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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  
Worship Schedule  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

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June  
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"*

## Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting, June 10 – 12

Delegates, clergy, and visitors will gather at the Green Lake Conference Center for the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 10 and concludes on Sunday, June 12 after the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The speakers, workshop leaders, and other special guests will focus on the theme of this year's meeting, "One Story Told in Many Ways".

**Rev. Bill** will be attending along with **Letha Haucke** and the lay delegates from our congregation, **Mary Richter** and **Gary Hueppchen**.

**June 12 - Pentecost Sunday**

In Rev. Rishel's absence on Sunday, June 12, **Jami Scott**, our seminarian, will preach and serve as the worship leader. Broken Chains will sing and the *Strengthen The Church* offering will be received.

## Graduation Sunday & Summer Worship Schedule Begins - June 5

**Summer Worship Time at 9 a.m.**

From June 5 (the Sunday after Memorial Day) through September 4 (the Sunday before Labor Day) our worship time begins at 9 a.m.

Learning Community classes will be recessed until Rally Day in September.

**Graduation Sunday**

All of this year's graduates will be honored on **Graduation Sunday, June 5**, during the 9 a.m. worship service.

Please contact the church office at 893-3411 or e-mail: [congoucc@excel.net](mailto:congoucc@excel.net) to let us know if you have a son/daughter or family member who is graduating.

Also -- let us know if they will be attending the worship service so that they can be individually recognized. Graduates are asked to wear their cap & gown if possible.

## Congregational Life

Ministry Area  
Coordinator:  
Lora Jacoby



## Annual Church Bazaar

The date has been set:  
**Saturday,  
OCTOBER 22, 2011**

It's never too early to start planning and working on projects for the Fall Bazaar.

Contact Lora Jacoby or Connie Wittkopp for more information.

## Women's and Men's Nite Out

### Women's Nite Out

The women of the church will meet in the Fireside Room at church for Women's Nite Out:

- **Monday, June 13, 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.

### Men's Nite Out

Men's Nite out is scheduled for:

- **Monday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m.**

Details will be announced.



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

Dorcas Chapter met on May 9<sup>th</sup> at The Mill Street Grill. They are sending cards to the confirmands. Each Dorcas member will contribute to the Plymouth Food Pantry collection at the church.

Our next meeting is on **Monday, June 6, at 12:30 p.m.**, at The Mill Street Grill

## June Birthdays

Michael Haucke	June 1
George Schroeder	June 1
Molly Munson	June 4
John Klemme	June 6
Dorothy Rose	June 9
Mary Arenberg	June 10
Bredt Wilhelmsen	June 14
Maggie Munson	June 14
Jim Azzalino	June 16
Val Schram	June 17
Marilyn DeBruine	June 19
Evan Klemme	June 21
Don Bruce	June 23
David Ambrosius	June 25
Courtney Zimmerman	June 25

Terry Schram	June 26
Ron Mohr	June 28

## June Anniversaries

Chris & Gavin Scudella	June 10
RaeAnn & Rory Beebe	June 19
Letha & Gary Haucke	June 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.

## Congratulations to Our Confirmands

The Rite of Confirmation was held on Sunday, May 1, during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. The confirmands presented their Faith Statements to family, mentors, and members of the congregation at the Confirmation Celebration on Wednesday evening, April 27, in the Fireside Room.



2011 Confirmands - (left to right) Jessica Falk, Maren Rishel, Rev. Rishel, Courtney Zimmerman, Cassidy Klemme.

## The Confirmands' Faith Statements

Each Confirmation class is taught that the best we can achieve in naming God is the use of metaphor. I also stress that the metaphor be something that the Confirmand is passionate about...because that's often where God touches us. The following statements reflect this.

-- Rev. Bill



**Jessica Falk -**  
**Daughter of Keith & Mari Falk**

*I believe in God, the Host of the party.  
 Without the Host the party would not exist.  
 God sets the themes of the party: love, acceptance, and peace.  
 I believe in Jesus, the Party Planner; appointed by God to invite the guests and make preparations.  
 Jesus welcomes everyone and decorates according to the themes set forth by God.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Caterer, who fills our tables with scrumptious delights.  
 The food will inspire and sustain all who partake.  
 I believe in the Church, the guests, invited by Jesus to the party created by God.  
 Content and sustained by the food and drinks provided by the Holy Spirit, the guests are inspired to live out the themes of love, acceptance, and peace.*

**Cassidy Klemme -**  
**Daughter of Jenny & John Klemme**

*I believe in God the Lover and Creator of all things, who shows passion and forgiveness to all, eternally.*

*I believe in Jesus, the Beloved; God's only Son, that was given to us to take away all our sins.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, Love made visible, that is given to us from God.  
 I believe in the church and its' members as witness of my outward love for God.*

**Maren Rishel -**  
**Daughter of Dr. Mary Polchert & Rev. Bill Rishel**

*I believe in the God, the Ground beneath our feet.  
 God supports us and gives us a solid foundation.  
 I believe in Jesus the Guide; who guides us on our journey, who leads the way to everlasting life.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Air that I breathe and that sustains me.  
 I believe in the church, the runner who participates in the race of life.*

**Courtney Zimmerman -**  
**Daughter of Deb & Bill Zimmerman**

*I believe in God, the Author of all livings.  
 I believe in Jesus, the Editor, who edits life's mistakes.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Publisher, who spreads the Good News.  
 I believe in the Church, the avid reader of the Good News, and who encourages others to read.*

## 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 [knoenerdl@lakeland.edu](mailto: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 the SCIO office at 457-7272, the day before you are scheduled to serve as a meal host, to confirm that you are needed.

