



# February 2024 Newsletter

*Worship Service Start @ 10:45 am*

*Kids For Christ @ 9:30 am*

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## *Carly's Corner*

Well, friends, January has been quite a year! :) My grandfather used to say that the days go slow but the years go fast. And, you know what? The older I get, the more I realize just how true that really is. January has taken AGES but I know that, before we know it we'll have moved through spring, celebrated the 4th of July, and welcomed a new year. So, for now, let's turn toward what's before us.

As I look at what's to come, I am readying myself for the season of Lent which kicks off with our Ash Wednesday service. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th— Valentine's Day. What an interesting kick off to the Lenten season; the season of solemn quietude, repentance, and reflection. But, maybe it's a bit of a fortuitous opportunity for us to begin the season of Lent with full hearts and grateful spirits. Maybe Valentine's Day is the perfect catalyst for our journey into stillness and taking stock; to look upon ourselves and the Word through the lens of love.

If we allow our lives and our faith to be colored by the love we share with one another, with the whole of creation, and with our shared Creator we may come to see Lent in a different light. Rather than a time of guilt, shame, giving things up, or the uneasy anticipation of Holy Week, Lent could be a time of creating space for the movement of the Holy Spirit, a time of purging ourselves of the things to which we hold on that turn us away from God, and of opening ourselves up the sacred light of love in all its forms.

So, let us revel in the unexpected blessing of this unique collision of holidays, in the opportunity to approach the season of Lent in a new way, and in the certain knowledge of what awaits us when we move forward in love.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Carly

## *Meditation Practice*

With the seemingly endless winter season and the subsequent lack of social events it affords us, there is an apparent sense of melancholy and woe. The grey and the gloom weigh heavy on us, even as the hours of daylight extend and we look toward spring. It's easy to feel down, to feel overwhelmed, to feel stuck. And when I feel those things, I find that there are a few things that help ground me.

In recent weeks, I've been leaning into breathwork. The exercise which I find to be most effective is breathing coupled with counting. As I begin, I take notice of my breath— discerning if it is fast or slow, deep or shallow, how it reflects my thoughts and feelings. I follow that noticing with a few deep breaths into my belly, as slowly as I can manage them so as to calm my nervous system and clear my mind. Then, I start counting. I count as fast or as slow as I like, however long I choose. I inhale and exhale at the rate that feels right for my body with this deliberate practice. The counting gives me agency in a world that is out of control and the breath gives me a kind of healing release.

## *Self-Care Challenge*

The pressure of a new year and of the resolutions we made at its start, it isn't uncommon to feel like we aren't enough. It's easy to feel like we've already failed or like we aren't meeting our goals. But, we are constantly navigating the ups and downs of life, taking each obstacle as it comes, and doing our best to cope with an ever-changing world— in an election year, no less!

Our self-care challenge this month is to give ourselves affirmations; to remind ourselves of the things we are, the things we do well, and the things about which we are proud. You can speak them to yourself in the mirror, you can write them down in a journal or on post-it notes that you can stick somewhere special, or you can whisper them in your heart. Whatever you choose, be kind and gentle with yourself. You're doing the best you can and it will be okay.

### *Special Dates*

**February 18 KFC Bowling from 1-3pm**

**March Newsletter Sent out March 15**

### *Kids for Christ Notes*

**“He Counts the Stars and Calls Them All by Name” Psalm 147:4**

The Kids for Christ will be going Bowling February 18, lunch will be provided in Fellowship Hall before we head to Pioneer Bowl.

Easter Sunday March 30, 2024 there will be a Easter Egg Hunt after worship, more information to come in March.

We have set a Date for the Kids to Sing in Worship, APRIL 7, 2024 mark your calendars and tell family to join us in this special worship for the kids.

Our new Unit that we are working on is the 10 Commandments, what they are and explaining what they mean and why we have them. Our next unit will be an Easter unit focusing on Mary Mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene.

