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FRC Weekly

Upcoming Events for FRC

SUNDAY 10/8 18th Sunday of Pentecost

10 am Worship
11 am Fellowship Time

MONDAY 10/9 THRU FRIDAY 10/13

9 am - 2 pm "Helping Hands" uses our facility

Our office manager is out of the office this week. Call 682-6121 to see if someone might be in the office to assist you, or feel free to call one of our three "After-hour Church Contacts" (Please see detailed announcement in this FRC Weekly).

MONDAY 10/9

9 - 11 am Community Partners at FRC

TUESDAY 10/10

1 pm Snip & Sew / Strings & Things

WEDNESDAY 10/11

11:30 am TOPS #382 meets at FRC
2:15-7:30 pm Violin Lessons at FRC

THURSDAY 10/12

9 - 11 am Community Partners at FRC
4 - 6 pm Violin Lessons at FRC

SATURDAY 10/14

9 am Women's Support Group at FRC

SUNDAY 10/15 19th Sunday of Pentecost

10 am Worship
11 am Fellowship Time
11:30 am Church Council Meeting

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please submit prayer requests that you would like included here by using the blue prayer cards or by emailing them to our church office at fruccmanitowoc@att.net.

- We ask for prayers of sympathy for Lynn Reчек whose mother, Audrey, recently entered eternal life.
- We pray that our Lord protect and comfort Millie Gilmet who recently fell at the Manitowoc Health Care Center.
- May God, the Lord of mercy and compassion, protect all who have been impacted by the various hurricanes, other natural disasters, and violence in our world. We pray for the families whose lives have been changed by these events. And, in thanksgiving we include those who are first responders and are risking their lives to save those hurt by these various disasters. We include also those who are the everyday heroes, those who reach out to help their neighbors in need, who like the Good Samaritan, cannot walk by a person in need without offering their hand in aid.
- We ask the Lord to bless the faith of our church's homebound. May the Lord's saving grace keep them close to Him.

- We ask the Lord to protect and strengthen all who serve, have served, or will serve in our military. We include in our prayers, their families, friends, and those who provide support.

Weekly Announcements

Thank You

We thank all of our worship participants for the services they provided during today's service!

Bulletin Sponsorship

Today's bulletins are sponsored by Keith & Sue Shaw and are given in loving memory of Keith's mother, Ruth Shaw. Thank you!

Fellowship Time

Following today's worship service all are welcome to join us in fellowship hall where Joanne Kreil and Donna Todl will be serving light refreshments.

MCM Mission of the Month:

Peacemaking

MCM churches will be collecting a special offering throughout October to support Peacemaking.

Together the United Church of Christ and Presbyterian Church USA are committed to Christ's work of peacemaking. We understand peacemaking as something we need to do with our neighbors around us, as well globally. Our gifts to the "Peacemaking: Neighbors in Need and Global Witness Offering" will help to end suffering and violence, both here in our community and around the world. A portion of what we collect this month will be shared with the Manitowoc County Court-Appointed Special Advocates. The CASA program assures that children who are trapped in different forms of domestic conflict at home are cared for, given a voice, and protected. The rest of the offering will be given to our denominational peace and justice ministries, affecting positive change domestically and abroad. **This month, we encourage you to think about how you can be a peacemaker through prayer, through action, and through giving.**

Please label all gifts "Peacemaking" and turn into your MCM congregation (checks made out to your congregation).

Thank You

Thank you for your gifts toward September's MCM Mission of the Month: Theological Education. Together our congregations raised \$325 to support this great cause.

- We pray for all of our members and friends, and for our leadership, and for our Pastors Judine and Matt and their families.

Office Manager's Vacation

The office Manager at First Reformed will be on vacation the week of October 9 - 13. If you need to come to the church office during that week, we suggest you either call prior to coming to make sure someone is there to assist you, or you may call one of our three after-hour church contacts to meet you at church: Jan Kreil (684-0901), Rich Todl (682-5915) or Rick Zunker (973-3035).

