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Sunday after Labor Day
until Sunday before
Memorial Day
[Worship Schedule](#)
Learning Community 9 a.m.
Confirmation 1 & 2 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Sunday after Memorial Day
until Sunday before Labor
Day
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**August
2011**

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"*

Informational Session To Be Held on August 7

An Informational Session for all members and friends of the congregation will be held **after worship on Sunday, August 7.**

The Church Council will report to the congregation on changes to the Council structure and the

implementation of the Faith Practices resource this fall.

This will also be a chance for the congregation to ask questions and give suggestions to the Church Council.

Open and Affirming Sunday, September 11

On Sunday, September 11, our fall programming begins. **The Learning Community for children and adults will meet at 9 a.m. Our worship time returns to 10:15 a.m.**

ONA Sunday

September 11 has been designated as Open and Affirming (ONA) Sunday - a time for the congregation to celebrate being named an Open and Affirming church. Special activities are being planned for this celebration. We will have more details for you in the FYI

(weekly e-mail and printed copies) and the September *Joyline*.

Faith Practices

This fall we will also be implementing Faith Practices, a program for integrating all ministries of the church into one comprehensive plan. The various components of Faith Practices will be presented to the congregation during the Informational Session on Sunday, August 7.

Summer Worship at 9 a.m.

Our summer worship time is at 9 a.m. through September 4 (the Sunday before Labor Day). Learning Community classes are recessed until September 11.



Congregational Life

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Lora Jacoby



Annual Church Bazaar

**Saturday,
OCTOBER 22, 2011**

**Women's Nite Out,
August 8**

The women of the church will meet in the Fireside Room at church for a potluck dinner on:

- **Monday, August 8, at 6 p.m.**

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.

August Birthdays

Kelly Haefs	August 1
Russ Groblewski	August 4
Elaine Jung	August 8
Ruth Casadonte	August 8
Steve Kallenberg	August 10
Helen Gilboy	August 14
Noah Scudella	August 17
Ian Jasso	August 18
Barbara Grier	August 18
Pam Wilhelmsen	August 19
Emma Schroeder	August 20
Beverly Schellhaass	August 21
Theresa Falk	August 23
Jana Sue Fenger	August 23
Al Fleisner	August 24
Tony Capelle	August 29

August Wedding Anniversaries

Jenny & John Klemme	August 2
Deb & Steve Klock	August 6
Katherine & Gary Hueppchen	August 9
Jan & Michael McGill	August 17
Jenny Xie & Van DeZwarte	August 19
Jane & Russ Groblewski	August 20
Eugene & Vicki Schaap	August 21
Bev & Robert Schellhaass	August 24
Laurie & Dan Volkomener	August 28

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

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.

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.



Mission

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Diane Knoener

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 on:

Tuesday, August 16
Tuesday, November 8

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 knoenerd@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 457-7272 the day before you are scheduled to serve as a meal host to confirm that you are needed.

SCIO Volunteer Needs

- Drivers for our Transportation Program.
- Summer Farmer's Market

Working Women's Wear

is now located at 633 North 8th Street in Sheboygan.

Needed this month for Bridgeway and Beyond:

- Paper towels
- Dish detergent
- Toilet paper
- Bus tokens

SCIO Programs are in need of the following items:

- Canned fruits - peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple
- Fresh fruits
- Minute Rice
- Garbage bags – 30 gallon
- Ziploc Bags – quart and gallon size
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Dishwasher soap
- Liquid dish soap
- Paper toweling
- Toilet paper
- Copy paper
- Tampons, super

Summer Farmers Market

- Plymouth Market at City Park - Thursdays, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Sheboygan Market at Fountain Park - Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Job Seekers Networking Group

Free weekly meetings are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the United Way Building in Sheboygan. The focus of the group is to help underemployed and unemployed people achieve the next step in their career. Meetings consist of idea sharing, group presentations, open discussions, and group activities, all geared toward equipping people with the tools to meet their new challenges

For more information or a meeting schedule, call SCIO at 457-7272.

