

# The Union News

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*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey—you are welcome here"*

*An "Open and Affirming" Congregation*

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## MAY 2023

Notes from Rev. Torri Vande Zande

### **IT IS FINALLY SPRING!**

The snow has melted, the birds are singing, and the ice on the lakes is melting! This means many of our friends and neighbors are heading back for the summer months to be with us! And boy, are we ready for summer!

This newsletter is packed with activities, events, and ways you can be involved. We have some good and faithful events that we do every year such as the Treasure Sale and Game Nights, but also some new activities such as summer Community Meals and Movies Nights!

Also check out the activities that our Justice Team and Adult Learning Team offer this summer! If you are looking to deepen your connection to God, look into Lectio Divina. If you are wanting to serve, you can find information about the Community Clean-Up days. There is something for everyone!

Church this summer will be an exciting place to be! We are doing a series on the book of Genesis! I know that does not sound very exciting to some, but Genesis has some amazing

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Torri Vande Zande
Office Administrator	Linda Ottman
Secretary / Tech	Sabbastian Wilson-Webb
Financial Secretary	Don Hoppe
Treasurer	Sheryl Kaubisch
Bell Choir Director	Heidi Hoppe
Musicians	Sheryl Kaubisch
	Kathleen Millberg
	Barb Nish
	Dick Kimmel

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderators	Marilyn McKnight & Steve Erickson
Clerk	Karen Holle
Board of Financial Stewardship	Don Hoppe
<b>Ministry Teams:</b>	
Congregational Life	Joni Kumpula
Facilities	Mike Bohanon & Kerry Swenson
Personnel	Marilyn McKnight
Worship	Heidi Hoppe
Men's Fellowship	Stan Kumpula
Women's Fellowship	Joni Kumpula
Adult Learning	Linnea Dietrich
Tech Team	Mike Schmitt
Treasure Sale	Cindy Gulbrandson
Justice Ministry Team	Sue Kimmel

### BIRCHVIEW CHURCH

Every Sunday at 1:00 pm, a group gathers in the TV room of Birchview Gardens Assisted Living Center to play our morning worship service. This is not only a time to watch a worship service, but it IS A TIME TO WORSHIP.

A small group of individuals from Union go over to meet, interact and worship with the residents of Birchview. It is a special and sacred time for everyone!

If you would like to volunteer to participate and help on Sundays, please sign up on the Birchview Church poster located in the hallway leading into the Friendship Hall.

A good number of people would be anywhere between 2-5 people per week. It is a fun time filled with rewarding conversations and new friendships.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 4	Robin Wicker
May 6	Mary Parrish
May 7	Tammy Lindberg
May 8	Lynnette Tripp
May 12	Lisa VanVickle
May 16	Dolly Olsen
May 18	Randy Vosbeck
May 19	Barbara Lyall
	Meghan Shaner
May 21	Joel Jader
May 22	Mary Hertzman
May 24	Marty Mann
	Louise Brandt
May 25	Rick Adams
May 26	Wendy Cline
	William Brandt

*Happy Birthday*



Karen Holle, Linda Ottman, and Sabbastian Wilson-Webb, Editors

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stories that are foundational to Jewish and Christian faith. And, foundational to how Jesus thought, taught and functioned in His ministry. So this summer should be an incredible learning experience!

I am looking forward to this summer! It will be a time to connect with friends, build relationships that will challenge us, grow in our relationship with God, and serve our community. May this summer be a time that strengthens your faith as we continue to love God and love others.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Torri

## RETIRING THE ORGAN

The organ that sits in our sanctuary has served us for many years. Its musical tones have helped us worship and sing our praises to God. It has been an instrument of delight for many people over the years, and it has served us well.

The time has come for us to retire this faithful instrument and have it removed from our sanctuary. We do this for a few reasons:

1. There are parts of the organ that need repair, and it is no longer a viable option for us to fix it. Either we can no longer buy the replacement pieces or the expenses are too great.
2. The placement of the organ blocks a fire exit. The Fire Marshal has strongly requested that the fire exit be more accessible in case of a fire.

Our organ has not been used in over 3 years, and it is time for us to say goodbye. We will have a short "thank you" to God for giving us this magnificent instrument and have a formal retirement during one of our services in May.



