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September— May
Worship Schedule
Learning Community 9 a.m.
Confirmation 1 & 2 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

June — August
Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

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**April
2010**

The JoyLine

First Congregational Church Founded 1855 Incorporated 1903

Our Mission Statement: "To be a visible witness and an active presence of God's radical and all-inclusive welcome"

Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 1, Maundy Thursday

Worship 7 p.m.

- Table Communion
- Chancel Choir sings

April 2, Good Friday

Worship 1 p.m.

- Choir sings

April 4, Easter Sunday

No Learning Community
No Confirmation Classes

April 4, Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Worship 8 a.m.

- Pew Communion

Easter Breakfast 9 a.m.

Easter Cantata 10:15 a.m.

- Pew Communion
- The Chancel Choir, directed by Keith Falk, will perform the Easter Cantata, *Come, Touch the Robe*, by Pepper Choplin. Soloists are: Connie Wittkopp, Laurie Volkomener, Ron Knoener, and Kathy Arbuckle.



Easter Breakfast, April 4

An Easter Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Please sign up at the kiosk to let us know if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome.

The Learning Community is making the centerpieces for the tables (paper Easter lilies, crosses, etc.).

Those attending the breakfast are invited to take along a piece of the centerpiece as a reminder of the day. After breakfast there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Congregational Life

Ministry Area Coordinator:
Lora Jacoby

Women's Potluck Fellowship, April 12

The April Women's Potluck Fellowship will be held on **Monday, April 12, at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**

All women are invited to attend. Please sign up at the kiosk to let us know if you are planning to come or call the church office at 893-3411.

Register for Summer Camp

Camp brochures and scholarship forms for Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach camps are available on the kiosk. You can also go to www.ucci.org for information.

Please return scholarship forms to Kelly Haefs or the church office by May 1 or 30 days before the event.

April Birthdays

Roger Grier	April 10
Gavin Scudella	April 13
Darren Struve	April 13
Leif Erickson	April 16
Jane Groblewski	April 16
Darren Munson	April 19
Cheryl Reilly	April 19
Taylor Schauer	April 19
Ethel Holbrook	April 23
Barbara Horneck	April 24
Emily Azzalino	April 28
Wes TenHaken	April 28
Tasha Scott	April 30
Robert Michaels	April 30

April Wedding Anniversaries

Jennifer & Michael Falk	April 8
Susy & Bill Rathman	April 22
Sarah & Leif Erickson	April 26

Note: If your birthday or anniversary has not been included in the *Joyline* or is incorrect, please notify the church office at 893-3411.



All prayer requests should be directed to either the church office, 893-3411, during office hours or to Rev. Bill, 627-1976, at other times.

UCC Equal Exchange Coffee Cart

Check out the selection of coffee, tea, and chocolate on the Coffee Cart in the foyer. Please fill out an order form if you would like items that we do not stock.

Equal Exchange is a democratically organized worker-owned cooperative founded in 1986. Purchases of fairly traded products develop more environmentally sound business practices, provide high quality

food products, and support sustainable farming practices for farmers in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Dorcas Chapter

The members of Dorcas Chapter will meet on **Monday, April 12, at 12:30 p.m.** at the Roadside Restaurant on Highway 57.

Education

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Bev Schellhaass

Christian Education Activities

Adult Learning Community

Bev Schellhaass is leading an Adult Bible class on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

We are studying the New Testament. Come and join this hands-on approach to the Bible.

Children's Learning Community

Schedule

Easter Sunday No Classes

May 16 Visit Libby's House

May 23 Last day of classes

Becoming A Green Congregation, April 25

Sunday, April 25,
following the worship service
Potluck / Presentation / Speaker
in the Meeting Hall.
Speaker: David Lagerman

Please bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Come and join us for an interesting discussion. All are welcome to attend.

We will explore the following:

- What can this Congregation do to minimize its impact on God's creation?
- What can this Congregation do to demonstrate its environmental ministry?
- How high can this congregation set the standard for eco-responsible existence?

Mission

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Diane Knoener

Hygiene Kits for Church World Service (CWS)

Hygiene Kits to replace those sent by CWS to disaster areas will be collected and assembled by our members. Church members are asked to assemble and donate an entire kit. Collection tubs will be in the foyer. Money for mailing costs is also needed.

