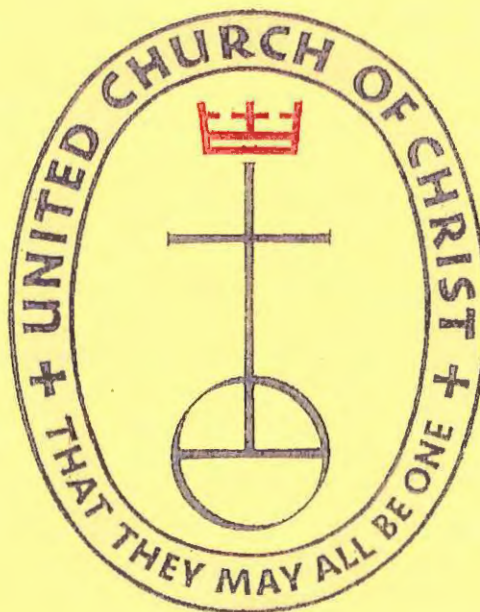


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Dedication

*This booklet is dedicated to the “Glory of God” who makes all things possible,
and to my brother, John, who has been my constant companion,
but missed the joy of helping with this booklet.*

James D. Peterson

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Introduction

The Historical Committee of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ is pleased to present this narrative directory to all churches of the Conference. Each congregation of our Conference has provided a one-page description of its history and present day ministries. These pages are organized according to Association.

We hope this directory will help you learn more about the significant heritage and diverse programs carried out by faithful UCC folks throughout the state.

The compilation of this directory extended over a period of several years and has required the cooperation of many people. We thank participating pastors and lay leaders for making the time and the effort to write descriptions of their churches. We also thank James Peterson, a faithful member of our committee, for spearheading this project and underwriting the cost of publication.

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We're on a Journey...Sharing Our Story

Brookfield was just one year old in January 1956, when six friends discussed the need for a Congregational Church in the community. By March, fifty interested people signed a covenant to form Brookfield Congregational Church, with the first service held on April 8, 1957 in Cottage (Elementary) School. In November the church called its first permanent minister- Reverend Trevor Hausske. The basement of Cottage School continued to be the place of worship until November 30, 1958 when, despite cold weather, (frozen) ground was broken for a new church building. Since those early days, the church building was expanded and a parsonage built. In August 2010, the congregation called The Reverend Kathleen Rinear as Senior Pastor, with The Reverend Dr John Jewell as Consulting Pastor.

Our church family worships together with music from our organist/pianist, adult and children's choirs, and hand bell choir. We also enjoy times of education- Christian Education from kindergarten to senior high school students, and adult Bible studies. Opportunities for fellowship include; potluck suppers, pancake breakfasts, bridge group, family camping, rummage sale, sporting events, knitting groups, and men's breakfast. We are committed to local mission- serving meals, collecting for a local food pantry, hat and mitten drives for schools; and wider mission through the support of Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, youth mission trips, and financial relief to communities in need after natural disasters.

The church is located 12 blocks north of Bluemound Road (Wisconsin HWY 18) at 163rd west (eight blocks west of Moorland Road/Pilgrim Parkway, nine blocks east of Calhoun Road)



Trinity United Church of Christ
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Trinity United Church of Christ was founded in 1869 by a group of German immigrant farm families. Trinity was originally organized as Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church of Brookfield and was served by Rev. Carl Dalies, who was also the pastor of St. Pauls Church in Menomonee Falls. The original church building was constructed in 1870. Trinity shared pastors with St. Pauls until 1883.

A large rooster weather vane was attached to the top of the church steeple, and thus the church was known locally as the "Rooster Church." Members of the church were allowed to build sheds on the north side of the church to shelter their horses and buggies. In 1884, Trinity deleted Lutheran from the Church's charter name and the name was changed to Evangelical Trinity Church. The following year, a two-story parsonage house was built on the south side of the church. From 1885 until 1928, Trinity shared pastors with Friedens Evangelical Church in Butler. The congregation purchased large art glass windows in 1912 and installed them in the north, east, and south walls of the church. A Fellowship Hall was built adjacent to the church in 1934. That same year, Trinity became part of the newly formed Evangelical and Reformed Church, and in 1957 became part of the United Church of Christ.

The ten years after World War II saw the dramatic change in the area around Trinity from a rural community to a suburban community. Families from diverse church and ethnic backgrounds found an "open door" at Trinity. Membership swelled and the original church facilities were inadequate to accommodate this growth. A new church building was completed in 1961 adjacent to and on the north side of the original church. The new church incorporated the Fellowship Hall from the original church, and the rest of the old church was demolished that same year. A new colonial-style parsonage was built across the street from the church in 1967.

On Labor Day in September 2005, a fire at Trinity resulted in major physical damage to the entire interior of the church building, just as a major remodeling project was about to start. After holding church services at Brookfield Congregational Church for fourteen months, Trinity's restored and remodeled church now has an elevator, a handicapped restroom on the sanctuary level, a larger and brighter Gathering Place, a brighter Dining Hall, a kitchen area that was completely refurbished, a brighter Education Wing, and an expanded lobby area.

Trinity's music ministry consists of a talented music director, a multi-generational choir, talented soloists, a hand-bell choir, periodic Contemporary Worship services, and an annual Jazz Worship service. Trinity's outreach ministries includes: volunteering at Friedens Food Pantry; helping serve meals with Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha County at Hope Center; collecting non-perishable food items and books for local food pantries; seasonal clothing drives for the Waukesha Clothes Closet; adults and youth participate on "Make a Difference Day"; volunteers ring the bell for the Salvation Army; and collecting winter clothing for children and adults in foster care or shelters. Trinity also opens up its facilities to men and women's AA groups, a Boy Scout Troop, Lifelink Adoption Services, a quilting group, a scrapbooking group, cooking classes, and special adult education events, and all of these activities are open to the community.

Church School: 10:15 a.m. / Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. / Fellowship Hour: follows Worship Service
Pastor: Reverend Janis K. Doleschal

Trinity United Church of Christ is located on Calhoun Road, ½ mile north of Capitol Drive (Hwy 190).

**Congregational,
United Church of Christ
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Brown Deer, WI 53522
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Two couples had an idea for a new Congregational Church in the Brown Deer area. They were Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kahne, members of North Shore Congregational Church and Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wirtz, members of Plymouth Congregational Church, and they moved to Brown Deer in 1960.

On February 28, 1960, 150 volunteers conducted a survey of 4,000 homes. After the results of the survey were compiled, the newly formed Brown Deer Congregational Church committee had to determine where worship services were going to be held. They formed a group to draw up a covenant and a charter. The covenant was opened May 1, 1960, with eleven members signing it, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, our parent church.

In December of 1960, the group had grown to 45 members, and the Congregation was incorporated. The Milwaukee Association of Congregational Churches recognized and received the group on January 22, 1961 in a special service..Their first full time minister was Rev. Walter C. Bishop, preaching his first sermon on Easter Sunday.

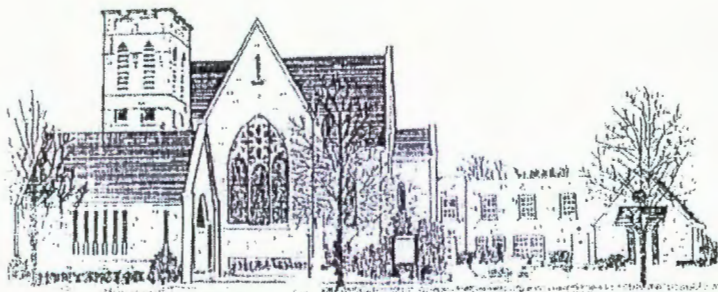
Ground was broken on January 27, 1963 for the new church on the corner of 64th Street and Dean Road in Brown Deer. The church included a worship area planned to seat about 120, a fellowship hall and kitchenette, minister's study and Sunday School classrooms. Worship services were held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church located on 60th Street and Dean Road. On July 7, 1963 the first service was held in the new church building.

The Brown Deer Congregational Church voted to merge with the United Church of Christ.

They held their 25th Anniversary in 1985 and their 49th in 2000. The total charter members came to 103 and are listed in their 25th Anniversary Booklet.

Since October 30, 2002 they are sharing their church building with members of another religion called "Faith In Christ Hmong Alliance."

The present pastor is Greg Young who started on March 1, 2009.



Plymouth Congregation Church
United Church of Christ
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Pastor Bob Wang:
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In 1843 the first Protestant church, Presbyterian, was organized in Burlington and a building was erected in 1852. In 1858 this small group joined with other Christians to form Plymouth Congregational Church. They chose Rev. Philo C. Pettibone as their first minister and purchased the frame church which stood on the present site of Plymouth Church. The membership increased rapidly from 1873 and by 1902 the original facility was overcrowded.

This original building was taken down in 1902 and the cornerstone for the present church was laid that same year. This new building was erected at a cost of \$11,377 and was free of debt when it was dedicated on February 8, 1903. The eight stained glass windows made for the church in 1891 were moved to the new building, additional windows installed to make them fit a larger opening. The original bell was also moved to the new building.

Another item from the early years remains today, a communion table from 1891 which is now being used as an altar in the chapel. This table was a gift in memory of Lucius and Frances Conkey given by their children and grandchildren. Their daughter Ellen A. married Pliny Merrick Perkins. Pliny, uncle of artist and archeologist Frederick Stanton Perkins, was a very early Burlington pioneer and flour and woolen mill operator/entrepreneur.

As more space was needed, the educational wing and chapel were added and dedicated in 1952. In 1967 the building was renovated and in 1972 the narthex was added. In 1992 a major sanctuary renovation was begun, and finished in October of that year.

Little information is available about early music in the church. A reed organ was used prior to 1908. In that year a pipe organ was presented to the church by H. L. Simpson in memory of his wife. This was replaced in 1999 when a new pipe organ from the Holtkamp Organ Co. was installed. There is presently an adult voice choir, an adult and children's bell choir, an adult bell choir, a children's bell choir, and Plymouth Praise which is a contemporary music ministry.

During the 1930s there was a movement toward increased community involvement by the members of Plymouth Church. That has been carried on through the years and today our Missions Committee is very active and our members take part in many community activities, two examples being the Crop Walk and Habitat for Humanity.

Rev. Trent Rockwell brought branches of the social services agencies from Racine to serve this end of Racine County. In the spring of 1974 he and the Plymouth Board of Education began Plymouth Day Care, still operating today and now known as Plymouth Children's Center. Rev. Henry Schadeberg is another noteworthy past minister. He felt that more of God's people should be part of the U. S. Congress and he served four terms in Washington D. C. Pastor Bob Wang has been our minister since 2009.

There are several adult groups which meet regularly in our church: Adult Education meets before the Sunday church service; Yadah Yadah Study Group meets monthly; Soul Sisters, another study group meets monthly; Ladies Lunch Bunch meets monthly; and the Men's Bible Study meets Friday mornings. There is a Plymouth Youth Group, Sunday School, Confirmation classes; and a weekly LOGOS Ministry.

Words spoken at the laying of the corner stone of the new Plymouth Church building in July of 1902: *To those who have gone before we owe a great debt of gratitude. They laid the foundations of school and church upon which we are permitted to continue to build. God grant that our hearts may respond amen to all Christian work of the past that has had our Saviour as the corner stone, "greater foundation hath no man laid."*

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In about 1867, the first church was founded as a home church by the Swiss and German immigrants who settled in New Cassel (Campbellsport), WI. Pastor Vergenz, of the Elmore German Reformed Church, traveled to New Cassel to conduct worship services. The church then met at the District School House in New Cassel. On 7/26/1868, twenty-seven men assembled at the schoolhouse and organized Die Deutsche Evangelische Reformierte Gemeinde. A field stone church was built and dedicated in the fall of 1868. The Church stood on the hill now occupied by St. Joseph's Convent.

The church was a two point charge, with the Elmore Church being the mother church. In 1883, the New Cassel Church became independent of the Elmore church. The congregation purchased the "new" parsonage, on Jenny Street. The Ladies Aid Society was founded in 1892. They raised money to purchase the church bell, still in use today.

In 1907, it was decided to add occasional English language services during the year. By 1917, this progressed to once a month. In 1929, the congregation voted to only have German language services once a month. In 1931, the church constitution was translated into English and revised. The name of the church became the Campbellsport Reformed Church. A building fund was started to build a new church. The stone church and lots were sold to the School Sisters of St. Francis in December 1931. The last service was held on January 24, 1932. The new church construction was completed and the building was dedicated on November 20, 1932. The old parsonage was sold. A new parsonage was built on the church lot and dedicated on November 26, 1939.

During this time, the Elmore Church was dissolved and 40 of its members joined the Campbellsport church, now known as the Campbellsport Evangelical and Reformed Church. On August 7, 1961, the church became known as the Campbellsport United Church of Christ. In 1963, the Christian Education addition was built. This contains church offices, the pastor's office, 8 flexible Sunday school rooms and restrooms. Also renovated was the chancel area, the Fellowship Hall and kitchen areas. Dedication was held on January 5, 1964.

In 1997, the Campbellsport UCC formed a union with the First Baptist (ABC) Church. The congregations worshipped together, had one governing body and rewrote the constitution. The name was changed to the United Christian United Church of Christ. After five years, the union was dissolved and the Baptist Church called a pastor to serve its members.

The United Christian UCC has participated in local ecumenical work, joining with St. Matthew's Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Convent, the United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church. This ecumenical partnership shares worship during Lent and on Thanksgiving. It supports the local food pantry and the ecumenical Christmas and Easter cantatas. The congregation is a strong supporter of the Church World Service program for blankets and tools. It also supports the UCC missions and ministries, through OGHS, OCWM, NIN, the Christmas Fund and other outreaches.

The church is located at 228 Forest Street, one block south on Poplar Street, from E. Main Street, in Campbellsport.

Salem, Wayne
United Church of Christ
N8925 County Rd. W,
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Salem Church had its beginnings as the congregation of St. Jacobi's located 2 ½ miles from its current location in 1857. Twenty years later, the congregation decided to build a new church and move into the town of Wayne which, at the time, was a growing agricultural community.

The plot of land for both the Church and the Cemetery was donated by the family of Wendell Petri, Sr. Building started immediately and the cornerstone was laid on May 18th, 1879. Labor was done by members and friends of the congregation. Construction was completed by the fall of the same year at a cost of \$3,060 and was dedicated to God's glory on October 12th, 1879. Later that same year, a parsonage was also built to house the Pastor.

In 1891, two new bells were purchased and placed in the church steeple. These bells are still in use today to call the faithful to worship. A schoolhouse would be built a few years later in order for the children to be instructed in the Word of God. The school house still stands but is now used for storage.

The Church and Parsonage were upgraded with additions including the Parish Hall in 1958 which is now used for Sunday school, social gatherings, and fund raising events. In 1959, Salem Evangelical & Reformed Church was renamed Salem United Church of Christ.

Currently, the church is the home of Pastor Daniel Schultz and is guided by a Consistory of 8 members; two elders, two deacons, three trustees, and the Pastor.

Today, some members of the congregation are 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th generation descendents of the original German immigrants who founded the church. Some still live in the community and work the land on their ancestral farms.

Some noted facts:	1 st Wedding: Dec.26 th , 1881	1 st Baptism: January 19 th , 1888
	1 st Confirmation 1880	1 st Death January 24 th , 1880

Worship services are held every Sunday at 9am. Communion services are held the 1st and last Sunday of the month. Sunday school is held every Sunday during the school year during service.

Salem UCC has five Sons or Daughters who were ordained in this church.



St Paul's United Church of Christ - Erin

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Church and cemetery are located at the corner of Saint Augustine and Monches roads, one mile north of County Line (Q) in Washington County, Town of Erin, 25 miles northwest of Milwaukee.

The church was founded in 1840 and known at first as "The Protestant Church." It later affiliated with the German Evangelical Synod of North America. Several pioneering German American families accepted a donation of three acres of land from Jacob Loew and there built the first log church. The site and footprint of that log structure is now marked with stones, a flag pole and a marker, designating St Paul's as the oldest of Evangelical and Reformed congregations in Wisconsin.

The second and current building was erected in 1880, and expanded over the years, including the most recent accessible addition in 2005. The unique stained glass windows were given by the women's guild in the 1920s. For nearly a century, St Paul's shared a pastor with St John's UCC in Merton. The church and cemetery are adjacent to the scenic Loew Lake unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, about three miles from the Roman Catholic National Basilica and Shrine known as Holy Hill.

The growing congregation blends deeply rooted farm families with more recent ex-urban neighbors who began to build homes in the area in the early 1990s. An active youth group includes an annual summer mission trip, as well as Milwaukee urban immersion experiences and wider church confirmation retreats. The church is a community center, used for scouting, a seniors group, community luncheons and other gatherings, and a rest-stop for popular bicycling tours of the rolling hills and rustic roads.

A 2011 addition of a solar power system will generate more electricity than the church uses, thus helping the system to pay for itself, sell back excess energy to the public utility and offer a pioneering "green" model of environmental stewardship.

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The United Church of Christ (Congregational) of Delavan, Wisconsin, was established in the summer of 1841 in a log house a few blocks away from where the present building now stands. Ten members attended the first service. Today the congregation has a membership of 267 persons, with an additional 77 friends of the church. In 2011 UCC-Delavan celebrated its 170th anniversary.

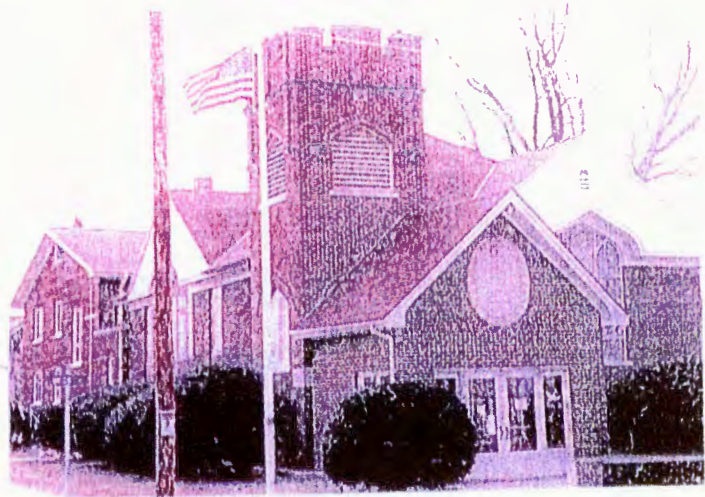
Current pastor Rev. Laura McLeod served as associate pastor from 1998 to 2005, first serving with senior pastor Rev. Max Rigert. When he retired after 32 years at this church, Rev. Leslie Wicker served for two years. In 2005 Rev. McLeod became senior minister, with Rev. Ricardo Broach serving as associate minister. Rev. Broach held this position for two years, while also managing a family counseling practice, which is now his full-time career.

At present, Rev. Laura McLeod capably serves as minister, aided by Debi Burtard (Christian Education Youth and Young Family Coordinator), Sharon Ketterhagen (Stephen Ministry leader), Cindy Cieslak (church secretary), Sharon Munson (Minister of Music, Chancel Choir director), Brian Plehn (organist), and many others, making this a lively and dynamic congregation.

UCC-Delavan's excellence in music is well-known in this area. From pre-school on, singing is a major part of the worship program. Madrigal dinners and cantatas have been very popular with members and the wider community as well. The Howell pipe organ brings a wonderful beauty to the church services. Active choirs, outstanding special music offerings, grand piano, synthesizer, instrumentalists, congregational singing and, quite recently, choir chimes all assist in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Automatic doors at the entrance and rest room, also a lift, help to serve people with disabilities. All persons are welcome here, and it is an ongoing challenge to hold onto all that has made this church beautiful, meaningful and sacred, while keeping the message of God pertinent to persons living in the 21st century.

**East Troy Congregational
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The history of First Church began on June 22, 1839 when a Presbyterian church was organized by Rev. Stephen Peet of Green Bay Wisconsin. The meeting took place at the home of J.W. Vale near East Troy. Twelve members were enrolled. Services were held in the Vale home for two years and then in the Methodist chapel until 1848. The church was built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Burgit at a cost \$500.00 and seated 150.

On June 22, 1855, fifty-two members voted to accept the Congregational form of government and the name was changed to "The First Congregational Church of East Troy." A new church building was started in 1856 and was completed in 1872. The present sanctuary was completed in 1916 and located at 2931 Union Street. The parsonage, located next door, was completed in 1926. An educational wing complete with offices, social areas, classrooms, storage and rest room facilities was completed in 1968.

With the exception of the addition of the usual United Church of Christ to the title in the late 1950's, the name of the congregation has remained as given in June of 1855. In 1857, a Confession of Faith consisting of twelve articles was adopted. However, it was replaced in 1858 by a thirteen-article statement as taken from "Roy's Book" so as to be more in line with the faith expression of other Congregational Churches in Wisconsin. This document remained in force until The Congregational Churches of the United States produced a Declaration of Faith in October, 1913 at Kansas City, Missouri. Following that action, First Church adopted the 1913 Declaration of Faith. It remained in force until the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith was published. It remains the only statement of faith in force. As to doctrine, "This church receives the Word of God, contained in the Bible, as its guide in matters of faith and practice. It is in substantial accord with the doctrinal views of the United Church of Christ." This is noted in the By-Laws adopted 25th January in 1987. First Church has 114 members.

Most of this was taken from 25th Anniversary Booklet from the Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ.

First Congregational
United Church of Christ
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Church is located at the corner of South Wisconsin and Geneva Street in the downtown section of Elkhorn; where Rt. 67 and County H make a turn in center of town.

- From Milwaukee: go West on I-43 to Exit 29, at end of ramp take right onto Rt. 11 and then follow into downtown. Take right turn at Wisconsin Street to follow Rt. 11, but at next intersection continue straight on Wisconsin Street/Rt. 67. Church is on right at the stop sign.
- From Beloit/Janesville: go East on I-43 to Exit 25, at end of ramp take left onto Rt. 67. Follow Rt. 67 to light and take right onto Geneva Street. Church is located three blocks ahead at corner of Wisconsin and Geneva.

The First Congregational Church of Elkhorn was formed in 1843. The first members worshiped in the Elkhorn House Tavern as it was the largest public space in which they could gather. They helped to build a Union House with the Wesleyan Church for shared worship in 1858, and then built present church in 1882, dedicating it to God's service in January 1883. The church voted to become part of the United Church of Christ in 1961. A Christian Education building with classrooms, meeting and office spaces and kitchenette were added to the building in 1969. In 2001 the steeple and bell tower had to be replaced. The Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary were made handicap accessible with the addition of an enclosed lift and updates to the entrances and bathrooms in 2011.

The church has a long history of ecumenical engagement, mission and service with other area churches. The Elkhorn Food Pantry was started in the 1980's with the cooperation and leadership of many people from different churches and in 2011 was relocated to a building on our property which was refurbished specifically for that purpose. The church was instrumental in the 2003 formation of HOPE NOW, Inc. a non-profit, ecumenical, 501 (c.) (3.) that helps people in the Elkhorn Area School District with emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, medical care, car repairs, and other crisis needs.

In 2012 we currently have an adult choir that helps to lead worship three Sundays each month and through a memorial gift have just purchased a set of hand-chimes for use on special Sundays throughout the year. In 2011 we upgraded and improved our sound system and added video projection capabilities for multi-media worship. Current building plans are underway to make the chancel area of the sanctuary fully accessible to all. We have an active Sunday School program that has two classes for children and an adult class meeting before worship each week, and an Elementary Age Youth Group that meets monthly. The Women's Fellowship group has been extremely successful over the years with annual Christmas Cookie Sale, Salad Luncheon and August Rummage Sale—so successful that we have often been referred to as the church “with that big Rummage Sale”!

Raymond Community Church, United Church of Christ

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Raymond Community Church, UCC, from a watercolor by Rev. Manda Stack

As one of the older congregations in the Wisconsin Conference UCC, Raymond Community Church has been serving the community and spreading God's love since 1840. We have deep roots in the local area and have families whose membership goes back for many generations. It is not unusual to see four generations of the same family worshipping on Sunday mornings. We are yoked with Union Grove Congregational United Church of Christ.