## Questions about the UCC or Membership?

If you are interested in learning more about the United Church of Christ or becoming a member of Union Congregational United Church of Christ, please contact Pastor Torri at 563-320-5360. She would love to talk with you over coffee or lunch sometime.

If you would like to research a bit more on your own, you can check out sermons from last fall about the UCC and Union:

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 — The Body of Christ**

**Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 — The History of the United Church of Christ**

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 — The History of Union Congregational UCC**

You can also check out the United Church of Christ's website: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## APRIL 20, 2023

**PRESENT:** Sue Kimmel, Karen Holle, Marilyn McKnight, Steve Erickson, Linnea Dietrich, Pastor Torri (by zoom), Don Hoppe, Heidi Hoppe, Mike Schmitt, Stan Kumpula, Mike Bohanon, Cindy Gulbrandson, Caryl Allan, Gary Dietrich.

Marilyn called the meeting to order. The agenda was accepted as written. The minutes were accepted as written.

**Pastor's Monthly Report:** Pastor Torri talked about a new team at church called the "Events Team." This team would plan different activities at church that would provide fellowship for members and friends, and also might generate income for the church.

Community meals will be offered in May, June, and July followed by a break to assess the program. Special meals may be offered each month for special events.

Pastor Torri also mentioned that Sunday services are now being offered at Birchview Gardens each week. This is going well and is attended by about 15 people who are very appreciative of the chance to have "church" in their residence facility. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please let Pastor Torri know.

**Board of Facilities:** Mike B reported that we have had ice dams and leaking water this winter, and he has called Gavin Peterson for an estimate to fix the church roof. He also mentioned that when the Fire Marshal inspected the church recently he indicated that the church organ needs to be moved because it is blocking the fire exit. Because the organ cannot be repaired and no longer sounds good, we discussed having the organ removed from the church. **Motion: Explore the option of having the organ sold, or scrapped. Mike B./Joni/passed.**

**Board of Personnel:** No report this month.

**Board of Financial Stewardship:** Don reported that for the month of March giving was typical. For the first three months of the year giving has totaled \$35,451, with other income totaling \$33,912. We currently have a balance of \$30,463 after expenses.

March was Minnesota Food Share month. Union Church contributed \$5,141 to the Hackensack Food Shelf!!

The financial report was accepted by the Council. Heidi/Joni/passed.

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

**Congregational Life:** A new "events team" will become part of Congregational Life. This team will organize weekly community meals in May, June, and July and also may organize several monthly events this summer. **Council accepted the idea of a new "events" team and will cover the shortfall if the event costs more than it generates in donations. Mike/Don/passed.** Also discussed was the idea of having Game Night on Wednesdays after the meal.

**Worship:** Heidi reported that average attendance on Sundays in the past month has been 35 with 8 households connecting on-line. After Easter Pastor Torri will be focusing on finishing the Genesis work we began some time ago. Joni mentioned that she watched last week's service online and thought the sound quality was very good.

**Adult Learning:** Linnea reported that Lectio Divina is going well. Each week between 8 and 13 people attend the group.

**Women's Fellowship:** Joni felt that the last meeting at Paws and Claws went very well. In May the women will enjoy a spring luncheon, and in June we will have a style show. Community Church is interested in joining us for the style show.

**Men's Fellowship:** Stan reported that in May the men will enjoy breakfast cooked by Mike Bohanon and Joni Kumpula. Keep your eyes posted for a change in meeting dates for the men's group.

**Justice Ministry Team:** Sue reported that the JMT is sponsoring a special event – Lunafest - April 26 in the Friendship Hall. A meal will be served at 5:30 (a taco bar), and the movie will be at 7:00. Lunafest is a series of independent films created by women and non-gender conforming directors. This year there are 7 short films for a total of 95 minutes.

**Neighbor Helping Neighbor Community Clean-up:** May 19 and 20 from 9 – 3 there will be a community clean-up. Please consider signing up to help on the Union Congregational Church team. Food for volunteers will be available at the Hub. The food this year is being prepared by the church.

Outreach: Don told us today that our church donated \$5,141 to the Hackensack Food Shelf (money collected during the March Food Drive). Thanks to all who were able to contribute!

In May, Don would like to have a special offering for the Union Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund has been offering scholarships to high school seniors to help with their college expenses. Don will ask people to consider donating to the “available funds” portion of this fund so that we can continue to give scholarships in the coming years.

