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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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**January
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"

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 24, 2010

The 155th Annual Meeting of First
Congregational United Church of Christ
in Plymouth will be held after worship on
Sunday, January 24, 2010.

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Appointment of Parliamentarian
and Clerk
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Annual Report
- VI. Approval of 2010 Budget
- VII. Election of Officers
- VIII. Proposed Constitutional
Amendment
- IX. Speak Out
- X. Adjournment
- XI. Closing Prayer



Copies of the Annual Report will be
available at church about 10 days before
the meeting so that members will have
time to review it before the meeting.

Please bring your copy of the Annual
Report with you on January 24th. A
limited number of copies will be available
at the meeting.

All active members of the church are
urged to be present as part of their
commitment to membership at First
Congregational UCC.

Congregational Life

Ministry Area Coordinator:
Lora Jacoby

Bazaar Craft Nights

The Bazaar Team would like to organize some craft nights (or days) during the year. Any ideas for craft projects? If you have some ideas on what to make, let Betty Nicodemus or Lora Jacoby know what you came up with.

Themed tables were a big hit at this year’s Bazaar. We could set up themed tables again – one idea suggested is a “Kitchen Table” with aprons, oven mitts, etc. Other ideas???

Kitchen Cleaning

Shelves need wiping off, lower cabinets need rearranging, and four – five people are needed to help.

Possible dates are:
Tuesday, January 12, or
Monday, January 18,
from about 3 – 5 p.m.

Let Betty Nicodemus know when you would be available to help.

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

By: Ruth Haucke

Dorcas Chapter is the oldest organization in First Congregational United Church of Christ. We have plans for the New Year.

What Age Are You?

Age cannot be counted by the years a person lives,
But by the Hope within his heart,
And all the love he gives.
How young you are does not depend
Upon your date of birth,
How old you are, not measured by
Your time upon this earth.

But if your heart is full of dreams
And if you are among
Those with the eagerness of life,
Then you are truly young.
But if you see no beauty,
In all that you behold,
And care not for your fellow man,
Then you are truly old.

- - Grace Easley

Look forward to the New Year!
Happy New Year



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.

January Birthdays

Paytn Blanke	January 7
Janice Hueppchen	January 7
Tyler Erickson	January 9
Bill Rathman	January 11
Carl Schroeder	January 16
Crystal Kassens	January 17
Nicole Haefs	January 18
Susy Rathman	January 22
Art Jasso	January 24
Adam Azzalino	January 27
Mari Falk	January 28
Debbie Zimmerman	January 29

January Wedding Anniversaries

Jami & Rick Scott	January 16
Misse & Aaron Kaat	January 20
Tina & Jeff Lammers	January 27

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

Women’s Potluck Fellowship, January 11

The January Women’s Potluck Fellowship will be held on **Monday, January 11, 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.

First Friday, January 8

First Friday will be held on **Friday, January 8 at 7 p.m.** Fun and games for all ages – bring a friend.

Congregational Life is hosting this fellowship opportunity to be held in the Meeting Hall.

Intergenerational Learning Community

The Intergenerational Learning Community will resume Sunday, January 10th following the Christmas break. There is no Learning Community on January 3rd. We will continue studying the text used in worship.

An Advent-Christmas Resource booklet was prepared for each family including Advent Wreath Lighting services and other prayers and ideas to make Advent a truly Christian time of preparation. It also included a Sharing Calendar to help us understand the needs of others in the world. Each day we are to read the paragraph and follow the directions depositing an appropriate amount of money in a “Gift Box”.

Everyone is asked to convert their coins to paper money or a check and bring it to worship on the first Sunday in Epiphany, January 10. Mark a regular offering envelope in the “Other” space with **“Sharing Calendar” or “Mosquito Netting”**. These donations will be used to buy mosquito bed netting (\$10 each) for people in the countries in Africa to help wipe out malaria.

Adult Learning Community Sundays at 9 a.m.

Please join Mari Falk as she leads discussion around the radio program “New Normal?”, a production of Radio Lab from New York Public Radio.

In the three sessions on **January 10, 17, 24**, we will listen to the stories and the research that suggest that there is hope for a more peaceful

Education

Ministry Area Coordinator:
Bev Schellhaass

world civilization. Are we able to teach or to model peaceful coexistence? Are we able to alter our aggressive tendencies?

Please feel free to bring anything or invite anyone that would add to our dialogue.

Mission

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Diane Knoener

Eggert Room Volunteers

For the month of January our
volunteers are:

Sandy Doebert
Betty Nicodemus

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.

Rainbow Kids Facilitator Training

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

**January 4 & 5
Monday & Tuesday,
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.,
at Rainbow Kids, Inc.
824 Superior Avenue,
Sheboygan**

both Monday and Tuesday 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 no fee. Attendance on

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 Needs

Dryer sheets
Garbage bags – 30 gal.
Canned carrots
Canned peas
Canned mixed vegetables
Applesauce

Volunteer Needs

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

Needed this month for Bridgeway and Beyond:

- Gift cards (grocery, gas, restaurants, pharmacies, home and hardware, department stores, discount stores, etc.) Please attach receipts.