Historical Timeline

- March 12, 1840 – Organized and met as a congregation in member's homes until the first church was built in October 1848 on Five Mile Road, east of Raymond Center. The church was named, "*Raymond Congregational Church*." Members gathered at the nearby Root River for baptisms.
- 1956 – Called a full-time pastor to help build a new church structure on five acres of donated land on Six Mile Road in Raymond Township
- 1962 – Joined the United Church of Christ denomination.
- 1973 – Combined with New Hope Larger Parish of five area UCC and United Methodist Churches, with shared pastoral leadership. This lasted until 1990.
- 1990 – Joined with Union Grove Congregational United Church of Christ in a yoked partnership
- 2002 – Dedicated our new church addition of a prairie-style sanctuary, offices, classroom, and entryway.
- 2003 – Adopted a "Safe Sanctuary" policy to ensure the safety of all our children.
- 2008 – Began Taize style prayer services on Wednesday evenings, which are well received by members and the community.
- 2011 – Partner with North Cape Lutheran Church to offer a monthly "Amazing Grays" free senior meal and fellowship for which there is a significant need in our rural area.
- 2012 and Beyond – Our congregation continues to serve God by living out our mission: We seek to bear witness to the good news of God's love for the Church and for the World as revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



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A group of German Immigrants formed the St. Martin's Church in 1861 when two of the former German E. & R. denomination united: St. Martin's Evangelical Society and Fillmore Reformed Church. Rev. Vorberg was the first pastor.

In June of 1862, the cornerstone for the church was laid and on August 16, 1863, the first worship was held in the building. This church building was located in the present St. Martin's Cemetery.

In 1891, a move was made to construct a larger church and in December of 1891, the current St. Martin's Church building was dedicated. That same year, Emma Goetter donated \$600 to purchase the church bell. The original old stone church saw many more years of service as a Sunday School and Confirmation instruction

building before eventually being disassembled in the 1930's.

The church has been improved over the years, including a basement and a furnace added in 1924. Not long after, the hitching rail on the east side of the church became obsolete as automobiles took the place of many horses. In 1936 the apse was added. St. Martin's church still retains its original, beautiful stained glass windows with German writing on them. (Worship services were held in German until 1928.)

St. Martin's has been a part of several yoked ministries including: Waubeka Reformed Church from 1926-1963, St. John's of Boltonville from 1963-1976 and the larger Five Star Parish from 1976-1981. After the Five Star Parish dissolved in 1981, St. Martin's was a yoked ministry with St. Paul's Community Church in Waubeka until 2004. Pastor David Jerger served the congregation during this time.

What started out as a brotherhood fundraiser for missions continues today as an all-church fundraiser; the Annual Pancake Supper featuring made-from-scratch potato pancakes and homemade applesauce and desserts. The Saturday evening event was held in the church basement until 2005. Thereafter it changed to a Sunday Brunch; the first Sunday in November, and relocated to the Fillmore Turner Hall just down the road. The relocation provides handicap accessibility and more seating at this popular event.

The church parsonage was built next to the church in 1912 and sold to a private party in 2006. Rev. Erber and family were the first occupants of the parsonage. It was the first home in Fillmore to have a doorbell.

St. Martin's hosted an open house and worship service on Sunday, September 18, 2011 to commemorate its sesquicentennial. In celebration of our 150 years of Christian Ministry, St. Martin's welcomed back several previous pastors to share in worship. One of these pastors, Rev. Thomas Degnitz, a son of our congregation since 1983, returned to St. Martin's in July to lead a Sunday worship service. He is currently a pastor in Pennsylvania.



Community Church of Fontana
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**Located on the corner of Kinzie and High Street,
Two block east of Hwy 67 and two block north of
Abbey Resort in Fontana**

Like countless small-town churches, this church owes its origin to a group of dedicated women. A group of 26 women in 1887 dedicated themselves to the formation of a church in the community. They formed themselves into a Ladies Aid Society to provide for the construction of a church building and by 1890, the first service was held in that building. That building was moved in 1924 and now constitutes the East Wing of the present building.

By 1896, the present church came into existence as the First Congregational Church of Fontana when the church constitution and bylaws were adopted. At that time, the church became a part of the Congregational Conference of Wisconsin.

Through the years, support for the struggling church became more and more difficult. Activity waned, until the church building's foundation was condemned in 1923 and the building was ordered to be moved or destroyed. The church decided to relocate the building, and thus reorganized itself in 1923 as the Community Church of Fontana. A new building was dedicated in 1926.

In 1962, the church united with the Southeast Wisconsin Association of the United Church of Christ, resuming the relationship that had been interrupted in 1923.

Today, Community Church of Fontana offers Christian education classes for preschool through senior high youth. The graded Sunday school sessions meet each Sunday from September through May. In the summer months from June through August, the church offers an ungraded Sunday school for the children and youth. The Christian education program of the church also includes confirmation study for 8th grade youth taught by the pastor and selected mentors. The church has adult Bible study and book study groups. It also provides fellowship groups for junior and senior high youth. The church choir provides inspirational music throughout the year.

Community Church takes seriously God's call to meet not only the spiritual needs of people, but physical ones as well. Members of the church operate a Thrift Shop to provide good, affordable clothing and household items for people of the community. The church regularly collects food for the local food pantry and supports a variety of community ventures including the CROP Walk, Relay for Life, a Back-to-School Backpack project and a Christmas gift assistance program for families in the surrounding communities. Community Church has an active Prayer Shawl ministry, delivers meals for the local Meals on Wheels program, and regularly provides financial support to ministries in the community and beyond.

All are welcome at the Little Gray Church on the Hill. The Community Church of Fontana is located near Geneva Lake where we are reminded daily of the beauty of God's presence.

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United Church of Christ
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- 1846 First meeting was held at Center School of Bloomfield. This church was organized with 13 members from the Lake Geneva Presbyterian Church.
- 1865 Present church building was constructed at a cost of \$3,300. The land was donated by John Rowe.
- 1872 James Watson was authorized to purchase a 600 pound bell at a cost of \$250. to \$300. This is the same bell which still rings today.
- 1878 The parsonage on Freeman Street was purchased for \$1,000. This was located across the street from the church.
- 1892 The Sunday School room at the rear of the church was built with a dining room on an upper level.
- 1937 Hired our first full time minister. He served two years. After he left Genoa City they yoked with Elkhorn and then with Lake Geneva.
- 1946 The church celebrated its Centennial anniversary on June 2nd.
- 1954 On Sept. 12th the cornerstone was laid in the new basement.
- 1959 The first service was held in the totally redecorated and refurnished sanctuary.
- 1962 We joined the United Church of Christ which was formed by merging the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches.
- 1967 Former parsonage was sold and new parsonage purchased at a cost of \$14,000. Printed a Pictorial Directory with its history and constitution & By-Laws
- 1971 Celebrated its 125th Anniversary on April 18th.
- 1972 Shared ministry with Calvary Congregational Church at Twin Lakes.
- 1974 Yoked with United Methodist Church in Genoa City.
- 1980 First sound system purchased.
- 1984 Sold the parsonage. Pastor Kennedy started a radio ministry.
- 1989 New organ dedicated to Leah Kautz who served as organist for over fifty years.
- 1990 New aluminum spire in cupola, exact replica of the old spire.
- 1994 Started building a three story addition to the rear of the church.
- 1996 Celebrating the 150th Anniversary with the dedication of the new three story church addition. A Church Pictorial Directory was distributed. Publicized an "All Church Cook Book." 2000, Printed an in house Church Directory.

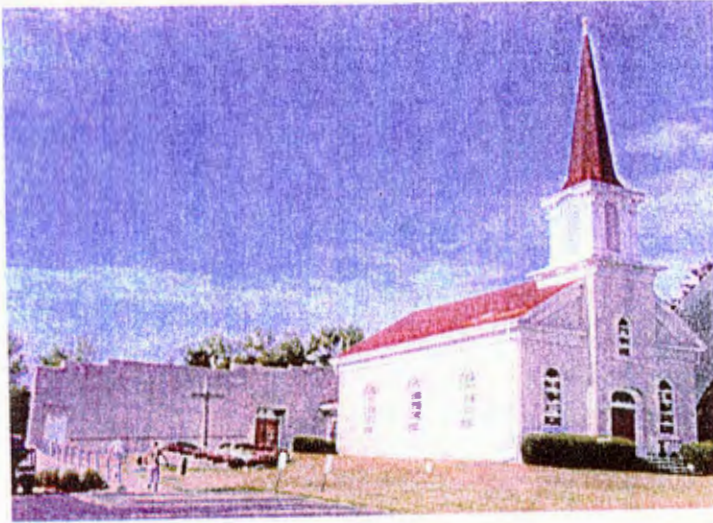
**Our Saviour's
United Church of Christ
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- 1842 The first church was founded and was called Christ Church and is one of the oldest churches in Washington County, and the oldest in Germantown.
- 1850 A log church edifice was erected on land donated by Philip Dhein.
- 1861 The church building was rebuilt of native limestone from Rockfield.
- 1888 A new tower was built on the church and new bells were purchased.
- 1895 A portion of the congregation left with Rev. Ruegg and founded Zoar Church.
- 1897 New organ bought for the church.
- 1898 The Ladies Aid was organized.
- 1901 New pews, altar, and pulpit were acquired.
- 1914 Stained glass windows were donated by the Ladies Aid.
- 1925 Electric lights were installed.
- 1927 English Service was conducted every second Sunday.
- 1928 Women were given the right to vote.
- 1930 The denomination merged and was called the Christ Evangelical & Reformed Church.
- 1937 Christ Evangelical Church celebrated their 95th Anniversary with a booklet.
- 1942 Celebrated their 100th Anniversary
- 1962 Christ Church and Zoar Church merged. The congregation is presently called Our Saviour's United Church of Christ.
- 1975 Voted to lease the church edifice to the Germantown Historical Society, which was founded in 1974.
- 1992 Our Saviour's United Church of Christ celebrated its 150th Anniversary.

Between the two churches there were twelve members who became missionaries or were ordained to become pastors who are called "Sons of the church."

It is difficult to write the history of Our Saviour's United Church of Christ because there were two churches, Christ Church and Zoar Church. These two churches merged and became Our Saviour's.



St. John United Church of Christ
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St. John United Church of Christ was founded in 1843 by a group of German immigrants. The original log church and burial ground were located about one-half mile west of our present location on Donges Bay Road.

In 1867 the congregation purchased three acres of land for \$150 to build a new church and parsonage. In 1868 51 members pledged \$3,785 to build their church. They accepted a plan costing \$30 submitted by Milwaukee architect Henry Koch, who later designed the Milwaukee City Hall and other churches in the midwest.

Upon completion of the church in 1869, pledges were signed to build the parsonage. This project was completed in 1872. Both buildings were erected and paid for without outside assistance and without assuming a debt.

St. John UCC has gone through a number of remodeling and building projects. Most notably a basement, kitchen, and lavatory facilities were added in 1952-53, and in 1986 a major addition was completed. It included a large entryway and narthex, office and conference space, a nursery, a new fellowship hall and kitchen, and reversing the sanctuary layout.

In 1982 St. John UCC was dedicated as a Washington County landmark.

In the past 169 years, 35 ministers have served St. John, beginning with the circuit riding preachers on horseback, a custom in pioneer days. These men were of various denominations, including Lutheran, Presbyterian, Reformed, and Kirchenverein des Westens.

In 1867 our church was associated with the German Evangelical Synod of North America, and later the Evangelical and Reformed Church of America. In 1967 the historic merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Church formed the United Church of Christ.

Our current pastor, Reverend Michael J. Matheny, was called to St. John in 2004. He also serves Our Saviour's United Church of Christ, our sister congregation in Germantown.

St. John activities include choir, Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, Women's Guild, family dartball night, an annual Brewers game and tailgate, and our Fall Art and Craft Fair each September.

St. John UCC is located on Donges Bay Road, just west of State Highway 145 (Fond du Lac Ave.)

Worship Service: 10:30 Summer Worship Service 9:30

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
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Pilgrim ("The church on the Hill") began as a new mission church of the U.C.C. in 1959. The original church building was constructed in 1965, with additions in 1993 and 2003. The congregation has experienced continuous membership growth for more than 15 years. In 2011, we installed multiple solar panels to reduce energy consumption and promote an environmentally friendly atmosphere.

Over the years, Pilgrim has ordained five members: Gordon Mineau Jr. (1969), Carol Barth (1978), Mark Schowalter (1984), Eric Wildasin Marean (2000), Mary Davies (2002).

The congregation places a high priority on its outreach ministries. Some of the ongoing programs and community support efforts include school supplies for children in need, youth mission trips, adult mission trips, St. Benedict's community meal program, Family Sharing (food & clothing), sister church endeavors with Mt. Horeb Baptist Church (Milwaukee), refugee resettlement support, Ventures in People, Habitat for Humanity, Common Ground, and much more.

Our faith community is best outlined in our Peace Statement, as we strive to:

Provide "intentional hospitality" that is welcoming, warm, and sincere.

Embrace the diversity of all people regardless of belief, culture, class, or orientation.

Aspire to follow the teachings of Jesus and the loving example set for us.

Celebrate various traditions represented in our congregation through a rich blend of theology, music, worship, and programming.

Exhibit an unwavering focus on mission work locally, nationally, globally, and environmentally.

Sunday worship services are at 8AM and 10:30 AM (Sept.-May), and 9AM in the summer.

Children's Sunday school is provided, as well as a Sunday adult study group.

Pilgrim is located west of downtown Grafton. From Washington St. (Hwy 60) turn south on First Ave., east on Highland Dr., then right on Second Ave.

**Community
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Greendale Community Church was founded on July 16, 1940 by membership vote of acceptance of the church constitution and affiliated with the Wisconsin Conference of Congregational Churches in 1948. GCC got its start as a Sunday School which began in the living rooms of two women who were unsatisfied with the Lutheran and Roman Catholic piety and religious education being offered in the newly formed village. The Sunday School grew into a worshipping body, and by the summer of 1940, 36 people were willing to sign a charter forming a new church.

The church property, located at the intersection of Clover Lane and Southway, was purchased in 1946 for the sum of \$600. It was set aside, and not built upon for seven years. The sanctuary with a multi-purpose room was constructed from 1953-1954. From May until August of 1953, the three wooden arches, which are still the focal point of the sanctuary, were laminated at the village warehouses (which later were developed into Southridge Mall). Work at the Clover Lane site began in July of 1953, and the cornerstone was laid in October of that same year. On December 24 of 1953, families gathered under those arches, with tarps as a ceiling, and wor-shipped in candlelight. Dedication services were held almost a year later in October of 1954. In the sixteen months of the building project, congregants contributed over 10,000 hours of labor.

In 1957, the sanctuary building was expanded to include Pilgrim Hall (which was badly damaged by a heavy snowfall in 1980, and thus removed). The Chancel expansion of the sanctuary, and the addition of the Christian Education wing of the church took place in 1962-63, and were dedicated in May of that year. In 1980 the building was expanded to include offices and fellowship space.

In March of 2012, ground was broken, yet again, for the construction of a new education space. The new space will provide a new main entrance more accessible to the churches parking, nine new classroom spaces, a new nursery, and accessible bathrooms. The project is to be dedicated on January 27, 2013.

What make Greendale Community Church so special, is its people. They have always looked forward, they have always had an open door, and they have always believed that their purpose is, through the help of God, to draw the best out of each other.

Emanuel Church
United Church of Christ
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There was no Protestant church in the area. Louis Kerler and Theodore Jungbluth, farmers in Greenfield Township, often spoke about the need of a church in which they could worship God in accordance with the way they were taught, that is to say, the ways of their forefathers who came from across the Atlantic Ocean to get away from wars, political and religious persecution or to kindle the burning desire for personal freedom. They grasped at the opportunity to improve both their quality of life and personal wealth in this new world. In February 1888 the first group meeting to further the church building project took place in Hales Corners School. The church founders began a land search in the area of the village where they wished to build, along the business district on the Janesville Plank Toll Road. A deal was struck, the land was purchased for \$875.00 to be paid off in five years. A construction crew from Greenfield Township immediately began construction of the wood frame 30 by 60 foot church which would seat 100 people. They completed the building before the year's end.

Thus began The German Evangelical Church, the first Protestant church in Hales Corners. Since a large portion of the Hales Corners and southwest Milwaukee area was settled by families who spoke German, all church services and the church's school were conducted in German. As was the custom, each Sunday service found women and children of the congregation worshiping in pews on the right side of the church while the men were seated on the left. In 1889 the church brass bell was commissioned, cast in Holland, transported to Hales Corners and installed – and that bell still rings in the bell tower today. In 1893, the first Women's Guild was formed and on New Years Day 1895, the Church Council voted in favor of giving church women a right to vote on all church concerns. From early on Emanuel Church clearly demonstrated a devotion to religious and human rights.

The year 1921 saw the end to male and female separation during worship services and now families could worship side-by-side. The church also began to hold service in English every other Sunday. Eventually, services in German were reduced to once a month and vanished altogether in 1936.

Many changes and challenges were to face the congregation in years approaching World War II and beyond. During the late 1930's Emanuel Church experienced a church split. A number of members and Pastor Hornburg decided that they wanted to be Lutheran and not Evangelical and Reformed. Over the years our congregation has grown stronger and learned to use dialogue and discernment to work out any controversies. Amid sweeping political, sociological, technological and ideological changes, the 1960's saw the construction of a new church building and the church membership of the 1990's witnessed many building renovation projects in addition to the installation and joy of a new state-of-the-art pipe organ. In 2003, an addition to the church included an elevator and handicap accessible restrooms.

Emanuel Church today is led by Pastor William Utke, and the congregation regularly participates in community outreach programs such as The Gathering, The Guest House, and Southwest Interfaith. Parks Edge Preschool operates within Emanuel Church as an outreach program of the church and it is also recognized as a ministry of the UCC. The congregation enjoys the musical talents of its members who offer praise through our senior choir, youth choir, bell choir, chime choir, as well as impromptu groups. The Community Chorus uses Emanuel Church for their practices and concerts. An active Board of Christian Education offers many opportunities for people of all ages to participate, learn, and grow wherever they may be on their faith journey.

St. John's United Church of Christ
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The life of St. John's in Hartford began through the influence of the German Evangelical Synod in America in 1874. The German tradition and language continued until the World Wars. We now use the contemporary English language, but are proud to retain our German Evangelical tradition.

St. John's in Hartford was founded in 1874. A small frame church on the present site was purchased from a Universalistic group in 1874. The present building, constituting in what is now the nave was built in 1907, during the pastorate of Rev. A. Blankenagel. An addition was built to the rear of this in 1919, during the Pastorate of Rev. E. Kuhn.

In 1955, the present addition began. There has been a new, spacious entrance, a new nursery and pre-school room to the rear of building, three new stairways leading to and from the basement, a new, large storage room, new furnace room with new hot water Kewanee boiler and five zones, and baseboard heating throughout the entire building.

In addition, posts were removed from the basement, steel beams installed, the floor was leveled and re-pored, and the lower hall greatly increased in size. There is a spacious coatroom, new restrooms, a large and modernly equipped kitchen -- all with new block walls painted in soft colors, tiled floor and acoustical paneled ceiling with recessed lighting.

Outside the building, a new storm sewer and drainage system was installed. Also, new sidewalks and an asphalt driveway are planned, but will be finished later. St. John's has twice bought land to the rear of the church for a spacious parking lot. This was dedicated on April 29, 1956.

St. John's celebrated with three Anniversary booklets; in 1924 the first booklet was printed in German with 36 pages. The second booklet, with sixteen pages, was with the Diamond Jubilee celebration on June 12, 1949. The third celebration was on the Centennial 1874-1974 with a 20 page booklet. There are two Church Directories, one in 1983 and one in 1999 on the 125th anniversary of the church.

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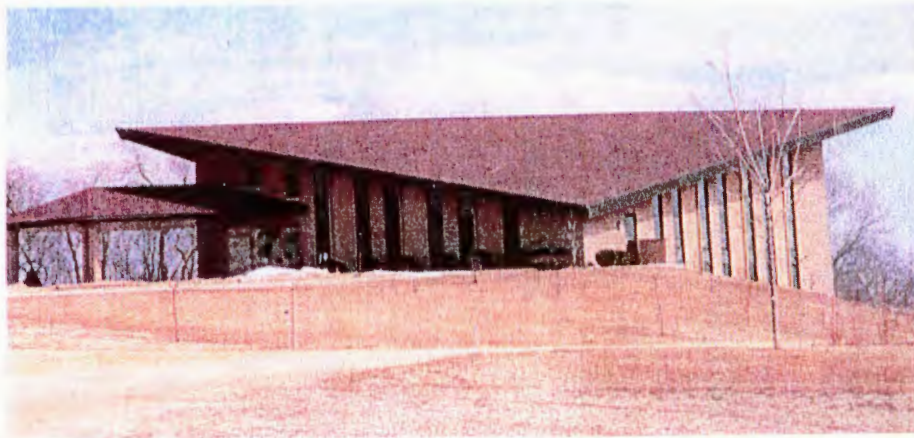
Directions: From Interstate 94, take exit 287 and travel north on WI-83 about two miles. Turn east on North Shore Drive and travel about 1.2 miles. Then turn north on Maple Avenue and continue for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Capital Drive and look for the church parking lot on your right.

First Congregational Society was founded October 1, 1842. In 1854, the congregation adopted an anti-slavery resolution. The first church building was dedicated in 1857. During the Civil War, Rev. Milton Wells was given a leave of absence to serve as a chaplain to the Union Army. In the 1890s the congregation's Code of Conduct was liberalized.

The present church building was dedicated in 1924 and the pipe organ was installed in 1927. The cornerstone for an addition was laid in 1953. In 1961 the congregation joined the United Church of Christ. Then plans began for a celebration of the congregation's 125th anniversary in 1967; a carillon was installed. The carillon was replaced in 2005 and it still is heard today!

In 1981 Mary Lundgren was the first daughter of First Congregational Church to be ordained into ministry. In 1986 the congregation dedicated a 6,000 sq. ft. addition to the building. In 1989, this congregation and several others established the Hartland Area Food Pantry. We continue to support the Food Pantry with our donations of time and money.

First Congregational has a history of long pastorates, but we called our current pastor, Rev. Carol Taylor, in April 2011. We are a family of all ages, growing in faith and in service to God. Worship and children's church school are on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our choir sings twice a month and our Men's Fellowship meets monthly as do two Circles. Adult education is on Wednesdays at 10 am and 7 pm.



**New Hope Church
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On March 20, 1852, a group of German settlers met to organize a congregation named Friedens Evangelical Church. In 1852 a log structure was built housing the congregation until 1878 when a brick structure was built at the intersection of Hwy P and Hwy C in the Town of Jackson.

On June 28, 1912 another group formed and was known as Peace Evangelical & Reformed Church. Their wooden frame church was built on the corner of Hwy 60 and Hwy P in the Village of Jackson.

In 1957, Friedens Evangelical and Peace Reformed, joined the newly established denomination, the United Church of Christ.

Frieden's and Peace merged in 1967 and became known as Frieden's-Peace UCC. These yoke of churches included Faith UCC in Slinger and St. Peter's UCC in Richfield. But in 1978, Faith separated and Frieden's-Peace and St. Peter's remained together hiring Rev. James Hill as pastor.

In the 1980's, after much prayerful discussion, Frieden's-Peace UCC made the decision to build a new church. Twenty acres of land was purchased from members Clarence and Bernice Faber.

On April 23, 1989, the last service was held at Peace UCC, and the church building and parsonage were sold to West Bend Savings Bank, who razed the buildings to develop "Old Church Square", a small business district.

In 1990 a name for the new church was chosen, New Hope United Church of Christ and construction began.

On June 2, 1991, the last service held at Frieden's and the church building was then sold in to a private party as a home and workshop. Frieden's parsonage still houses the minister and his family.

On December 15, 1991 services began in the New Hope sanctuary. The dedication was in May of 1992. Two small stained glass windows from the original Peace Church are now a part of the altar area.

Straight line winds severely damaged the church roof in 2004, and until repairs could be made, worship was held in the basement Fellowship Hall.

By 2005 our congregation had grown and we began our "PLANTING THE SEEDS OF FAITH" Campaign to build an addition with classroom space. It opened just in time for Easter, 2006.

Rev. James Hill still is our pastor and we have 225 members and growing. Our Sunday School enrollment is 80, plus our Confirmation students. Our mission work includes visiting shut-ins, hosting a food pantry and special projects for the needy at Christmas & Easter. Our members are also involved with "Project Kenya".

Worship 10:15 a.m. Summer Worship 9:30 a.m.
Christian Education: during worship, September through May

We are located 2 miles east of Hwy 45, ½ miles south of Hwy PV (Pleasant Valley Road)

**Somers Community Church
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In 1839 Pike Grove Church (Presbyterian) was organized with eight members. In 1863 the Methodist church was built. The two churches united in 1918 to form the Somers Federated Church which then became the First Congregational Church in 1921. October 16, 1960 our current building was dedicated. In 1963 the congregation chose to affiliate with the United Church of Christ and become Somers United Church of Christ. To further clarify our identity, in 1995 the name changed to Somers Community Church, United Church of Christ.

