** – August 3 – 6

Sugar Creek Summer Camp for current 2nd graders and older: July 8-13

Vacation Bible School with **Sugar Creek counselors** with
St. Luke/ Middleton at St. Bernards June 25 - 28

Vacation Bible School with First Congregational UCC and
First Baptist August 13-16.

All registration forms are downstairs next to Katrin's office doors

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Advent News



Advent Elizabeth Circle Meeting Site Change

Elizabeth Circle has changed its monthly meeting site at Oakwood West. We still continue to meet on the west campus, but will now meet in the Tower Apartments- Party/Meeting Room on the third floor.

We are a group of women who meet two hours each month at Oakwood to study and discuss a Bible study, as well as exchange friendship and support one another. We will be meeting during these summer months on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00. You are very welcome to visit us. If any of you are already participating in other groups who aren't meeting this summer, please join us for your summer study. Call Margaret Smith for directions.

Treasury of Love May 2007

Beg. Balance & Love Offerings	4797.02
Rent & Eviction Prevention	2005.00
Security Deposit	200.00
Utility Assistance	735.00
Iraq Postage /Coffee	101.98
Car repairs /payments	615.00
Wexford Food Pantry	101.00
St Vincent de Paul Blankets	50.00
Car Battery	79.11
Mortgage payment	222.00
Storage Fee	25.00
Haiti Partners	200.00
Moving families into housing	400.00
Checks In The Mail	<u>39.93</u>
Expenditure	\$4774.02
Balance as of 5/22/2007	\$23.00

Judith Circle

We will meet at church at 9:00 a. to car pool to a picnic place, someplace with easy access and lovely flowers. If you can, please bring a small amount of food to share., or coffee or juice for a late morning snack.

We meet for coffee, fellowship and study. Please come, all are welcome! Jean Loichinger is the contact person.

OPALS Book Discussion Group

OPALS meets the third Thursdays of the month all year. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the lower level of the church. New members are welcome. Please join us at our meeting on June 21 in the youth room-lower level of the church. The book is *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion, 2005, a memoir of a time when Joan's husband dies, and her daughter is seriously ill. How does one cope?

July 19 the book is *Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt and Stephan Dubner. A rogue economist explores the hidden side of everything. Complex phenomenon can be understood if we use the right perspective.

August 16 the book is *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell--the power of thinking without thinking. The first of two seconds of looking tells us a lot.

You are invited to join us.

Advent Women: Come for Thursday Coffee!

A lively group of "church ladies" meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at Panera Bread, 3416 University Ave.

The only agenda is sharing friendship, and there is always laughter. We do service projects several times a year, pray for one another's concerns, and celebrate joys. If you can be an early bird at least once a week, please drop by!



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Advent Prayer Ministry

Every household of the congregation will be remembered in the prayers of the church during worship over the next twelve months. The names of three households will be printed in the bulletin each week and the names of twelve households will be listed in the monthly newsletter. All the members of Advent are encouraged to pray for these people each week.

This ministry is under-girded by a group of about ten members comprising the Advent Prayer Team. This group will gather following worship the fourth Sunday of each month for a short time of mutual support, and pray to uphold their commitment. I will be contacting the households the week before and asking if they have any prayer requests and if appropriate, forwarding the requests to the members of the prayer team. In addition, I will also offer to meet with each of the twelve households we will be praying for during the month.

In June we will be praying for:

Jeff, Debra, Ogden & Lilian Greene; Mary Jo Gruber; Susan Gruber & Stan Klyve; Annie Grugel; Fran Grugel; Anne Gubner; John & Sue Gubner and Joe Ahrens; Dave & Rea Gustafson; Kimberly Hagelbarger; Carolyn Hahn; Jane Hartman; Al & Joanne Heggen.
July: Natalie, Edd & Gabrielle Hellmer; Tom, Jill, Allison & Emma Hietpas; Tom, Lorie, Melissa, Ethan & Justin Hind; Kristi Holden; Kevin, Amy, Amanda, Tyler & Parker Huff; Kathy & Doug Johnson; Ken & Chris Johnson; Dave & Sonja Keesey-Berg; Nancy Killeen; Bill Kloster, Deborah Rice & Gretchen Kloster; Kris Knoepke, John Szalkowski, Karissa Traun, Ben Traun, Sam Szalkowski; Renee Knutson; Corri Kohn; Carol Korf; Dean, Dawn, Ellen, & David Krahn.