Winter Farmers Market

First Congregational Church
310 Bluff Avenue, Sheboygan
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
January 16, 2010
February 13 & 27, 2010
March 13 & 27, 2010
April 10 & 24, 2010

Nourish – A New Program of SCIO

Nourish enables collaboration between local farmers and volunteers to bring meals inspired by fresh, locally grown ingredients to struggling families that deserve to eat well.

Nourish is a three-fold experience in which groups go to a local farm to harvest the vegetables, prepare these vegetables with homeless guests and then share a meal together.

To learn more about Nourish call 920-918-0251 or e-mail: nourishfarms@att.net or go to www.noursihfarms.org.

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.



In case of inclement winter weather on Sunday mornings, please listen to News radio 620AM WTMJ, 94.5 FM LAKE, or TODAY'S TMJ4 (Channel 4 TV) for cancellation of the worship service or Learning Community. The cancellation decision will be made by 6 a.m. and will be called in to the radio and TV stations before 7 a.m.

Always use your best judgment when deciding to venture to worship during snow/ice conditions.

New Member Classes



If you are interested in becoming a member of First Congregational Church, please speak to Rev. Bill on Sunday or contact the church office at 893-3411.

You will be notified when a date for New Member Orientation is scheduled.

Thank You From: Office Staff

Thank you to:

Glenda Ames
Ayleene Grabow
Ruth Haucke
Betty Nicodemus

for volunteering to assemble the Christmas letter mailing and the Debt Retirement mailing.

News From the Pews

Glendale DeBruine was hospitalized after a fall. He is recovering at home from an infection in his right elbow as a result of the fall and is progressing well.

Tracy Reichert's father, *Roger Horneck*, passed away suddenly from an apparent heart attack. His funeral was held in New Holstein.

Rosie Miller has returned to her apartment in Glen Ellyn, IL after a three week rehab following an apparent stroke. She wishes to thank the members of First Church for keeping her in your prayers and speeding her recovery.

Matt Shaub's grandfather passed away.

Scott Haefs had back surgery to repair a ruptured disk. He is recovering at home.

Cindy Backhaus is at home recovering after knee-replacement surgery.

Evelyn Hofschield had tests done that indicate a low white blood cell count. She has had problems with this in the recent past which required hospitalization.

Jim Haucke had surgery to remove a benign tumor on his neck. He is now at home.

Tyler Bein underwent the last of a series of surgeries at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Bill Rathman, who was diagnosed with kidney stones, is doing much better, and did not require surgery.

Stanley Thayer and his spouse, *Audrey*, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 22.

Also keep in your daily prayers:

- Tyler Bein
- Shar Karnitz
- Elaine Jung
- Glenda Ames
- Pam Wilhelmsen
- Linda Suemnicht
- Evelyn Hofschield
- Peg Stahlman
- Glendale DeBruine
- David Reichardt
- Carl Cihlar*
- Julie Feldner*

Keep in your prayers our homebound members:

- Wes TenHaken
- Floyd Payne

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.

12th Night Worship Service at Salem UCC

The joint epiphany service with Salem United Church of Christ will be held this year at Salem UCC on **Tuesday, January 5, at 7 p.m.**

Confirmation 1 & 2 students will participate in the service along with our Chancel Choir.

Practice for the service will be on **Sunday, January 3, 6:30 p.m.** at Salem UCC.

2010 Pledges

From: Denise Mohr,
Financial Administrator

Reminder for Electronic Givers

If you give electronically and you plan to change your contribution amount in 2010, please contact the church office to fill out a new form. Complete the form and return it to the church office. Changes take the bank approximately 30 days to process.



SCRIP NOTES: From: Pam Wilhelmsen

Shop On-Line for Scrip

As we head into 2010, we again are offering on-line shopping for Scrip. This is an opportunity for you to shop at home for hundreds of different retailers, along with our local favorites. Your orders will become part of the GLSC order placed late Sunday or early Monday. Detailed information on the program is available in the church office. Please contact Pam Wilhelmsen with questions.

SHOP WITH SCRIP SHORT LIST AND TIPS

1. Sign up and create password at shopwithscrip.com.
ENROLLMENT CODE
59LLDFDD4746
2. Sign up for Presto Pay. The cost is \$0.39 per order.
3. To order, sign on to your account and select SHOP.
4. Browse to select retailer, including our local retailers- i.e. Culvers, Pick 'n Save.
First Congregational Retailers begin with First Congregational - . . .

First Church's discount for Kohl's and Kwik Trip is higher than the GLSC discount.

5. You must select at least one GLSC card to process an order.
6. Once a retailer has been selected & ordered, add to your favorites, for future use.
7. Take order all the way through checkout.
8. Purchase orders will be released to GLSC on Sunday or Monday.
9. Order should be ready for pickup on the following Wednesday, Thursday, or Sunday.
10. Reload cards have limited retailers, at this time.