Members serve every fifth Sunday at the Shalom Center's soup kitchen and we have a non perishable food pantry on site for those in need. We have a prayer shawl ministry & also make baptism quilts & handkerchiefs. There is a book club (Books & Breakfast) that meets throughout the year & a men's group that gets together for breakfast & discussion monthly. We have a youth Puppet Ministry. The children write the script & perform for the congregation. Adult education is available through Bible Study & group discussions based on member's interests.



New Horizon United Church of Christ
9663 Hwy 144 North
Kewaskum, WI 53040

Pastor: David Schlieter
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9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
Sunday School during service

New Horizon U.C.C. church is the result of the merger of three neighboring U.C.C. churches. The three churches were: St. Paul's of Silver Creek, St. John's of Boltonville and St. John's of Beechwood. These three rural churches had their beginnings in the late 1800's each reached their peaks and gradually began to decline in growth in the late 1900's. We find all three churches had very similar backgrounds. All were settled by German immigrants, were farmers by choice, spoke the German language and brought with them a strong religious faith. All three churches never became dependant congregations because they always chose to share their pastors. All during the years, each church kept up their building's appearances, However, it was evident that enrollment of all three churches was declining. We wanted to keep the U.C.C. Denomination alive in our area.

It was during the pastors of Rev. Bill Wiederanders and Rev. Bob Seater that serious thoughts of merging became a reality. Rev. Wiederanders had to retire due to the stress effects of a tragic car accident. During his term, a New Vision Task Force was organized. Their purpose was to explore the possibilities of a merger. In Nov., we were blessed to hire Rev. Emeritus Bob Seater, who served the three churches as an interim pastor. With Rev. Seater's experience and guidance, we began the procedures of merging. In Jan of 2003, a vote was taken in each of the three congregations, and passed. Immediately, a constitution committee was formed. On April 4, 2004, the merger went into effect. This was the birth of New Horizon. The name was chosen unanimously. Next a site committee was elected. They were hoping to find a property that was centrally located, visible from a state highway. A property was located in Hwy. 144 south of Boltonville. This property consists of 10 + acres with a building that was used to assemble toys. The building was less than 10 years old with a large parking lot. Perfect for our needs. New Horizon held its first service at the new location with a temporary set-up in the warehouse on Oct. 1 2006. Construction started immediately to convert the warehouse into a beautiful Sanctuary, along with 4 classrooms, conference room, choir room and a large fellowship hall with kitchen. On December 23, 2006, we held our first service.

On Dec. 30 2007, Rev David Schlieter was accepted 100% by the congregation. He began his service Feb. of 2008. Also in Feb of 2008 Rev. Emeritus Bob Seater gave his farewell service. Rev. Seater served us well.

We are recognized by the UCC National Office as being a 5 of 5 congregations. We are very Mission minded.

The New Horizon congregation continued to grow. Immediately, many committees and teams were organized. They worked diligently, both physically and spiritually. Because of the committee's efforts, we were able to have a mortgage burning party on August 20th, 2011. But our work isn't over; we will continue to move forward by concentrating on the exterior of our building to make it look like a church. An enormous task lies ahead, but we entrust the Holy Spirit to lead us in the proper and responsible direction. And all the while, we will continue to live up to our motto:

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFES JOURNEY, YOU ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME HERE**



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Peace United Church of Christ was founded on June 2, 1898, by nine families who wanted to establish a German Evangelical Church in Kewaskum. They asked Rev. Robert Gruenwald of Fillmore to begin the first service until a regular pastor could be hired. A parcel of land on Wilhelmine Street, now 1st Street, was donated, the cornerstone was laid on June 2nd, and the building was dedicated on November 4, 1898, at a cost of \$3900.00, with much of the labor done by members.

Rev. Gruenwald served Kewaskum, Fillmore, Silver Creek, Beechwood and Waubeka congregations until the spring of 1899 when his assistant pastor at Fillmore, Rev. A. Jahnke, was hired as the first full-time pastor (serving for only a few months). Since that beginning Peace Church has been served by: Rev. Herman Erber 1899–1910, Rev. Fred Mohme 1910–1920, Rev. Henry Barth 1920–1925, Rev. Ernst Irion 1925–1929, Rev. John Frohne 1929–1932, Rev. Richard Gadow 1932–1941, Rev. R.G. Beck 1941–1946, Rev. William G. Schwemmer 1946–1951, Rev. Frederick Rodenbeck 1951–1957, Rev. Clarence Hammen 1957–1963, Rev. Dan Schowalter 1964–1975, Rev. Milton Staskal 1975–1976, Rev. Darrell Joiner 1976–1985, Rev. James Bettin 1986–1996, Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 1998–present, Rev. William Wiederanders - Minister of Visitation, 2004–present (in 2004 the church added a part-time minister of visitation).

We became a part of the Evangelical and Reformed Denomination in 1946; by this time we had only recently ceased holding services in German. The church celebrated having an active Ladies Society, a thriving Sunday School, an official Hymnal, a church newspaper the 'Tidings', and a choir that sang on Sundays. By 1957, with the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches with the Congregation Christian Churches, the name Peace United Church of Christ became official. In 1961 a Sunday School wing was dedicated to accommodate the growing church. The church added a new narthex in 1967, and in 1969 a new modern parsonage was built. In 1997 the church dedicated a newly installed elevator as a part of a commitment to being "barrier free." Hearing assistance devices were added in 1998. In 2001 we installed a new lighting system, realizing along the way that our original lights provided only slightly more illumination on our hymnals than candlelight. In 2005 we installed air-conditioning in an effort to remove barriers to summer worship. To accommodate our growing congregation, we added a second worship service in 2004.

Both in bricks and mortar and more importantly in ministry we have sought to open our hearts and our doors to our community and our world. We have been a vital part of the community in Kewaskum. In the 60's and 70's the church helped start a Senior Citizen's Center for the community. In 1987 the church was inspired by a visit from Millard Fuller and began sending mission teams to work with Habitat for Humanity for a week each year. In 1999 the church added a second trip for the High School youth, and in 2005 we started a third trip with our college age youth. In 2009 the church helped to establish a local food pantry. In 2010 the church helped to establish "Family Promise," a church based hospitality ministry to house homeless families with dependent children in the county. Our church has maintained a strong commitment to mission both locally and abroad. Locally, each year we provide all of our full time college students with a substantial scholarship. While globally we have supported and sent members with mission teams to Haiti, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, and Kenya. We have been proud to tithe to OCWM and to be a "Five for Five" congregation each year.

Throughout our history we have been blessed with continued growth in all ways, in worship and music, in education for young and old, in mission near and far, and most importantly in breaking down barriers to the Good News of a Still Speaking God.



First Congregational United Church of Christ
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First Congregational UCC was founded as the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva on April 5, 1839 by a group of 13 temperance-minded men and women organized by Charles M. Goodsell. It is the oldest established congregation in what was then the Village of Geneva, Wisconsin Territory, now the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Rev. Lemuel Hall, a traveling Presbyterian missionary, acted as moderator of the group and then served as the first pastor. He and his wife, Harriet, are buried in the old Pioneer Cemetery in Lake Geneva.

While the church was Presbyterian since its inception, the majority of the members were Congregationalists, and in 1883 the organization of the church was changed and it became known as the First Congregational Church of Lake Geneva. Due to a denominational merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church, in 1959 the name was changed to the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. (UCC)

The first church building, a wooden structure 36x26 feet, was erected in the summer of 1841. A second larger frame building was built in 1853, and on July 24, 1897 the cornerstone for the third and current church building was laid. It was built of stone at a cost of \$15,000 and was debt free.

The pipe organ and Seth Thomas clock and chimes, both of which were given as memorials, were installed at the time the church was built. The organ has been in use since that time, but has undergone a complete overhaul and renovation over the years. The Seth Thomas clock and chimes, which was started on December 7, 1897, is housed in the bell tower of the church. It was hand-wound every seven days and operated regularly for over 100 years. The original stained glass windows were also installed at the time the church was built and memorialized many of the early members of the church who were also early settlers of the area.

Through the years the interior of the church has experienced some remodeling, most noticeable being the configuration of the nave by adding a center aisle. The organ and choir areas of the chancel were originally across the front of the altar and are now at the sides of the chancel. Dickinson Hall, a memorial educational wing, was built in 1956/57. An elevator was installed there in 2001.

The purchase of the adjoining land in 1983 provided a lawn area and later, in 1990, space to build a memorial gazebo. Today part of that yard is used as a play area for the daycare center which started in 1992 and operates five days a week. A community food pantry was started in our church in 1983 and continues to be open three mornings per week. This church is also very involved in the community human concerns organization, Side by Side Inc., which holds meetings here.

Our current pastor, Rev. Charlene Hinckley, was called to First Congregational UCC in May 2010. We have an active Sunday School and music program including an adult choir, handbell choir and children's choir.

Our church is located on Wisconsin Street just east of Broad Street, 2 blocks north of Lake Geneva's main intersections of Main & Broad or Main & Center.



St Pauls United Church of Christ

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St. Pauls United Church of Christ was organized as St. Pauls United Evangelical Congregation on January 15, 1868 in the home of Friederich Carl Felsing in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. At the meeting of 01/15, a committee investigated the purchase of the vacant Methodist Episcopal Church. The building and grounds were valued at \$1,750. The purchase arrangement was one-half cash at the time of purchase and the remainder payable on 09/01/1868. English services started on 01/14/1934. German services were conducted at an earlier hour and discontinued except for a Good Friday communion service. The last German service was held on Good Friday in 1955.

For miles around the bells of St. Pauls can be heard. Two bells, a large bell and a smaller bell, were bought in 1886 at a cost of \$509.50. The bells are still rung according to the continental tradition and rules recorded in the 1886 minutes.

St. Paul's Cemetery is located two blocks northwest of the church on Appleton Avenue. Our "founding fathers" purchased an acre of land in 1868 for \$15.

The first organ (melodeon) was bought in 1872 at a cost of \$133. The present Hammond Organ was purchased in 1951.

All church school remodeling and construction activity taken place at St. Pauls has been for the purpose of providing better facilities for the instruction of the children. Also a new elevator, outdoor canopy, and entrance to Guild Hall was completed to be in compliance with ADA requirements.

Our hand bell members enjoy having bells covering two octaves and sharing their musical gift on a regular basis.

Church organizations include a Senior Choir, Youth Choir, Adult fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Craft group, Martha Circle, Prayer chain and Funeral meals, Church living history ministry, Safe Sanctuary and Bible studies,

Additional outreach ministries include F.A.C.T food pantry, Adopt-a-Highway, St. Ben's meal program, LARCUM, Boy Scouts Troop #321, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Interfaith Caregivers for seniors.

Church School and Worship Service: 9:30 AM

Redeemer United Church of Christ

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Redeemer UCC is located just south (1/4 mile) of Lisbon Road (Hwy K) on Town Line Road (Hwy V).

History

Redeemer is part of a denomination which calls itself the United Church of Christ. Founded in 1957, the United Church of Christ also was birthed with a larger vision of unity. For the first time in American history churches with widely different backgrounds came together as a visible sign of unity in Christ. Our Congregational Church roots go back as far as 1620 to the Pilgrim and Puritan settlers of New England. Our Evangelical and Reformed Church roots originate with the Lutheran and Reformed Churches of German and Swiss Protestantism. Our Christian Church heritage was a homegrown American church movement born shortly after the American Revolution in the southeastern U.S. By our 1957 founding, congregations from many other ethnic and racial backgrounds became part of this new church guided by the prayer of Jesus for his followers, "that they may all be one." (John 17:21)

Redeemer United Church of Christ traces the history of its ministry in the Sussex-Lisbon area back nearly 100 years. Redeemer UCC was formed in 1968 by the union of Salem Reformed Church (Pumpkin Hollow) Town of Pewaukee, (1871) and the German Evangelical Zion Church of Sussex (1888).

Groups

Sunday School, Regeneration, Dartball, Dine with 9, Bible Study, Congregational Care, In Home Visitors, Threshold Singers, Stewardship, Church Growth, Mission Team, Worship Ministry, Facilities Team, Youth Ministries, and Earth Care Team.

Outreach

Interfaith Senior Programs of Waukesha County, Cooperating Churches of Sussex, Pewaukee Food Pantry, Pewaukee Interchurch Lay Council, Sussex-area Outreach Services, Interfaith Earth Network, Friedens Inner-city Ministry, Community Banquet, and Hope Center Outreach Meals.



**St. John's
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In 1880, seven families formed St. John's Evangelical Church. The congregation met in their homes and the Merton Odd Fellows Lodge until 1882, when they built their first church on the northern end of Main Street in Merton. A simple wooden frame building with clear glass windows and three concrete steps leading directly into the sanctuary was erected. There was a large wooden steeple with a lightning rod. The church building was dedicated on October 15, 1882. Indians would watch through open windows as the congregation worshipped, with the men sitting on the south side of the sanctuary and women and children on the north side.

In 1910, the women of St. John's organized the Woman's Society. The group's name was changed to the Women's Guild in 1942, and this group continues to meet today. Over the years, the women have held many fundraisers and provided meals for special events, funerals, and for various community organizations. Their funds purchased countless items for the church, paid for repairs and utility bills, and benefited many charitable causes.

In 1929 – 1930, in time for the church's 50th anniversary, the building was lifted and a new foundation was built and a basement was dug out. A furnace was installed; a great improvement over the pot-bellied stoves that once stood in the church proper that had to be lit early on cold Sunday mornings to make it warm enough for worship services. Stained glass windows were added as well as popular interior decorations of the time, tinwork with impressed designs. A "Sunburst" window was also added above the door. This much-acclaimed sunburst stained glass design still exists in our church above the altar of our current building.

In 1937, the church's steeple was struck by lightning and the entire top section was lost to fire. In 1957, the church building was lifted again and moved, adding a basement, boiler room and kitchen. For the first time, the church had running water and the women no longer had to carry water from home for all the church suppers.

Eventually this building became too small, and we began searching for land to purchase for future expansion. Long-range plans for a modern facility that would be handicap accessible, offer more storage, and attract new members began.

In 2002, St. John's UCC celebrated the groundbreaking for a new facility and the current building was completed in October of 2002. It didn't take long, however, before we felt the constraints of space in our new building, so in 2008 we began groundbreaking to expand. The fellowship hall was doubled in size and an additional wing was added with a larger pastor's office, more restrooms, three classrooms, and a large all-purpose room. Construction was completed in April of 2009.

Worship and Sunday school services are at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Nursery care is provided.

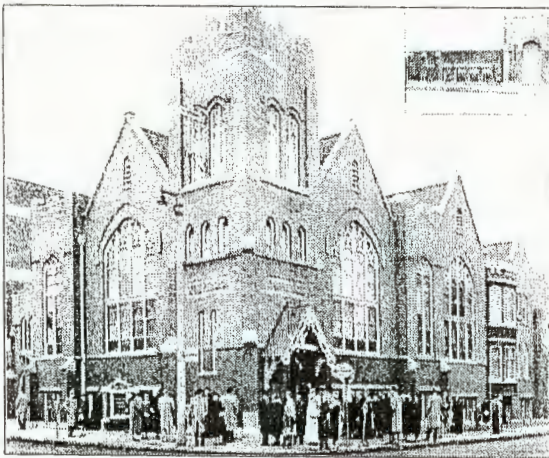
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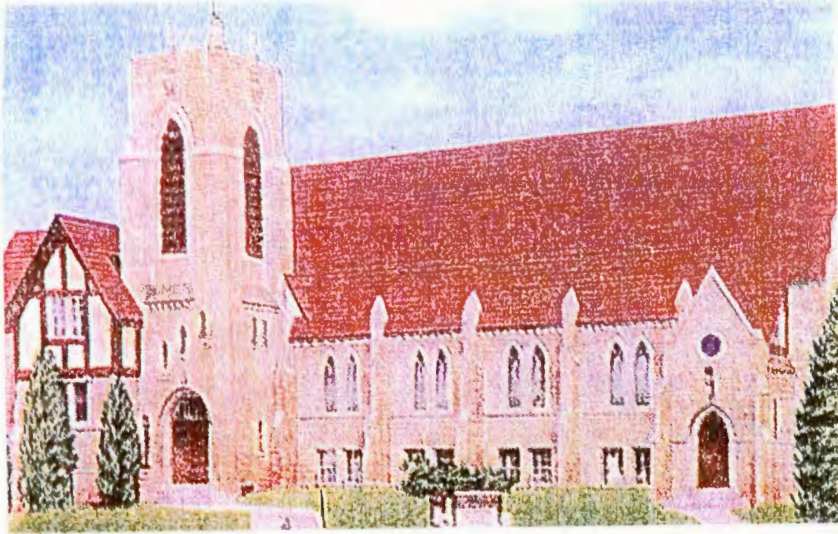


1911 to present day



On May 15, 2011, Bethel-Bethany United Church of Christ celebrated a ministry of love that began in an Ice Cream Parlor in 1911 where the founders of Bethel Evangelical Church worshipped on Sunday mornings. Guided by the leadership of Rev. Ernst Gehle, the congregation grew and expanded its church building on 38th Street and North Avenue, completed in 1926. In response to the westward movement of Milwaukee, in 1924 Rev. Gehle and leaders of Bethel founded Bethany, 16 blocks away. That was a new beginning for ministry, as the people of Bethel and Bethany sought to “*celebrate and share*” God’s Love with their neighbors. In 1975, Bethel and Bethany united into one dynamic faith community in our current Bethany Church building on the corner of 54th Street and Locust Street in Milwaukee.

For over 20 years, Bethel-Bethany UCC has hosted the Milwaukee Urban Immersion program where adults and youth experience culture diversity and urban ministry. Bethel-Bethany UCC is also engaged in ministries in the Sherman Park neighborhood of Milwaukee and beyond. Inspired by the United Church of Christ, the church seeks to become a multi-cultural / multi-racial, open and affirming, accessible to all, and just-peace church.



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From nine members and a young minister fresh out of seminary, Christ Church was born in 1895, a "Mission Church" of the Evangelical Synod for the growing Bay View community of Milwaukee. Its heritage and language were German, but over the years, people from every background would make Christ Church their spiritual home.

That young pastor, Rev. Henry Niefer, served until his death 42 years later. The first church was built in 1896 at the cost of \$2,200, and expanded as the church grew. In 1921, English was first heard at Christ Church, and German services ended in 1938. In 1922, women were granted voting rights, and the church translated its name into English in the late 1920's.

Rev. Albert Gonser came in 1937, serving until his death in 1971. The church moved into its current building in 1940, and in 1969 dedicated an education and administration wing. In 1972, Rev. Larry Bremer commenced a ministry that concluded with his retirement. Rev. Dale Stohre has served as Christ Church's pastor since January, 2002; Rev. Colleen Kwong serves part-time as Minister of the Arts, enriching our life with her gifts in the visual arts, preaching, visitation, and more.

Christ Church is a diverse, multi-generational congregation. Our vibrant Church School serves all ages, and our music ministry covers a wide range of styles through our Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, a contemporary praise band, pipe organ, and the voices of children. Christ Church at last count was involved in more than two dozen mission projects around the world; every year, adults and youth are found on mission trips around the country and in Milwaukee. We see ourselves as mission partners with the Bay View Community Center, Hope House, Kids' Kloset, the Milwaukee Community Service Corps, a Free Clinic, Southeast Interfaith, the Southeast Milwaukee Interfaith Covenant Community, a cold-weather shelter for the homeless, CROP Walk, Habitat for Humanity, local schools, and more. DIVA/DIVO, an innovative clothing resource for job-ready adults, is housed at Christ Church.

The story of Christ Church tells how people of Christian faith can embrace the needs they see around them. Our mission statement begins by acknowledging that "Everything we have and are comes from God," and concludes by affirming that what we have received, we are called to give—"From Christ, Through Us, To Others."

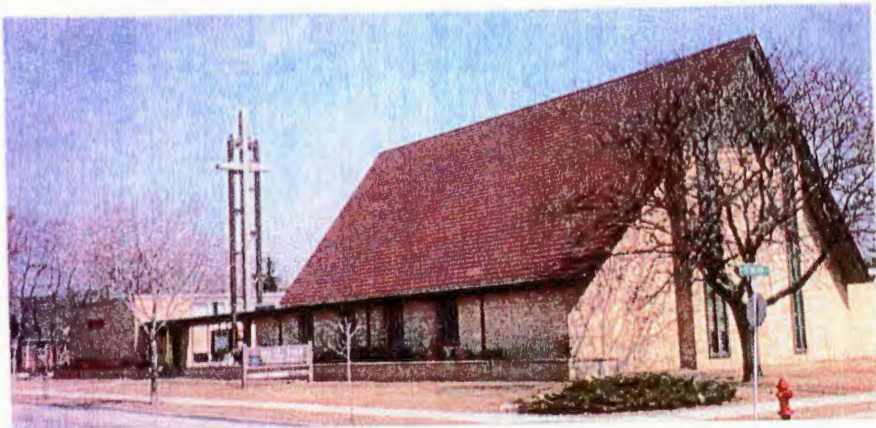
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Directions:

Christ Church is approximately half-way between I-94 and I-794 in Southeast Milwaukee's Bay View neighborhood, at the corner of Lenox Avenue and Oklahoma. From the West, take I-94 East to I-794 East; at the Oklahoma exit, turn left at the end of the exit ramp and travel approximately ½ mile West on Oklahoma Avenue to the church.

From the South, take I-94 Westbound to the Holt Avenue exit; turn right at the end of the ramp, then left at Chase Avenue and right on Oklahoma; go 9 blocks to the church.

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In 1907 Mount Tabor United Church of Christ was established. Unfortunately in 2004, Mt. Tabor ceased to function as a congregation.

In spite of offers to purchase the building, the “Spirit led” members of Mt. Tabor chose to give the building to the Wisconsin Conference.

In December of 2004, the Wisconsin Conference Minister Rev. David Moyer, met with Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr., Pastor of Trinity U.C.C., in Chicago, IL to seek his assistance in “planting” a new African American United Church of Christ congregation in the Milwaukee Area.

Rev. Dr. Wright with the approval of the Wisconsin conference selected Rev. Wanda J. Washington as the founding pastor for this “new church start.” In February of 2006, Rev. Wanda J. Washington and her husband Wayne H. Washington Sr. relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to take on the challenge of providing leadership to this new ministry.

Rev. Washington holds a bachelor's degree from Mac Murray College in Jacksonville, Ill, a master's degree from The Ohio State University, and a Master's of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary.

Before accepting her call to ministry, Rev. Washington was an educator. She taught for 19 years with special needs students (deaf-blind differently-abled students).

In 1992 she joined the staff of Trinity United Church of Christ, where she served as Director of Pastoral Services for 14 years.

On April 9th, 2006, Grace UCC took its first breath. This was a power-packed and spirit-filled service. The sanctuary was completely full! In attendance on this day was State Senator Lena Taylor who came to give her support to this new ministry.

Also present was the Wisconsin Conference Minister, Rev. David Moyer, Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Joanne Thomson, Southeast Association Minister, Dr. Thomas Bentz, and several ministers from Trinity were present to show their support to a new ministry.

Why the Name Grace

God weaved all of the various pieces into place to enable Grace to come into existence! – That's Grace!

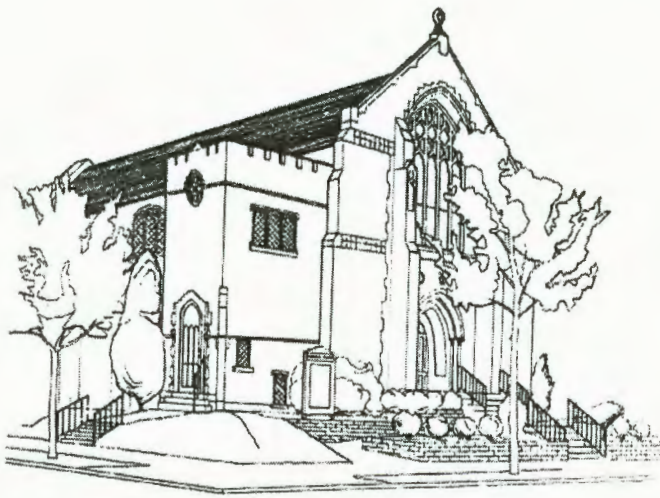
The former members of Mt. Tabor allowing themselves to be led by the Spirit – That's Grace!

Trinity UCC, Chicago providing both financial and spiritual support - That's Grace!

Total support and confidence in the possibilities of a successful new church from the Wisconsin Conference – That's Grace!

Support, encouragement and prayers from other Wisconsin UCC churches – That's Grace.

This new church had to be named GRACE! Grace exists today because of God's amazing GRACE!



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Plymouth Church has played an active role in the Milwaukee community since it was organized on May 20, 1841, as "First Congregational Church in Milwaukee." Our first church building was built in 1843 just west of the site of today's Riverside Theatre at Second Street and West Wisconsin Ave. In 1851, when the congregation moved into a new church building east of the river in the "Yankee Hill" area, the laying of the cornerstone prompted a change in name to Plymouth Church.