Fundraising: Childcare project: Gary Dietrich told us today that in the past few years three childcare centers in Hackensack closed their doors. Mann Lake Bee & Ag Supply has indicated that they need childcare services if they are going to be able to continue to do business in Hackensack. After looking at several potential locations for a new childcare pod, it was decided that Union Church’s lower level was the most promising location. This project, under the direction of Gary Dietrich and others, is in the process of obtaining a 501(c)3 status. A Board of Directors is being formed, and a project manager and financial manager have been chosen to manage the grant that will be used to remodel space on the lower level. It is hoped that 10-12 children will be able to attend this family childcare pod in the fall. The church has agreed to rent the childcare program space for \$500 per month in the first year of operation.

On May 21, after church, we will have an informational meeting about this project. Gary Dietrich will be present to answer any questions you might have.

Tech Team: **Mike Schmitt will be the chair of the Tech team at Union Church. Stan/Don/passed.** Mike S. told us that the team will be having a tech sale sometime in July. If you have older, but usable tech equipment, please get it into the church. It will be fixed up and sold, or it will be taken to the dump if it cannot be repaired.

Moderator Moment: Marilyn read to us an excerpt from Jimmy Carter’s book about living your faith and talked about how privileged she and Steve feel to be acting as co-moderators at the church.

Old Business: Joni reported that the Woock-Ness papers have finally been signed. She would love for us to celebrate this accomplishment in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned. Pastor Torri offered a Benediction.

Next meeting is May 18, 2023 Clerk, Karen Holle

## TECH TEAM COMMUNICATIONS

We want your old computer stuff!!

We all have it, that old computer technology. Stacked on a shelf, in a drawer or the corner of the closet, basement or garage... You know... A laptop that was running slow, an extra monitor, that old “spare” keyboard, mouse, printer and power cords. Remember? You chose to get a new computer, and yet couldn’t part ways with the old one.

Well, it’s spring cleaning time, and the perfect time to clear out the old technology and put it to good use. We want your old laptops, desktop computers, iPads, tablets, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, stereos, and flat screen TVs.

If your technology still powers up, bring it into church before June 30th. We will clean it up and bring it to life for a special Tech Treasure Sale in August. All data will be erased from computers, laptops, and tablets.

If it’s broken and truly dead, drop it off at the Walker\Hackensack Transfer Site or the Pine River Station. There is no charge to Cass County residents to drop off electronic equipment.

For questions, please email [TechTeam.UCCHackMN@gmail.com](mailto:TechTeam.UCCHackMN@gmail.com)

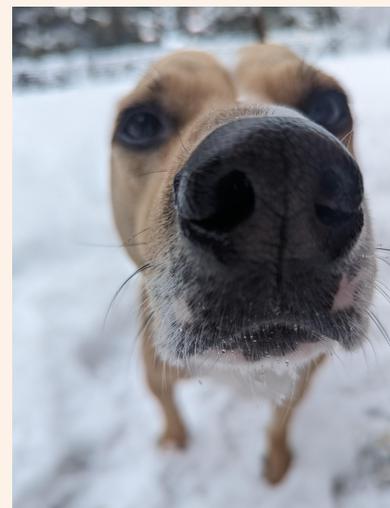
## THROUGH KODA'S EYES

OH THE SMELLS!!!!!!!

It is finally spring!!! Oh my gosh, I am so excited!

Hi!!! My name is Koda, and I am the Church Dog! I need to tell you about all the smells I have been smelling! Now that the ice is finally melting, I am smelling things I have not smelled in a long time! I never knew I would miss the smell of dirt!

I also love smelling tracks... all kinds of tracks! Just this week I smelled rabbit tracks, squirrel tracks, turkey tracks, deer tracks, and one other kind of track that I was not familiar with... My human said it was a raccoon or a skunk, but all I knew was that it smelled a little weird and it made me sneeze!



One of my favorite things to do is go for a slow ride in the car. My human rolls down the window so I can stick my head out and take in all the smells at once! Oh how I love sniffing the air as we drive! One day, my human saw 12 deer, 2 bald eagles, and a porcupine climbing a tree! I smelled 16 deer, 1 porcupine, and 142 squirrels! It was amazing!