Donation Deadline, April 11

We have already assembled 28 kits and hope to have 50 kits assembled by the deadline on Sunday, April 11.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16 x 28 inches (no fingertip or bath towels).
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath-size in wrapper)
- Six standard-size Band-Aids®
- ~~One toothbrush (in original packaging)~~. Toothbrushes are being donated by Joseph & Joseph

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure; remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

Eggert Room Volunteers

For the month of April our volunteers are:

**Candy Durdin
Kay Magnus**

The Eggert Room was established to provide temporary emergency shelter to individuals in need. Our on-call volunteers check to see that the Eggert Room is clean and ready for occupancy. After the room has been used they are responsible for washing the linens and re-stocking the food and supplies.

If you would like to help with this ministry of the church, please contact the church office.



The Welcome Table Meal

A free meal is served every Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the basement Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Plymouth (next to the Post Office).

First Church will be responsible for preparing and delivering the meals this year on:

**Tuesday, April 13
Tuesday, June 22
Tuesday, August 10
Tuesday, October 12
Tuesday, December 7**

If you want to learn more or would be willing to help with food donations, preparing food, transporting the meal, greeting guests, or serving in the kitchen or dining room, please contact Diane Knoener, Mission - Ministry Area Coordinator, at knoenerdl@lakeland.edu.

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bridgeway Meal Hosts

First Congregational UCC, Plymouth is scheduled to serve the meal at Bridgeway on the **second day of each month.**

Please call Bonnie Wassell at 457-7272, ext. 15, the day before you are scheduled to serve as a meal host, to confirm that you are needed.

SCIO Programs are in need of the following items:

Canned fruit
Deodorant (for both Bridgeway & Working Women's Wear).
Antibacterial spray and wipes
Garbage bags
Zip lock bags

Volunteer Needs

- Drivers for our Transportation Program.
- Volunteer Daycare help during lunchtime.
- Volunteers for Building and Grounds Committee.

Needed this month for Bridgeway and Beyond:

- Breakfast foods.

Winter Farmers Market

First Congregational Church
310 Bluff Avenue, Sheboygan
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
April 10 & 24, 2010

Transportation Program

SCIO's Transportation Program is looking for volunteers to help provide transportation to people who need rides within Sheboygan County as well as outside the county. Please contact Judy at 457-7275, ext. 11 if you can help.

Donate a Car

We are in need of reliable vehicles to be donated to Bridgeway Mothers. If a limited amount of automotive work needs to be done, LTC has agreed to partner with us to bring the automobile up to good working condition.

Call Bonnie at 457-7272, ext. 15, if you have a vehicle to donate.

News From the Pews

Ruth Haucke suffered a heart attack while on-board a cruise ship in the Caribbean. She became ill after attending the on-board wedding of her grandson, **Jim Haucke** and *Cheryl Slabbe*. Ruth was hospitalized in Florida and is now at The Woodlands Rehab facility at Rocky Knoll.

Julia Farnum, infant child of *Jamie & Fill Farnum*, has returned home from Children's Hospital in Milwaukee after undergoing surgery.

We celebrated the 85th anniversary of the birth of **Ayleene Grabow** after worship on Sunday, March 21.

A celebration of the life of *Henrietta Clough*, former member of First Congregational was officiated by Rev. Rishel on Thursday, March 18. He performed her Committal Service at the Summit Lake Cemetery on March 19.

A celebration of the life of *George Schellhaass* was officiated by Rev. Rishel on Saturday, March 20, and the reception was held in our Meeting Hall. George is the brother-in-law of **Bev Schellhaass**.

Bev Schellhaass will be having cataract surgery on March 23 to improve her vision in her left eye.

Elaine Jung continues to fight the good fight against blood cancer.

Ethel Holbrook has returned to Libby House after rehabbing at The Woodlands at Rocky Knoll.

Rev. Rishel's cousin, *Jan VanAkkeren* of Sheboygan, died after a brief stay at the Sharon Richardson Hospice.

Rev. Rishel's uncle, *Allen DePagter*, has been hospitalized after an apparent heart attack in San Antonio, TX.

Keep in your prayers our homebound members:
Wes TenHaken
Floyd Payne

Also keep in your daily prayers:

To Contact Rev. Bill

Phone 920-627-1976

E-mail: brishel@excel.net

Tyler Bein
Shar Karnitz
Elaine Jung
Glenda Ames
Pam Wilhelmsen
Linda Suemnicht
Evelyn Hofschield
Peg Stahlman
Glendale DeBruine
David Reichardt
Julia Farnum
John Holbrook
Ethel Holbrook
Carl Cihlar
Julia Feldner
Jennifer Wulff
David Veldman

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes

Rev. Rishel will continue the study of the Gospel of Luke in April. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Wilson Room, beginning April 7.