As Milwaukee expanded north up the lake shore, the decision was made to move Plymouth to the current location. The more notable features of the new building were added through memorial gifts. Among these were a gymnasium addition in 1919 and in 1916 the stained glass windows designed by the studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany, both given by the family of Marcia Wells. The largest window is "The Angel of Peace" which is the personification of Wisdom, based on Proverbs 3:27, "Her ways are the ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace."

A three story educational wing was added to the church in 1929 to house the growing number of children in Sunday programs. In 1956 the original sanctuary was remodeled. The ramp in front of the church was added in 1981 to make the church more accessible and, at the same time, the first ranks of a new pipe organ were installed. The new organ has been an inspiration to Plymouth's music program which includes adult and children's choirs, a bell choir and the Plymouth Chorale, which presents two concerts annually and includes many members of the community at large.

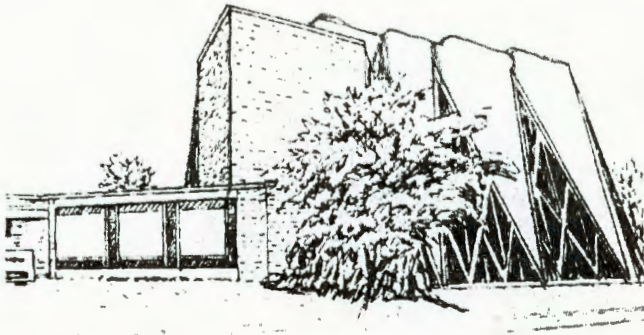
Today service to others remains a priority for Plymouth Church. Members of the congregation are at work in such community ministries as the St. Benedict-the-Moor meal program, Habitat for Humanity, Friedens Inner City Ministries' emergency food pantry, the Cathedral Center, Pathfinders, and Equality Wisconsin.

Since its inception, Plymouth Church has been active in social, political, and religious issues, such as the abolition of slavery, temperance, and more recently gay and lesbian issues, homelessness, and human rights. In 1991, Plymouth declared itself to be an "Open and Affirming" congregation of the UCC, offering a welcoming place of worship and service for persons who understand themselves to be gay or lesbian. The national UCC recognized Plymouth for its work on LGBT rights with a "Justice For All" award in 2005.

The members of Plymouth Church extend a warm welcome to all who seek a church home. Today there are over 360 church members, counting young, old and in-between. Plymouth is large enough to meet the challenges of mission and yet small enough to know and care about each other.

We are located near the shores of Lake Michigan on Hampshire Street between Lake Drive and Downer Ave. near the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee campus.

Senior Pastor Andrew Warner
 Associate Pastor Bridget Flad
 Worship Service Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. September – May



Zion United Church of Christ

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Rev. Glenn Danz, Senior Pastor & Teacher

Rev. Daniel Schowalter, Pastor Emeritus

- 1883:** Zion's first worship service, led by Pastor Henry Noehren, was held in the home of Mr. Gustave Kromm. Organized as a German-speaking congregation, the name German Evangelical Zion Church is adopted, with a particular mission focus of reaching out to the unchurched in the area.
- 1884:** First house of worship dedicated at 1424 West Greenfield Avenue.
- 1887:** A second, larger house of worship is built and dedicated at 1418 West Greenfield Avenue. The original facility at 1424 was then used as a parochial school for 10 years.
- 1934:** Zion joins the Evangelical and Reformed Church as a result of the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church of the United States.
- 1946:** Church membership increases and Zion celebrates a mortgage-burning service on November 10, 1946.
- 1957:** The name Zion United Church of Christ is adopted after the merger of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church created the United Church of Christ.
- 1958:** A new house of worship is built and dedicated at South 76th & Ohio, our present location. Ministry was carried out at Zion at two locations until 1977.
- 1980:** Another mortgage-burning service is held as Zion once again celebrates becoming debt-free.
- 1983:** Zion Pre-School, a licensed preschool nursery for children ages 3 to 5, is opened.
- 1983:** Zion celebrates 100 years of ministry.
- 1983:** To the present Zion has carried out a strong commitment and mission of community service throughout our history. Zion has been home to many outreach programs and ministries including Head Start, Journey House, Girl & Boy Scouts, Kindcare, Pastoral Counseling Services, Women's Guild, Christian Service, Samaritan Works, Frieden's North Side Food Pantry and Honduran Mission Partnership.
- 2008:** Zion United Church of Christ celebrated 125 years of ministry.

Our church groups include: Youth Sunday School, Adult Sunday School, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Youth Group, Zion Pre-School (3 & 4 yr. olds), Dartball, Young Adult Fellowship, and Lenten Simple Suppers.

Our church has a Handbell Choir and a pipe organ (Allen 3 Manual Digital Computer Model 805).

Our outreach ministries include: Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, Honduran Mission Partnership, Red Cross Emergency Shelter, Women's Quilting & Sewing Group, Hygiene Kits for CWS, "Christmas Families" sponsorship ministry, soup kitchen ministry, Thanksgiving food basket ministry, CROP Walk, Frieden's Food Pantry, and various work trips.

Directions: Zion UCC is located on the south side of Milwaukee, 3 blocks south of the intersection of South 76th Street & Oklahoma Avenue at the southwest corner of South 76th Street & Ohio Street.



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Pastor Joe A. Medina, Jr.

History: On May 7, 1843 (5 years before Wisconsin became a state), a group of people led by Rev. Stephen Peet met to consider founding a community church. A month later, the 1st Congregational Church was formally organized. The charter members numbered 17, and within a year, 10 more were added. At the time of the 9th anniversary, the number had grown to 116 members.

Services were held in the schoolhouse in Genesee in 1849, when a meeting was held to discuss building the sanctuary we now occupy. The final cost was \$1,537.60 being built on land donated by B.A. Jenkins. The early church faced many obstacles. In 1865, there was even the thought that the church would be disbanded, but our little church prevailed.

In 1895, the bell tower was erected, and the bell was donated in memory of Harriet Foster Paul. In 1924, the building was raised and turned, moving it onto a basement. It now faced Church Street, had a furnace, electric lighting, ample Sunday School room, and a kitchen. In 1961, we officially became part of the United Church of Christ. In 1962, our Education Building was built. In 1971, we became a member of the Kettle Moraine Parish, sharing our services between 3 pastors in 6 churches. In 2006, the Kettle Moraine Parish dissolved.

Presently: In the present day, we welcome the Genesee and surrounding communities to join us for our 9 am service. The first Sunday of every month, our service is held in the Educational Building as it has better handicap accessibility. We have a Sunday school that hosts an annual Christmas program as well as a weekly Adult bible study. Our outreach committee hosts several community events each year such as: Chili Dinner, Annual Pig Roast & Luau, Halloween Safe Spot, Christmas Sing-a-long, and many others.

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The Mukwonago United Church of Christ was chartered on June 25, 1972 with 114 members. Mukwonago Christian Fellowship was chosen as a temporary name until officially received into the United Church of Christ on May 13, 1973. The congregation called Rev. Joseph LaDu as their first minister. Without a permanent location, the congregation met at the Masonic Lodge, member's homes and the Universal-Unitarian church in Mukwonago.

In January 1977, the congregation voted to join the Kettle Moraine Parish. The parish consisted of six churches served by three ministers. Following a generous gift of land by the Rosenkranz family, the congregation voted to build a passive solar church with a large multi-use space on Highway NN in the Town of Mukwonago. Ground was broken in April 1980 and special service was held in a partially completed building, Christmas Eve 1980. The first worship service in the completed building was March 8, 1981.

In 1998, the congregation voted to add a dedicated sanctuary to the existing building. The first service was celebrated in the new worship space in September 1999. The expansion included a cry room, office and storage space as well as a full, yet unfinished, lower level with plenty of room to grow.

The Kettle Moraine Parish dissolved in 2006. Interim pastors served the congregation until Pastor Teresa Howell-Smith was ordained and installed on October 28, 2007.

The congregation supports many missions including local food pantries, meal programs, shelters, blanket and knitting ministries and provides financial support to the annual UCC giving opportunities, Heifer Project and OCWM.



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First Congregational United Church of Christ of Oconomowoc was founded as the First Presbyterian Church of Summit in 1841 and is the oldest active church in the Oconomowoc area. In 1843 it was officially renamed to the First Congregational Church of Summit and Oconomowoc.

In April of 1961 our congregation merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Church and became the First Congregational UCC of Oconomowoc.

Our first church building was dedicated in 1855 at the corner of Church and South Streets. It was a small New England style building nicknamed "The Little White Church" in Oconomowoc for the next 131 years.

In 1985 our new building on Concord Road was dedicated. Our original church was razed for a new library in town. Two beams salvaged from the church were formed into a large cross which still greets the church members and visitors as they approach the church today.

Our pipe organ was originally purchased in the late-1960's and was moved to the new location. A beautiful grand piano was dedicated to the church in memory of a former member in the late 1980's.

Three additions have been made to our original construction. An office and music room wing was added in 1994, the steeple, bell tower and covered entrance were added in 2002 with our original bell, and most recently a new sanctuary in 2006. Our previous worship area is now dedicated as a Gathering Space & Fellowship Hall.

First Congregational has a well-known and respected preschool on site. Hearts and Hands Preschool is a non-profit, inter-denominational preschool and serves children up to age 5.

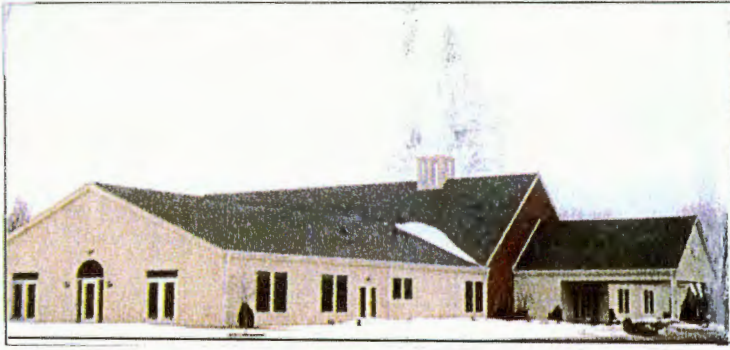
Our church is served by Senior Pastor Stephen Welch who was called to First Congregational UCC in 1988. We are also served by Pastor Lisa Schmatzhagen who was called in 2007 after completing Seminary. Lisa previously held the position of Director of Christian Education and Youth at our church.

Our church has two styles of service: a traditional worship service and a contemporary service which includes music from our choirs such as the Chancel choir, Handbell choirs, Brass Ensembles, Praise Band, and the Praise Kids.

Sunday Worship (starting Rally Day 9/9/12)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship / 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Summer Worship 9:00 a.m.



Emmanuel United Church of Christ
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History: With the building of the North-Western Railway in 1881, the Village of Dousman came to life. Emmanuel UCC began as a vision of First Congregational Church in Oconomowoc. Under the leadership of Oconomowoc's Rev. D. Jenkins, religious services were held in the Dousman Music Hall on alternate Sundays until our nine charter members (seven of whom were women), decided it was time to have a church of their own.

In 1887, Union Immanuel Congregational Church came into being and dedicated its first building on Grove Street in Dousman. Two years later, Rev. D.E. Phillips began as our first resident pastor, and 16 years later we became a yoked parish with Ottawa Presbyterian Church. Our union lasted for 56 years, until 1961 when the union was dissolved and we became "Emmanuel United Church of Christ."

Christian Endeavor was formed in 1931. In these days, we had an active Jr. Choir. A member, Gladys Pike, wrote, "the Ladies Aid made our white choir robes with the black silk bows. We had many good times together. Years before the church was remodeled, the choir loft was up behind the pulpit. Many times we girls would get to giggling during the sermon and it didn't go over too big with the minister or our parents. Soon we were asked to sing and then clear the loft before the sermon."

Rev. Ralph Schultz came in 1975, and so greatly strengthened the church that in 1997, 110 years after its beginning, we were able to build a church home more in line with our beliefs. Now we're fully handicapped accessible, with lots of room for our children, and a Sanctuary which is light and open and inviting- just like we are. In 2004, we called Rev. Nansi Hawkins, our first woman pastor; in 2010, we began our exploration of becoming an Open and Affirming church.

Ministries: In 1987, Rev. Schultz began a vital ministry delivering hot lunches to the shut-ins in the larger Dousman-Wales-North Prairie community. In conjunction with the Masonic Home and 4 area churches, this ministry continues to be one of our most important ministries, with Rev. Nansi Hawkins coordinating the program for the community. In 2004 we began as a host site for community blood drives 3 times each year. In addition, we have adopted 2 miles of highway to keep clean, as well as supporting our local food cupboard and a variety of missions chosen on a monthly basis. We are the host site for a weekly Overeaters Anonymous meeting.

Emmanuel is located on Sunset Drive (Highway 18) in the Town of Summit, near the village of Dousman. Directions from I-94: Take Exit 282 (Oconomowoc) go south on Hwy 67 for 3.3 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 18. Go west for 1.1 miles. When the road appears to fork, take the left side of the fork, staying on Hwy 18. Emmanuel will be on your left hand side just past the fork.

Programs: Adult Bible Study meets weekly and Adult Fellowship meets monthly, September-May.

Music: Emmanuel has an adult choir and praise band, each performing several times each month. In addition, the praise band performs on the float in our yearly participation in Dousman's festival parade. Worship music is provided by an electronic organ and keyboard.



First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
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In 1898, out of a desire to establish a “freer and more inclusive” community of faith, John and Julia Dennett began recruiting like-thinking individuals to establish such a church. The early members were apparently “disgruntled” Methodists among various other denominations. The Congregational Church (our first name) was founded on April 10, 1898 when twenty-seven men and women met for a service of worship. On Palm Sunday, March 21, 1948, a ballot was taken which resulted in approval for the merger of the Congregational and Evangelical and Reformed churches, thereby making our church one of the first to support the merger which was finally accomplished in 1957.

The church property has changed over the years. In 1991 a clear glass window was installed on the west side of the chancel, behind the communion table. A cut glass cross and various movable stained glass panels represent seasons of the church year. Handicapped access was approved in 1993 and a three level elevator was installed. A “Second Century” capital campaign” was approved in January 1998, nearly 100 years after the inception of our church. The major renovations included a new fellowship hall, and extensive remodeling and expansion of the building, nearly doubling the size of the original building. The majority of the project was funded by the congregation, and a bequest from George and Gladys Marquardt allowed the congregation to pay off the mortgage in 2009. Solar panels funded by the Marquardt bequest were installed on the south roof of Fellowship Hall in the summer of 2010. We have also installed air conditioning, refurbished the sanctuary floors, replaced/updated the electronic organ, and created a special fund to support mission activities. A Memorial park just south of the building is in the development stage.

Rev. Jeffrey Suddendorf was called in November, 1989 and remains with the congregation. Six ministers have been ordained in our church, several from nearby Chicago Theological Seminary. Our most recent CTS graduate, Rev. Craig Modal, was called in 2008 to a specialized disabilities ministry with a joint call between our church and the South East Wisconsin Association, UCC. Our church has sent several individuals to the Wisconsin Conference Lay Academy. One continued her Seminary education.

Our church is blessed with many talented musicians. We support two youth choirs, a senior choir, a handbell choir and frequent offerings of special music, including an Easter and Christmas brass ensemble. Our church school programs and adult study programs involve over two hundred members and children.

Since 1967 we have provided space for Port Pre-School to run their programs during the week. The Ozaukee County chapter of Habitat for Humanity has had office space in our facility since it was founded in 2000. The fall of 2010 marked the inaugural Winter Farmer’s Market, which has been a community wide success.

The Congregation supports and has approved our desire to be a Safe Sanctuary, Accessible to All (A2A) and an Open and Affirming (O&A) church.

The Church is located just north of Grand Ave., across from the library on Webster, east of the Pirates Hollow Water Park and south of the high school.

**St. John's
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Our congregation was formed in 1868 and was known as the Evangelische Gemeinde, owing its heritage to the early German settlers in the area. It was affiliated with the German Evangelical Synod of North America. The first church building was of frame construction and was erected in 1871 three miles south of Random Lake on Clover Valley Road.

In about 1903, the building was razed and its timbers used to construct a new building on Allen Street in Random Lake. In 1934 the merger of the Evangelical Synod with the Reformed Church in the United States resulted in our congregation becoming St. John' Evangelical and Reformed Church. After the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church in 1957, St. John's elected to join the new denomination and become St. John's UCC.

Vernon E. Firme, a son of St. John's was ordained in our church on October 17, 1946.

Early in 1961 plans for a new church building were formulated. After much hard Work, dedication, and prayer, the cornerstone for a new structure was laid in August, 1964. The first worship service was held in the new sanctuary in June, 1965. The architect for our unique building was William P. Wenzler and the appointments were designed by Karl Giehl.

In 1976, the congregation elected to join the Five-Star Larger Parish. In 1981, it decided to call its own full-time minister and subsequently withdrew from the Larger Parish.

Late in 2011 our building was updated with new restrooms, new roof, and new Lighting. A tall lighted cross was added outside the southeast corner of the church.

Outmost recent pastors include the Dr. Rev. Earl Kruse and Rec. Donald Niederfrank.

Our Hopes and dreams are that out Church doors will always be open to anyone wishing to Worship, that God's Word be proclaimed faithfully and diligently. Let every person feel welcome to pray, and let there be a Bible in every pew and every home where it is used and followed. This paragraph comes from 25th Anniversary Booklet of the Southeast Association under St. John's UCC.



**St. Peter's United Church of Christ
2800 Pioneer Road
Richfield, Wisconsin**

The first interested believers, as led by Rev. Roell, met on the 7th day of June, 1858, for the purpose of incorporation themselves, and electing three Trustees. They incorporated under the name of "United Evangelical St. Peter's Church."

Their first house of worship was a little log structure built in 1858. The ground was donated by Philip Weinheimer and Peter Dautermann.

Early in the year 1909, the congregation began making plans to build a new church edifice. On Sunday, May 22, 1909, the cornerstone was laid for the new building which was built 10 feet south of the old church. This new church, which is presently used, was dedicated on November 14, 1909.

In May of 1915, the congregation completed plans to form a new charge yoke with Friedens Church of Jackson. Later St. Peter's came part of the Jackson Charge along with Friedens Church.

In 1959 a remodeling project of a new entry into our church which included a cloakroom, mother's room and restrooms was undertaken. This same year a well was drilled and a bulletin board erected in front of the church. This new addition was dedicated in August of 1960. In August of 1965 ground breaking was held to remodel the front of our church. New carpeting was installed and new chancel furniture was purchased at this time. This remodeled interior was dedicated in 1966.

In June 1983, they celebrated our 125th Anniversary and again in 2008 they celebrated our 150th Anniversary. At the 150th Anniversary there was standing room only for the huge turn out. A 150th Anniversary Booklet was printed with 158 colored and black/white pages and you could have a copy for a fee.

This church has four "Sons of the Congregation" and they are: Aaron Boeker, Delbert Schowalter, Daniel Schowalter and Quintin Schowalter.

The Membership Directory printed for 1985 included three churches: St. Peter's in Richfield and two UCC churches in Jackson.

During the course of the years the church has been served by 25 pastors who performed 564 Baptisms; 243 Confirmations; 191 Marriages, and 301 Funerals.



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St. Peter's United Church of Christ was founded as a Wisconsin Lutheran Synod church with 17 members, heads of families, in 1868. In 1876, the congregation constructed its first church building and was incorporated as Evangelical St. Peter's Congregation.

The land east of the church was purchased for the first parsonage, which was built in 1895. In 1906, an addition was built on the north end of the church which included a chancel, sacristy, school room, and a second-floor meeting room. Around this time a 600 pound bell was installed in the new steeple and stained glass windows were added.

About 1934, Reverend G. A. Hensel, then pastor and an artist, presented St. Peter's with his painting of *Christ in Gethsemane*. This painting is displayed in the Fireside Area of our church.

The inside of the church building was completely renovated and dedicated in October 1942 for the church's 75th anniversary. In 1949, the basement was completed and became the Fellowship Hall, used for Sunday School classes and social events. A new pipe organ was dedicated in 1952.

In 1991, John and Elizabeth Feith presented St. Peter's congregation with a gift and a challenge to build a new addition. This gift along with many other gifts and donations from the congregation made our new church building a reality in 1996. The old parsonage was demolished to make room for the expansion. Our pipe organ, originally purchased in 1952, was moved to the new sanctuary. The 1996 addition includes a new sanctuary, office area, restrooms, a Fireside Area, and a lower level for Sunday School. A dedication service for the new addition was on October 6, 1996. The old sanctuary was remodeled into a Fellowship Hall and a larger kitchen was built north of it.

Our church is a member of the United Church of Christ, formed in 1957 with the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church. In our denomination, each congregation structures itself in a way that best ministers to its members, community, and the world.

After the balcony in the new sanctuary was completed in 2004, the church purchased a comprehensive projection (AV) system with double sanctuary screens to enhance the worship service.

We published anniversary booklets for our Diamond Jubilee in 1943, our 90th and our 100th Anniversary and for our 125th Anniversary. We will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary in 2018.

St. Peter's Church is located next to Grady Park on State Highway 33, two blocks east of the railroad tracks.



Faith United Church of Christ
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Slinger, WI 53086

Church School 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM
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Faith United Church of Christ was formed fifty years ago but its heritage goes back to the middle of the 19th century. In 1961, two small churches were sharing a pastor and holding services in their respective churches on alternate Sundays.

St. Paul's Evangelical & Reformed Church was founded in 1844 and was located south of Ackerville. St. John's Evangelical & Reformed Church was founded in 1852 and was located on the corner of Hwy E and Slinger Road. Both congregations had special needs in 1961. St. Paul's wanted to enlarge their structure, but the building was located too close to the road. St. John's wanted to enlarge their worship area and expand their fellowship area. The two congregations were already sharing a minister so each voted to, not only merge their congregations, but also combine their buildings to form Faith United Church of Christ. The bricks were removed from St. Paul's, but the stained glass windows remained intact, and the structure was moved 4 miles to the site of St. John's. The building was moved across a farm field to avoid moving the structure over the railroad tracks. When a March snowstorm swooped in, the move was halted and the church structure sat in the middle of the farm field for over a week.

On June 11, 1961, the three oldest members from the congregations participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies. Work now began to blend the two structures into one building with the project being completed the following May with a dedication service held on May 20, 1962. Services were held at the site each Sunday during the construction and no members were lost during the merger; all the members from St. John's and St. Paul's continued on as members of Faith.

The interiors of the two church buildings remained intact until 1969 when the interior was renovated and the current entrance was added. The congregation's desire to have a handicapped accessible building became a reality in 2002 with the completion of another addition containing an elevator.

Today the church is served by Pastor Sharon Stier. The congregation offers a wide variety of activities for members of every age. The KFC (Sunday School) meets each Sunday during the school year and a week in summer is set aside for Vacation Bible School. Mid-week services are held during the Advent and Lenten Season. The adult choir offers special music during Sunday worship from September through May. The congregation is part of the Ecumenical community of Slinger area churches holding Thanksgiving Eve and Unity Day services. The youth group offers a wide range of activities ranging from service projects and assisting at church functions, to learning at overnight retreats, to fun outings such as snow tubing or camping. Some members play dart ball on Monday evenings in fall and winter. One of the older organizations is The Women's Guild with members meeting several times each year for various programs. All groups come together when hundreds of people from the community attend the annual chili supper held the third Saturday of October.

The congregation continues to support local, regional, national, and international missions. Each May, a Sunday is set aside to specifically focus on Mission. Projects supported include, but are not limited to, Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, Interfaith Caregivers, Albrecht Free Clinic, The Gathering, Heifer Project International, Food Pantry, and UCC Global Ministries. A group is also working as a Prayer Shawl Ministry and the youth are planning a working mission trip to Biloxi Mississippi in 2012.

The faith of the members of St. Paul's and St. John's helped form Faith UCC and the faith of the people of Faith still continues on today.

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Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ for Sunday worship and for Church School. We are celebrating 164 years of worship in the Slinger area. St. John's is faithfully serving the Slinger area and Washington County through: Christian Education, Evangelism, Worship and Service.

The Congregation of St. John was organized in 1848, the same year that Wisconsin became a state. They adopted the name St. John's United Evangelical Lutheran Church in the year 1854. The year of 1982 marked our 140th anniversary of faithful witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. We had our second anniversary booklets printed for our Sesquicentennial Anniversary. In the midst of all their hard labor, they did not forget the thorough German religious training they had received in their old homes. In 1848 a piece of land was bought from Julius Schleisinger for one dollar and there the log church was built. We had two church directories published, one in 1996 and another one in 2001.