### *Special Notes*

**Please if there is any information that you would like to be in the next newsletter contact Christa Wendorf @ [tcwendorf@yahoo.com](mailto:tcwendorf@yahoo.com) No later then March 12!**

**Note of Cleaning, it was brought to attention that the refrigerator is being neglected food and beverages were left in TO LONG, please if there is a gathering of fellowship happening in Fellowship Hall make sure that EVERYTHING is cleaned and disposed of after the event! Lets please keep our spaces clean and ready for the next event! Thank You**

**Thank You to ALL who helped out with Landon Wendorf's "Souper Bowl", he raised 68 items for the Slinger Food Pantry along with receiving \$80 in cash donations, which he is graciously giving to the Food Pantry in honor of Curtis Nehm. Landon is very honored to be a part of a church that comes together to help out where ever and when ever needed.**

### *Mission Committee News*

### *Home Bound*

Lenten Denial envelopes in the narthex starting 2/14/24 donations go to the Slinger Food Pantry.

One Great Hour of Sharing offering 2/25-3/10, our gifts provide immediate aid and long-term support through the UCC Conference to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster of crisis in all nations.

Helping Hands Fish Fry is March 22, 2024, watch out for sign up sheets in the narthex. Also we need Baked Treats for the Desert Table to help raise money for Faith Church. Anyone who is willing to help we need all we can!

It is a fun time of fellowship!



This is the updated list for all of our members that are home bound-

**Joyce Herther**—Cedar Community

The Willows @ Cedar Lake Assisted Living 5577 Home Dr Apt #1522  
West Bend 53095

**Jean Happel**-3879 Fond du Lac Dr. Richfield 53076

**Don & Sandy Jackson**— 6657 Weis St. Allenton 53022

**Marilee Lehman**— 2130 Continental Dr. Apt # 404  
West Bend 53095

**Judy & Ruth Schowalter**— W206 N16654 Blackberry Cr. Apt #3  
Jackson 53037

Please if you know of any of our other members that are “Stuck at Home” Please contact Pastor Carly or Elaine Burg Thank you!

# MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

a shared project by New Hope UCC and Faith UCC

## Book for February

"Excavations"  
by Kate Myers

## General info

When: February 29th @ 7 pm  
Where: New Hope UCC  
All Are Welcome!



On a remote archeological site in Greece, the mythic home of the first Olympics, four women discover an unusual artifact. It's a piece of history that definitely shouldn't exist. And for the head archaeologist in charge, a relic himself, it means something's gone horribly wrong.

Elise, Kara, Z and Patty all find themselves digging here together, but they couldn't be farther apart. Kara's a polished conservator calling off her wedding. Patty and her bowl cut are desperate for love. Millennial Z just got dumped and fired yet again. And Elise, their star excavator, is a lone wolf about to go rogue.

To figure out what they're really digging for, and to topple the man who wants to hide their history, these dirt-crusted colleagues have to become what they've avoided for years—friends. If they put their own messes aside for one summer, they might just make the discovery of a lifetime.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Carly-- carly.gaeth@gmail.com

## Script

The Gift Cards that gives back to the church are still here! Jennifer Gordon will be present before & after the 1st Sunday of each month with Gift Cards for sale, you can buy and take right away! You can also special order gift cars we don't have "IN-STOCK" at the church. Let Jennifer Gordon know which you would like. Typical cards in stock include, Culver's, Walmart, Walgreens, Subway, Piggly Wiggly, Meijer, Kwik Trip & NEW Mayer's Beef Farms! We will carry more if there are common stores in your special orders. Help us fundraise, do most of your shopping with gift cards that you purchase from us or buy them ad gifts for others! If you have any questions contact Jennifer Gordon. Here is the link, <https://www.raiseright.com/c/Shop/Product/BrandAlphabeticalList>