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation will be held during two sessions scheduled on:

Saturday, April 10,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
and
Saturday, May 8,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New Member Sunday

New members will be received on **Sunday, June 6** during the **9 a.m.** (summer schedule) worship service.

Notify the church when hospitalized

Please contact the church office at 920-893-3411 or Rev. Rishel at 920-627-1976 if you want the church to be informed that you or a family member is hospitalized.



**13th Annual
Spaghetti
&
Song**

**Saturday, April 24th
First Congregational UCC, Plymouth
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Music to follow**

\$13 for Adults
\$5 for Children under 12

For Reservations Call:
Church office at 893-3411 or
Keith at 893-0110



Spaghetti & Song Volunteers Wanted

The choir is looking for a few individuals who would be willing to help with Spaghetti and Song. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to assist with any of the following:

- wait on tables
- do dishes
- clean up

Please contact Keith Falk or any choir member if you are willing to help.

Thank You Notes

On behalf of my family I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, cards, comfort and support when my father, Robert K. Sedgwick passed away on February 10th. It is greatly appreciated.

Three days before Dad passed away I said to him, "You take care of yourself, Dad." His simple reply was "I will do my best." Those were his last words to me, and they will be one of the greatest parts of his legacy to us.

Janet H. McGill

From the Church Office

Church Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closed Fridays.

Thank you to **Barbara Grier** for taking care of the church office while I was out of town on Thursday, March 18.

Renee

Thank You To Our Volunteers

Thank you to: **Ayleene Grabow, Barbara Grier, and Betty Nicodemus** for assembling the OGHS mailing on March 11.

Thank you to: **Ayleene Grabow, Barbara Grier, Betty Nicodemus, and Glenda Ames** for putting together the Easter mailing on March 23.

Thank you again for your help.

SCIO Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser in Honor of Mothers and Women, May 1

The Board of Directors of Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization cordially invites you to attend a fundraising luncheon and silent auction to benefit the programs of SCIO.

Breaking Bread
6451 S. Business Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Registration & Social 11 a.m.
Silent Auction 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Luncheon & program 12 p.m.

RSVP by April 23, 2010

Please contact the First Congregational Church office at 893-3411 if you would like to attend.

SCIO has been serving Sheboygan County since 1989 through a variety of programs that have helped the disadvantaged. Currently SCIO has five programs that make a difference in Sheboygan County:

- Bridgeway and Beyond Transitional Living Services
- Building Bridges Child Care Center
- Volunteer Transportation
- Farmers' Market
- Working Women's Wear
- Nourish Farm to Family Philanthropy

SCRIP NOTES:

From: Pam Wilhelmsen

Shop the Scrip Desk on Sunday

The Scrip desk is open prior to and after Sunday church services. Scrip is also available in the church office during regular office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

We welcome each of you to participate in the Scrip program. All profits are accumulated and

passed to the First Congregational UCC General Fund.

Our Scrip Desk volunteers, Pam Wilhelmsen, or Renee Panzer (Administrative Assistant) will be happy to answer your questions and get you started.

Thank you for your support.

Administration Ministry Area Coordinator

Pam Wilhelmsen

Administration Teams:

Gary Haucke	Building & Grounds
Kay Magnus	Finance
Sarah Erickson	Memorials
Dan Volkomener	Personnel
Deb Klock	Personnel
Pam Wilhelmsen	SCRIP

Church Council:

Moderator	Letha Haucke
2011	Gary Hueppchen
2011	Alan Ambrosius
2012	Laurie Volkomener
2012	Steve Klock
2013	Darren Munson
2013	Mason Rishel

Ministry Area Coordinators

Administration	Pam Wilhelmsen
Congregational Life	Lora Jacoby
Education	Bev Shellhaass
Mission	Diane Knoener
Worship	Connie Wittkopp

Meeting Minutes Available in the Church Office

The full report of all Church Council or Administration Team meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the church office.

