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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.

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**July
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"

General Synod meets in Tampa July 1-5

The 28th General Synod will be held in Tampa, Florida, on July 1 – 5. Rev. Rishel will be attending.

If you need emergency pastoral care during this time, please call Letha Haucke who will contact the Pastor-on-call.

July 3, Guest Preacher

On Sunday, July 3, Rev. Frederick Trost will be our guest preacher at the 9 a.m. worship service. Pew Communion will be served.

Ordination of RaeAnn Beebe on July 16

A Service of Ordination will be held at First Congregational Church for RaeAnn Beebe on Saturday, July 16 at 2 p.m. A reception in the Meeting Hall will follow the service.

RaeAnn, a member of our congregation, received her Masters of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary last May. She has been called to serve at St. Paul's UCC in Oshkosh.

Informational Session August 7

An Informational Session for all members and friends of the congregation will be held **after worship on Sunday, August 7**, to answer questions and hear suggestions from the congregation.

Some of the items the Council will report on include changes to the Council structure and implementation this fall of the Faith Practices resource.

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 Rally Day in September.

Congregational Life

Ministry Area Coordinator:
Lora Jacoby



Annual Church Bazaar

Saturday, OCTOBER 22, 2011

Women's Nite Out, July 11

The next Women's Nite Out is scheduled for **Monday, July 11, at 6 p.m. at Antonio's, 18 W. Mill Street, in Plymouth.**

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.

July Birthdays

Diane Knoener	July 1
Dennis Doebert	July 1
Kay Eilert	July 1
Julia Farnum	July 1
Glenda Ames	July 2
Stephanie Walter	July 5
Eli Pearsall	July 6
Letha Haucke	July 10
Peg Stahlman	July 12
Gary Bournoville	July 14
Don Suemnicht	July 16
Jenny Klemme	July 19
Van DeZwarte	July 22
Tyler Bein	July 25
Susie Bournoville	July 25

July Anniversaries

Kari & Rodney Pearsall	July 13
Marilyn & Glendale DeBruine	July 18
Diane & Ron Knoener	July 24
Rev. Bill Rishel & Mary Polchert	July 24
Crystal & Ben Kassens	July 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.



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.

Education

Congratulations to Our 2011 Graduates



We recognized the following graduates on Graduation Sunday, June 5, during the 9 a.m. worship service:

Nicholas Erickson
Elkhart Lake Glenbeulah High School

Elliot Jasso
UW – Sheboygan

Randy Beebe
UW – Whitewater

Christina Ocepek
UW – Madison

Emily Azzalino
Marquette University

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 knoenerdl@lakeland.edu.

Mission

Ministry Area Coordinator:
Diane Knoener

Eggert Room Volunteers

For the month of July our volunteers are:
Diane Knoener
Susie Bournoville

the Eggert Room is clean and ready for occupancy, wash the linens, and re-stock 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

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

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
- Music in the Park Committee

Working Women's Wear

is now located at 633 North 8th Street in Sheboygan. They are in need of deodorant and silver jewelry.

Needed this month for Bridgeway and Beyond:

- Applesauce, canned fruit, and strawberry jelly/jam
- Bus tokens

SCIO Programs are in need of the following items:

- Canned fruits - peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple
- Applesauce
- Garbage bags – 30 gallon
- Diapers – size 4, 5, and 6
- Pull-ups – size 4T and 5T
- Ziploc Bags – freezer quart and gallon size
- Laundry stain fighter
- Bleach
- Liquid laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Sprinkling can for flowers
- Copy paper
- Flat screen computer monitor

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.

Family Caregivers Coalition in Sheboygan County

A one-day retreat of renewal for family caregivers and their care recipient is offered. If you or someone you know has had their life and the life of their loved one affected by cancer, low vision, MS, a stroke, Parkinson's disease, mild memory loss, an amputation, etc., you may benefit from this retreat.

Many individuals and organizations in our community have contributed their time and resources to make this possible for \$10.00 per person. Pre-registration is required. Contact Kathleen Manny at 467-4079 or 467-4100 to pre-register. Registration is limited so don't wait to call.

From the Church Office

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9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Thank you very much to **Barbara Grier, Pam Wilhelmsen, and Betty Nicodemus** for volunteering to staff the church office while Renee was gone in June.

Bible Study & Pastor Chat, July 13

Rev. Rishel will resume his 7:30 a.m. Pastor Chat at The Exchange Bank on Wednesday, July 13.

Both the Early Risers and the Wednesday evening Bible Study groups will resume on July 13. The Early Risers group meets in the Fireside Room at 9 a.m. and the evening group meets at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

News From the Pews

Terry Schram's sister-in-law, *Sue Lynn Schram*, passed away in Wausau at the age of 46. Please keep her spouse, Ronnie, her children and the whole family in your prayers.