### SCIO Volunteer Needs

- Summer Farmer's Market
- Drivers for our Transportation Program.
- Bike Tour Committee (SCIO Bike-a-thon)
- Music in the Park Committee

### Summer Farmers Market

- Plymouth Market at City Park – Thursdays, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. starting on June 16.
- Sheboygan Market at Fountain Park - Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting on June 1.

### Working Women's Wear

The program has moved to a new location at: **633 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street Sheboygan.**

Things they are in need of are deodorant and silver jewelry.

### Building Bridges Childcare

Building Bridges has openings from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. If you or anyone you know is looking for childcare, please contact Ashley Krause – Childcare Director at 920-457-7272, ext. 16, or e-mail: [scioak@excel.net](mailto:scioak@excel.net).

The Childcare Center is in need of the following items:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Paint
- Rocking chairs
- Paper toweling
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Dish soap
- Bleach
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Cups
- DVD/VHS combo w/remote
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Construction paper

### Upcoming Events

June 25 – Bike-a-thon Scenic Sheboygan 103 Bike Tour to benefit the programs of SCIO.

### SCIO Programs are in need of the following items:

- Deodorant and body sprays
- Batteries, sizes AA, C, & D
- Kleenex
- Tampons, super
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Garbage bags, 30 gallon
- Diapers – size 4, 5, & 6
- Pull-ups, size 4T & 5T
- Zip lock freezer bags, quart and gallon size
- Hair conditioners and gels
- Laundry stain fighter
- Bleach
- Liquid laundry soap
- Dryer sheets
- Dish soap
- Dishwasher detergent
- Copy paper
- Flat screen computer monitor
- Aluminum foil

### Needed this month for Bridgeway and Trisha's House:

- Applesauce, canned fruit, and creamed soup (mushroom and celery).
- Bus tokens

## Eggert Room Volunteers



For the month of June our volunteers are:  
**Kay Magnus**  
**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, wash the linens, and re-stock the food and supplies after the room is used.

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

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## Strengthen The Church Offering Received on Pentecost Sunday - June 12

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ.

The “Spread the Love” Strengthen the Church offering is used to help new and renewing congregations in the United Church of Christ. It provides funds to develop new congregations and to encourage renewal in established churches. Two renewal partner churches in Wisconsin are Ebenezer UCC in Sheboygan and Middleton Community UCC in Middleton.

Your offerings are directed to our Wisconsin Conference, Local Church Ministries, and The Still Speaking Ministry. One-half of “Strengthen The Church” offering remains in the Conference.

The God Is Stillspeaking Ministry spreads the message of God’s extravagant welcome, reaching out especially to those who have felt there is no room for them within Christianity and the church – the excluded and alienated, the

spiritually homeless, the questioning. In the last three years, Stillspeaking reached an estimated 25 million people through national, regional and local advertising including registering over 3,000 Stillspeaking Voices committed to the growth of the message and membership of the United Church of Christ.

Your gift to Strengthen the Church builds the UCC’s future by funding youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation – especially among women and people of color.

Your second quarter giving statement which can be picked up at church on Sunday, May 29 also includes a Strengthen The Church offering envelope. Extra envelopes will also be available at the Guest Book table in the narthex or in the back of church.

Your generosity today ensures our vibrancy tomorrow.



## News From the Pews

*Jackie Schram*, mother of **Terry Schram**, was received into the loving hands of God on April 22. She had been moved to the Sharon Richardson Home only one day before.

**Elliot Kaufman** has undergone testing at the Mayo Clinic for various health problems. His mother, **Jane Krepsky**, asks for our continued prayers.

**Gavin Scudella's** brother died of injuries received in a motorcycle accident.

*Virginia Nicolaus*, mother of **Ron Nicolaus**, died on May 1. A memorial service was held at the Schneider Funeral Home.

**Marilyn DeBruine** is scheduled for heart surgery on May 27 at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee.

**Connie Braun** and her children **Amber and Tyler Bein** have moved to Grafton. The move was made because of a change in employment for Connie, who works for the Aurora system.

*Rev. Wanda Veldman*, former member of First Congregational UCC, had surgery recently and is recovering at home.

**Rev. Bill Rishel** is hospitalized at Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center. He underwent surgery on May 23 to resect a portion of his colon due to diverticulitis

**Mason Rishel** also had surgery at Sheboygan Memorial on Monday, May 23 to repair his collarbone which was injured in a snowboarding accident this winter.