Eggert Room Volunteers

For the month of August
our volunteers are:

Mari Falk
Kay Magnus

Eggert Room is clean and ready for occupancy, wash the linens, and restock the food and supplies after the room is used.

The Eggert Room was established to provide temporary emergency shelter to individuals in need. Our on-call volunteers check to see that the

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



Education

First Church Members Attend Summer Church Camp

Many of our members have taken advantage of the opportunity to attend summer camp at either Pilgrim Center at Green Lake or Moon Beach Camp at St. Germain. These camps are part of the outdoor ministry program of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ and its member congregations.

Our members who are attending camp this summer are:

Jessica Falk attended Sr. High Adventure Camp at Pilgrim Center, June 26 – July 2

Dorothy Rose is attending Family Camp, August 7-13;

Cooper Gosse is attending Intermediate Camp, August 7-13;

Skyler Gosse is attending Junior Camp, August 7-13;

Bev Schellhaass is attending Grandparent & Me Camp, August 7 -9.

To send well wishes to our campers, you can e-mail them at camper.pc@ucci.org and put their name on the subject line.

Vacation Bible School at Salem UCC

Salem United Church of Christ in Plymouth is offering a Vacation Bible School this summer. Children ages 4K – 6th grade are welcome to attend.

The dates are:
Sunday Kick-off
August 7 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
[Lunch provided]
Monday - Thursday
August 8 – 11 8:30 a.m. – noon

The theme is “Under Construction” – a Habitat for Humanity Vacation Bible School. It will be held at Salem UCC, 217 Salem Drive in Plymouth.

Register by August 1 and receive an Under Construction t-shirt.

Registration forms can be found on our kiosk in the foyer.



News From the Pews

Elaine Jung was admitted to Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center for chemotherapy for leukemia. The regiment for this is very difficult and the chemo therapy is experimental. Your cards and prayers are appreciated.

Les Karnitz fell from a ladder at his home and broke three ribs and bruised his kidneys. He is at home resting.

Marilyn DeBruine has had edema in her legs, plus fluid build-up in her right lung and abdomen. She is taking it very easy with limited walking and activity.

Christine Harvey underwent another surgery at Aurora Sinai Hospital in Milwaukee in July. She is now home recovering.

Barb Horneck's mother, *Shirley Barts*, was received into God's eternal care. Her Witness to the Resurrection was held at First Congregational UCC in Sheboygan where Shirley was a member.

Carson Andrew Eigner, son of *Justin and Amanda (Mohr) Eigner* was baptized during the July 10 worship service by Rev. Rishel. Carson is the grandson of **Ron & Denise Mohr**.

Rev. Greg Whelton St. John's UCC has been released from a

hospital in Buffalo, New York after a serious motor cycle accident.

Randy Luedtke was injured in a motorcycle accident. He is hospitalized at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee.

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn, Saron UCC-Sheboygan Falls, had surgery to remove cancerous tumors. Chemotherapy and radiation will follow in the weeks and months ahead.

Also keep in your daily prayers:

Tyler Bein
Shar Karnitz
Elaine Jung
Denise Mohr
Glenda Ames
Pam Wilhelmsen
Linda Suemnicht
Evelyn Hofschield
Peg Stahlman
Glendale DeBruine
Russ Groblewski
Peg Stahlman
Ruth Haucke
Don Suemnicht
David Reichardt
John Holbrook
Carl Cihlar
Julia Feldner
David Veldman
Ann Brown
Meg Porter
Jerry Kraus
Robert Schellhaass

Our members out of town:

Rosie Miller
Miriam Steinke
Helen Gilboy

To Contact Rev. Bill

Phone:
920-627-1976

E-mail:
brishel@excel.net

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.

Green Team Plans Church Prairie

Your support is needed to make First Church a little more "carbon friendly" and our land more beautiful at the same time by establishing a prairie. We can use your help (money) to purchase some of the seed needed.

