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June — August
[Worship Schedule](#)
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

September — May
[Worship Schedule](#)
Learning Community 9 a.m.
Confirmation 1 & 2 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

**October
2009**

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"

Neighbor's In Need Offering, Oct. 4

The Neighbor's In Need (NIN) offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives; advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice; and direct service projects. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM).

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support.

The NIN offering envelope will be included with your third quarter giving statement. The giving statements will be available for you to pick up in the narthex beginning on Sunday, September 27.

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.

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.

New Member Orientation sessions will be scheduled this fall.

Congregational Life

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Lora Jacoby

Fall Bazaar Notes

From: Betty Nicodemus



- Are you ready? All projects finished or almost done?
- Have you signed up to help in some way?
- Are you planning to stop in and do some shopping?
- Can we count on you to help make our 2009 Bazaar successful?

Craft Room

Craft Room donations can be dropped off at church any morning during Bazaar Week, October 12 – 16. The church will also be open

- Monday (6 p.m.),
- Tuesday (7:30 p.m.),
- Wednesday (6 p.m.) for your convenience.

overwhelming thanks to Candy Durdin who cleaned off her bookcase. We can still use more if you have something to contribute. We have teams to price these items, but suggestions are always welcome.

Hope so! We need you.

Please have items priced or offer a suggested price.

Silent Auction

If you have Silent Auction items, please get them, or a good description, to Lora Jacoby NOW! She needs time to prepare.

Grandma's Attic Treasures Table

Have you been reading your *Joyline*? We were hoping for more response to the Grandma's Attic Treasures table (nice old jewelry and small antiques). There is still time to look in your dresser to find something.

Recent additions:

We have added two more tables.

- **A Doll Corner** -- Have you anything to offer?
- **A Kids Activity Table** -- kids can make a bracelet or anklet while Mom shops (Thank you Jessica).

Bakery Table

Bakery should be brought to church on Friday if possible. The bakery team will do the pricing in order to keep like items priced similarly. If you have to, bring it on Saturday, by 8:30 a.m.

Books Etc. Table

The Books Etc. (books, tapes, CD's, DVD's) response has been

Unsold merchandise will be displayed for sale the day after the Bazaar and for the following week, including Sunday, October 25. Owners of unsold items are urged to take them home to save us the storage problem.

Any questions about anything to do with the Bazaar can be addressed to Betty Nicodemus, Lora Jacoby, or Connie Wittkopp.



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.

Shrug the Bug Flu Clinic, Oct. 17

St. Nicholas Hospital will again be offering their Shrug the Bug Flu Clinic during the Bazaar.
Saturday, October 17
10 a.m. – 12 noon

Medicare, Medicare Replacement Plans, and Medicaid. All flu vaccine recipients must be 9 years of age and older. Clients under the age of 18 require a parent to be present.

The cost for the flu vaccine is \$30 and the pneumonia vaccine is \$40. They accept cash,

October Birthdays

Lane Slaughter	October 3
Gale Bruce	October 4
Jami Scott	October 6
Sandy Doebert	October 7
Nancy Slaughter	October 10
Larry Reilly	October 10
Tammy Michaels	October 10
Floyd Payne	October 11
Scott Haefs	October 13
Brett Reichardt	October 16
Sharlene Karnitz	October 19
Kari Pearsall	October 21
Wesley Bruce	October 25
Jane Krepsky	October 25
Isaac Falk	October 26
Jessica Falk	October 26
Teresa Hartle-Feldner	October 26
Lucas Scott	October 27
Ben Haefs	October 31

October Wedding Anniversaries

Cheryl & Larry Reilly	October 3
Ed & Kay Eilert	October 4
Ethel & John Holbrook	October 5
Barbara & Jim Horneck	October 18
Kelly & Scott Haefs	October 19
Linda & Don Suemnicht	October 25
Jim & Mary Richter	October 26
Connie & Eric Braun	October 30

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

Dorcas Chapter

By: Ruth Haucke

When members of Dorcas met at The Family Restaurant, we remembered how empty our lives would be without the love of one another.