Tyler Bein was hospitalized at Aurora Grafton Medical Center. He had surgery to amputate both legs. You may send a card to Tyler at: 2060 Cherokee Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Tyler's mom, **Connie**, thanks everyone at First Congregational for their prayers.

Rev. Rishel has returned to work after his recent surgery. His doctor has limited the pastor's work activity to 4-5 hours per day until July 11. He thanks everyone for the prayers and get-well cards he has received.

Marilyn DeBruine is at home recovering from heart surgery. Phone calls are welcome or please call to arrange to visit.

Mason Rishel's collarbone is slowly healing after his surgery. He will be wearing a sling until the end of June.

Anthony Rathman, son of **Bill & Sue Ann Rathman** experienced

some complications while having his wisdom teeth pulled.

Stanley Thayer was hospitalized at St. Nicholas Hospital in Sheboygan with pneumonia. He is now recovering at home.

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 Gilboj

before surgery and their encouraging words and ministry to us.

Special thanks also to the Rev. Judine Duerwaechter for her hospital visit and for being with me and my family the morning of surgery. Her outpouring of love and support was wonderful.

Many blessings to each of you.

Marilyn and Glendale DeBruine

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.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for their cards, phone calls prayers and the outpouring of love and support shown to Glendale and myself before and since my heart surgery and during my recovery. Your messages on "Caring Bridge" meant a lot to us and our family made sure I had the printed messages while in the hospital. Special thanks to Mary Richter and Gary Hueppchen for visiting us

Relay for Life Cancer Fundraiser, July 15 & 16

This year's Relay for Life will be held at the Sheboygan Falls High School on Friday and Saturday, July 15 & 16.

We are looking for a Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons to help organize the Team from First Church. We are also looking for people interested in raising money and walking at the event.

If you are interested or need more information please contact Van DeZwarte at 980-3612 or e-mail: vdezwarde@yahoo.com

Cookie Cart Day, July 29

From: Marilyn DeBruine

Thanks to **Ruth Casadonte** for baking cookies for the Cookie Cart in April and to **Janice Hueppchen** for helping to serve the cookies.

The next Cookie Cart Day is **Friday, July 29** and **Barb Grier** has graciously offered to serve the cookies. We will need one person to bake three dozen cookies.

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 coming season and we should get an event to work. Please sign up at the kiosk at church or contact Van DeZwarte for more information.

UCC Japan Relief Fund

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift to the United Church of Christ Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief fund. We recorded your gift of \$717.00 on May 16, 2011.

Our hearts ache for our sisters and brothers in Japan who have been impacted by the earthquake and tsunami which struck Northeast Japan on March 11. Even Japan, a developed country with among the most sophisticated disaster preparation and response systems in the world, needs the help of its world-wide neighbors

in the wake of such a disaster. The United Church of Christ is supporting the relief response of our partners the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ) and Church World Service (CWS).

UCCJ has designated the Emmaus Center, Sendai, where Global Ministries missionary Jeffrey Mensendiek serves as youth director, as the Tohoku Disaster Relief Center.

Distribution of relief materials and volunteer work teams is being coordinated through the Center.

CWS's supported assistance to some 25,000 individuals began on March 21 and will continue through September. Work focuses on:

- The distribution of requested relief items through 100 evacuation centers which

include food, water, hygiene items, clothing and fuel.


- Stationary clinics and mobile medical services in Natori, Iwanuma and Rikuzentakata cities.
- Counseling services for pregnant women and women with young children to secure safe and private spaces for these women and children living in crowded evacuation sites.

You may follow the ongoing response at:

ucc.org/disaster/japan-earthquake-2011/

Thank you so much for your support of Japan relief efforts.

Peace,
Susan M. Sanders
One Great Hour of Sharing
Administrator



Thank you from Head Start

Dear First Congregational members and staff,

We could not leave this building without thanking the members of the church and its wonderful staff. We've thoroughly enjoyed our time here.

Thank you for making us feel welcomed, sharing your

resources, and allowing hundreds of feet to pound your floors and just as many voices to bounce off your walls. It's been a pleasure.

Thank you so very much.

Plymouth Head Start 4K Staff -
Karen Southwick
June Myers
Annabel Shoup
Kelly Wilfer
Angela Kaat



Delegates Report from the Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting 2011, June 10-12

We'd like to begin by thanking the congregation for the opportunity to represent First Congregational UCC at the Annual Meeting which has been a spiritual experience we encourage others to journey into.

The Green Lake Conference Center grounds, in and of themselves, are beyond beautiful and there's a contemplative walk of the grounds outlined which is a must and is breathtaking to say the least.

Rev. David Moyer's sermon during the opening worship on Friday evening was powerful and hopeful for the future of the UCC.

At the opening worship, we, along with many of our fellow Lay Academy classmates had the opportunity when asked, to answer: "Presente!".