We plan on using only Wisconsin native plants for this project. If you

have access to a native prairie, you can harvest your seed and we will utilize them in our plot. We also will need help in getting the seeds planted.

Please contact Steve Klock if you have any questions.



Thank you

Dear Rainbow Kids Member Congregation,

Please express our heartfelt thanks to your congregation for their recent financial support and ongoing commitment to the Rainbow Kids organization. Knowing that we can count on you in so many ways makes a big difference.

We greatly appreciate:

- The use of your space
- Congregation members who serve as volunteers

- Your financial support
- Publicity in bulletins and newsletters and on bulletin boards
- Your prayers!

Thank you for sharing in this ministry to serve Sheboygan County families who have suffered a loss due to death, divorce, or separation. Working together, we are truly making a difference in their lives.

Sincerely,
Rainbow Kids Board of Directors

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed on Fridays.

Dirt for Dollars

This has been a fun time for those members that have worked at the stock car races in the past and it is a great opportunity to earn \$1,000 for our church. We need 35 to 40 adults to work the refreshment and candy stands at the Plymouth Dirt Track on a Saturday evening.

No experience or licenses are required. They are in the process of making out the schedule for the season and we should get an event to work. Please sign up at the kiosk at church or contact Van DeZwarte for more information.

Plymouth Food Pantry

The Plymouth Food Pantry is open on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m. It is located in the St. Vincent DePaul building on Eastern Avenue in Plymouth.

All donations to the Food Pantry are appreciated. First Church has a (green) donation box for the Plymouth Food Pantry in the foyer near the church office door.

Ayleene Grabow has been helping at the Food pantry for a number of years. If you would like to volunteer to help staff the Food Pantry, please contact Ayleene Grabow or Steve Klock.

Community Events

Rainbow Kids Facilitator Training

Bring help, hope, and healing to children and adults dealing with death, divorce, separation, abandonment, or incarceration. Become a RAINBOWS volunteer and help people who are hurting learn to cope with their grief.

**Tuesday & Wednesday,
August 9 & 10
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.,
at Bethany Reformed Church
1315 Washington Avenue,
Sheboygan**

There is no fee. Attendance on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings is required. Please register by calling the Rainbow Kids office at 452-2838 or after 2 p.m. call Judie Meise at 458-4429. Additional information will be sent to registrants.

There Is Hope 6th Annual Walk

**Saturday, August 20, 2011
Check in - 8:15 a.m.
Opening Ceremony - 9 a.m.**

Mental Health America's 6th Annual There is Hope walk for suicide awareness and prevention is taking place along the Old Plank Road Trail starting at Odyssey Fun Center in Sheboygan Falls.

You can register for the walk or participate in the bucket raffles, silent auction, information booths, bake sale and food sales which are open to both walkers and the general public.

Registration forms and more information are posted on the kiosk or go to www.mhasheboygan.org.

SCRIP NOTES: From: Pam Wilhelmsen

Scrip Coupons Available

Reminder, please note that I can create a Scrip coupon in any denomination. Determine the amount, pay at the Scrip desk, and I will create a coupon especially for you to give anyone who shops with us. It can be used to order the retailers we carry in inventory or are listed on the GLSC retailer list. If you would like to see all the retailers available, refer to www.glscrip.com and click on Retailer Lists, either Alphabetical or By Category.

If you have questions, contact Pam.

Other reminders:

GLSC is offering discounts on several retailers for a short time.

Order and pay on our order forms, or on-line.

- Gap/Old Navy 14%
- Home Depot (card available up to \$500) 6%
- LL Bean 17%
- Lowes 6%
- Red Robin 11%
- Uno Chicago Grill 13%

Did you know?

You may pay your Kohl's charge account bills with gift cards. Go ahead, receive the benefits of using your Kohl's card, and then purchase our gift cards for bill payment. Nice deal!

Thanks for your continued support.