We will do our best to help with the Bazaar. We do remember how we all helped in our day. To all the Bazaar workers we say, Thank You!

We gave Evelyn Hofschield two red roses - - one for the great recovery from surgery and one for her 90th birthday.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m. at The Family Restaurant.** Elaine Jung will be the hostess.

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 the meal on these dates in 2009:

October 20
December 15.

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.

Eggert Room Volunteers

For the month of October our volunteers are:

Pam Wilhelmsen
Diane Knoener

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.

The Eggert Room was used by one person during the month of September. Thank you to **Betty Nicodemus** and **Letha Haucke** for serving as the on-call volunteers.

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

Mission

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Diane Knoener

Women's Potluck Dinner, October 12

The monthly Women's Potluck Fellowship will be held on **Monday, October 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 920-893-3411.

First Friday, October 2

First Friday resumes on **October 2 at 7 p.m.** Fun and games for all ages – bring a friend, bring a snack!

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

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

Zip lock bags (quart & gallon)
Garbage bags (13 & 30 gallon)
Bleach
Disinfectant spray & wipes
Pillow protectors
Alarm clocks
Cotton scrub mop
Canned fruit

Volunteer Needs

- Drivers for our Transportation Program
- Volunteer Daycare during lunchtime.

SCIO Farmers Market

Plymouth Market
Every Thursday
2 – 6 p.m., at City Park

Sheboygan Market
Every Wednesday & Saturday
7 a.m. – 2 p.m., Fountain Park

Needed this month for Bridgeway and Beyond:

- Cleaning supplies (kitchen & bath cleaner)
- Antibacterial wipes
- Dish soap
- Floor cleaner, etc

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.

If you have an automobile to donate, please call Bonnie at 457-7272, ext. 15. Automobiles will be assessed as to appropriateness in meeting the needs of the new program. **IMPORTANT:** Vehicles may NOT just be dropped off at Bridgeway without having an assessment on the vehicle completed first.

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.

Prescription Drug Drop Off On October 3

Sheboygan County residents have a opportunity to dispose of prescription or OTC (over the counter) medications that they no longer take or that have expired. Medications must be in their original package or prescription bottle. Cross off the name and address, but do NOT cover up the name of the medication. Location sites in Plymouth, Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan, Random Lake, and Howards Grove for drop-off are posted on the kiosk.

News From the Pews

Anita Esh, a long-time member of First Congregational died on Sunday, September 20. After the death of her husband, George, she moved to North Carolina to be near her daughter, Gae. Anita was 97 years old. Her funeral was held on Thursday, September 24, at Wittkopp's Funeral Home.

Tyler Bein needs surgery on both of his kidneys which have been damaged, but the doctors are concerned about doing the surgery. Tyler is 17 years and loves car racing. A week ago, some friends took Tyler to the Manitowoc Race Track and gave him a ride in a sprint car. But one of those friends had a bad accident. Tyler has asked us to keep *Robbie Pribnow* in

our prayers, too. He has some swelling on his brain and is in a lot of pain.

Glendale DeBruine is again suffering from pain in his lower leg. The nerve stimulator that had been controlling the pain has eased some of the pain, but now a new area of pain has developed.

Pam Wilhelmsen had another round of chemotherapy. Pam was quoted recently in a front page article in the *Journal Sentinel* (Sept. 21) entitled "Tales Warn of Delayed Diagnosis" and she also was pictured in a Sheboygan Press article (Sept. 17). Both articles highlighted the importance of early diagnosis and the observance of Ovarian Cancer Awareness during the month of September.

Lynn Polchert, **Mary Polchert's** sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease, after being bitten by a tick on their property outside of Kansas City, MO.

Keep in your daily prayers:

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

Keep in your prayers our homebound members:

Wes TenHaken
Floyd Payne

Moon Beach Work Camp

First Congregational is planning a church-wide work camp at Moon Beach Camp (www.ucci.org) the week-end of **October 23-25**. All ages are welcome. A sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk for those interested in attending.

The cost will be a \$30 free-will donation for food (five meals and snacks). We will plan to car pool to use the fewest resources. For more information, please contact Mary Arenberg or anyone that has attended camp at Moon Beach.