The business meeting was an opportunity for us to see the wider church at work for the continued growth in an ever changing world. The economy has affected all to one degree or another yet it is reassuring to know that we are a part of a

greater group of those who praise and worship just the same way that we do, and have the same challenges and concerns that we do.

The theme for the weekend: "One Story Told in Many Ways". And it was; from the opening worship service to the storytelling and drama presentations, in the music of the praise band, in the words offered by each and every speaker. The thread continued through the workshops and the after-hour session on being an ONA church, and finally into the Sunday morning Faith Formation Gatherings and the closing worship service.

It was a privilege and honor for us to serve communion at the Sunday Morning closing worship service. The weekend passed quickly and was a wonderful time to spend moments of quiet reflection and joyous celebration of God's greatness with friends old and new.

A more complete report will be included in the Annual Report for 2011.

Thankfully,
Mary Richter Gary Hueppchen

**Community
Events**

**NEA Timber Rattlers
Tailgate Party**

Saturday, July 30

Fox Cities Stadium
2400 North Casaloma Drive
Appleton

4 p.m. Dinner & Activities for Kids
6:30 p.m. Ball Game followed by
Fireworks

Cost is \$12 per person,
\$5 for kids 12 and under.

Please sign up by Wednesday,
July 13. Mail you check to:
Wisconsin Conference UCC
P.O. Box 435
DeForest, WI 53532-0435

Donations of school supplies will
also be received for Orion Family
Services. Registration forms and a
list of school supplies are on the
kiosk.

**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.

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

**Scrip
Coordinator**

Pam Wilhelmsen

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%

We have a few regular on-line
shoppers, if you are interested,
contact Pam.

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.

Worship

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Connie Wittkopp

July Time Stewardship

Sunday, July 3
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9 a.m.

- Rev. Fred Trost, guest preacher
- Pew Communion

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Psalm 45:10-17 **OR** Song of Solomon 2:8-13
OR Zechariah 9:9-12
 Psalm 145:8-14
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-20

Liturgist: Jami Scott
 Ushers: Team 3 – Penny Gosse, Waitman,
 Nancy & Lane Slaughter
 Greeters:
 Communion Servers: Team 3 –
 * Pat & Gerald Arndt
 Diane & Ron Knoener
 Fellowship Hour: Ames & Volkomener Families
 Tellers: Diane Knoener & Mary Richter
 SCRIP Desk: Connie Wittkopp

Sunday, July 10
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9 a.m.

- Broken Chain sings

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 25:19-34
 Psalm 119:105-112 **OR** Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Ushers: Team 4 – Dennis & Sandy Doebert,
 Nick Erickson, Steve Klock
 Greeter: Jan McGill
 Fellowship Hour:
 Tellers: Dan & Laurie Volkomener
 SCRIP Desk: Tammy Michaels

Sunday, July 17
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9 a.m.

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 **OR**
 Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 **OR**
 Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Ushers: Team 1 – Gary Hueppchen, Scott Haefs,
 Julie & Kyle Luedtke
 Greeters:
 Fellowship Hour:
 Tellers: Barbara Grier & Laurie Volkomener
 SCRIP Desk: Deb Klock

Sunday, July 24
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9 a.m.

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 29:15-28
OR Psalm 128 **OR** Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
 Psalm 119:129-136
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Ushers: Team 2 - Gary, Jim, & Michael Haucke,
 Terry Schram
 Greeter: Janice Hueppchen
 Fellowship Hour: Mary Polchert & Rev. Bill Rishel
 Tellers: Jami Scott & Steve Klock
 SCRIP Desk: Diane Knoener

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

Sunday, July 31
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship9 a.m.

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15
OR Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

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

Greeters:
Fellowship Hour:
Tellers: Glenda Ames & Sue Hellmer
SCRIP Desk: Pam Wilhelmsen

Greeters Schedule

Sign-up To Be A Summer Greeter

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the kiosk for the June to September Greeters schedule. If you would like to serve as a Greeter on Sunday mornings during the summer months, please sign up at the kiosk or contact the church office.

Our worship time is at 9 a.m. Greeters should plan to arrive 30 minutes before the worship service.

Thank you to all those who have served on our Greeter Team this year.

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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 July

- July 1-5 General Synod, Tampa, Florida
- July 2 Serve Bridgeway Meal, 4:30 p.m.
- July 4 Church Office closed.
- July 11 Women's Potluck Fellowship, 6 p.m.
- July 12 LaLeche League, 6:30 p.m.
- July 13 Pastor Chat & Bible Study resumes
- July 15-16 American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- July 16 Ordination of RaeAnn Beebe
- July 23 Greek Orthodox Chapel, 9 a.m.
- July 29 Plymouth Care Center Cookie Cart

Meetings in July

- July 14 Finance Committee, 6 p.m.
- July 19 Church Council Faith Formation, 6:30 p.m.
- July 19 Church Council, 7 p.m.
- July 19 Pastor Parish Relations after Council

Joyline deadline

Sunday, July 10

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