August: Julie Krbec; Brian, Karen, Emily, Molly & Audrey Kuhn; Tom & Anne Kunes; Craig & Tanya Le May; Jan Libby; Dolores Lillge; Ellen Lindgren;

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Fred & Jean Loichinger; David, Linda, Becca & Amanda Lorentzen; Dave & Kathy Mack; John, Kirsten, Samantha & Emilia Malecki; Sharon Maloney.

Sunday Morning Liturgies

6/3/2007	LBW1A/ELW 2 (Holy Trinity, Graduation)
6/10/2007	Creation
6/17/2007	Now the Feast
6/24/2007	MCC Worship
7/1/2007	ELW2 (partial with guitars/flutes)
7/8/2007	Sherri's service
7/15/2007	MCC German Service
7/22/2007	Sundays and Seasons
7/29/2007	outdoor service (Boundary Waters?)
8/5/2007	ELW2 (partial with guitars/flutes)
8/12/2007	African Song Celebration
8/19/2007	Chicago Folk Service
8/26/2007	MCC service?
9/2/2007	LBW1/ELW2
9/9/2007	MCC Rally Sunday

UW Lutheran Campus Center celebrates Centennial this summer!

The weekend of June 29-30 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the ELCA student ministry (the oldest in the country) with a weekend of tailgating, tours, worship services and a banquet.

If the LCC was a part of your faith journey during college or grad school, please join us for the celebrations and especially the centennial worship service on Saturday June 30, 2 pm at the Monona Terrace. ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson will be preaching. Instrumentalists to play the Chicago Folk service liturgy and singers to participate in a special centennial choir are needed! For more information contact Sherri Hansen.

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RESULTS IN!!!!

We are a diverse and wonderful community!!! That is what the worship survey shows. We love music, and the variety of liturgies. We feel that God's grace and love is fostered in our worship, and that inclusive language is important, as well as minimizing paper usage. Our all-time favorite liturgy is Chicago Folk, with Now the feast a close second. The results of the "multiple choice" portion of the worship survey are posted on the board in the Shalom room. The worship committee has met one time as of this printing, and we have another meeting scheduled in late May. We are overwhelmed, humbled and grateful for the amount of thoughtful time and energy that was put forth by our community into the survey, and the meetings to discuss the issues and questions raised. As you can imagine, with a group as diverse as we are, the "essay" questions showed a range of answers and feelings. We are still in the process of assimilating these results and discussing implementing the suggestions that are raised and that come from the answers. Running throughout the results is the theme of commitment to our community, and the worship committee will continue to work prayerfully on shaping and creating a worship environment and setting that will feed this wonderful church community.

GEMS – Grumpy Elderly Men

We will be taking a break during the summer and begin our regular Tuesday meetings in September. Watch the September Good News for details. Enjoy the summer. Stan Klyve

Advent sends 30 AIDS/Hospice Kits to Global Health Ministries

Thank you, Advent, for responding so quickly to the Elizabeth Circle invitation to help fund AIDS/Hospice Kits. With one Ask, you contributed \$353 that purchased necessary items for 20 kits plus the cost of \$5 per kit to buy pain medications and vitamins in the country of destination. Thank you, Confirmation Class, for packing these kits. The Elizabeth Circle contributed 10 more kits. Over 1200 AIDS/Hospice Kits and 1160 midwife kits were collected for Global Health Ministries at the South Central Synod Assembly in May.

GHM is an organization that provides financial and material support to Lutheran health care mission programs in developing countries. Please include the church visitation teams, medical professionals and all those affected by AIDS in your prayers. Thank you.

Giving Goal

Historically, the giving in May drops off and consequently, the giving goal for the month is 8% of the 2007 spending plan which is \$296,000.00. After three Sundays members have supported the mission and ministry of Advent by giving \$21,755.00. Hopefully, we will reach our giving goal of \$23,680.00 with one Sunday remaining in the month. Thank you for your continuing support especially through the summer months.