Please consider joining us and plan on some great fellowship time.

Ecclesiastical Council for RaeAnn Beebe

An Ecclesiastical Council for RaeAnn Beebe will be held at First Congregational Church on **Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 4 p.m.** in the Meeting Hall. RaeAnn, a member of our congregation, will be finishing her studies at Garrett Theological Seminary.

The Ecclesiastical Council meets to examine the credentials of a candidate in preparation to receive a call from a congregation or other ministry setting and to then be ordained in the United Church of Christ.

A dinner will be held in the Meeting Hall following the Ecclesiastical Council.

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.

To Contact Rev. Bill

Phone 920-627-1976

E-mail: brishel@excel.net

Thank you

Dear Members of First Congregational UCC,

The Plymouth Food Pantry would like to thank you for your recent donation of fresh produce. It was so nice to offer fresh vegetables to everyone. It was very much appreciated by all.

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Thank you to the volunteers who prepared the Neighbors In Need special mission offering and giving statements mailing.

The volunteers were:
Glenda Ames
Ayleene Grabow
Letha Haucke
Betty Nicodemus

Thank you for generously volunteering your time.

Adult Bible Study

The adult Bible study group led by Rev. Bill is meeting on **Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.** in the Wilson Room.

This session the group is studying the Gospel of Luke in preparation for the Year of Luke which begins in Advent. A helpful guide and meditation entitled: *Luke for Everyone*, by Tom Wright, is being used as a discussion starter.

More books have been ordered due to the class size and are expect to arrive shortly.

Cascade, Oostburg, and Random Lake. Our goal is to provide everything needed for a complete holiday dinner and a few additional items for other meals.

If individuals or a group from our church would like to contribute to the food boxes, the list of items needed are:

- Soup
- Mixed vegetables
- Carrots
- Corn
- Peas
- Green beans
- Jelly
- Tuna
- Tomato sauce (8 oz.)
- Mac n Cheese
- Boxed potatoes
- Rice A Roni
- Fruit (canned)
- Hot chocolate
- Cranberry sauce (8 oz.)
- Spaghetti O's
- Ramen noodles
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Cookies
- Jello
- Instant pudding
- 1 # canned ham

plan to donate items for the food boxes.

Bring your donated items to the church office by November 1.

Christmas Food Boxes for Seniors

The Salvation Army's Bread of Life Assistance Center in Plymouth is starting to plan their Christmas food boxes to distribute to the senior living complexes in Plymouth,

Please call the church office by October 11, to let us know if you

CROP Walk , Oct. 18

The CROP Walk for hunger will be held on **Sunday, October 18, at 1 p.m.** beginning at First Congregational UCC, 310 Bluff Avenue in Sheboygan. The walk is 5.2 miles around the city of Sheboygan.

Sponsor sheets will be available in the church office for those who are planning to participate. For Confirmands, this walk would be considered one of your requirements for Community Service (especially 2nd Year Confirmands who haven't already completed this requirement.)



SCRIP NOTES:

From: Pam Wilhelmsen

Purchase Scrip on Sundays

Gift cards and certificates are sold every Sunday morning at the Scrip desk in the foyer. Proceeds from sales go to the church's General Fund.

To see a list of all available SCRIP, go to www.glscrip.com and click on Retailer List. If you have questions about how to participate in our SCRIP program, ask the volunteer at the SCRIP desk.

Thanks for your support.

**Administration
Ministry Area Coordinator**

Pam Wilhelmsen

Administration Teams:

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

Summary of the Minutes of the Administration Team Meeting

Minutes from August 17, 2009**Financial Administrator's Report**

- Update on investment presentation.

Building & Grounds

- Will get estimates for heat tape outlets.
- Will check into boiler repair costs.
- Will contact snowplowing contractor.

Personnel

- Update on a Cleaning Team for special events.

Facilities

- Will coordinate disposal of electronics in basement.

New Business

- Motion** to purchase two dry erase boards with funds coming from Undesignated Memorials. **Passed.**

Scheduled Administration Team Meetings:

- Monday, September 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.
- Monday, October 19, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

**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.



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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

Next Church Council Meeting:

Open Meeting on
Tuesday, October 13, 2009,
at 7:30 p.m.
in the Meeting Hall.