## Readers/Communion Usher

Feb 18– Barb Mayer

Feb 25– Sherry Burg

Mar 3– Dennis Kittel

Barb Markiewicz & Karen Reinders

Mar 10– Cheryl Asmus

Mar 17– Jennifer Gordon

Mar 24– Christa Wendorf

Palm Sunday

Mar 31– Nancy Schilling-Genz

Paul Gordon, Jeff Weiss & Karen Reinders

Easter Sunday

## Thank You for your contributions to Faith UCC Church

We are excited to announce our new online giving platform [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). With this news [EasyTithe](https://easytithe.com) will be going away at the end of the month. Please turn off your recurring giving by the end of December and switch over to [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). [EasyTithe](https://easytithe.com) Fees are going through the roof, so we found a platform that is much cheaper. The switch will be easy, go to <https://tithe.ly/give?c=6471448> and a window will appear to set up your giving and your account information. You will get 3 emails when you set yourself up for the first time. A welcome to [Tith.ly](https://tithe.ly) email. An account set up email to confirm your email address. And finally a thank you for your donation email. Inside the widget at the above link you can even set yourself up for recurring donations! Also please consider covering the fees with your donation. This will help the church use your giving more efficiently.

(if you need assistance, let Paul Gordon know. Once your account is established it's easy!)

**Mail your check to Faith UCC Church P.O Box 396, Slinger, WI 53086**

## *Cemetery Committee Notes*

On Saturday December 16, 2023 was the National Wreaths Across America with several Veterans honored at both Cemeteries. These are the members graves that were honored in 2023.

### **Ackerville Cemetery/Formerly known as St. Paul's Evangelical & Reformed**

Jacob R. "Jack" Rothenback— 3/26/1919-9/12/2010

Loren Guth— 8/30/1848-6/21/1928

Conrad Kurtz— **Ger Civil War Vet-** 1/19/1858-54yrs 7mos.

Herry Pickhard— 7/1/1890-6/6/1963

Frederich Oppermann— **Gar Civil War Vet-** No Dates

Frederich Paul Grob— **Gar Civil War Vet—** 10/20/1861-8/21/1920

### **Faith Cemetery— Old & New/Old— Formerly known as St. John's Evangelical & Reformed**

Gerald "Jerry" Groth- 4/10/1935-12/7/2022

John Becker-9/28/1961-1/3/2003

Ronald "Ron" Mayer-8/7/1941-8/7/1995

Laird L. "Butch" Nadelhoffe-1946-1988

Robert G. "Bob" Nehm-1918-2017

Joseph A. Eiche-1896-1978

William Carl Horn-12/15/1896-9/1-1972

George Herther-5/18/1889-12/24/1935

John Herther-1887-1948

Andrew Melius-9/22/1834-11/29/1906

This year we will be continuing with the clean up at both cemeteries. Rex Melius and community groups will continue their work. Ackerville— Road Sign, tree line clean up, driveway for boundary location. Faith— clean up and west fence line stone location, just recent tree clean up tree from the past snowfall in 1/2024. Please see the 2023 Annual Report for the financial records. The Faith UCC Cemetery Funds accepts donations all year round for the upkeep and lawn care at both locations, Thank You for all the Support.

### **Cemetery Committee:**

Jim "JJ" Markewicz—President

Dan Newburg—Sec/Treasurer



*A Huge Thank You to Everyone that Helped out to make the Celebration of Life of Curtis Nehm run with out a hitch. We are so fortunate to have such a close nit Family of Faith to make such a wonderful event happen here at our church!*



Panel Discussion  
Former Lieutenant  
Governor Rebecca  
Kleefisch

Music  
Refreshments  
Christian Resources

# Faith Family Freedom



Schauer Arts Center  
147 N Rural St, Hartford  
Friday, March 8th,  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm



Free Event with  
Limited Seating  
Scan to Register or  
call 262-224-9602

Donations benefit Operation  
Christmas Child Shipping Costs