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New Member Sunday, June 3

We look forward to welcoming new members into the Advent and MCC community at the 9:30 am. worship on Sunday, June 3. Please plan to attend worship and introduce yourself to the new members at the reception following the service. The names and information about each of our new members will be provided in the bulletin on June 3.

Graduates

Congratulations to the members of Advent upon their graduation from high school, college and graduate schools. Graduating from area high schools are Alie Schneider, daughter of Candice and Paul, and Erin Eggert, daughter of Joan and Tom. Alie is graduating from Waunakee High School and plans to attend the University of Minnesota, and Erin will be graduating from Memorial High School and is enrolled at University of Wisconsin- LaCrosse.

We celebrate with Peter Billerbeck, Kristina Muehl, Emily Olson, Chris Torstenson and Rebecca Lortenzen upon their graduations from college. Peter graduated from the University of St Thomas in St. Paul MN with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies and Spanish and a minor in Middle East Studies. Peter was awarded the Global Citizenship Award by the St Thomas. Kristina graduated from St. Olaf with a degree in Spanish and a degree in Management Services. She will return to Madison to work at a branch of Associated Bank especially serving Hispanic customers. Emily graduated from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, with majors in Biology and Spanish and a minor in Psychology. She will be continuing her studies at Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, starting June 5th in the DPT program (3 year program for a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree). Chris Torstenson graduated from St Olaf. Rebecca graduated from Marquette with a degree in Social Welfare and Justice and has been accepted into the Peace Corp. She leaves June 25 for the Islamic Republic of

Mauretania.

Congratulations to Bob Schneider and his entire family who supported him as he pursued and received a Masters of Mechanical Engineering from UW-Madison. Finally, Nan and Jeff Wild look forward to attending Andrew's graduation from Stanford on June 15. Andrew will receive a master's of education and finally has a real job lined up teaching high school science in California.

Amy Carlson is 12 weeks away from the BIG Walk! - Update from Amy

This past Saturday, I joined my friend Sarah and two of her friends on a 17-mile walk from Madison to Stoughton. This annual walk is part of Stoughton's Syttende Mai Festival, celebrating Norway's independence day. It was fun to walk with 3 other people amongst the thousands of other walkers. It made me think about the Chicago Breast Cancer 3-Day walk I'll be doing August 10-12. For the first time, the reality of this endeavor struck me. The 3-Day walk is 12 weeks away! I know I have to keep up with my training or it's going to be a long 60 miles. Fortunately, I have a lot of people supporting me by checking in about how my training is going and encouraging me to complete my training walks.

I have had a few people join me for a walk, and I always appreciate having someone along to share the journey. This is even more true for my longer walks, which take over 2 hours. That's a long time for me to go without having someone to talk to. Thank God for mobile phones! Don't be surprised if you get a call from me when I'm on one of my longer walks.

Thanks again for the support. As always, if you want to join me for all or part of one of my training walks, please call (608-443-8115) or email me and we can set up a time.
peace-amy

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Good food fun and fellowship at the capital Brewery

Last Summer we had such a great time at our summer gatherings at the Capital Brewery in Middleton that we have decided to do it again this summer. Mark your calendars and join us on Thursdays: June 21, July 19, and August 23. We gather beginning at 5:30 pm. We generally order out pizza but feel free to bring your own food if pizza is not to your liking. They do not serve food at the brewery.

Three Wisconsin Conference Historical Publications Available

That All May Be One: Historical Essays on the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ, edited by Barbara Dotts Paul, traces the history of the Wisconsin Conference from initial discussions in the 1940s and formation in 1962 through the first forty years. This book is available for \$10.00 plus postage from the Wisconsin Conference office – (608) 846-7880.

The United Church of Christ: Ordained Ministers of Wisconsin by J.D. Peterson and Harvey Kandler is a listing of all UCC clergy who have been ordained in Wisconsin. A copy of this book is available in Tisha's office. It is also available free of charge by contacting the Wisconsin Conference office – (608) 846-7880.

Reflections on the Roots and History of Camps, Conferences and Youth Work in the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ compiled by Harvey Kandler. The managing directors and others who helped shape our two Wisconsin camps offer their reminiscences of the Wisconsin Conference's camping and youth program during the past 50 years. This book is available for \$5.00 from the Conference office – (608) 846-7880.