Agenda: Short Range Planning
Budget
Nominations

Summary of the Minutes of the Church Council

Minutes from March 10, 2009

Financial Update

- Slow but real progress due to decreased expenses, and decrease of OCWM by 50%.
- Our mortgage balance is now under \$100,000.
- The October meeting will be for Budget Formation and will be an open meeting.

Ministry Area Coordinators Reports

Congregational Life

- The Bazaar and Quilt Raffle will be held on October 17, 2009.

Education

- A new format for Learning Community will begin on Sunday, September 13.
- The Dessert Derby will be tabled.
- Bev Schellhaass will attend "God's Spirit: Companion and Encourager" on September 12.

Mission

- First Church prepared the Welcome Table meal at St. Paul's in August. Our next date is October.

- Needed – member to attend the CROP Walk meeting.
- Garden – much work has been done. Estimated food donations to the Food Pantry will be announced.
- Work Camp at Moon Beach scheduled for October 23-25.

Worship

- Meeting held to discuss new Baptismal font and new banners. New furniture put on hold.
- Needed for Ushers – a duties check off list and a Team Usher Orientation.

Administration

- Completed exit interview.

Old Business

- **Stewardship** - Neighbors In Need envelopes and giving statements will be sent out at the end of September.

Council Calendar & Responsibilities

- Short Range Planning – formulate vision for next year to inform the budget process.
- Nominations – Moderator, Council position, MAC's, two Delegates.

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Connie Wittkopp

October Time Stewardship

Sunday, October 4

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Chancel Choir sings

Table Communion

Neighbors In Need special mission offering

Plymouth Food Pantry Collection

Lectionary Readings

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26

Or Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Liturgist: Dorothy Rose

Ushers: Team 5 – Diane Gahagan Family

Greeters:

Communion Servers: Team 2 –

John Langhout, Betty Nicodemus

* Russ & Jane Groblewski

Kids Time: Cathy Azzalino

Screen Technician:

Nursery:

Tellers: Steve Klock & Diane Knoener

SCRIP Desk: Connie Wittkopp

Sunday, October 11

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Broken Chains sings

Lectionary Readings

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15

Or Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Liturgist: Bev Schellhaass

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

Greeters:

Kid's Time: Lora Jacoby

Screen Technician:

Nursery:

Tellers: Laurie Volkomener & Jami Scott

SCRIP Desk: Tammy Michaels

Sunday, October 18

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Chancel Choir sings

Lectionary Readings

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c

Or Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Liturgist: Jami Scott

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

Greeters:

Kids Time: Jami Scott

Screen Technician:

Nursery:

Tellers: Glenda Ames & Sue Hellmer

SCRIP Desk: Deb Klock

Sunday, October 25

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Exultation sings

Lectionary Readings

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Or Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Liturgist: Connie Wittkopp

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

Greeters: Janice Hueppchen & Elaine Jung

Kids Time: Bev Schellhaass

Screen Technician:

Nursery:

Tellers: Barbara Grier & Steve Klock

SCRIP Desk: Diane Knoener

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

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 Denise Mohr, financial administrator
 Glenda Ames, organist
 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 October

- October 2 First Friday, 7 p.m.
- October 4 NIN Offering, World Communion Sunday
- October 5 Dorcas Chapter, 12:30 p.m.
- October 12 Women's Potluck Fellowship, 6 p.m.
- October 13 LaLeche League, 6:30 p.m.
- October 17 Fall Bazaar & Silent Auction
- October 18 CROP Walk, 1 p.m., Sheboygan
- October 19 Greek Orthodox Chapel, 5 p.m.
- October 20 The Welcome Table meal preparation
- October 23-25 Moon Beach Work Camp
- October 30 Plymouth Care Center Cookie Cart

Meetings in October

- Christian Education Team October 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Church Council October 13, 7:30 p.m.
- Administration Team October 19, 6:30 p.m.

Joyline deadline

Sunday, October 11

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