Our first and oldest church building was built on top of the hill on 116 Kettle Moraine Drive, South of Slinger. That was our home for 155 years.

Our biggest joy is the building of our new church and we dedicated it on Sunday, January 12, 2003. This new building is fully handicap accessible. We took all our beautiful stained glassed windows and corner stone plus some furniture to the new church. It is appropriate as St. John's begins its 155th year of ministry to GOD that we gather here in this new building. We commit ourselves to continuing the ministry of St. John's in service to the Slinger Community.

We are "Saturating Our Life Together in Prayer".

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First Congregational Church sits on a small hill alongside the main north-south route through the city of South Milwaukee. Originally started as a house church in 1837 and served by itinerant preachers from the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational churches, this faith community was finally established as a Congregational church in 1854. It was the first church in what was then the Oak Creek area, and the first Sanctuary was built at this location by a father/son carpentry team for the sum of \$150.00. The church was rebuilt after a fire in 1913 and an educational and office wing was added in 1957.

The lighted bell tower is a welcoming landmark for those traveling on Highway 32. The exterior of the building is a combination of white siding and orange brick. Inside, the Sanctuary has a plain, Congregational style with a Communion table, an elevated cross, a pulpit and a lectern in the front. A pipe organ was removed in the 1950's, and currently there is an electronic keyboard and an electronic organ for accompaniment. An elevator was added in the 1990's in order to make it possible to by-pass the three stairways that lead to the Sanctuary level of the church.

The current congregation is proud of the fact that it is a Five-for-Five church, in that it strives to meet its OCWM goal each year and participates in the four all-church offerings each year. In addition, First Congregational UCC regularly supports local missions such as a homeless shelter, a family violence shelter, two food pantries, an interfaith program for the elderly, and a meals program. Young people and adults have found a valued second home in the outdoor ministries of the Conference: First Congregational sends among the highest number of youth campers to Pilgrim Center each summer; three retreats are held there each year (youth, women and adult); and members have been regular participants in work projects.

Feel free to stop in at any time! Access to Chicago Ave/Hwy 32 from I-94 is easiest by way of either College Avenue to the north or Rawson Avenue to the south.



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Members of a small church in Cudahy known as Christ Evangelical Church were looking to establish a new church in South Milwaukee and the Evangelical St. Lucas Church was founded on May 4, 1907. It was a member of the Evangelical Synod of North America. The first church was located at 909 Michigan Avenue. Rev. Samuel Gonser was the pastor for both churches.

Around 1927 the congregation purchased Emmanuel Church located on the northwest corner of 9th and Madison Avenues. After renovations and improvements the congregation now had a parsonage, a new sanctuary and a meeting place for the Sunday School and other church functions.

On January 11, 1942 at the annual meeting it was voted to change the name of the church to St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church after the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church of the United States.

In 1946, the property at 18th and Madison Avenues, where the current church is now located was purchased. Ground breaking was held on May 17, 1959 and the first service in the new sanctuary was held on February 28, 1960.

In 1961, it was voted to change the name of the church again after the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Church. The new name is now St. Luke's United Church of Christ.

On Sunday, April 15, 1972 ground was broken to build a 4300 sq. ft. addition that would be used for Sunday School classrooms, a lounge/chapel and new offices. On April 1, 1973 the new addition was dedicated.

On May 4, 2007, we celebrated our 100th Anniversary.

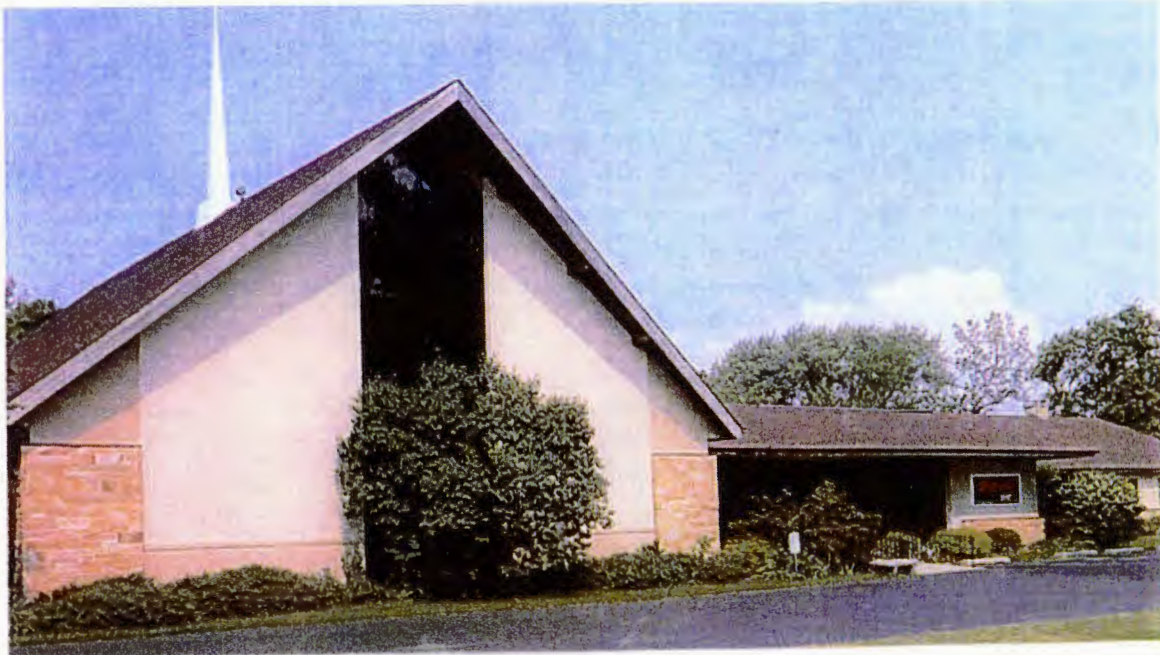
On February 15, 2010, Rev. Beth (Cherney) Abbott was called by God and this congregation to lead us in worship.

In 1993 the church was the benefactor of a large sum of money that was used to start an endowment fund. The money from the endowment is used to provide scholarships for members of the church for college and camp as well as helping local, state and nationwide organizations. Improvements to the church building such as new parking lot, new boilers and new roof were possible with this fund.

Every year we collect teddy bears and other stuffed animals that are distributed to local fire and police departments and shelters. We help families in need with food, toiletries and paper products throughout the year and on Harvest Sunday we collect bags of food to be distributed to the local food pantry, Human Concerns. We provide Christmas gifts to help these same families have a joyous Christmas.

St. Luke's United Church of Christ is located 2 blocks south of East Rawson Avenue and one block east of Pennsylvania/Nicholson Avenue.

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Our story begins in 1950, when some parents in Twin Lakes expressed concern that there was no Protestant Church or Sunday School in the village. With the help of Rev. Henry Schadeberg of Plymouth Congregational, Burlington, the first Sunday School class was held at the Twin Lakes Village Hall on Palm Sunday of 1950. With the continued support of the village and Rev. Schadeberg, evening worship services began in the Fall of 1950. On November 19th of that year, 10 people became charter members of Calvary Congregational Christian Church. In 1961 the congregation became part of The United Church of Christ.

Throughout the years, with much hard work, dedication, and fund-raising, Calvary created a church home for itself in 3 separate building campaigns: The first phase of the building was dedicated in 1958, with the sanctuary doubling as fellowship space. In 1982 an education wing was added. 1998 saw the completion of a beautiful new sanctuary.

For many years, Calvary UCC shared a pastor with other congregations – First Congregational UCC in Genoa City and then Wilmot United Methodist Church. The first full-time pastor was called in 1993.

Calvary UCC is a small church with a big spirit. We are very active in the community and strive to let the light of Christ shine through us in all that we do.

Union Grove Congregational United Church of Christ

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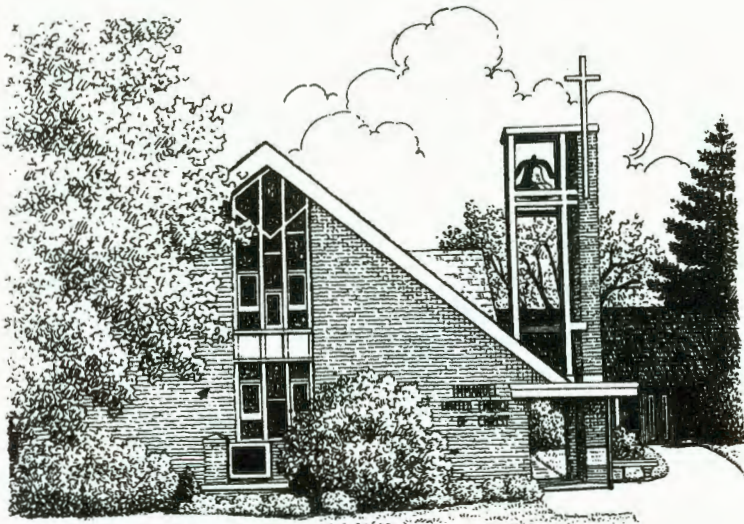


Union Grove Congregational UCC, from a watercolor by Rev. Manda Stack

As the oldest congregation in Union Grove, founded by settlers, our church has been sharing the good news of God's love since 1844. Surviving three fires through the years, our historical building of Cream City Brick was built in 1892. The congregation was founded on service to the community. Stained glass windows in the front of church proclaim, "Look out and not in, look forward and not back and lend a hand." We are yoked with Raymond Community Church.

Historical Timeline

- 1844 – Fourteen settlers from this area met in a schoolhouse with the Rev. Cadwell, organizing "*The Congregational Church of Paris*," named for only post office in the area.
- 1851 – A wood frame church was built by members. A choir was started under the direction of Dr. A. P. Adams.
- 1862 – The small wood-frame church building was moved by oxen over logs to a new location on donated land. The Civil War had a great impact on our church, as it did on so many families in our nation. In August of this year, at the close of the worship service, 14 young men were presented with a special pocket bible as they prepared to serve as volunteers with Company A, 22nd Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers. At that same time, these 14 men presented the church with a large Bible that was personally inscribed by each of them. Our church still cherishes this bible today. The women of the church organized a Soldier's Aid and sent barrels of food and clothing to the Civil War soldiers.
- 1871 – News of the Great Chicago Fire spurred the Ladies' Aid Society to work for two weeks straight making food, gathering supplies and clothing. This was taken each day by wagon to Racine and then sent by boat to help the victims.
- 1878 – A new brick church was built to accommodate growing membership.
- 1884 – Name was changed to "*Union Grove Congregational Church and Society*."
- 1892 – Brick church was built following a lightning-induced fire that destroyed the first building.
- 1929 – Pipe organ given in memory of Dr. A.P Adams, the first choir director, by granddaughter.
- 1973 – Joined New Hope Larger Parish of five area UCC and United Methodist Churches, with shared pastoral leadership. This lasted until 1990.
- 1990 – Joined with Raymond Community Church, UCC in a yoked partnership
- 2012 and Beyond – Our congregation continues to serve God by living out our mission: As people of faith, we welcome everyone to experience the good news of God's love, joy in Christ, and communion in Spirit as we reach out to our congregation, community, and the world.



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Immanuel Church in Walworth has had two histories until 1970, when Immanuel United Methodist and the United Church of Christ next door merged. The Immanuel "Corner Church" was organized in 1883 as an Evangelical congregation of German heritage. (It was not the German Evangelical Synod of North America—predecessor of the Evangelical and Reformed UCC tradition—but that which became a merger partner for the Methodists, the Evangelical United Brethren). Immanuel built a wood frame building in 1891 and a new, larger sanctuary in 1916. The Walworth Congregational Church organized in 1893 and worshipped with their neighbors until their first building was erected in 1904. A new sanctuary and bell tower were built in 1956, and thirty years later, Pastor William Zopp created sixteen art stained glass windows, colorfully depicting biblical scenes. The two congregations grew up together on the same block, working cooperatively to serve the Walworth area, growing to about 150 members each, until they combined in 1970 as Immanuel United Church of Christ. The first pastor of Immanuel UCC was Truman Stehr who later served Grand Avenue Church in Milwaukee.

Eventually, the "Corner Church" was torn down and the educational wings of the two formerly separate churches were united as an office corridor. The dynamic congregation (in 1970) of three hundred members took a leading role in the affairs of the west Geneva Lake community of more than sixteen hundred. Immanuel combines rural and small town flavors. We operated a weekday pre-school for many years, (which ended when K-4 came into effect) and our Sunday School had an attendance of 50-60 children. With all the changes that have occurred over the years, Immanuel has remained a community minded congregation, always helping and serving the community. The local Food Pantry is housed at Immanuel and services about 220 individuals a month. Lydia's Helpers Quilt group provides comfort to those in need and ill. Our vocal and handbell choirs add a beautiful dimension to our worship service. We average around 45-60 in attendance each week. Immanuel also joins with other congregations in the community in Ecumenical services three times a year.

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Watertown
120 Kuckkan Lane, Watertown, WI 53094



*First Congregational Church of Watertown establish in 1845.

First Congregational has had three church homes, the first built in 1851, second 1910, and the present in 1994. Our second church is now known as Heritage Hall home of the Dodge and Jefferson County Historical Society and the First Brigade Band.

We are the second oldest church in Watertown and one of the oldest in the conference.

Our church has a wonderful Christian Education program. For our school age children there is a well organized Sunday School program; for middle school and high school age there is an active Youth Group and for adults there is a Faith Formation program that now includes Lay Academy quality credit courses.

Music Ministry includes two children's choir, adult choir, and a praise band. Sunday service music is performed on our grand piano and pipe organ. We also have guest musicians perform during the year. Our sanctuary has been the site of many High School Senior Recitals.

The church has sponsored ministries/missions to other countries most recent was Haiti. We are also a Five for Five congregation and annually budget to support Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM.)

We serve our community with many programs/ministries: We are a location for the Blood Center of Wisconsin blood drives and we have been the home to the Gingerbread Pre-school and Daycare for almost 40 years. We began Summer Sandwiches in the Park (a weekly meal program that runs throughout the summer months), Undies Sunday and School Supply distribution, Meals on Wheels, Watertown Food Pantry, Bread and Roses, Watertown Cares Clinic and Habitat for Humanity.

First Congregational has a very successful Stevens Ministry program that helps minister to the Watertown community.

For more information about our church please check our Web page firstcongwtn.org and our history www.watertownhistory/articles/firstcongregational.htm

First Congregational
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The First Congregational UCC is located in historic downtown Waukesha at the corners of Broadway and East Avenues. When founded on January 20, 1838 it was the first Congregational Church in the Wisconsin Territory and the first church in what was later to become Waukesha County. In June, 1961 the congregation joined the United Church of Christ. The church became a Wisconsin Registered Landmark in 1975.

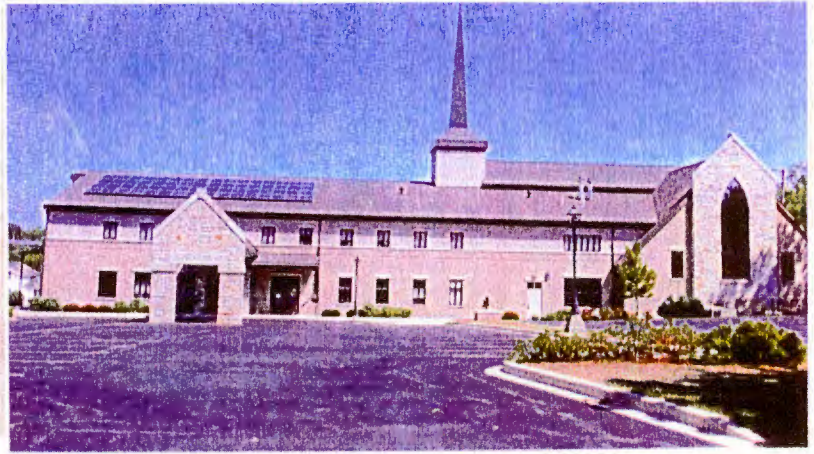
The church building was erected in 1867 and has been renovated and remodeled numerous times since then, including the addition of an educational wing in 1961. The sanctuary is highlighted by beautiful stained glass windows and a large pipe organ.

Worship services at First Congregational UCC are of a blended format which includes a time for children, and music by the chancel and handbell choirs. Communion is served monthly and the table is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people. Educational opportunities are available for all age groups, and we are a safe sanctuary where all staff and volunteers have participated in training and have undergone background checks.

As part of the UCC the church is a "5 for 5 Church" and also supports local ministries both actively and financially. Both youth and adults have the opportunity to participate in mission trips providing aid in various parts of the country.

Having just completed a major capital funds campaign and soon to be calling a new minister, we seek to discern God's will as we continue our church's mission to be an inclusive Christian faith community, spiritually nurturing and extending ministry to all.

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The Evangelical and Reformed church first came into being in 1862 when a few, mostly farming, families of Swiss German heritage gathered at Lawrence School, on Saylesville Road. The Congregation was known as the Erste Deutsche Reformirte Kirche (later, First German Reformed Church). The congregation then moved to the property where the new church now stands. A building was purchased from the Prairieville Academy, which became Carroll College. This building was the first brick and stone building in the state of Wisconsin.

That Prairieville Academy building lasted until it became too small for the growing congregation and was replaced by a beautiful Gothic building in 1891. This building was added to in 1925 and 1957 as the congregation continued to grow. The 1891 and 1925 portions of the building were destroyed by a tragic fire in December of 2005. The new building took two years and 11 months to build while our congregation worshipped in the Masonic Lodge in Waukesha. Our new building was finally opened in September of 2008.

When the Evangelical and Reformed denomination came into being through the Union of the Reformed Church of the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America in 1933, this congregation changed its name to the "Evangelical and Reformed Church of Waukesha." When the United Church came into being in 1957, the name was again changed to "The Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ of Waukesha."

Our congregation has benefited from wise leadership of several pastors, most significantly in recent years, the Reverend Ralph Ley who went on to serve another parish in Illinois before becoming the Wisconsin Conference Minister from 1966 until his retirement in 1981. The Reverend Howard Kusler's 37 years ministry was recently recognized by naming him "Pastor Emeritus" in December of 2008. Both are remembered fondly by our older members.

During the life of this church, four Anniversary Booklets were printed in the following years: 90th in 1956, 100th in 1966, 125th in 1991 and 140th in 2006. Three Church Directories were published in 1999, 2003 and last one in 2010.

The above came from the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Wisconsin Association of the United Church of Christ when this church was the host. Rev. Jim Gorman provided this history.

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The congregation of Calvary Memorial United Church of Christ began as a composition of two Churches in Wauwatosa that welded into one whole ... the membership of the former Peace Memorial Church on 12331 W. Capitol Dr. and the former St. Paul's Church, 1510 N. 70th Street. In 1954, the merger of these two congregations was consummated ... and Calvary Memorial United Church of Christ was born. The dream of each of the former congregations to erect a new church in the area was made possible using the combined resources and properties.

The former Peace Memorial was the oldest of the two churches. The actual beginning when it was called "Friedens Evangelical Kirche" is somewhat obscure, but there is evidence that it was established by 1870. Records show that the first pastor baptized children in that year. Tradition says that the name Friedens was given this church because of its connection with Friedens Evangelical and Reformed Church, 13th and Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, under who's "mothering" it survived the early years. Sometime in its history the name was changed to Peace Memorial. It is surmised that this was done to distinguish it from the other Friedens Churches.

The former St. Paul's Church was established in 1903 and received its first ministerial service from the same pastor who was serving Peace Memorial and Trinity Church in Brookfield. On November 29, 1903, the cornerstone was laid for the church building at 1510 North 70th Street. The congregation then numbered 35 families, with 25 members in the Ladies' Aid and a Sunday school of 50. By October 1907 a new parsonage was erected, and in 1914 the tower was added.

The first minister of Calvary Memorial was the Rev. Carroll Ohm, whose five-year pastorate would see Calvary through her first crucial years as a new church. Following Rev. Ohm, the Rev. Donald Koehn was called to serve Calvary until 1990 when he retired. Much change took place in his thirty-two years of service, both in the church and in the community. It was during this time that the Christian Education wing was added, (1964) giving the building its present look today. In 1993, Rev. Don Ellerman was called as pastor, and in 1995 Rev. George Schowalter was called as the minister of visitation. In 2007, Rev. Lorrie Wenzel was called to Calvary Memorial, and she is our current pastor.

The cornerstone for Calvary Memorial was laid on October 17, 1954 and the dedication was held on October 9, 1955.

In 1979 Calvary Memorial had their 25th Anniversary and in October of 2004, a 50th anniversary celebration was held.



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Worship Services:
 Sunday: 9:00 & 10:30 A.M.
 Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.

Sunday School Classes for all ages:
 Sunday 10:30 A.M.

Immanuel United Church of Christ, originally a member of the Evangelical and Reformed denomination was founded by 9 men in 1890. The original frame constructed building located on the corner of Fifth and Walnut Street cost around \$1,000. The present brick structure, now a downtown landmark sits on the original land. Immanuel has been served by 16 ministers in its 121 years, and is presently served by Rev. Richard Vincent. Present membership is 381.

Immanuel is a community of God's people, called, gathered, and sent to bear witness to the redemptive reign of God by participating in God's mission in the world. The primary ways that Immanuel carries out its purpose are through (1) radical hospitality, (2) passionate worship, (3) intentional faith development, (4) risk-taking mission and service, and (5) extravagant hospitality.

Mission work is important for Immanuel. A partnership began in 2005 to support the family of Novahu Valluri, friend of previous pastor, James Eckblad, who felt called from God to leave his prominent position of Professor of Theology in India to move to a remote village to spread the word of God. What began as support for Novahu's family and the Mobile Bible School has since increased to supporting a school for 267 students, an orphanage with 25 children, several cutting and tailoring centers for women, and 23 house pastors.

Another mission project began in the fall of 2008 when Immanuel opened The Circle of Friends Shoppe in a vacant house owned by the church. This Shoppe is open to anyone in the community who is going through emotional and financial hardship in their lives. People can "shop for free" for clothing, bedding, toweling, kitchen and other household items. To date, over 800 individuals have been served at the Shoppe.

Immanuel offers several worship service options: Sunday morning traditional service at 9:00, casual service with contemporary music at 10:30, and a Wednesday evening Bible Study service at 7:00 with contemporary music. Opportunities are available for people of all age to be involved in the life of the church.

The Mission Statement of Immanuel Church

"To bring everyone into a Joy-filled relationship with Jesus Christ that will transform their lives and make even the impossible possible."

St. John's United Church of Christ
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This church is located in little town
in Washington County called Kohlsville.



- 1847 The church is founded.
- 1853 On November 7th ground-work for the present church is started. The first worship services are held at the home of Gabriel Endlich.
- 1854 The first regular pastors boarded with congregational members because there was no parsonage.
Tradition has it that the first church was a small, crude log house built over the stumps of trees which served as pews after the building was completed.
- 1860 Logs are donated by the members, for the first building of a log type church.
- 1870 The congregation bought a small house which served as a parsonage.
- 1892 The present church building is erected.
- 1893 The new church building was dedicated by Rev. E. Bersch in January.
A new parsonage was erected next to the church sanctuary. At this time, the congregation shared their Pastor and services with members of the Roman Catholic and Lutheran denominations.
- 1913 A bell and organ are added to the church. The bell is still in use today.
- 1900 Except for the first few years, St. John's was an independent church organization affiliated with the Evangelical Synod.
- 1917 The rear annex is added, the art glass windows installed and the interior remodeled and redecorated.
- 1932 Up until now worship services were conducted in German. At the request of the young people in church, it is changed to English services.
- 1933 Became a member of the then merged Evangelical and Reformed Church of the South Wisconsin Synod.
- 1949 New light fixtures are added; the pews and floor refinished, the dorsal and lectern added and the exterior of the church painted. Oil burner conversion is made in the parsonage and the church heating plant was installed.
- 1953 For the observance of our centennial, some of the items donated are a new Hammond Spinet Organ and a beautiful set of chimes added to the organ. A Centennial Observance Booklet was printed.
- 1962 St. John's becomes a member of the United Church of Christ.
- 1963 A booklet is printed for a 110th Anniversary.
- 1968 The basement was dug for a Fellowship Hall and the church building is moved about 100 yards to the north to its present location.
- 1972 Celebrations are held for the 125th Anniversary
- 1988 Siding is installed on the church and protection is placed over the stained glass windows.
- 1997 Celebrations are held for the 150th Anniversary.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Congregational

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The First Congregational Church of Williams Bay was established in December 1896. In December 1897 it was voted to build a church building. That church building was dedicated on August 15, 1901.