You are invited to join the Gospel Choir Tour to Germany

Do you want to sing gospel music, travel to Germany and enjoy choir fellowship? Then join the Wisconsin Conference Gospel Choir tour to Germany in June, 2008.

From June 17-July 1, 2008 a gospel choir, made up of singers from UCC churches in Wisconsin will travel to the Berlin-Brandenburg area of Germany for a tour.

To prepare for the tour, those interested in the choir agree to attend two overnight retreats, rehearse monthly from October, 2007 through June, 2008 and sing at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Conference in June, 2008 prior to debarking on the tour.

In Germany the choir will stay in homes, perform 8-10 times, sing along with German gospel choirs and tour cultural and historical sites in Germany.

The cost for participation is \$2,500 per person.

For more information see Tisha or contact Fritz West, chair of the organizing committee at (651) 433-4058 or westevancroft@aol.com

Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting – June 8-10

Tisha Brown, Katrin Wuest and Petra Streiff will represent Community of Hope at this year's Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting. Please pray for them and for the Conference as we meet to explore the theme Teach: Keep the Message Alive and to do the business of the conference.

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Praying for our Community

Please pray for the people and situations listed below as well as our entire community in the coming months. If you have prayer requests you'd like to be included in the next newsletter please contact Tisha at the church office.

- Those who are unable, for health reasons, to join us in worship on a regular basis but whom we love: Mary Beth and Steve Udvari, Kathy Alexander and Wilma Sanks
- All military personnel and their families. Especially those in Iraq, and Afghanistan
- Nate, the nephew of Chuck & Jean Pfeifer who is stationed in Iraq and whose unit recently experienced the death of a comrade.
- The United Church of Christ congregation in Windsor as they celebrate the completion of their building renovation.
- These people and their families as we pray our way through the church directory:

May 29-June 5 Bonnie & Gene Spindler; Jan Summers; Petra Streiff & Larry Stuessy
 June 5-12 Bonnie Trudell; the Udvaris
 June 12-19 the van der Weide family; Julia Weaver; Roger & Kristi Williams
 June 19-26 Katrin Wuest; Nancy Zabel
 June 26-July 3 Kathy Alexander; Rajai Atalla
 July 3-10 the Baird family; Phill & Candi Bloedow
 July 10-17 Mary Bowman; Ann Bolger; Diane Bougie
 July 17-24 Lynn Breedlove & Evelyn Mazack; Tisha Brown & Cindy Thiesenhussen; Roger Buffett
 July 24-31 the Kirkland/Clark family; the Custer family
 July 21-Aug. 7 Barb Bickford, Aralee and Rose; Arthur Dodd
 Aug. 7-14 Barbara & David Dueholm; the Eder family; Avis Elson
 Aug. 14-21 Michelle Erschen, Jeremy & Josh; Sandie Esrael & Peter Williams; Warren & Susan Exo

Aug. 21-28 Freddie & Bill Feeny; Harry Fisker

Aug. 28-Sept. 4 the Geistlinger/Meyer family; the Zamora/Green family

United Church of Christ General Synod – June 22-26

Tisha Brown and Cindy Thiesenhussen will be attending the General Synod of the United Church of Christ as our denomination celebrates 50 years of ministry. We look forward to representing Community of Hope and the Wisconsin Conference at this anniversary gathering. Tisha attends as a delegate from the Wisconsin Conference. Cindy attends as a visitor and as the unofficial ambassador to General Synod 2007 from Community of Hope. We plan to share our thoughts and reflections on this exciting gathering upon our return.

We are particularly looking forward to attending the exciting Synod in the City celebration planned for Saturday, June 23. Synod in the City is a day-long event celebrating 50 years of faithful ministry and our future as a diverse community listening for God's still-speaking voice. Speakers such as Bill Moyers, Marian Wright Edelman, Peter J. Gomes, Leonard Pitts Jr., Walter Brueggemann and Barack Obama and many others will be scheduled along with various forms of entertainment throughout the day.

The business portion of General Synod will consider approximately 12 resolutions dealing with issues such as the definition of marriage, immigration, super fund site clean up, and physician assisted suicide.

If you'd like to learn more about General Synod 2007, log on to www.ucc.org and click on the General Synod tab.