Birthdays This Week

Leonard Beck (8), John Haack(12).

Anniversaries This Week

Don & Mary Ollendorf-Bender (9).

MCM Hurricane/Disaster Relief Opportunities

We are all aware of the great needs that have arisen in the aftermath of various recent disasters. Because of this we will continue to have envelopes available in our lounge for anyone wishing to donate to the UCC Disaster Ministries.

If you use one of the envelopes provided, and place your name and/or envelope number on the envelope, we assure you that the donation will appear on your quarterly church statement.

MCM Prayer List

We would like everybody in MCM to have the opportunity to lift each other in prayer. If you are aware of individuals or situations in your congregation or your life that could be prayed for, please share them with your church office or email them to info@mcmunited.com.

The power of prayer is a great gift we have as people of faith — we can all lift up prayers for healing, strength, comfort, support, grief, celebration, thanksgiving, safe travel, and anything else! We will include these in our weekly

announcements as well as our weekly email updates. Please talk to our Co-Pastors, Judine and Matt if you have any questions.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands Community Options, Inc. uses our Christian Education wing 9 am - 2 pm, Monday through Friday of each week. They help young adults with developmental disabilities learn and explore their community. The goal of Helping Hands is to enhance their participants' quality of life and promote independence to improve their social skills and self-esteem — ultimately, to add happiness to their day. They provide a fun, safe place to hang out with friends.

The participants work on daily living skills by planning, preparing and cleaning up after lunch as well as other daily activities. They also promote personal care and self-advocacy for the participants. They do many craft activities and play games to engage socialization among the participants. They also go out and about in our community including, but not limited to, the library, YMCA, School Forest, area parks, Lincoln Park Zoo, Woodland Dunes and many other area adventures. Participants also take part in community involvement by helping with various cleaning jobs at First Reformed, as well as help to set up Fellowship Hall as needed for different church & community events. We're very glad to have them in our facility and ask everyone to continue to make them feel welcome and needed!

In-courage Wish List

Posted on our bulletin board in Fellowship Hall is a wish list from **in-courage** (formerly the Domestic Violence Center). This list includes urgent needs, as well as cleaning supplies, health & beauty supplies, groceries, and miscellaneous items. Please take a moment and see if there is some item(s) you might be able to help them with. Your generosity really makes a difference to the people utilizing their services. They also collect used cell phones which can be in any condition, and do not need to have the charger. If you have any further questions or would like to donate any of the items, please contact "**in-courage**" at 920-684-4661.

Children's Chairs for Sale

We have two remaining sizes of children's chairs for sale. They come in several colors, are in good condition, and are located in the hallway going down to the Christian Education wing. We are asking \$1 each. If interested, please see Jan Kreil (on a Sunday morning) or Lois in our church office (during

regular office hours of the week).

MCM Rummage Sales at St John's UCC ~ Oct 13 - 14 & First Reformed UCC ~ Oct 19 - 20

St. John's: A fall rummage sale will be held at St John's on Friday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Stuff-a-bag starting at 12 noon on Saturday). We will need help to set up on Thursday and cleaning up after the sale ends at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Donations of rummage items are welcome, and proceeds benefit the ministry of St. John's UCC. For more information, please call Nan Disch (682-0612) or Ruth Malzahn (242-3841).

First Reformed: A fall rummage sale will be held at First Reformed on Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Friday October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon before closing for lunch and reopening from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. for \$2 stuff-a-bag.

Donations of gently used rummage items are welcome, and may be placed in the front foyer at First Reformed. (We are unable to accept encyclopedias, microwaves, computers, large electronics, TV's, or baby cribs because they will not be accepted by charitable groups that collect any unsold items).

Proceeds benefit the ministry of First Reformed UCC. Volunteers are needed to assist with setting up, unpacking, pricing, working during the sale, and cleaning up. For more information, please contact Dolores Janda (684-8825), Joanne Kreil (684-0901), or Lois in the First Reformed UCC office (682-6121).