**Minutes from February 28, 2010
Congregational Meeting**

- I. Call to Order Letha Haucke
- II. Opening Prayer Rev. Bill Rishel
- III. Quorum A quorum of 54 present.
- IV. Appointment of Clerk and Parliamentarian
Parliamentarian Russ Groblewski
Clerk Alan Ambrosius
- V. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Keith Falk. Second by Ron Knoener.
- VI. Presentation of the 2010 Budget
Letha Haucke presented the 2010 Budget
Laurie Volkomener moved to adopt 2010 Budget.
Second by Rae Ann Beebe.
Discussion. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- VII. Report of the Council
Resignation of Dr. Mary Arenberg from a 3 year Council position.
Appointment of Mason Rishel to a 3 year Council position.
Appointment of Darren Munson to a 3 year Council position.
Appointment of Gary Hueppchen to a 1 year Council position.
- VIII. Reports
Building and Grounds Roof Estimates
Gary Haucke reported on the estimates for roof repairs needed within the next five years. Discussion.
- IX. Garage/Rummage Sale Team
Deb Klock gave report. . . . Unanimous show of hands to investigate worth and/or interest of doing a Garage/Rummage Sale.
- X. Open and Affirming Team
Dr. Mary Arenberg will head the team and reported 3 other individuals are currently on the team.
- XI. Hospitality Team
Letha Haucke reported on possible action to make First Congregational more hospitable.
Lora Jacoby asked for 3 volunteers for this year's Easter Breakfast.
- XII. Adjournment
Keith Falk Moved. Laurie Volkomener second.
- XIII. Closing Prayer Letha Haucke.

Respectfully submitted
Alan Ambrosius

Summary 2010 Budget Projected Income

Pledged	\$ 114,000
Non-pledged	19,000
Cash Plate	2,000
Learning	400
Head Start	2,100
Scrip	10,000
Congregational Life	<u>7,500</u>
Sub-total	\$ 155,000
Surplus carryover	<u>10,000</u>
Projected Income	\$ 165,000

Summary 2010 Budget - Projected Expenses

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Proposed 2-28-10</u>
OCWM	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,600
Local Mission	1,035	1,000
Staff Salaries & Benefits	30,922	35,600
Pastor's Salary	58,410	58,410
Pastor's Benefits	30,546	30,546
Administration	20,070	20,000
Ministerial Services	6,781	6,800
Property Maintenance	9,460	9,400
Mortgage	24,040	0
Sabbatical	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Less Projected Expenses	\$197,764	\$ 173,856
Less Income		<u>165,000</u>
Needed to Balance		\$ 8,856

Note: For detailed descriptions of each category, please see complete Budget posted in the church office or contact the church office for a copy.

Summary of Minutes – March 16, 2010 Church Council Meeting

Financial Report

- + \$4,222.00 at the end of February.

Pastor's Report

- Continuing education, May 17-21. Passed.
- Vacation days, May 27-30. Passed.
RaeAnn Beebe will cover.

Salary for Hourly Staff

- Based on budget passed, salaries need to be adjusted. Discussion. Administrative assistant to receive four weeks vacation and \$13.38 per hour. Passed.

Congregational Concerns

- Appointed Letha Haucke to fill delegate position to NEA Annual Meeting. Passed.

Registrar Matters

- Accept transfer of Bev Lubenow. Passed.

Ministry Area Coordinator Reports

- Congregational Life – Dorothy Rose and Teresa Hartle-Feldner will organize the Easter Breakfast.
- Education – Camp Sunday on March 14. Palm Sunday, children will participate in procession with choir. Children will make table decorations for Easter Breakfast. Adult Bible study is going well.

- Mission – George Schroeder is gathering people for the Green Team.
- Open and Affirming Team met on Sunday, March 14, including Mary Arenberg, Kay Magnus, Alan Ambrosius, Jami Scott, Jane Groblewski, and Mary Polchert.
- Worship - Palms are ordered for Palm Sunday. Good response to variety of Easter flowers offered. New Banners and vestments well received.

Team Reports

- Stewardship – January/February giving reports distributed. Waiting for decision on roof repairs to determine if we do a Capital Campaign. Income and expenses are balancing. Need to determine how much of the income giving goes out to missions.

Upcoming Events

- March 28 – OGHS offering received.

Next Council Meeting

April 20, 2010

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation 7 p.m. Council Meeting

May 18, 2010,

6:30 p.m. Faith formation. 7 p.m. Council Meeting.



April Time Stewardship

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Worship 7 p.m.