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
Sue Hellmer	Personnel
Pam Wilhelmsen	SCRIP

Church Council:

Moderator	Mary Arenberg
1 year	Gary Hueppchen
2 Year	Alan Ambrosius
3 Year	Letha Haucke
4 Year	Laurie Volkomener
5 Year	Steve Klock

Ministry Area Coordinators

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

A Summary of the minutes of the Church Council meeting held on December 15, 2009 will be printed in the next issue of the *Joyline*.

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.

Poinsettia Donations



Given By:	In Living Tribute To:	In Loving Memory Of:
Roger & Barbara Grier Family		Our Parents
Lisa Ames & Laurie Volkomener	Bob & Glenda Ames	Ray & Florence Hoffman
Laurie & Dan Volkomener	Allison & Sydney Steiner	Shorty & Maggie Volkomener Tamara Volkomener, Gabe Miller
Cathy, Jim, Emily, & Adam Azzalino		Mary Mills, Conrad Karnish, Jr. Vi Azzalino
Terry Schram & Family	Helen & Alvin Wendlandt Schram's	
Peg Stahlman		Jim, Kay, & Kevin Stahlman
Keith & Mari Falk	The Choir	Louis Medinger, Lyle & Mildred Falk Leroy & Bernice Peterson
The Kallenberg Family		Todd Kallenberg
Dale, Connie, & Heather Wittkopp	Noreen Courtright Jean & Mary Ann Courtright Elaine Wittkopp	Marcel & Aurelia Schwartz Joe & Opal Courtright Grandma Freida
Elaine Jung		Marvin Jung
Gary Hueppchen	Janice Hueppchen	Carl & Curt Hueppchen
Jim, Mary, Shane, Katy, & Krisi Richter	Melina, Kalli, & Haleigh	Our Parents
Letha & Gary Haucke	Ruth Haucke	Bill & Connie Suemnicht Ernie Haucke
Bob & Glenda Ames		Margaret & Tom Ames Florence & Ray Hoffman
Candy Durdin	Children & Grandchildren	Parents

We would like to thank the Haucke family for the donation of the Advent Wreath used on the worship table, given in honor of the 90th Birthday of Ruth Haucke on December 28th.

Worship

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Connie Wittkopp

January Time Stewardship

Sunday, January 3

Second Sunday of Christmas

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- Table Communion
- Chancel Choir sings
- Plymouth Food Pantry Collection

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Sirach 24:1-12
 Psalm 147:12-20 **OR**
 Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21
 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Liturgist: Jami Scott

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

Greeters:

Screen Tech:

Nursery:

Communion Servers: Team 7 –

- * Jenny Klemme, * Jami Scott
- Tina Lammers, Bev Schellhaass

Sunday Tellers: Barbara Grier & Diane Knoener

SCRIP Desk: Connie Wittkopp

Tuesday, January 5

12th Night Worship

at Salem UCC

Worship 7 p.m.

- Combined Choirs sing
- Fellowship and refreshments after worship.

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of Christ

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- “Broken Chains” sings

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Liturgist: Connie Wittkopp

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

Greeters:

Screen Tech:

Nursery:

Sunday Tellers: Steve Klock & Jami Scott

SCRIP Desk: Tammy Michaels

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- Chancel Choir sings

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

Liturgist: Alan Ambrosius

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

Greeters:

Screen Tech:

Nursery: Kris Struve

Sunday Tellers: Diane Knoener & _____

SCRIP Desk: Deb Klock

Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- Exultation sings

Lectionary Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Luke 4:14-21

Liturgist: Mary Arenberg

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

Greeters:

Screen Tech:

Nursery:

Sunday Tellers: Candy Durdin & Sue Hellmer

SCRIP Desk: Diane Knoener

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

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Worship 10:15 a.m.

- Chancel Choir sings

Lectionary Readings

Jerimiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:-21-30

Liturgist: Emmitt Feldner

Ushers: Team 5 – Diane Gahagan Family

Greeters:

Screen Tech:

Nursery:

Sunday Tellers: Steve Klock & Glenda Ames

SCRIP Desk: Pam Wilhelmsen

Please Fill Out Welcome Pads on Sunday

The Worship Team asks that everyone attending Sunday worship sign their name on a Welcome Pad. The Welcome Pads are found on the pew chairs by the center aisle. Please take a moment to fill it out and pass it on to the person seated next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the starting point. Note the names so that you can greet any visitors who are attending the service.

Giving Envelopes

For your use, giving envelopes are included in the Welcome Pads and are also available in the baskets at the back of the Meeting Hall or in the narthex.



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Church Staff

Rev. Bill Rishel, pastor
 Mary Arenberg, moderator
 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 January

Church Office closed	January 1
No Learning Community,	January 3
No Confirmation	January 3
Plymouth Food Pantry Collection	January 3
12 th Night Worship at Salem UCC	January 5
First Friday	January 8
Women's Potluck Fellowship	January 11
LaLeche League Meeting	January 12

Meetings in January

Church Staff, Head Start	January 10, 9:30 a.m.
Annual Congregational Meeting	January 24, after worship

Joyline deadline

Sunday, January 10

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