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Important Dates to Remember!



Birthdays

Jan Summers	6/03
Harry Fisker	6/04
Leonhard Eder	6/04
Rolf Killingstad	6/05
Keith Johnson	6/06
Ian Jarvis	6/08
Corkey Custer	6/12
Cindy Thiesenhusen	6/15
Kevin Baird	6/16
Ann Bolger	6/16
Hirochika Komai	6/17
Aspen Ono	6/21
Hannah Johnson	6/23
Doug Wubben	6/24
Judy Green	6/30
Marcella Van Kan	7/01
Noah van der Weide	7/04
Jonah van der Weide	7/04
Rebecca Zamora-Green	7/06
Kathy Alexander	7/09
Steve Haffner-Stearns	7/09
Jill Schuettpelz	7/10
Art Nack	7/14
Katerina Schuettpelz	7/16
Brenna Clark	7/17
Kristi Williams	7/17
Candi Bloedow	7/20
Jackson Murphy	7/20
Joan Matthews	7/26
Rob Schuettpelz	7/28
Jamie Custer	7/29
Sarah Johnson	7/31
Ben Smith	8/02
Freddie Feeny	8/03
Tim Baird	8/04
Avis Elson	8/06
Greg Shue	8/09
Sean Spindler	8/12
Tom Matthews	8/20
Evelyn Mazack	8/22
David Dueholm	8/23

Julie Hunter	8/29
Jeremy Ryan	8/29
Laura Komai	8/30

Please let us know if we have missed your special day.

Anniversaries

Bonnie & Gene Spindler	6/10
Harry & Donna Fisker	6/13
Beth & Jerome Simmons	6/13
David Manion & Jan Manser	6/14
Lauren Stuessy & Petra Streiff	6/17
Arthur & Marie Dodd	6/19
Kristi & Roger Williams	6/22
Erika & Ken Ono	6/23
Chickee & Raj Atalla	8/04
Mark Geistlinger & Kristin Meyer	8/07
Lynn Breedlove & Evelyn Mazack	8/11
Sandra Esrael & Peter Williams	8/14
Tanya Lettman-Shue & Greg Shue	8/18
Hirochika & Lois Komai	8/23

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Community of Hope Anchors

The Anchors are a small group of Community of Hope members who are specifically entrusted with a ministry of Christian friendship and support for members and friends of Community of Hope. Anchors are available to listen, pray and provide support as needed and desired. Feel free to contact any of the Anchors listed here or Pastor Tisha at any time.

- Avis Elson
- Margaret Helming
- Roger Buffett
- Larry Stuessy
- Bonnie Spindler
- Roger Williams

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Diane Bougie

After searching for a spiritual home for sometime, I am grateful to be joining Community of Hope, along with my son Benjamin. We are a part of a wonderful family including my husband André, his two boys, Taylor (18 yrs) and Cole (13 yrs), Ebbey the dog and Socks the cat.

I am fortunate to work in a job that does good work providing affordable housing to low income individuals and families. When I am not working or taking care of the family, I enjoy nature, cooking, the Green Bay Packers, spending time with my sister and mom, garage sales and planting flowers .

Ben likes tools, dogs and cats, cooking, baths, bugs, using the water hose, reading stories, trains, church and playing with his brothers, cousins and friends .

Christine Hartelt

Christine grew up in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, the oldest of six children in a large, Roman Catholic family. Her father was a German immigrant and died in 2003 of Alzheimer's disease. Her mother grew up in Southwestern Wisconsin and is a cancer survivor. Her mother attributes her survival from cancer in part to a book Christine gave her: Love, Medicine, and Miracles by Bernie Siegel.

Christine is a single parent of two boys: Nick age 17 and Peter, who will turn 13 in June. Christine came to Madison for graduate school and has lived off and on in Madison since 1991. Her son Nick was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Peter was born in Fairfax County, Virginia. Christine works at Meriter Hospital and has spent most of her career as a writer. She hopes to specialize in writing about healthcare, particularly cross-cultural healthcare issues, when her boys are grown. Christine has worshipped at both United Church of Christ and United Meth-

odist churches, and most recently was a member at First United Methodist, an open and affirming church. Christine has visited Community of Hope since November 2005, and has felt a great sense of peace at services here. She looks forward to becoming a member of the church and continuing her faith journey.