I hope that you take the time this spring to smell all the smells! Smells are such an important part of life! I think God gave us smells to remind us of how diverse creation can be. So I hope you take the time to not only smell flowers, but smell dirt, and rocks, and wood, and water. Smell the air when you stand at the lake's edge. Breath deep and remember your Creator!

That's how I see it through my eyes! Have a barky day!

Koda

(Union Congregational UCC, Church Dog)



## TREASURE SALE

Setup has begun for our (perhaps the last?) annual Treasure Sale. There are signup sheets in Friendship Hallway. Lunch will be provided.

Cindy, our head honcho, will be gone in May, so setup will be intense during the first week in June. Please consider volunteering for as many hours as you can during that time. Thanks in advance to our volunteers.



# BOARD OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

## Operating Income and Expenses

Giving Income- March	\$ 15,691.00	Year to Date Giving	\$ 35,451.00
Other Income *	\$ 555.25	YTD Other Income *	\$ 33,912.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,246.25</b>	<b>YTD Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 69,363.50</b>
Expenses- March	<b>\$ 16,787.01</b>	Year to Date Expenses	<b>\$ 38,900.14</b>
<b>Current Month Balance</b>	<b>\$ - 540.76</b>	<b>YTD Balance</b>	<b>\$ 30,463.36</b>

\* Other income includes Treasure Sale, Community Meal, fundraisers, building use, donations and all other income sources except interest and dividends generated from restricted funds and specified donations or grants not going into operating funds

Checking available:     \$ 73,463.77  
 Total Assets             \$314,002.85

### Summary

March giving was a little better than March 2022 and was about normal for March. The Fetzer money was received this month. Expenses were quite high, especially utilities. Other income was about normal for this time of the year.

At this point our position of revenue vs. expenses continues to look good, especially if looked at on an annual basis and compared to our approved budget.

March was Minnesota Food Share month, and Union Church contributed \$5,141 to the Hackensack Food Shelf. Thank you so much to everyone that donated to this important ministry for our area and its residents!

Our mission of the month for May will be the Union Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please see more information in the newsletter.

## GREETINGS FROM THE WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Spring will arrive soon, or so I keep telling myself. One good sign is that most of the snow banks have already melted away, and we are scheduled to have rain this week. That should take care of the lingering snow. (Please, Lord, no more snow!) The birds are beginning to migrate through, and any day now the trees will begin to bud out.

This is also a time when many of our summer regulars begin to return. It is always good to see familiar faces again! Summer is a busy time at Union and in the community. Keep your eye out for interesting events - there are many to choose from in our little corner of the world.

Remember to wear your nametag in church and during coffee hour. It is helpful for our guests and returning friends.

To those who are returning, safe travels, and we'll see you soon.

Worship Ministry Team: Heidi Hoppe, Gracee Rudkin, Caryl Allan, Mary Parrish, and Sheryl Kaubisch

## CELEBRATING THE PAST

Myra Damm, Historian

The bell choir is a wonderful addition to the music program at UCC. Josephine Majors, a talented all-around musician wanted to start a bell choir when she moved to this area and felt there were many talented and able people willing to play, and our little church could raise the money to make this dream a reality. The effort began by serving church brunches as fundraisers, donations, and several memorials were designated for the project.

In 1990, a generous bequest from Don and Margaret Brown and son Douglas, given in memory of Cecil and Opal Ruby, enabled the church to buy 2 octaves of fine Schulmerich bells, manufactured in Corillon, Pennsylvania. It was a wonderful beginning.

Each bell is a carefully crafted musical instrument on its own. The very smallest bell cost \$400.00 (1990 prices). The larger ones were \$300.00. A full four octave set requires almost 59 bells. Also needed were seven folding bell tables along with foam pad covers, concert gloves, racks, music folders, lights for each table, mallets, and music. A lot of equipment!

Learning to play the bells was challenging and took some practice, but it didn't take long for the group to begin "making music." One of the first rules of a bell choir is to never say "whoops" as new songs are introduced to the players and the first attempts are made to perform them. Counting is a must to keep the sound together.

Just as the bell ringers were becoming proficient, another big break came their way. A generous cash grant from the Five Wings Arts Council was sufficient to expand the bell choir to a full four octaves. This enabled them to extend their playing repertoire to far more complicated music and utilize more members of their practicing twenty bell choir crew. They not only gave performances at the UCC, but also performed in many other facilities in the area which was enjoyable to all who came. The bell choir was formed in 1990 and is still active on a smaller scale for the present time.

## MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

May finishes with Memorial Day, and it is a perfect time to think about memorial gifts and to learn about a memorial gift option at Union Church.

The Joseph L. Major Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1983 by Josephine Major in memory of her husband. Later this fund was combined with the George Hoppe Scholarship Fund under the new name of the Union Church Memorial Scholarship Fund. Since that time, the fund has grown by the addition of gifts in memory of many members (most recently, Sandy Tauber) and friends of Union Church and other gifts.

The current Memorial Scholarship Fund has its principal in saving, investments, and CDs, but only the interest and dividends from the investments are available to be distributed as scholarships.

One or two \$1,000 scholarship have usually been given over the years. But because of reduced funds in the Available Fund category, only one \$500 scholarship will be awarded this year.

We suggest you consider a memorial gift this month, and it be dedicated to the Union Church Memorial Scholarship Fund, Available Funds. The additions to this category will allow Union Church to continue to offer scholarships to deserving students.

## A JOURNEY WITHIN - Adult Learning

By Linnea Dietrich

“Do you feel called to walk a more contemplative path?” This is the question that the Center for Action and Contemplation, based in New Mexico, often asks at the end of a podcast sponsored by their organization. I ask you this same question. “Do you feel called to walk a more contemplative path?” The CAC defines contemplation as a “way of listening with the heart while not relying entirely on the head.”

If you are curious and want to journey along with us as we explore the contemplative life, we invite you to try Lectio Divina, an ancient spiritual prayer practice that we began doing in January of this year. There will be an introduction to this practice Wednesday, May 31 at 2:00 pm followed by a time of prayer using the Lectio form. If you want to start earlier in May, give me a call and I can meet you before our regular meeting and give you a quick tutorial. You don't need much instruction to be able to engage in this prayer practice.

Lectio Divina will be meeting all Wednesdays in May at 3:30 pm in the UCC library. See the April newsletter for Karen Holle's story of what Lectio Divina has meant to her.

Thursday, July 13, at 1 pm at Bonna Paulson Observatory, the park past UCC, Stacy Hirschi and I will be telling our stories of pilgrimage. September 2022, she and I walked 500 miles across Spain completing the Camino de Santiago. Come to learn more about this contemplative practice and our experience sponsored by both the women and men's fellowship groups.

## JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM

### Neighbor Helping Neighbor Hackensack Community Clean-Up Project

May 19 and 20th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

This community action project is sponsored by Union Congregational Justice Ministry Team and Game Changers Beautification Team. Please consider volunteering to be on the Union Congregational Church clean-up team. Say, "Yes, I will help!" to [jmt.ucchackmn@gmail.com](mailto:jmt.ucchackmn@gmail.com)

## SUMMER COMMUNITY MEALS & ACTIVITIES

We are having SUMMER COMMUNITY MEALS every Wednesday from 4:00 — 5:30 pm in the Friendship Hall. We are looking for kitchen helpers to prep, serve, and clean up! If you would like to help, please contact the church at 218-675-6300. Here is the schedule for May!

Also every 2nd Wednesday there will be a Game Night at 5:30 pm, and every 4th Wednesday there will be a Movie Night at 5:30 pm following the meal!

<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	4:00 — 5:30	BLT with Chips, Salad & Dessert
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 — 5:30	Chicken Rice Soup with Homemade Bread, Salad & Cookies   5:30 Board Game Night
<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 — 5:30	Swedish Meatballs over Noodles, Salad & Spice Cake
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 — 5:30	Pork Ribs, Potatoes, Salad, Dessert   5:30 Movie Night "80 For Brady"
<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	4:00 — 5:30	Orange Chicken over Rice, Salad & Mandarin Oranges