New Depression / Bipolar Support Group

You are not alone. Over 24 million people live with depression or bipolar disorder in the US. A new support group is forming in Manitowoc, and will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Lounge at First Presbyterian Church every Monday starting October 16 (502 North 8th Street, Manitowoc; use the State Street entrance). We are a caring, supportive group of peers. It's an open, free, drop-in meeting.

Anyone diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorder or who thinks they may have a mood disorder may attend. For more information, email or call Donna (920) 320-9054 or

AffirmingPeers@gmail.com.

Meals on Wheels Delivery October 16 - 20

Meals on Wheels is a program that delivers meals to those who are homebound or otherwise unable to prepare meals due to age or health. Our MCM congregations can help deliver meals to Manitowoc residents the week of October 16-20. Pairs of volunteers pick up the prepared meals and deliver them together. The process takes about 90 minutes. We need at least two volunteers for each of the five days; if there are extra volunteers we can share the load. If you have any questions or are interested in helping one or more days, please contact FPC member Jim Clark (920-530-3518).

Thanks to Cheryl Hanson, Anne Howard, Pete Stuntz, Carol Primm, Kim Woznick, and Ellen Lewellen for helping last time!

MCM Wants to Connect . . .

Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry wants to connect with you and all of Manitowoc! To make this happen, we need your help. If you are on Facebook, please like our MCM and church pages, and then like, comment, and share posts:

MCM: www.facebook.com/mcmunited

First Reformed UCC: www.facebook.com/frcmanitowoc

First Presbyterian: www.facebook.com/fpcmanitowoc

St. John's UCC: search on Facebook for "St John's UCC Manitowoc" (once it has 25 likes we can set a custom URL like the others)

We're also collecting email addresses for all members and friends. During worship, we'll pass around clipboards for you to share your email addresses with us. Even if you think we already have your email, please share it again so we can confirm our records. Thanks!

Ordination & Installation

The Church & Ministry Team of the Northeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ invites all members, friends and clergy of the NEA to the ordination and installation of **Kristal Klemme** at First Congregational UCC, 1405

State Road 67, Plymouth, WI on Sunday, October 22, at 4:00 pm. A light dinner will be served after the service.

Look Good, Feel Better

Look Good-Feel Better is a program that would like to help with cancer treatment for women. During treatment, volunteer beauty professionals can help you (see details on our bulletin board in Fellowship Hall). Sessions are held at Aurora Clinic (Two Rivers) and at HFMMC (Manitowoc) from 6 - 8 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 23. Please see/call Darla Haack (682-4647) to register.

MCM United Breakfast & Worship on October 29

Any time there is a 5th Sunday in a month we join together for MCM United Worship. All MCM members and friends are invited to gather on Sunday, October 29 at St John's UCC at 8:30 a.m. for a FREE breakfast and presentation by MCM's mission partner, Grow it Forward. At 10:00 a.m. we'll all meet in the Sanctuary at St. John's for Reformation Sunday Worship with communion and united choir. Halloween costumes are welcome, if you would like to have some extra fun that day!

NOTE: Regular worship will not take place at the individual church sites on October 29.

Living the Questions Discussions Start October 31

We encourage our MCM congregations to take part in this excellent video-based faith discussion series hosted by our friends of St. James Episcopal Church.

~ Pastor Matt & Pastor Judine

Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers, and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity.

This class will be hosted in the lower level Fellowship Hall at St. James Episcopal Church from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings October 31 thru December 12. Each week will include time watching video segments featuring a variety of scholars, theologians, and other experts, as well as time to share and discuss. Weekly themes will include: "Restoring Relationships", "The Prophetic Jesus", "Evil, Suffering, and A God of Love", "The Myth of Redemptive Violence", "Practicing Resurrection", "Debunking the Rapture", and "Honoring Creation" (this is a different set of topics than the *Living the Questions* series offered in winter 2017). You don't need to commit to all seven weeks, so attend as you are able. There is no charge, no need to sign up, and all materials are provided. For more information, please talk to Tony in the FPC office.