- Table Communion
- Chancel Choir sings

Lectionary Readings
 Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Ushers: Team 5 – Diane Gahagan Family
 Greeters:
 Communion Servers: Team 10 –
 * Kay Magnus, * Candy Durdin,
 Diane & Ron Knoener
 Screen Technician: Mason Rishel

Good Friday, April 2

Worship..... 1 p.m.

- Chancel Choir sings

Lectionary Readings
 Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25 **OR**
 Hebrews 4:14-16:5:7-9
 John 18:1-19:42

Ushers: Team 1 – Gary Hueppchen, Scott Haefs,
 Julie & Kyle Luedtke
 Greeters: Deb & Steve Klock
 Screen Technician: Mason Rishel

Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Worship 8 a.m.

- Pew Communion

Lectionary Readings
 Acts 10:34-43 **OR** Isaiah 65:17-25
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 **OR** Acts 10:34-43
 John 20:1-18 **OR** Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 4 – 8 a.m.

Liturgist: Alan Ambrosius
 Ushers: Team 2 – Gary, Jim, & Michael Haucke,
 Terry Schram
 Greeters: Janice Hueppchen & Elaine Jung
 Screen Technician: Mason Rishel
 Communion Servers: Team 1 –
 * Steve & Sandy Kallenberg,
 Terry Schram, Gary Haucke
 SCRIP Desk: Connie Wittkopp

Easter Sunday, April 4

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- Easter Cantata, The Chancel Choir,
 directed by Keith Falk, will perform the
 Easter Cantata, *Come Touch the Robe*,
 by Pepper Choplin.
- Soloists are: Connie Wittkopp, Laurie
 Volkomener, Ron Knoener, and Kathy Arbuckle.
- Pew Communion

Ushers: Team 3 – Penny Gosse, Waitman,
 Nancy & Lane Slaughter
 Greeters: John Langhout
 Screen Technician: Mason Rishel
 Communion Servers: Team 2 –
 * John Langhout, * Betty Nicodemus,
 Russ & Jane Groblewski
 Tellers: Barbara Grier & Glenda Ames

**Sunday, April 11
 Second Sunday of Easter**

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- Broken Chain sings

Lectionary Readings
 Acts 5:27-32
 Psalm 118:14-29 **Or** Psalm 150
 Revelation 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31

Liturgist: Mary Arenberg
 Ushers: Team 4 – Dennis & Sandy Doebert,
 Nick Erickson, Steve Klock
 Greeters: Don & Linda Suemnicht
 Screen Technician: Mason Rishel
 Tellers: Laurie & Dan Volkomener
 SCRIP Desk: Tammy Michaels

* *Indicates you are responsible for Communion set-up and clean-up, and getting the Communion bread.*

Sunday, April 18
Third Sunday of Easter

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- Exultation sings

Lectionary Readings

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Liturgist: Emmitt Feldner

Ushers: Team 5 – Diane Gahagan Family

Greeters: John & Jenny Klemme

Screen Technician: Mason Rishel

Tellers: Steve Klock & Jami Scott

Scrip Desk: Deb Klock

Sunday, April 25
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- Chancel Choir sings

Lectionary Readings

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Liturgist: Lora Jacoby

Ushers: Team 1 – Gary Hueppchen, Scott Haefs,

Julie & Kyle Luedtke

Greeters: Les & Shar Karnitz

Screen Technician: Mason Rishel

Tellers: Candy Durdin & Barbara Grier

Scrip Desk: Diane Knoener



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Renee Panzer, administrative assistant
Denise Mohr, financial administrator
Keith Falk, director of music
Gordon Wieck, custodian
Linda Suemnicht, housekeeper

The deadline for submitting articles for the
newsletter is the second Sunday of each
month.

Events in April

Serve Meal at Bridgeway	April 2
Easter Sunday	April 4
New Member Orientation	April 10
Dorcas Chapter	April 12
Women's Potluck Fellowship	April 12
LaLeche League Meeting	April 13
Prepare The Welcome Table Meal	April 13
NEA Annual Meeting	April 17
Greek Orthodox Chapel	April 19
Spaghetti & Song	April 24
Becoming a Green Congregation	April 25
Plymouth Care Center Cookie Cart	April 30

Meetings in April

Church Council	April 20
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Joyline deadline

Sunday, April 11

Please submit your articles for the newsletter to the
church office or e-mail: congoucc@excel.net.