Scrip Coordinator

Pam Wilhelmsen

Summary of the Minutes of the Church Council Meeting, July 19, 2011

Reports and Actions of the Church Council:

- **Motion** was made that the church building shall be posted to be a firearms free zone. **Passed.**
- A Task Force has been set up to study a proposal for First Congregational Church to be a Cooling Center when there is an excessive heat warning in our area.
- **Motion** to accept Council covenant as corrected. **Passed.**
- Congregational Information Session – August 7
The purpose of the session is to:
 1. explain the Faith Practices materials
 2. explain the change in financial institutions
 3. explain the process of Governance and Ministry
 4. answer questions and hear suggestions from church members.

Please direct questions and comments to Letha Haucke, Moderator.

Next Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 6:30 p.m., Faith Formation
7 p.m., Council Meeting

Moderator	Letha Haucke
Vice-Moderator	Gary Hueppchen

Church Council

Term expires

January 2012	Laurie Volkomener
January 2012	Steve Klock
January 2013	Darren Munson
January 2013	Mason Rishel
January 2014	Dennis Doebert
January 2014	Gerald Arndt

Finance Committee

Chair	Alan Ambrosius
Trusts	Kay Magnus
Financial Secretary	Sue Hellmer
Assistant Financial Secretary	Julie Luedtke
Treasurer	Sarah Erickson
Assistant Treasurer	Kathy Arbuckle

Building & Grounds Committee

Chair	Jim Richter
Cheryl Reilly	Diane Gahagan
Van DeZwarte	Ed Eilert
Mike Haucke	

Ministry Area Coordinators

Community Life	Lora Jacoby
Education	
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.

Worship

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Connie Wittkopp

August Time Stewardship

Sunday, August 7

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship9 a.m.

- Table Communion

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

OR

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Ushers: Team 4 – Dennis & Sandy Doebert,
Nick Erickson, Steve Klock

Greeters: Scott and Kelly Haefs & Family

Communion Servers: Team 4 –

- * Dennis & Sandy Doebert
- Scott & Kelly Haefs

Fellowship Hour:

Tellers: Barbara Grier & Mary Richter

SCRIP Desk: Connie Wittkopp

Sunday, August 14

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship9 a.m.

- Broken Chain sings
- Baptism

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 113

OR

Isaiah 56:1

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Ushers: Team 1 – Gary Hueppchen, Scott Haefs,
Julie & Kyle Luedtke

Greeter: Janice Hueppchen

Fellowship Hour:

Tellers: Diane Knoener & Steve Klock

SCRIP Desk: Tammy Michaels

Sunday, August 21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship9 a.m.

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124

OR

Isaiah 51:6-8

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Ushers: Team 2 - Gary, Jim, & Michael Haucke,
Terry Schram

Greeter: Peg Stahlman

Fellowship Hour:

Tellers: Jami Scott & Sue Hellmer

SCRIP Desk: Deb Klock

Sunday, August 28

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship9 a.m.

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

OR

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Ushers: Team 3 – Penny Gosse, Waitman,
Nancy & Lane Slaughter

Greeter: Mary Richter

Fellowship Hour:

Tellers: Dan & Laurie Volkomener

SCRIP Desk: Diane Knoener

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

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Church Staff

Rev. Bill Rishel, pastor
Renee Panzer, administrative assistant
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 August

August 2 Serve Bridgeway Meal, 4:30 p.m.
August 7 Informational Session after worship
August 8 Women's Nite Out, 6 p.m.
August 9 LaLeche League, 6:30 p.m.
August 16 First Church prepares The Welcome Table meal

August 20 Greek Orthodox Chapel, 9 a.m.

Meetings in August

August 2 Ministry Area Coordinators, 6:30 p.m.
August 9 Building & Grounds Committee, 6:30 p.m.
August 11 Finance Committee, 6 p.m.
August 16 Church Council Faith Formation, 6:30 p.m.
August 16 Church Council, 7 p.m.

Joyline deadline

Sunday, August 14

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