Prayer Services for our Members

A small group of folks is interested in providing prayer services for our members who are, for whatever reason, unable to attend worship on a regular basis. If you are interested in joining a team of people who would offer these services, please contact Roger Williams or Tisha Brown.

Tisha will be developing a booklet of resources for this team to use in offering prayer services when someone is in the hospital or experiencing illness, for morning, afternoon or evening prayer times, for laying on of hands and for sharing communion.

Any member or friend of the congregation is welcome to request such a service at any time. Prayer services may be conducted in a person's home, at the hospital, in the sanctuary or at pretty much any other location. Contact Tisha if you would like to request a prayer service.

Hope Men's Breakfast Group

The men of Hope meet for breakfast on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 6:30 a.m. at The Original Pancake House, 5518 University Ave. where we enjoy good food, good fellowship and good conversation.

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Task Force on Sustainable and Sacramental Eating

You are invited to join a task force on sustainable and sacramental eating. The purpose of this task force will be to shape a plan for members of MCC who wish to commit to eating locally grown food from July through September. Group members will work cooperatively, serve as resources and support to purchase locally grown food and meat. Group members will also explore the theology of food and sacramental eating to form closer attachments to the food system. If you are interested in serving on a task force immediately, a planning meeting will be organized within the next two weeks.

WANTED! --a good person (or people) to buy the Cape Cod house my dear next door neighbors are putting up for sale at 4206 Bagley Parkway. 2 bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, finished basement, deck, screen porch, gardens, pond + fish, bus lines, Hoyt Park 3 houses away. (Plus, a great neighbor--Mary Bowman.)

Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus

On Saturday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus will hold their ***Our Tenth Anniversary Celebration Concert*** at Mills Concert Hall on the UW Madison campus. We invite you to join us as we present a wide variety of music, and the premiere of two new pieces commissioned by the chorus.

Wednesday Evening Watershed Walks — A series of walks within the Upper Yahara River Watershed. All walks begin at 6:30 p.m. A complete list is posted in the Shalom Room at MCC.

June 6—Pheasant Branch Creek Conservancy, Dane County Park

June 13—Gov Nelson State Park, Yahara Lakes Week

June 20—Starkweather Creek, 3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison

Part-time Employment

Home Instead Senior Care

The Home Instead CAREGivers assist the elderly in their homes with non-medical tasks such as: companionship, light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, and transportation. No lifting and no certifications are required.

Home Instead Senior Care is more than a paycheck. If you are a people person, come join us and see what a difference YOU can make! Contact their job line at 608-442-5816.

RSVP of Dane County

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Are you a safe driver, willing to use your own vehicle, and able to spare a few hours per week to provide an essential service to Madison and Monona residents? This service enables older adults to stay in their homes as long as possible. Drivers are reimbursed 44 1/2 cents per mile, covered with personal accident, liability and excess automobile liability insurance. The program is extremely flexible. Call Gene Kundert at 441-7896.

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Our Website: www.madisonchristiancommunity.org.

- Read Pastor Jeff, Pastor Tisha & Pastor Katrin's Sunday sermons on the web!
- Sunday texts are on the monthly calendar.
- Worship Service Audio now on our website, on the Home Page.



On the Home Page find **Weekly Announcements** and the **Newsletter**. If you decide that you no longer need the newsletter delivered in the mail, please call the church office to let us know.

Contact the Website Committee at office@madisonchristiancommunity.org.

A Word About Our Partnership— *Madison Christian Community*

Advent Lutheran (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and Community of Hope (United Church of Christ) are partners in Christ. Together we are the *Madison Christian Community* (MCC). We share education for all ages, youth activities, building space, fellowship groups and efforts to preserve the land. We worship together about 8–12 times a year. Community of Hope is an Open and Affirming congregation and Advent is a Reconciled in Christ congregation. We welcome people of all ages, denominational backgrounds, races, gender and sexual orientation. May our church be a sanctuary for all!

The Good Word

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If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact the church office and let us know.

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MCC Mission Statement

We affirm our unity through Christ and commit to share a journey grounded in faith practices and to serve as part of Christ's presence in our world.



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