Since that founding the highlights include:

- The first church building was destroyed by a fire on December 3, 1911.
- The second church building was dedicated on May 19, 1912
- A parsonage was built and completed in January 1917
- In 1940 the U.S Treasury Department identified the church as “the typical rural church”. From this the church became the anchor point for a radio broadcast that linked up Williams Bay, New York City and Washington D.C. bringing Admiral Chester Nimitz, General Dwight Eisenhower, Bing Crosby, Capt. Ronald Reagan into the homes of millions of Americans. During the broadcast Rev. Cuvin Brenneman, the minister of the church, offered prayers, the church Choir offered special music and the congregation led the nation in the Lord’s Prayer.
- In 1949 the war in Europe left many homeless and without a country to which to return; these people became known as DP’s – Displaced Persons. The congregation decided to cosponsor with George Williams College (Aurora University) a DP Family. The family quickly became part of the church family and still active in the church today.
- On February 21, 1953 the church building was once again destroyed by fire.
- On February 21, 1954 the cornerstone of the present building was in place.

Through the years the Ladies Aid, the Sunday School, the Choir, the youth Group and others have provided ministry, energy and activities to the life of the congregation. As with all groups some have been active for years and others have filled the needs of a specific time.

Music has always been a meaningful part of our worship. While we have an organ we currently are accompanied by a pianist for our congregational singing and our choir.

In recent years we have identified one area program for our local outreach ministry. We enthusiastically support with food, school items, gifts and financial gifts the work of the Association for the Prevention of Family Violence of Walworth County.

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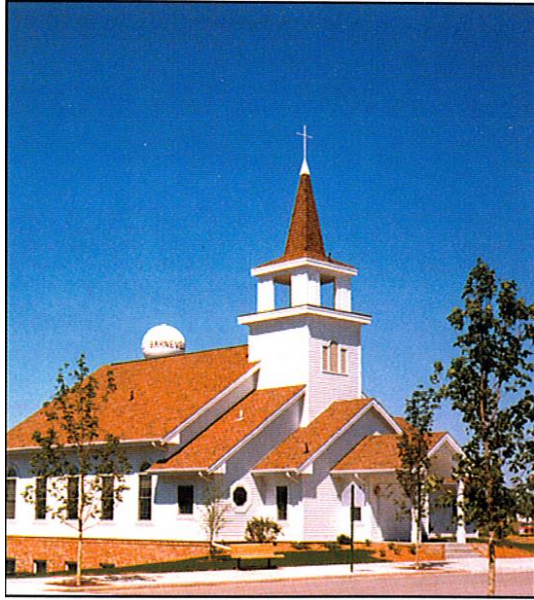
In December 1847, nine men and women organized the First Congregational Church in the Baraboo log school house. The day after the congregation was formed, women were given equal voting rights in all matters. It was a sign of things to come in matters of social justice. In 1849 the congregation's members wrote, "We believe...slavery to be inhuman, unjust, unscriptural and therefore sinful; we ...regard slavery as a sin of the greatest magnitude."

In 1852, the little congregation built "the little red brick church" with bricks made by founding pastor, Rev. Warren Cochran. The congregation would build two more buildings and share space with other congregations before settling at Sixth Avenue and Broadway. Dedicated in 1895, the current building was designed by Starbuck & Rose of Milwaukee. Original stained glass windows are found throughout. The church's bell tower design became ironically known as "the witch's hat", and was later replicated by Rose in churches in California. The pressed tin ceiling of the sanctuary and pews were installed in 1900.

Over the years, the congregation's commitment to social justice has persisted, often drawing derision in the community. Before the Civil War, the Congregationalists joined with the Methodists in protest of liquor sales in "The Whiskey War". In 1918, the church threw full public support behind women's suffrage. Pastors and members were active in opposition to the Vietnam War. In 1971, in a narrow vote among 12 members, the congregation chose to not merge with the Presbyterian Church. In 1967, the congregation called the first African-American pastor in the community; in 1986, the first female pastor in the Baraboo community; and in 2003 the first openly gay pastor in the community. In 2002, the members voted to become an "Open and Affirming" congregation of the United Church of Christ. Members have been active in support of public education and public employees' labor rights. The congregation employs a Parish Nurse who offers holistic health opportunities to the church and community, including a large Parkinson's Disease support group that meets at the church monthly.

The congregation has been faithful in its commitments to mission in the community, the wider church and the world. The church has led for years in per capita support of One Great Hour of Sharing in Wisconsin Conference and the entire denomination. Community commitments include the Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Hope House shelter, Interfaith Volunteers, and others. The congregation has an active Sunday School and vibrant music, with 16-voice choir (on average) that sings most Sundays, September through May. Improvements and additions have made the building accessible, including a "loop" T-coil hearing system. The latest building project restored the exterior tuck-pointing and renovated the chancel, with handrails, hardwood flooring and a more open design.

Children's Sunday School and Adult Study, 9 AM Worship, 10:15 AM
Summer Schedule (Memorial Day-Labor Day) Worship, 9:30 AM
In historic downtown Baraboo, two blocks north of the Courthouse Square.



Barneveld United Church of Christ

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The History of the Congregational United Church of Christ Barneveld, Wisconsin

Formal religious services were started on March 16, 1847. The first minister, Reverend David Jones, came to Wisconsin in 1844 as a missionary among the scattered Welsh settlements. The first church, a log building was erected in 1849. A frame building was erected just inside

the White Church Cemetery in 1850 and received its name because the church was the only painted church in the area.

In the year 1882 these members decided to build a church in the Village of Barneveld on the land owned and presented to them by Mrs. Mary Simpson. Upon completion, morning services were conducted in Welsh and evening services were conducted in English until June 6, 1900, when Welsh was discontinued. This structure was destroyed by lightning on August 10, 1910. It was rebuilt and dedicated as The Plymouth Congregational Church August 4, 1912.

On October 18, 1931, The Community Presbyterian Church, (which consisted of Baptists, Methodist and German Lutheran) united with the Plymouth Congregational Church. On November 4, 1951, the members of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed Church joined hands with ours. During the next few years an addition was built and dedication services were held June 12, 1954.

In the year 1957 the Hyde Church, which was ministered to by the pastor of the Congregational Church, was closed and some members transferred to our church. On January 12, 1958, the name was changed by unanimous vote of the The Congregational United Church of Christ.

That structure served its members well, until destroyed by the tornado on June 8, 1984. The present structure was then built and dedication services were held on June 8, 1986.

ZWINGLI UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
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About the year 1900, a number of farm families of the Reformed faith settled in and around the vicinity of Paoli. In the course of the years other families from New Glarus and the homeland of Switzerland sought their livelihood here. Being home-loving and conscientious, they soon became well-established. One thing was missing, a church. Distances deprived them of regular attendance in the churches around them.

Realizing the needs of these people, the Rev. Fred W. Hoernemann of the Mission House, was sent here in 1912. Later the pastor of the Dayton-Mt. Vernon churches began to hold services here. The first meeting of the congregation was held March 16, 1913. It was at this meeting that the Zwingli Reformed Church of Paoli was officially organized and a constitution adopted.

The work went forwarded with united effort and zeal. So in 1914 the present property was purchased from Methodist Episcopal Church (purchased for \$425.) and has served well to the service of Christ.

The church building was built in 1877 as a one room building (like a country school) and over the last 100 years a full basement, two story addition, new entrance with restrooms, coat room, and council meeting room was added.

A very active Women's Guild has raised funds for the annual budget and special needs. Sunday school has been continuous for 100 years with many well schooled and dedicated teachers. A small choir sings during the year and special individuals/groups and their special music.

We have been blessed with organ and piano music by very well trained musicians. Currently we have Sunday morning worship, and a Contemplative weekday worship.

First United Church of Christ

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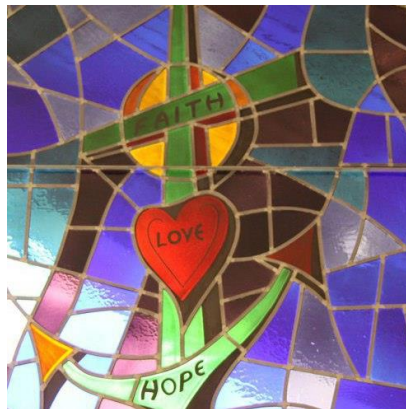
In 1914, a group of Swiss settlers formed a congregation in Belleville called the First Reformed Church. Fifty-six charter members adopted a constitution and elected the first church council. One wonders if those first faithful members would dream of the foundations they were setting for generations to come.



Today, the First Church, now a congregation of the United Church of Christ, continues to thrive in worship and service of its community and its world. We seek to live out Jesus' commandment "to love God with all your heart, and to love your neighbor as yourself."

The expressions of faith at First Church are many and varied. Ministry teams, committees, fellowship groups, and individuals all combine to work as a faith family. Fellowship groups include Youth, several Women's Guilds, choirs of both vocal and bells. Other ministries include Care & Share visitors, Building and Grounds caretakers, and Stewardship.

First Church participates or supports the CROP Walk, The Giving Tree, Project Linus, the Senior Citizens Center, our local food pantry and each of the special offerings of the United Church of Christ. We open our facility to host Girl & Boy Scouts, 4-H, Kindergarten screening, and the annual UFO Days.



First Congregational UCC

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On August 2, 1857 at a meeting held in the depot of M&M Railroad nine people signed a document establishing "Boscobel Congregational Church." A. A. Overton is considered the founder. The church enjoyed steady growth to include 58 members by January 1, 1968, after which 54 members were added in that year alone under the leadership of Dr. William Stoddard, who served as pastor from 1867 to 1879.

The first church building was opened for public worship on July 12, 1863 on land donated by John Mortimer. The entire cost of the land and the erection of the first church was \$1,046, of which \$746 was paid by the congregation and \$210 by a grant from the American Congregational Union. During October and November of 1868 the original structure was enlarged to accommodate the increased membership.

In 1896 the church was rebuilt. Adding to the beauty of both the interior and exterior were nine stained glass windows, three of which were provided by organizations of the church. The remaining six were given as memorials for deceased members.

Among the early pastors was Philip Gregory, who came to Boscobel as a 23 year old English immigrant. During his pastorate of four years a red brown brick parsonage was built at a cost of \$5,000. His successor, Thomas Barker increased the membership of Christian Endeavor, and then in the 1920s Rev. Walter Spence led the rebuilding of the church and Pilgrim Hall, which gave the church an almost entirely new appearance.

In 1928 the church decided that the president of the Ladies' Aid should be the seventh and honorary member of the Board of Trustees. Thus for the first time a woman became part of the official boards of the church. The highlight of 1937 was the dedication of the pipe organ, which was a gift from the people of the Darlington church. During W. J. Calow's ministry in the late 1940s a new boiler was installed, the church redecorated, and new Pilgrim Hymnals purchased.

Myrtle I. Baker arrived on August 1, 1955 to break ground as the first female pastor of a Congregational Church in Wisconsin. She served Boscobel for 22 years, and during her pastorate the church installed a new furnace, built a garage for the parsonage, completed a second entrance, installed a new baptismal font, remodeled the kitchen, changed the chancel and celebrated its centennial with a historama entitled "This is Your Life" written and directed by Mrs. Irma Durrant.

Under the leadership of Rev. Glenn Atchison in the 1980s and 90s, ecumenical cooperation increased, a food pantry established. Dr. Tom Bush came to the church from England in 2003 and served for one year before present day pastor Jennifer Johnson arrived. Under her leadership a handicapped parking area was completed.





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Exit Interstate 39 at Exit No. 100/Hwy 23 Endeavor & Wis. Dells. Turn onto County Rd P and then left onto County Road CX. Church is ahead 1 mile.

The original denomination of this church was the Trinity Congregational Church of Marquette County

The church was organized in 1890 after a series of successful gospel tent meetings. Construction on the church building began September 7, 1890. The outside of the church has changed very little, and the inside has enjoyed many refurbishments and redecorations. The addition of the fellowship hall in honor of Rev. Lyle Schaller was added in 1956. In September of 1960, the congregation voted unanimously to adopt the constitution of the United Church of Christ. The bell tower outside of the church was erected to preserve the bell that was removed from the deteriorating belfry timbers when the entrance to the church was enclosed in 1961. The tower was dedicated in memory of Walter March Ellis, a former principal of the Endeavor Academy. Today, Trinity Endeavor United Church of Christ is in parish with Briggsville United Methodist Church and Moundville United Methodist Church. Together these churches share the services of a United Methodist pastor and combine together for special services.

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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It all happened in the year 1856 – Brodhead became a village and the Congregational Society of Brodhead was formed. The exact date of that first meeting was July 21, 1856. This was the first religious meeting held in the village. Meetings were held in the homes of members, in the first hotel in Brodhead, in a store building on the south side, and in the Academy which later became the first Catholic Church.

In 1998, thirteen and one half acres of land was purchased. After receiving a substantial gift from an estate the building of a new totally handicapped accessible building began in the spring of 2001. After worshipping in the original building from 1856 to 2002, our congregation moved to its new home. The Dedication Service was held on April 7, 2002. Our church is surrounded by replanted natural prairie that is home to a large variety of small animals and birds.

Our present membership is over 200. We have a very energetic Sunday school program which includes the Joyful Noise and Itty Bitty choirs. Our church is fortunate to have many musical members who generously share their time and talents.

The Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship strive to raise funds for the church and its youth for camps and other activities and many hours of laughter and uplifting fellowship.

Our church leaders have been instrumental in forming several community projects: White Gift, Clothes Closet and the Community Gardens.

Our congregation has established a tradition of friendliness and openness to a wide variety of people. In our home you should know the joy that awaits you as part of God's fellowship here on earth.

Year Round Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School – 8:30 a.m.

**Nursery Available
(September through May)**



PEACE CHURCH IN CHRIST
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The Peace Church was formed in 1887 under the denomination of Evangelical and Reformed and in 1959 became the Peace United Church of Christ. We changed the name to Peace Church in Christ in the early 2000's. We started out with the German Evangelical Ebenezer church north of Browntown. They disbanded and joined our church in the late 1940's or 1950's. Wayne Church in Wayne township was also a sister church. We broke with them around 2000.

We did an extensive remodeling in the 1950's and dug a basement, the altar was changed from the north part of the sanctuary to the south part, an addition was made to the sanctuary and two restrooms were added. In the early 2000's a restroom was added upstairs.

We have a Women's Guild, a group we call the Working Women (they work and we have a meeting once a month to discuss how they can help the older women of the Guild), a Call to Care committee (we have seven groups each headed by a committee of two), a Health Cabinet (we keep up with the health problems of our members) and the church council. Due to the lack of children in our congregation we have no Sunday school.

We have a clavino piano for our music.

Since March of 2012 we have had two interim pastors. We are awaiting for the arrival of a new pastor who will be here in January.

Olivet Congregational United Church of Christ

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Our congregation's first pastor came to Columbus in the fall of 1849 as a minister of the Home Missionary Society to the Territory of Wisconsin. His first preaching was in the new schoolhouse, where he organized a Sabbath School, held a mid-week prayer meeting and Sunday Services. On January 26, 1850 the First Congregational Church of Columbus was founded by 11 people with Rev. Rosenkrans as moderator. The decision to act quickly was influenced by the fact that the landholder had offered to donate a site to the first church that was established in Columbus. Membership continued to grow as the building was completed and, by 1854, Olivet could afford to hire Rev. Rosenkrans as pastor. From 1854 to 1876 the church was a member of the Congregationalist and Presbyterian Society. This relationship ended when the Congregational Church building was sold to pay the Presbyterian Church building mortgage and the

Presbyterians locked the Congregationalists out of their building! In September of 1876 construction of the present church was completed at a cost of \$8,345.39. In 1981 a new west wing was added to the building including classrooms, reception area and an elevator, which made the church handicap accessible.

Membership in Olivet Congregational Church continued to grow during the 30 years Rev. Leroy C. Partch served. On July 7, 1960 Olivet members voted to join the newly formed United Church of Christ and became Olivet Congregational United Church of Christ. Present membership exceeds 350.

Women have long played a prominent role in our congregation. Rev. Denise Cole was the first woman Pastor, serving from 1996 to 2001. In 1881 the first deaconess was elected to the Diaconate and the first organized group, the Women's Social Circle, was formed and continues today. Their outreach includes support of a Tibetan refugee child, leading support for the Food Pantry, Salvation Army and PAVE, a shelter for abused women and children. Their Quilting group sends quilts (26 in 2011) to Orion Family Services in Madison.

The Music Ministry was strengthened by the installation of a pipe organ in 1915, which was located in the front of the church. It was relocated in 1956.

Youth ministry continues to be a vital force in the church. Sunday School students provide music for church services once a month and their special outreach is Heifer International. The Confirmation Class supports and leads the church participation in Relay for Life. Sunday School, Youth and Senior Choirs are all active in Olivet today.

Olivet continues to support the five annual denominational missions and is one of 8 churches in the Columbus – Fall River Ecumenical Association whose pastors meet weekly. Other community outreach programs include: providing land and support for Community gardens; Neighbors helping Neighbors, where seniors and others needing help with odd jobs are matched with members; "Light Your Fire," which supplies support for the local Fire Department; and partnering with NICC to provide clothing and other necessities for children at Christmas.

— researched and written by Alice Schmidt

Dane Immanuel United Church of Christ

300 N. Military Rd.

Dane, WI

Our church was founded as the Immanuel Reformed Church on July 31, 1887. The first building was dedicated on November 25, 1888. In August 1912, the church was legally incorporated as Immanuel Reformed Church of Dane. Later our name was changed to Dane Immanuel United Church of Christ.

Today the church continues with Sunday services and Sunday school. The congregation has an organ and upon occasion has a guest who plays the organ for worship. Modern technology in the form of a digital hymnal is used for congregational singing. Though there is not currently an organized choir, many worshipers enjoy singing. The church has an annual caroling party going through out the village caroling. The members support local charities with their ongoing donations and drives.



We are the oldest Protestant Church in Dane. On

August 12, 2012 we celebrated our 125th anniversary of faith and commitment. The picture is of the church building before the education wing was added. Later the bell tower was enclosed and a steeple fixed to the top. In 2010 the bell tower was removed, and the roof repaired. The bell now stands in front on the ground.

Directions: enter Dane on Hwy 113, turn onto North Military Road, travel about three blocks. Church is on the left at the edge of the village limits.

Immanuel United Church of Christ

339 E. Louisa St.
PO Box 87
Darlington, Wisconsin
(608) 776-4110



Way back in 1902, there was a group of Swiss settlers here around Darlington that were meeting in an old rock school house, or borrowing other's buildings. But they really wanted to build a church of their own like they had back in the Old country, with a Swiss-German speaking minister.

So in 1909, twenty men signed the Constitution. Later on forty more signed up. By 1916 they were incorporated under the name of "Deutsche Evangelische Immanuel Gemeinde." They wanted to build a new place of worship.

They purchased a lot for \$2,025. There was already a house on the lot. So they just moved the house down the hill, and it still stands by the back of the church, today.

They wanted the building to be Western Gothic Style, to seat about 400 people, 75' by 40' with a tower 80' tall and it would cost about \$10,000. They had only taken in \$127.55 the whole year before. Members donated the beautiful stained glass windows and other furnishings.

By 1918, they had their new church building completed. Rev. P. A. Schuh was the minister from 1911 until his death in 1938. He would travel by train from Monroe on the 1:30 train, and go back on the 3:30 train. Our members sang a cappella (with no accompanist) for many years. Beautiful music! Many improvements through the years, but the best was in 1974, when we built a new Fellowship Hall with kitchen, Sunday School rooms and offices. All entry ways are wheel chair accessible.

Immanuel joined Evangelical and Reformed in 1946, and in 1957 the United Church of Christ, and we are doing well today. Many of those old Swiss fellows married Irish, or Norwegian or English girls, so we are a proud melting pot these days. But are very proud to call Immanuel "Our Church/"



Plymouth United Church of Christ
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In 1846 the Dodgeville Republican Church subscribed a fund to be used to erect a structure to be used as town hall, school house, and place of worship on the corner of Main and Chapel. Two years later, Jabez Wilson, owner of the plot of land executed a deed of trust to the Republican Church which stated in part, “the society of Wesleyan Methodists of Dodgeville shall have the use of said church...” In 1849 the Republican name was dropped and the Wesleyan Methodists became Primitive Methodists.

After years of discontent, on February 15, 1897, under the leadership of their pastor, Robert Titmarsh, four resolutions were adopted by the 140 dissenters into a Congregational Body. That evening, the Primitive Methodists became known as Plymouth Congregational Church of Dodgeville.

After years of litigation over whether the 13 remaining Primitive Methodists owned the building or the newly named Congregationalists, a court order found in favor of the Congregationalists. In December 1906, after several retrials and appeals, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Primitive Methodists. On January 23, 1907 a decision was made to build a new church on its current site on the corner of W Merrimac and N Main. On June 14, 1908 the present building, erected at a cost of \$35,000 was formally dedicated by Reverend F.W. Schoenfeld. Numerous stained glass windows were installed as well as a bell tower. The swimming pool, however, was vetoed. Between 1927-29 a pipe organ was installed.

January 15, 1955 may well have been Plymouth’s first pasty sale with a net profit of \$77.31. Fifty-seven years later, “The Pasty Church – home of the Best Pasties Ever” makes upwards of 900 pasties each month from October-April and profits earned make up a large percentage of Plymouth’s operating costs.

- 1962 Members voted to become part of the United Church of Christ
- 1973 Work began on repairing outside of building and redecoration of sanctuary
- 1989 Elevator installed
- 2004 Peace Garden Dedication
- 2006 First of many Mission Trips to Gulf Coast region following Hurricane Katrina
- 2009 Plymouth Yokes with Congregational UCC of Mineral Point

Plymouth UCC has become well known in the community. Office space is used by Lutheran Social Services and the Family Resource Center. Various local organizations have benefited from our weekly “Joyful Noise” collections including, Community Connections Free Clinic, Food Pantry, Hodan Center, Habitat for Humanity, Family Resource Center and others.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EDGERTON

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Dedicated on December 21, 1890

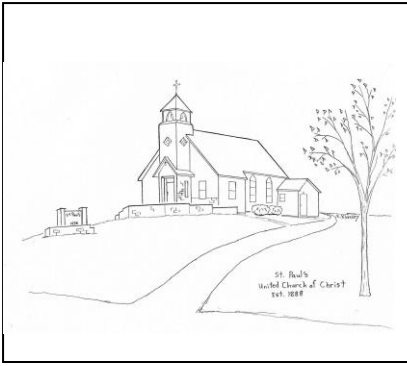
The First Church Established in
Edgerton, WI

“Following much thought and discussion on perfecting a Congregational Church organization in Edgerton, papers were circulated in May 1889, for the purpose of discovering how many interested persons could be found who would be willing to contribute to the support of such a church. A list of names of over seventy persons who were in favor was prepared. The Reverend Thomas Grassie, Milwaukee, secretary of the Home Missions, came at the request of the committee to advise them how to organize a new church. This action resulted in the organization of the Edgerton Congregational Church June 28, 1889, with a list of thirty-two charter members.” *(Taken from ‘A Brief History’ compiled July, 1953.)*

The first installed pastor was L.H. Keller who remained their leader in Christ from August, 1889 to February, 1894. The church bell was donated by D. R. Van Hoosier and weighs in at 800lbs. The bell was placed in the bell tower on October 17, 1890, and that same bell still rings each Sunday morning calling the Edgerton community to worship. The Kimball pipe organ that was installed in the year 1915 continues to lead the congregation with its beautiful tones during Sunday morning worship. “About 614 pipes, both metal and wood, were built for the organ. ‘The UCC organ was built to be placed at the Edgerton church and no other church in the world, with most of the 1915 parts still intact.’” *(Quote taken from The Edgerton Reporter, May 2, 2012 edition by reporter Mark Scarborough.)*

The original church sanctuary has survived two different fires, one on January 31, 1932 when a small fire started in the shingles near the chimney and quickly spread over the whole of the roof, and the second on September 20, 1979.

“On December 12, 1948 a vote was taken on the proposed union with the Evangelical and Reformed church. The result was favorable to the union, 42 – 11. On May 14, 1961 members of the church voted to accept the constitution of the United Church of Christ by a vote by ballot, 63 votes were cast for adoption, 1 against.” The Congregational Church of Edgerton had now become the Congregational Church of Edgerton United Church of Christ. This church has continued to be a leader in the movements of the U.C.C. having called their first woman pastor, pastor Jean Boese, in August of 1983, and voting to become a “God is Still Speaking” church. *(Taken from ‘A Brief History’ compiled July, 1953.)*



St. Paul's United Church of Christ,

a rural church located on County Highway DD in Wayne Township, traces its roots to home worship. A group of German immigrants discovered a mutual interest "to worship as they did in the old country." The year was 1874. In short order, worship moved to the Zion Rural School House, then to the Zion Methodist Church.