## Why is Being Open and Affirming Important to Me

*By Kirin Christianson*

As a new Minnesotan, I have to say my favorite part about our new state is the people. The kindness of neighbors, and the way the communities pull together to help each other out is refreshing to witness. And it's unmatched! Minnesotans are a special breed of wonderful! And I'm so thankful to be a part of this beautiful state! It doesn't matter if you vote differently, look differently, or have different careers than one another, when it comes down to it, I've witnessed neighbor helping neighbor up here. In that same vein, I've loved finding a church with the same spirit of acceptance, love, and kindness for all. That's UCC. I've been baptised (twice) at other churches, and was heavily involved in the youth group back in my home church in a warmer climate. I loved the people there too. But there was something missing. TRUE acceptance of ALL. The focus was heavy on Jesus, and his teachings....but it felt light on actually doing what He did. Always. I was confused. Why were we only accepting of those who were like us? But not accepting of those who LOVED DIFFERENTLY than us? Why were we NOT aligning ourselves with Jesus's actions? His kindness and acceptance of all? Why were we discriminating? Why were we acting like the religious elite - especially when He disagreed with them? It made me shy to say I was part of a group that openly discriminated against some of my friends, (many who happened to be the most gentle, kind, helpful people around, AND who happened to be gay). When did Jesus stop loving good-hearted people who love others?? Just because they loved differently than I do? So we have searched and searched for a spiritual home for over 20 years. We have found some that were interfaith, or non-denominational, and they were fine, simply because they discriminated less than some of the other churches we tried out. And we tried out a lot! But it wasn't until we found UCC, in a tiny town in Northern Minnesota that we truly found our home. Thank you UCC for practicing what you preach. And for providing a home for all. Because that really is WHAT JESUS WOULD DO.

## EARTH DAY SUMMIT RECAP

Mayflower Church in Minneapolis hosted an Earth Day Summit last Saturday. They asked churches to submit stories about how their church and community are making this planet more sustainable in their corner of the world. They then took all of the stories and did a dramatic reading during the summit.

Our very own Linda Ottman took this request and ran with it! She submitted a story about our church and community garden. It is a beautiful story! Below is the link to the summit. You can either watch the entire thing or fast forward it to about 12:00 minutes in to begin the readings (Linda's is up first!)

Thank you Linda for representing Union Church so well!

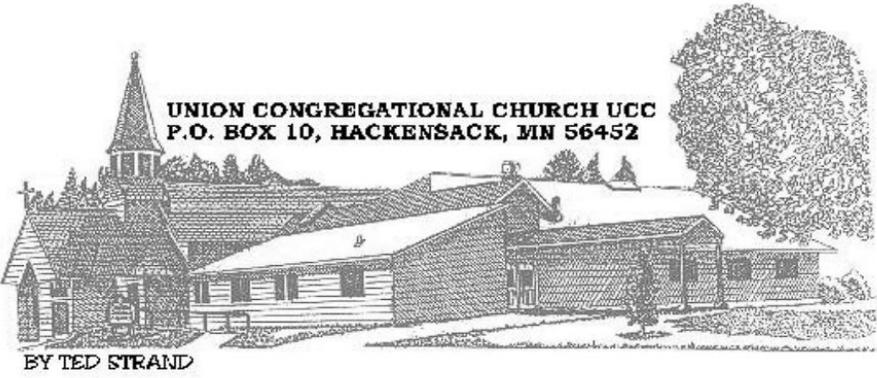
Link to Summit Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNfyCwd1w\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNfyCwd1w_E)

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## May 2023

\* Community event

SUNDAY	1 MONDAY	2 TUESDAY	3 WEDNESDAY	4 THURSDAY	5 FRIDAY	6 SATURDAY
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Birchview Gardens Service	<b>8</b> 1:30pm Bone Builders* 6:00pm AA Open Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00am Men's Fellowship	<b>10</b> 10:00am Exercise in Friendship Hall* 10:00am Fellowship Time at Ellie's 3:30pm Lectio Divina 4:00pm Community Meal 5:30pm Game Night	<b>11</b> 12:00pm Women's Fellowship Ladies Luncheon	<b>12</b> Office Closed 1:30pm Bone Builders*	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Mother's Day 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Birchview Gardens Service	<b>15</b> 1:30pm Bone Builders* 6:00pm AA Open Meeting*	<b>16</b> 9:00am Tech Team Meeting	<b>17</b> 10:00am Exercise in Friendship Hall* 3:30pm Lectio Divina 4:00pm Community Meal 6:00pm Dick's Acoustic Jam*	<b>18</b> 1:00pm Council Meeting	<b>19</b> Office Closed 9:00am Community Clean-Up 1:30pm Bone Builders*	<b>20</b> 9:00am Community Clean-Up
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