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  
Stanley Thayer  
Ruth Haucke  
Don Suemnicht  
David Reichardt  
Russ Groblewski  
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](mailto: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.

## SCIO Bike-a-Thon June 25

The Eighth Annual SCIO Bike Tour will be held on Saturday, June 25 with a group start at 8:30 a.m.

First Church will be providing a Rest Stop for the participants of the Bike Tour. There will be a tent outside our

church for serving water and snacks. Participants will also be able to use the bathroom facilities in the church.

If you would like to help staff the Rest Stop or donate needed items, please contact George Schroeder.

## Thank you to May 3 Volunteers

On Tuesday, May 3, Lakeland College held an all-day seminar, "Knowing The Faith Of Jesus", in the Meeting Hall at First Church. A noon luncheon, catered by Three Men and a Grill, was served to the large group of pastors and lay persons who attended.

Thank you to all the church members who volunteered to help set-up and serve the luncheon and refreshments on Tuesday, May 3.

## Thank you Cookie Cart Volunteers

Thanks to **Ruth Casadonte** for baking cookies and to **Janice Hueppchen** for helping me distribute the cookies to the residents at Plymouth Care Center in April.

Because of a flu outbreak the residents had been confined to their rooms until that day and they really appreciated in-room visits from us.

*The next Cookie Cart day is Friday, July 29th.*

Marilyn DeBruine

## 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. Game  
Followed by Fireworks

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

Donations of school supplies will also be received for Orion Family Services whose mission is to guide abused, neglected, and troubled children and youth. Orion Family Services is also supported through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission. A list of the supplies needed is posted on the kiosk.

Please sign up by Wednesday, July 13. Information sheets are available on the kiosk. The sheet includes a form to request tickets and also a list of the items for the School Supply Offering for Orion Family Services.

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## Relay for Life July 15 & 16

This year's Relay for Life cancer fundraiser 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](mailto:vdezwarde@yahoo.com)

## 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.

### Summer Worship Schedule

**Worship Time Changes to  
9 a.m. on  
Sunday, June 5**

## Renee on Vacation in June

Renee will be out of the office from June 6-9. Volunteers will be staffing the office from 9 a.m. until 12 noon during this time. The office volunteers will be able to help you if you wish to purchase Scrip during the week.

Thank you to **Barbara Grier** for volunteering to staff the church office on May 16 while Renee was gone.

## Thank You To Our Volunteers

Thank you to the following people for folding and stuffing the second quarter giving statements on May 18:

- Glenda Ames**
- Bob Ames**
- Ayleene Grabow**
- Betty Nicodemus**

Thank you again for your help and for getting it done in a new record time.

### From the Church Office

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

## SCRIP NOTES: From: Pam Wilhelmsen

### On-Line Scrip Shopping

The Great Lakes Scrip program offers "Shop With Scrip" on-line shopping. The process is ready to go and we encourage you to consider this option for shopping. You can choose from the full list of GLSC retailers and also our local retailers. Orders placed before Sunday afternoon will be in the office on Tuesday or Wednesday.

A payment process called PrestoPay is used to debit the bank account of your choice, plus a service charge of 39 cents. Check it out at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). If you decide to register you will need our enrollment code: **59LLDFDD4746**. If you need more information please contact Pam Wilhelmsen. She will be glad to help answer any questions you may have.

### 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.

Thank you for your support.

### Scrip Coordinator

Pam Wilhelmsen

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 Julie Luedtke  
Secretary  
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

**Church Council**

The next Council Meeting has been scheduled for:

**Tuesday, May 31, 2011**  
**6:30 p.m. Faith Formation**  
**7 p.m. Council Meeting**

**No Council Meeting is scheduled in June.**

**Meeting Minutes Available in the Church Office**

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

**Head Start Moving In June**

The Head Start program which has been housed in our church since our new building opened in 1997 will be moving to the Plymouth Intergenerational Center in June.

The last class day for this year's group of four year-olds will be on June 3. The final moving out day is on Friday, June 10.

We have enjoyed meeting each new class as they begin their school year and are introduced to the church staff and shown

around our church building. We enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with the staff: Karen Southwick (4K Head Start Teacher), Kelly Wilfer (Head Start Assistant Teacher), June Myers (Head Start Kitchen) Annabel Shoup (Bus driver & cleaning).

We wish the Head Start staff continued success with their program as they move on to the Plymouth Intergenerational Center.





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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 June**

June 5	Graduation Sunday, Worship at 9 a.m.
June 6	Dorcas Chapter, at Mill Street Grill
June 10-12	Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting
June 12	Pentecost Sunday, Strengthen The Church Offering
June 13	Women's Nite Out, 6 p.m.
June 14	LaLeche League, 6:30 p.m.
June 20	Men's Nite Out, 6:30 p.m.
June 25	Greek Orthodox Chapel, 9 a.m.
June 25	SCIO Bike-a-thon

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**Meetings in June**

Head Start & Church Staff	June 1, 9:30 a.m.
Building & Grounds	June 9, 6:30 p.m.
Church Council	Will not meet in June

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**Next Joyline deadline** Sunday, June 12

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