On May 13, 1888, sixteen men signed the charter for a new church and registered it as the German Evangelical St. Paul's Society of Wayne Township, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. Several descendants of those original charter members continue to worship with us. The church was built and dedicated in 1893. Both the land and the bell were donated; the same bell continues to call us to worship.

In 1925, the congregation sent a letter of protest to the synod. Apparently, they vehemently objected to the synod's practice of dropping the word "German" from the official name of the church. They did recognize that times were changing, however. That same year they requested that the pastor teach confirmation classes in English. The pastor conducted worship services in English one week and German the next. Around 1934, the church's name was changed to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed, and to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in 1963.

For many years, the congregation was yoked with two other churches now known as Jordan and Peace. All three were served by Rev. William Koch. St. Paul's became independent of the other churches in 2001.

The practice during the early years was for the women and children to sit on the left side of the building, the men on the right. It was a spunky new bride who affected change, but not until 1939! The new husband brought his bride to church, escorted her to a seat with the women and he joined the men. Following her second week of attendance, the bride informed her husband that she was happy to come to church with him, but that they would have to sit together. He complied with her request, and soon families were sitting together. This family donated four stained-glass windows; their descendants continue to worship with us.

A notation in the treasurer's books indicates that \$80 was collected in a mission fest in 1929 ... a rather generous amount considering that this was a small congregation and the beginning of the Great Depression. Current mission projects include One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, and collection of food and necessities for the food pantries of Warren, IL and South Wayne, WI. The congregation consists of members from both communities. The two communities have expressed appreciation that such a small congregation (27 members) gives so generously. In addition, coins collected throughout the year support a charity selected annually. The church also participates in a South Wayne community project that provides Christmas gifts for an anonymous family that has submitted their "Santa list."

Heritage and tradition are important to our congregation. The church began and survives because of the generosity of its members. Our faithful organist plays on a vintage Hammond organ, donated and dedicated in 1949. All stained glass windows were donated; a new altar was donated during the late 50's. In 1979, one of the church members, a mechanic by trade who did exceptionally fine carpentry, made and donated the cross over the altar, the pulpit, lectern, baptismal font, portable communion table and two plant stands. With an eye for detail, he chose wood to ensure it matched the altar. His gifts continue to grace St. Paul's chancel.

In 1956, the church had a moving experience – literally! The land across the road was more level and was available. Pulled by a truck, the church was successfully negotiated over the small creek on a makeshift bridge. Services in the new location were held for the first time on September 2 of that same year.

The church was last updated in 2002, to make the church handicapped accessible. At that time, the entry way was remodeled, siding and a cement ramp added. The entire congregation participated in the project.



Congregational United Church of Christ

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The Congregational United Church of Christ of Evansville, Wisconsin was organized on May 2, 1846 and was called the Union Church, after the township in which the city is located. In 1852 the church was reorganized and became an official member of the Congregational Christian Church. In 1961, four years after the Congregational Christian Church merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, it became known as the Evansville Congregational United Church of Christ.

The red brick church building was erected in 1857, with money raised by C.M. Morehouse and Jeremiah Johnson. In 1951 Evansville's Congregational Church was named "Church of the Year" by Wisconsin Congregational Church Life because of the activity of the church committees and the extensive remodeling program, which included a new organ, installation of a chancel, rearranging church pews to create a center aisle, a new lighting system, renewed floors and painted walls. The red brick exterior was changed to white. A set of chimes was added to the church tower.

In 1964 a 3,200 square foot education wing, including a basement, was added, a gift from H. Fred and Elizabeth Brunsell. The materials and craftsmanship of both buildings represent good solid work that has performed well over the life of the church building.

In 2010 work was completed on updating the heating and electrical systems, painting the building outside and the interior sanctuary, making a classroom into the Inspiration Den for meetings and the library into a Community Room for fellowship and refreshments prior to worship each Sunday.

Camping opportunities are encouraged through our Scholarship Fund, individual gifts and by sharing camp experiences during "Camp Sunday, when campers talk about God's presence in their lives during their camping adventures and in their lives after returning home.

New members are welcomed with a home visit and a bag of microwave popcorn, with the message "Thanks for popping in..." Some members attended an "Urban Immersion" in Milwaukee to extend our mission work. Confirmants expand their learning by attending services with other denominations, such as the Islamic Center and the Jewish Synagogue in Madison. Updated video technology continues to be incorporated into our worship services. Contemporary music is being intertwined with favorite hymns from the past. The church is used by groups such as TOPS, child care, anniversary and adult birthday parties, yoga, play groups, holiday dinners and other events.

The Evansville congregation has a long, proud heritage as Christ's "servants in the service of others." It supports the special offerings collected by the Southwest Association and the Wisconsin Conference. Locally our Mission Board celebrates birthdays and holidays with our nursing home residents. Our pastor serves on the board of the Ecumenical Care Closet, a self-sufficient food pantry and thrift store serving over 125 local families monthly with the help of church volunteers, which includes the distribution of Thanksgiving food baskets. Souper Bowl Month is unique to our church, as we collected 488 pounds of soup for the Care Closet the entire month of the Super Bowl in 2011. AWARE is a local agency that provides support for economically and socially disadvantaged Evansville residents. AWARE programs that our church members assist with are Backpacker Backpacks sent home with children from school, Easter food baskets, Coats for Kids, and Toys for Evansville, which provides approximately 92 families and 230 children with Christmas gifts and food. Our church was so pleased to be able to deliver 52 tarps and ropes to Haiti.



Memorial United Church of Christ
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As Madison entered the year 1917, it was in the midst of one of the great transformations in its history. A new state Capitol building was being completed, a new meatpacking plant and a new battery plant had just opened on the east side of the city. The city council petitioned the Legislature to give women the right to vote in school elections and the number of cars in the city had just surpassed the number of horses. President Woodrow Wilson took the United States into World War I, a move that roiled the waters in this city where a quarter of the population was of German ancestry. This was the context in which Memorial United Church of Christ was born.

Rev. Josias Friedli, helped organize the congregation in 1916 and 1917, working with Swiss Reformed people who had moved to Madison from Green County. They had been worshipping at the German Presbyterian Church in Madison, but wanted a congregation in the Reformed tradition. The formal organization of the new congregation took place with 64 members on June 10, 1917, in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall (that's now the site of the State of Wisconsin Justice Center in downtown Madison). The name "Memorial Reformed Church" was chosen in the hope that people would make memorial contributions to help build a church.

Soon after, the congregation voted to purchase a large stone house at 14 W. Johnson Street to serve as its church, a site that would serve the congregation until 1942 when it moved into a new church building at 1510 Madison St. near the University of Wisconsin Field House. In the 1960s, as the congregation aged and the nation's religious currents shifted away from established traditions, Memorial became a congregation in decline. It voted to move out to Fitchburg, a Madison suburb, in the mid-1980s, building a new church and starting to worship there in 1989. By that time, Memorial was part of the United Church of Christ - in fact, it hosted the meeting in 1962 when the synods of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Wisconsin voted to merge with the Wisconsin Congregational Conference. (You can read a detailed history on our web site at <http://www.memorialucc.org/about-us/our-history>.)

In 2012, Memorial was a church of 232 members, 61 children and an average Sunday attendance of 130. The move to Fitchburg clearly gave God's Spirit a chance to breathe new life into the congregation. We have two worship services on Sundays, one offering communion every Sunday, the other enhanced by a variety of musical groups - an adult choir, a bell choir and an instrumental group. We use a grand piano as our primary instrument for accompanying the congregation and the choir. We have a full time pastor (Phil Haslanger) and a part-time associate pastor (Twink Jan-McMahon).

Memorial has had a commitment to mission and outreach since its earliest days (it sent four missionaries to Japan in the 1920s) and today feeds the hungry at a community meal program, shelters the homeless through work with Porchlight and Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, sends adult and youth work crews to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss., and has a vibrant partnership with Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, among other efforts. It officially became an Open and Affirming congregation in 2002. It also focuses on deepening its connections to the Fitchburg community.

All of this helps us live into our mission statement: *We are a community of faith called by God, to gather for worship and reach out in ever-widening circles as a witness to God's all-inclusive love in Jesus Christ, and to act out God's grace and mercy in deeds of teaching, healing, reconciling, nurturing, and feeding those who are hungry in body or in spirit.*



First Congregational UCC

31 West Milwaukee Ave
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

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This Church was founded on Sunday, October 3, 1841 in the home of Phineas Morrison as a Congregational Church. Rev. Stephen Peet preached the first Congregational sermon in Fort Atkinson in 1841. He was one of the founders of Beloit College and laid the plans for the Chicago Theological Seminary. The Rev. William Arms became our first regular minister in 1841.

In the fall of 1844, the congregation got its first meeting place. In a small 25-by-30 foot school building that was able to seat 100. In 1849 the church had outgrown the small school building and the formation of our first church began to take shape. We were the first church to establish in this small river town.

Pastors serve our Congregation in response to our call and his or her answer to God's probing presence in their lives. Since the first organizational meeting on October 3, 1841, we have been blessed to have been served by some forty full time and interim pastors. Our church is a member of the United Church of Christ, formed in 1957 with the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church.

Our Church offers a wide variety of ministries – Congregational Peanuts, Country Fair, Food Pantry, Fort Atkinson Preschool and Childcare, Jefferson Country Habitat for Humanity, Lend-a-Hand Society, Meals on Wheels, "Our Daily Bread" Nutrition Center, Prayer Chain, Quilt and Shawl Ministries, Children's and Adult Choirs, Hand Bell Choir, Praise Band, Activities and Bible study for all ages.

The gnarled, twisted, old burr oak tree on our east lawn is said to be over 300 years old. It is said that Fort Atkinson's first Fourth of July celebration took place in the early 1840s under the trees spreading limbs. The tree is seen in most of our Church photos and drawings as a symbol of our church.

Worship Service: Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Sunday School: Sundays at 8:30 am (Follows the School Calendar)

Grace United Church

1631 Janesville Avenue
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
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Grace United is a “hybrid” or “union” church which came about in 2010 as the result of a merger between Friedens United Church of Christ and Shalom Presbyterian Church. Our united church is affiliated with both our parent denominations, the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Church of Christ. We use both denominational hymnals in worship!



Our church building was designed by the renowned architect Helmut Ajango, who also designed Fort Atkinson’s Fireside Theatre, and many other churches throughout Wisconsin. The sanctuary is graced with a beautiful rock wall, from which a fountain gently trickles water. Our guests and members remark that our sanctuary is an inspiring space for prayer and worship.

Grace United Church is a new name in the community, but our members are mostly long-time residents of the area. We continue to honor our legacy as an inclusive congregation and welcome into church membership anyone who has received Christ’s baptism and who agrees to live in covenant as a family of faith, regardless of his/her race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, marital status or sexual orientation.

Grace United Church is small in numbers-- about 65 members-- but God blesses us with an abundance of spirit, excitement, and commitment to our growing ministry in the community! Worship is held Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Labor Day through Memorial Day, and at 9:30 a.m. during the summer months. We gather for Bible study every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m., and for Centering Prayer every other Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. We host other educational events, spiritual retreats, and groups throughout the year. Iglesia La Hermosa worships here Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., for those in our community who speak Spanish. We are completely handicapped-accessible.

We welcome the many opportunities God presents us to share our love with others, and we welcome you to join us in service and thanksgiving!



**EMERALD GROVE CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, INC.
8127 East Hwy 14, Janesville, WI 53546**

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Our church was organized on December 1, 1846 in the home of Erastus Dean, which is located on the east edge of the Emerald Grove community. In 1854 the first church building was erected. The community and congregation grew. In 1896, on the 50th anniversary of our church organization, the second church building was dedicated. A new parsonage was erected in 1919.

On the evening of March 24th, 1934 the church was destroyed by fire. A committee was immediately organized to discuss plans for rebuilding. On July 15th, 1934 the cornerstone for our present church building was laid with completion in November.

Various groups were started within the church. The Ladies Auxiliary was started in 1897 with 13 members. By 1901, the membership had grown to 34. The group paid the running expenses of the church including repairs for many years. The Auxiliary split into three circles, Emerald Grove, Avalon and West with the main society meeting once a month. The Ladies Auxiliary was disbanded in 1986. The Avalon Circle group still meets today. A Couples Club ran from 1953 to 1984. This group started the tradition of giving Bibles to our third grade students.

Many improvements have been made to our church property. We added a garage for the parsonage in 1962 and a north wing to the church building 1979. In 1990, the interior of the church was given a new look with the splitting of the pews, new chancel curtains and parlor furniture. Seven new stain glass windows were installed in 1996. The church kitchen was renovated in 2003. An elevator was installed in 2009 to make the church handicapped accessible to the basement. In 2010, part of the roof was resingled and the steeple was repainted.

Over the years, our congregation has grown from the original seven members. We are proud to have several generations of the founding members still with our church today.

Children’s Sunday Worship Center 9:30 a.m.

Regular Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

Summer Service 9:30 – No Worship Center for Children

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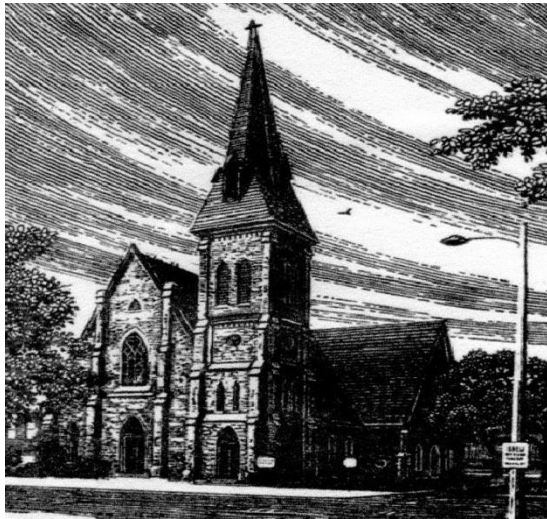
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Approximate Children’s Worship Center 10

Intermediate Class 9

Confirmation Class 6

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First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Janesville, WI 53548

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www.janesvilleucc.org

First Congregational United Church of Christ was founded on February 11, 1845. Fifteen members began the church and a woman named Eleanor Struck was asked to break a tie on whether the church would be Congregational or Presbyterian. Ms. Struck said that if it was up to her, we would be a Congregational Church, and it was so.

The first church building was completed in 1850. On October 2, 1859 Abraham Lincoln worshiped at our church. The original building was taken down and a new larger building built on the same site in 1868. On May 1, 1875 that building suffered a massive fire and was rebuilt with the structure and layout you see today.

The wife of Pastor Hiram Foote writes that the church parsonage was once a part of the Underground Railroad. A slave named George was safely kept in the basement for two nights and then made his way to Canada. He was fed, given clothing and given an envelope addressed to Mr. Foote to be mailed when he should arrive safely in Canada. In due time, the letter was returned and George was safe.

On June 9, 1902, a Kimball organ was dedicated. The organ was a gift of David Jeffris in memory of his family. An echo organ in the upper balcony was later dedicated and the entire organ console was replaced in 2003.

On September 28, 1907 ten tower bell chimes and peal were dedicated to the church. The tower bells consist of ten bells with the great tenor bell being 54 inches in diameter and weighing 3030 pounds. The total weight of the bells with their mountings is about 15,000 pounds. The bells still are operational and are played on Christmas Eve and Easter.

Our church hosted the Janesville History Club in the 1930s-1950s which brought such famous speakers as Amelia Earnhart and Eleanor Roosevelt. The church in the 1950s added on an education wing. Also, in 1957, our church voted to join the United Church of Christ. On May 17, 1990 our building was added to the National Historic Registry. We have deep ties to the mission and outreach in Janesville. Our church help found ECHO, a local pantry and community assistance organization. Our church was a founding member of the Rock County chapter of Habitat for Humanity. In addition, we founded and continue to organize a breakfast club for students at Wilson Elementary in the neighborhood. Recently, we began an free community meal on the first Saturday of each month. Reaching out with Christ's love to those near and far continues to be at the heart of our church.

Our current pastor, Rev. Wes Bixby, was called to First Congregational UCC in September 2006. First Congregational is honored to have sons and daughters who grew up in our church serving currently as ordained ministers in the UCC.

Worship Service: 9:50, Sunday School begins following the children's sermon
First Congregational UCC is located on Jackson St in the heart of Janesville, WI



St. Stephen's United Church of Christ
420 North Main Street
Juneau, Wisconsin 53039
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In 1886 several residents of the town of Juneau, Wisconsin decided to form a Reformed Congregation. Land for the church was obtained from a member of the congregation. The church building was built in 1887. A parsonage was also built next to it the same year. The church building was dedicated in November of 1887. The Church celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2012.

The church has been yoked Evangelical and Reformed First United church of Christ of Lowell since 1989. They share a minister, confirmation classes and occasional services today.

The Church is found in the City of Juneau on Highway 26 in Dodge County. Juneau is the County seat of Dodge County. Highway 26 intersects with both highways 60 and 33.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
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The First Congregational Church of Lake Mills was organized on August 15, 1847, only 10 years after the first settlers arrived in the area. The initiators of this congregation felt it was important for there to be a place of spiritual renewal and support and a Christian presence in the midst of a difficult and hard life. At that organizing meeting there were four men and five women who became charter members, and they adopted Articles of Faith and a Covenant.

In October 1852 the first church was dedicated. The first pastor was Rev. Edwin Dickenson Seward.

First Congregational Church became an abolitionist church early in its history, adopting an anti-slavery resolution in June, 1850. In its early days the church received financial support from the American Missionary Association, an anti-slavery organization established in 1846. A number of its early members were Congregationalists who had been important players in freeing the captured Africans on the slave ship La Amistad.

In 1860 First Congregational Church gave women the right to vote on church matters – 60 years before the nation gave women the vote.

A “Sabbath school” for the purpose of passing on the faith to children was part of the life of this church even before it was organized.

From its earliest days, First Congregational shared a friendly relationship with the local Moravian Church. In 1854 they loaned their communion ware to the Moravians who did not yet have any. In 1856 there was a shared Christmas service, held in the congregational building.

On June 1, 1902, the present church building was dedicated. On September 20, 1959, the Christian Education addition and the enlarged fellowship rooms were dedicated.

In 1961 First Congregational Church of Lake Mills chose to partner and be in covenant with the United Church of Christ.

In 1990 the congregation installed an elevator to ensure that all people, regardless of physical ability, had access to worship services.

In 1997 the congregation voted to legally change the church name to The First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lake Mills.

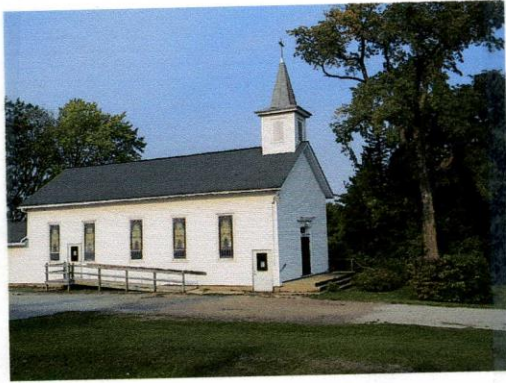
First Congregational UCC claims three persons who responded to a call to ministry: Dr. Sydney Atwood, son of a charter member who became a medical missionary, and John and Jeanne Tyler.

In April 2012, First Congregational UCC welcomed Rev. Carol Barth as our interim pastor.

First Congregational UCC is known locally for the Peanut Project, a popular community event since 1954, where church members and friends prepare fresh peanuts for sale.

First Congregational is a participant in local community mission and ministry, and for the last five years has sent teams on mission trips to a number of places, including Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Sunday Worship Services are at 10:00 am.



First Evangelical and Reformed First United Church of Christ
601 Watertown Street P.O. Box 304
Lowell, WI 53557

In 1847 thirteen German families from the Regensdorf, Rhenish Province settled in Lowell Wisconsin. These families had been members of the Reformed Church in Germany. At first the families were served on occasion by Methodist circuit riders. When the congregation called its first pastor they were organized as a German Evangelical Reformed Church. Land for the church building was purchased in 1859, with the building being constructed during the following year.

The original church structure is still in use today. The interior is covered with decorative tin panels. The vibrant stain glass windows highlight important symbols from Biblical history.

The church celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2008.

The church has been yoked several times over the years. It was yoked with the Reeseville United Church of Christ for a number of years. It has been yoked with St. Stephen's United church of Christ of Juneau since 1989. They share a minister, confirmation classes and occasional services today.

The church is located in the Town of Lowell Dodge County. The church is on Watertown Road with connects with highway 60, west of the City of Columbus. North of Watertown.

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COMMUNITY



In 1967, Rev. Richard Wicheli, Southwest Association Minister, met with members of Advent Lutheran Church in Madison, who had recently sold their building and were exploring ecumenical partnerships with other denominations. Of those that met, only the UCC decided to join. Rev. Daniel Schmiechen was called to begin the new congregation that became the Community of Hope.

In this ecumenical partnership, congregations retained denominational affiliations, called their own pastors and developed individual worship styles while sharing a building, creating a joint education program for all ages and working together administratively through an interlocking Board of Directors. Together the congregations have developed ministries that neither might have tried alone.

SANCTUARY In 1988 the MCC offered sanctuary to a Central American family in this country illegally because of death threats in their homeland.

HARVEST OF HOPE has raised and distributed more than \$900,000. since 1986 to Wisconsin farm families in need due to flood, drought, low market prices, stray voltage, family illnesses and other emergencies.

HAITI ALLIES supports both Cite Soleil Community School in Port au Prince and Village Mosayik, an emerging rural community in Haiti.

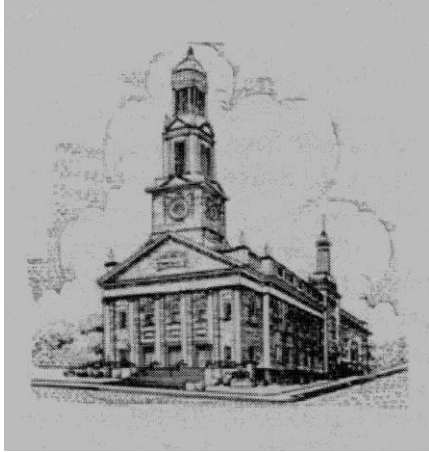
"GREEN" improvements to the MCC building include solar panels, improved insulation, high efficiency furnaces and lighting, a reservoir collecting roof water for gardens, rain gardens and a Memory Garden with repository for ashes.

LABYRINTHS, both indoor and outdoor.

Early members of Community of Hope drafted a Statement of Purpose, to guide us as we seek to live in community and become more inclusive. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation. A Special Fund, raised by members, helps with rent deposits and back rent payments, utility bills and other necessities of Madison area people. We have supported Madison Urban Ministry financially since it was organized in the 1960's and a Hope member, Charles Pfeiffer, was the first minister/leader of the organization.

Community of Hope's pastors include: Daniel Schmiechen, Jann Weaver (interim), Beth Johnson, Tom Porter (interim), Carol Adams, Ed Beers (interim) and Tisha Brown (current). With Tisha's leadership the congregation continues to explore the possibilities available to us in the 21st century.

We are grateful for the gift of community that exists in Hope and throughout the Madison Christian Community. The church is located at 7118 Old Sauk Rd., Madison, WI 53717.



First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
1609 University Avenue
Madison WI 53726
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firstcongmadison.org

First Congregational Church is easily recognized by its signature bell tower, a landmark that has graced the local landscape for 81 years. First established in Madison Wisconsin in 1840, we have occupied our current residence since 1930. We are located on the corner of Breese Terrace and University Avenue.

First Congregational Church of Madison is a dynamic and welcoming community of 600 unique and valued individuals, families and friends. While each of us may be at different points on our own faith journeys we are united in spirit and called by God's love to engage in the world as instruments of God's grace and mercy.

First Congregational UCC offers many opportunities for expression through Music. Our worship service is always full of music, including hymn singing, organ preludes and postludes, choral anthems and a cappella introit.

Youth have opportunities for both learning and having fun including groups like Bounce, Sage, BBQ and God and Stuff as well as mission trips to explore putting their beliefs into action.

In 2006 First Congregational UCC of Madison began "The Prison Ministry Project." Ours is a pastoral ministry of word and sacrament for prisoners inside the walls. Begun as a ministry to bring God to people in prison, we have found that they were bringing God to us.

The primary Outreach mission of First Congregational Church is "To help the most vulnerable in society: children, the elderly and others who are troubled."

In 1992, First Congregational UCC was one of Madison's first faith communities to adopt a formal statement welcoming and affirming ALL people, regardless of sexual orientation. We invite and welcome ALL persons without regard to sexual orientation/gender expression to join us in our journey of life and faith, and we covenant to be responsible to God and to one another.

Lake Edge United Church of Christ

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Madison Wi 53716.
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The church can be reached from Monona Drive. Turn in on Buckeye Rd. The church is in the second block on the left, across from Frank Allis Elementary School. It can also be reached from Highway 51. Turn in at Buckeye Rd. The church is in several blocks, close to Monona Drive, across from Frank Allis School.

Lake Edge was started as a community church under the direction of the Congregational Church in 1948. A Plymouth UCC committee requested a church for the many new residents in the area east of Monona. Rev. Faville, secretary of the Congregational Conference arranged for the call of Rev. Edwin Berreth, who canvassed the neighborhood and started Sunday School in February 1947 in the old farm building on the plot. In April 1947 a chapel was moved from Truax Field and placed on the property. Our first name was Lake Edge Community Church. The first service in the chapel was on March 21, 1948. In 1961 the present sanctuary was built. At the time of the merger forming the UCC, the name became Lake Edge United Church of Christ. Lake Edge has a large pipe organ. There is a senior choir, a children's choir and a handbell choir which performs once each month. A men's quartet performs for special occasions.

Lake Edge has two services every Sunday. A traditional service is held at 9:00 and "Worship at the Edge" with a band is held at 11:00. We have Sunday School for children and there is an active Youth Group. An OWL course is offered each year. Youth are confirmed in 7th grade. A one week work camp for youth is held every summer, at UCC sites all over the USA. Since Katrina, a work group goes in January to New Orleans for house repair work. A family camp is held in summer for a week every year at a nearby lake. Lake Edge has been active in two new church starts in the Madison area, in McFarland and in Fitchburg. Several members have been ordained in recent years.

Lake Edge has been very active in Mission projects throughout its life. Small projects for migrant workers, and for black communities in the South, giving gifts of clothing and shoes were an early effort. Many children's books were sent to overseas mission locations of the UCC. A dental office was given to the Mission in Hong Kong. For several years a church in Nogales Mexico received work groups to help build their church plant. The church sends regular donations to the What If? organization in Haiti. Homeless families from "The Road Home" are housed for 4 weeks every year and a semi annual Parking Lot Sale raises funds for the Outreach Board to distribute to local charities. The church women's "Cookie Walk" in December also benefits local charities.

Lake Edge is currently working on a renewal effort and is updating it's organizational structure to match the changing world we face. Pastor Lex Liberatore was welcomed as our 8th senior pastor on January 30, 2011.

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

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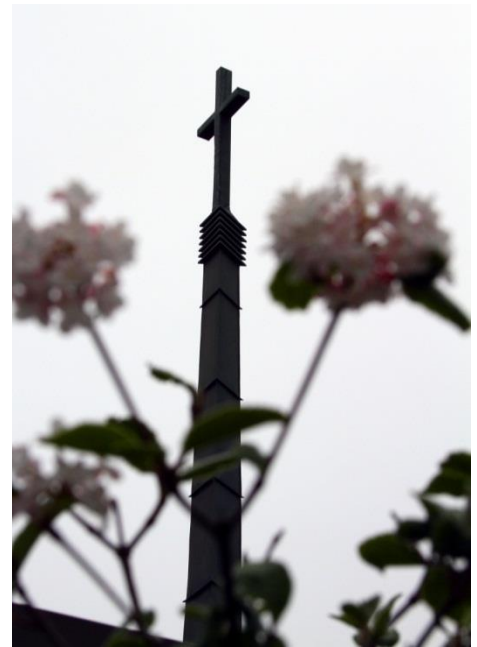
Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ was founded in 1957 by members of First Congregational Church of Madison. Originally named Orchard Ridge Community Church, the congregation met in homes for both Sunday School and Worship. After a couple of years of temporary space, they built a sanctuary and fellowship hall, and later built an education wing. A full scale remodeling took place in 2010-11.

The church has a long commitment to local ministry and justice work. Early projects included work on Indian reservations and providing lunch for low-income school children. For many years they housed the Orchard Ridge Preschool. They were a founding host church for Interfaith Hospitality Network (The Road Home) in 1999. Issues of racial justice, peace and war, Open and Affirming and environmentalism have been central to the congregation's mission. Today, the grounds include a Memory Garth, a Meditation Garden, and a Community Garden that serves both member and a local food pantry. The building has long been home to Scouts, music groups, neighborhood meetings, social events and a neighborhood farmer's market.

The remodeling in 2010 included the installation of a meditation/gathering room, a labyrinth and the purchase of African drums. Every time the congregation has raised funds to improve the facility, they have also given 10% to mission projects. These have included sponsoring a home in the Twin Oaks Development with Habitat for Humanity, sending teams to both the Dominican Republic and El Salvador to build homes, establishing a case worker position with Interfaith Hospitality Network, and establishing the position of a neighborhood organizer.

The style of worship is informal and eclectic. There is a choir, a handbell choir, two rock bands (Tru Function and Tru Gumption), and a weekly music program for children. There is a strong program for children and adults (including but not limited to *Java and Jesus*) of all ages at 9 a.m. on Sundays. Our youth are invited to both a year of confirmation and a year of sexuality education (*Our Whole Lives*). We are an Open and Affirming, Safe Sanctuaries and Just Peace church.

Theologically, the church is open and progressive. They regularly explore questions of faith and life, invite the insights of other religions and explore new understandings within our Christian faith. The motto of the congregation is 'spiritually alive, joyfully inclusive, committed to justice.'





Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
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Madison, WI 53704-5604
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Plymouth Church's beginnings go back to Sunday, September 20, 1903. That afternoon and evening evangelistic tent meetings were held at Hudson Park in a tent rented from Gallagher Tent and Awning Company. Rev. Frank N. Dexter from Ripon, the district missionary and evangelist for the Congregational Christian Church in Wisconsin, preached at the services. On Sunday, September 27, 1903, a meeting was held and the East Side Congregational Society was organized with twelve members, a constitution, and by-laws. At the evening service, three more members were added to the society bringing the charter members number to fifteen.

Less than a year from the organization of the society, a chapel was built on a lot just one block west of Plymouth's present location. On May 15, 1904 the chapel was erected. Plymouth Church grew rapidly under the able leadership of succeeding pastors and plans were begun and blueprints drawn for a new building. The old chapel was moved to the new site and became part of the new building dedicated on April 26, 1916.

Plymouth continued to grow, reaching its peak in the late 1950's. On April 30, 1961, Plymouth Church voted to join the newly created United Church of Christ. In 1965, Plymouth's Board of Trustees began planning an annex to the existing church for office and Sunday School use. Construction began in late 1967. On February 4, 1968, with the annex nearly completed, a fire in the sanctuary almost destroyed that portion of the building. The annex, spared from the fire, was immediately put into use. Rev. Fylling called a prayer meeting, held at St. Bernard's Church that afternoon at which members prayed that Plymouth Church might survive this catastrophe. They decided to rebuild, and courageously forged on by drawing up plans for the reconstruction of the church. During a difficult year of rebuilding St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church provided housing for Sunday services in their school gymnasium and the Atwood Community Center contributed space for Church School classes. Plymouth's present structure was dedicated on March 23, 1969.

In December 1985, after serving Plymouth Church for twelve years, Rev. Paul Kehle died suddenly of a heart attack. On January 1, 1987, Rev. Charles Wolfe began serving as Plymouth's fifteenth pastor. Upon Rev. Charles Wolfe retirement in June 2011 after serving Plymouth Church for over 24 years, Rev. Patricia Hough answered our call to serve as Plymouth's interim pastor.

In August 1988, the Southwest Wisconsin Association of the United Church of Christ relocated its offices from Madison's west side into the annex basement. The office closed in 2011 as part of the reorganization of the Wisconsin Conference. The Hope Lodge of the Odd Fellows has used Plymouth's facilities for about twenty years and has made generous contributions to the care and upkeep of our building. Additionally, our building has provided meeting space for self-help and support groups, Association meetings, Girl Scouts, and many other groups.

Mission projects of Plymouth have been: The Road Home (organization that assists homeless families), meals for the homeless, community garden for the community food pantry, support for two Native American mission projects, and support to assist Bhutanese refugee families. We are involved in ecumenical projects: Church Women United, Ecumenical Housing, Gay Pride march, Ecumenical Lenten services, and The Crossing (program for UW Collage students).

Sunday worship at 9:30 am
Plymouth Church, located at the corner of Atwood Avenue and Ohio Street.

Mazomanie United Church of Christ

109 W. Hudson St. P.O. Box 205

Mazomanie, WI 53560

(608) 220-6987

On February 16, 1867 a small group met at a Baptist church to form another Congregational Church. The group built its own house of worship, dedicated in August of 1871. Until 1880 the Mazomanie church shared a pastor with the Congregational church in nearby Black Earth.

Disaster struck in April, 1891 when a pastor's hat ran afoul of an oil lamp. Reverend Porter tried to extinguish a light with his hat, knocking the lamp off the wall. Oil flowed between the floorboards, making it impossible to put out the flames. Insurance, donations, and contributed labor meant that a new building could replace the old in January, 1892.

A history of the church says that the new building was better: "The present edifice, which for its cost is remarkably pretty and commodious, is of about the same dimensions as the old. It is an improvement upon the old in having room for devotional and social purposes in the front rather than the rear; and the name of parlor which it now bears is better than lecture-room, as suggesting conference and conversation, good manners and hospitality."

The parlor, or fellowship room, is still well used. Space heaters were installed so it can be warm even when the rest of the building is chilly. It is used for the pastor's office, overflow worship, Board meetings, Bible study, social gatherings, informal worship, playroom, and after-church treats.

The congregation embraced ecumenism in 1919 by holding joint worship services with the Methodists. The two congregations merged, and changed its name to the Mazomanie Community Church. In this way the Community Church could meet the needs of all Mazomanie Protestants. The alliance lasted only about a year since the Methodists wanted to continue with their own denomination.

There have been three women's groups, Circle I, Circle II, and The Lord's Prayer Circle. After World War II they helped fund renovations in the basement, improving the dining area and the kitchen, adding cupboards for Sunday school, and plumbed bathrooms. Though the ladies circles have disbanded, there is a yearly women's Christmas party.

Several major changes came in 1957. The congregation yoked with the Prairie du Sac Presbyterian Church. This lasted until 2004. They also adopted a new name: The United Church of Christ.

Two yearly fundraisers have proved particularly popular. Attendees of the March Souper Supper sample ten or fifteen soups and vote for their favorites. Each summer the church makes pies for the Gandy Dancer Festival. Dozens of pies are sold by the slice-- sweet potato to apple to chocolate.

The Mazomanie United Church of Christ has always been small. Membership peaked at 216 in 1957. Today there are about 50 members, and a number of devoted friends. Despite its size, the church has an important impact. It is involved in the local food pantry and regularly assists people through its partnership with Joining Forces with Families. The Sunday school is expanding. The congregation voted to become "Open and Affirming" in June, 2012. Church members are involved in community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, musical groups, and the Lions Club. In the autumn of 2012 the church dedicated a Little Free Library, a small, weatherproof box used for a book exchange, painted and designed to look like the church building.

Each year the congregation participates in ecumenical Thanksgiving and Easter Sunrise services. The pastor, members, and friends eagerly await the Holy Spirit's plans for our friendly little church.





McFarland United Church of Christ
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The idea to form a church in McFarland began with Lake Edge United Church of Christ in Madison. After a survey of the village, 60 families expressed interest in forming a congregation, and on September 26, 1976, the first service was held. The chartering service was held on December 18, 1977 with 50 charter members. With assistance from the Wisconsin Conference and the U.C.C. Board of Homeland Ministry, the congregation purchased land and contracted with Ed Solner and Associates to build a 7900 square foot facility known for its unique stained-glass cross located behind the altar that depicts the Creation story. The new church was dedicated on December 8, 1985.

The church has a 16-member choir, a junior-senior high school youth group, a multi-age Sunday School class that meets during a portion of the worship service, and a service that includes a mix of traditional and contemporary worship styles. A brass ensemble plays during special services and during Advent and Lenten services. In addition to the piano, the choir may be accompanied by flute, guitar, drums, violin, or organ.

Outreach ministries include Messy Church, a Sunday afternoon service for families with children, Disorganized Sports, a weekly night of informal games for youth and adults, Sundaes on Thursday, a weekly serving of ice cream and music to the citizens of McFarland during the summer months, and annual support and participation in the Wisconsin ACT ride and the McFarland Food Pantry.

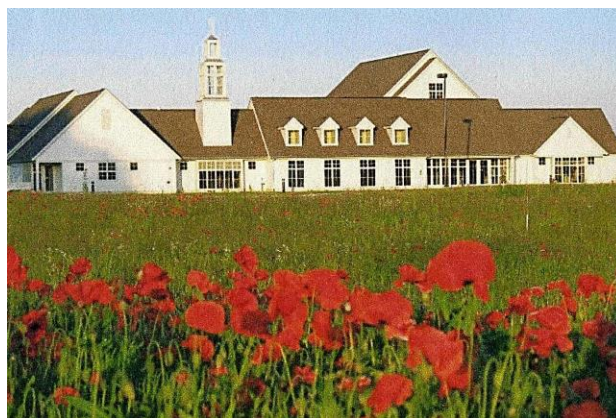
The church is beginning the third year of a Conference-supported turnaround ministry. Our 5th and current pastor, Rev. Kerri Parker, was called to McFarland UCC in 2013.

Worship Service and Education: 10:00 am
Messy Church, 2nd Sunday of month: 4:30 pm

**Middleton Community
United Church of Christ**
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*The church is located on Madison's west side,
two miles west of the Beltline Highway along
Old Sank Road.*



Middleton Community UCC (MCC) was founded in 1936 as a non-denominational community church. Over the years, the church has sought to be "a church home for those who have no home," with members coming from a variety of denominational and religious backgrounds. MCC has been a place where they can grow in faith, share in fellowship, and participate in the wide variety of mission opportunities that are provided.

MCC joined the UCC in 1968 and since then has been active in the Southwest Association and Wisconsin Conference, maintaining strong OCWM support and sending representatives to serve on various boards, committees, and ministries. In recent years, MCC has been a "5 for 5" church.

MCC offers a wide variety of ministries and programs that provide opportunities for growth and service. It has a strong music ministry, a growing program for children and youth, and weekly opportunities for adults to learn and live their faith. The church has a prayer group, a card ministry, a visitation ministry, and many mission opportunities, including Middleton Outreach Ministry, The Road Home/Interfaith Hospitality Network, Jamaica mission trips, The Crossing Campus Ministry, Dane County Farmer's Market food collection, Orion Family Services, Feed My Starving Children, Souper Bowl of Caring, CROP Walk, and more.



First Congregational UCC of Milton Wisconsin

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The church was originally founded in 1838, and was relocated to its current location in 1845. The construction of the current building was begun in 1892, and completed in 1893. A large addition was completed in 1990 which included an expanded finished basement, several classrooms and office rooms, a handicap lift, and an improved rear entrance for the church. The kitchen (located in the basement) was remodeled in 2000. The sanctuary was also remodeled in 2000 with six large chandeliers, and it features curved pews which seat about 250. The church supports and participates in several mission projects, both local, national and worldwide, including the Milton Community Action Food Pantry, and the Milton Area Youth Center.

Worship Services are held at 10:00AM year-round. Communion served on the first Sunday of the month. Currently our Church School is held concurrent with worship services.

Our Pastor is Rev. Herbert Saunders, DDiv and he has served our congregation since 1990.

The church is located at the corner of Janesville Street and High Street, on the East side of Milton.



**Mineral Point Congregational
United Church of Christ
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In 1848 differences arose among the members of the Mineral Point Methodist Episcopal Church. Apparently there were opposing views concerning the purchase and use of an organ. On the first Sunday after the installation of the organ, two choirs took their places in the Church; one singing acappella, the other accompanied by the organ. By the next Sunday, the congregation had taken sides and about 70 members withdrew their membership and subsequently formed the Primitive Methodist Church of Mineral point. These people were called the “Bolters”. Thus, our church began.

During the first year, meetings were held in the homes of member. In 1849, the first church was erected on the site of the present church at a cost of \$2,000. The membership grew rapidly and the Mineral Point Primitive Methodist church became the headquarters of an entire circuit which extended forty miles east and west and eighty miles north and south. The circuit preachers covered this territory on foot and horseback and were supervised by three fully ordained ministers.

In 1892 the old church building was torn down and our present church, a magnificent frame structure, was completed in 1893. The church was originally equipped with a foot pump reed organ and then in 1913 a great new pipe organ was installed. In 1913, the congregation voted to sever its connection with the Primitive Methodist Church and became affiliated with the Congregational Conference of Wisconsin. It became known as the First Congregational Church of Mineral Point. In 1961, members voted to affiliate with the United Church of Christ and we became the Mineral Point Congregational United Church of Christ.

Service and outreach are the focus of our ministry. We host and sponsor the Mineral Point Churches Ecumenical Youth Group. The youth group serves our community and each year travels to a different area of the United States to spend one week in service. In response to natural disasters, our experienced adult mission group annually travels wherever rebuilding is needed. Recent trips have included New Orleans (multiple trips), Joplin, MO, and this year our group will spend the week of February 17 helping to rebuild the small community of Henryville, IN, devastated by a tornado in the spring of 2011. Always willing to try something new, we started a free community meal this fall. One evening each month, we open our fellowship hall to offer a delicious and healthy free meal to anyone in our community. We are proud to say, “All are invited.”



St. John's United Church of Christ
1724 14th Street Monroe, Wisconsin

St. John's exists today because in 1862 the people and minister, Rev. Dietrich Kroehnke, of the church in Rock Run, Illinois reached out to the people of Monroe. Rev. Kroehnke originally met with five people; J. Tschudy, Register of Deeds, Peter Spahr and John Kaderli, tailors, Samuel Schneider, harness maker, and Andrew Lanz, wagon maker, who wanted to start a church similar to the ones they had left in their homelands of

Switzerland and Germany. They and their families were soon joined by seven other families. Before a small white frame church was built, the families met in the Lanz home. St. John's first congregational meeting was held on August 31, 1862. Rev. Gustave Hagemann was the first pastor called to St. John's and he served from 1862 until 1867.

St. John's longest serving pastor was Rev. Paul A. Schuh who came from Germany to serve this German speaking congregation. During his 43 years as St. John's pastor, he learned English and, with the encouragement of the congregation, changed the language of St. John's worship from German to English.

Rev. Schuh was 18 years into his pastorate when the US joined the fighting in WWI. During the war, some Monroe citizens gathered on the square and burned Monroe High School's German textbooks. But, they did not burn the German Bibles, hymnals, and books of St. John's because they had such high regard for Rev. Schuh and St. John's.

Also during Rev. Schuh's pastorate, in 1922 the construction of St. John's present sanctuary was begun and was dedicated in 1923. Pastor Schuh was good friends with Rev. Thomas Dempsey the long time priest of St. Victor's Catholic Church. This was the first recorded of many friendships between St. John's ministers and St. Victor's priests.

In 1969, Ida Derendinger gave her house, which was located next to the church, to St. John's. The house, rent free, is being used by Orion Family Services, as it was used by Sunburst before it, as a group home for young women.

Rev. Wolfgang Koehler, who served from 1969-1981, led St. John's in building St. John's Garden Apartments. There were 20 apartments in that first phase and they were designed to be affordable housing for seniors. In 2000, St. John's, the New Glarus Home, and Monroe Hospital formed a unique partnership to build St. Clare Friedensheim, the first assisted living facility in Monroe.

In 2012 St. John's celebrated its Sesquicentennial. Those 150 years began by a congregation reaching out to people who would become St. John's. In the spirit of their beginning, St. John's has been, for 150 years, a church that reaches out to others.



Washington Reformation UCC
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Washington Reformation located on the rolling hills of Green County in southern Wisconsin, was founded by Swiss immigrants in 1874. The Swiss Reformed and the Evangelicals together built a church but ended up splitting after having a difference of opinion on what was to be taught in the Sabbath School. The Heidelberg Catechism was at the root of the difference. This difference of opinion caused the Town of Washington residents to form the Washington Evangelical Reformed Church and they elected their first consistory on May 14, 1875. A year later, the church constitution for “Evangelical Reformation Church” was adopted, officers elected and a building contract signed.

Washington has a storied and lovely history. It has continued to flourish even in the midst of tragedy as evidenced when the church burned to the ground in October of 1965. A new building was dedicated on September of 1967.

With a nod toward our history, Washington has a 4th of July Music Festival. In 1876, which was the centennial of the founding of United States, the church wanted to celebrate. So, on the new floor of the soon to be completed church, the Sunday School held a picnic with music and frivolity. Thus a tradition of music and food on the 4th of July was begun.

The church continues to seek ways to serve God in the community and beyond. The members are active in Family Promise, hosting the homeless in Green County, and doing considerable organizational and volunteer work at Green Cares, a food pantry birthed by the members of this church.

We have an active Sunday School, a gathering for women, a men’s brotherhood group, a choir, and committees that work very hard at organizing faith development and hospitality venues.

Zwingli United Church of Christ
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Zwingli Church can be reached by turning east off state highway 69 in Monticello and proceeding 1/2 mile to the church. Founded by Swiss immigrants, Zwingli Church began as a German Reformed congregation in 1887. The church was yoked with Washington Reformation Church of rural Monticello until the 1960's. In the early 1950's Zwingli Church welcomed those from the Evangelical and Reformed congregation in the nearby village of Albany, and later – in the mid 60's – welcomed many from the former Evangelical United Brethren congregation in Monticello.

In addition to an active music department including senior and junior vocal choirs and senior and junior chime choirs, the church sponsors fellowship groups for men, women and youth.

In addition to regular Sunday morning worship (utilizing a “blended” style of worship), weekly Christian education programs exist for all age groups. Throughout the year periodic book studies are offered. Mid-week Lenten “light suppers” followed by informal worship/faith explorations are also a part of our tradition.

A active “caring network” reaches out not only to members of the congregation, but to others in the community who are in need. A recent addition is an indoor labyrinth that was constructed by a confirmation class and their families.

The mission life of the church remains extremely strong. Each year the congregation sponsors a work camp to a mission location. More recently, Zwingli Church has become an active participant in the newly formed Green County “Family Promise” program. The congregation is especially proud of its participation in the Blanket Program of Church World Service. If the blankets given by the church over the past twenty years were laid end to end, they would stretch for nearly 10 miles.

The church continues to be the meeting place for many community groups including the Monticello Area Historical Society, Alcohol Anonymous, Scouts, and the local garden club. The church is also the location for periodic community events such as blood drives, and it maintains an extremely strong relationship with the local school district.

Swiss United Church of Christ

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Leaving an area of economic problems in 1845, a group of families from Canton Glarus, Switzerland, left their homes to seek land and opportunity in the United States. They became some of the first settlers in southern Wisconsin. They called their new name New Glarus.

These Glarner brought their religious faith with them. The reformer Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531) had been a priest in the city of Glarus before he began his work in Zurich. The people in the upper valleys were influenced by his teachings and the Swiss Reformed faith took root. The 27 families who came to Wisconsin in 1845 were Swiss Reformed.



For several years worship services were held in the homes under lay leadership. In 1849 a log church was constructed in anticipation of the arrival of a minister from Switzerland. When the Rev. Wilhelm Streissguth arrived, he brought rules and regulations prepared by the sponsoring Evangelical Commission of Zurich. These were approved and adopted by the men representing the now 60 families in New Glarus. Swiss Reformed Church began June 25, 1850.

The pioneer log church was replaced in 1858 with a white stone church. During the time between 1859 and 1896 the church services and religious instructions continued to be conducted in German according to Zwingli's doctrines. Construction of the current church sanctuary began in 1900 and was dedicated in 1901. This red brick church was constructed on the same hill in the center of the village where the first two churches had stood.

In 1913 the first monthly English church services were offered. In 1918 this local independent congregation became affiliated with the Reformed Church in the United States and became known as the New Glarus Swiss Reformed Church. In 1923 a red brick Sunday school building named Zwingli House after the 16th century reformer replaced a small church school house.

It was in 1934 that the Reformed Church in the United States merged with the Evangelical Synod of North America forming the Evangelical and Reformed Church. In 1950 it was decided to have only English church services. Rev. Stuckey prepared the history *The First Hundred Years of the Swiss Evangelical and Reformed Church* in 1950. In 1957 the Evangelical and Reformed Church united with the Congregational Christian churches to form the United Church of Christ, and since then the New Glarus church has been known as Swiss United Church of Christ.

Pastors who have served Swiss Church include Wilhelm Streissguth (1849), John Zimmerman (1855), John T. Etter (1859), Anton Roth (1896), Gottfried D. Elliker (1913), Richard Rettig (1927), Walter J. Stuckey (1943), Fridolin Tschudy (1951), Linus Wierwill (1961), Fritz West (1985), Thomas S. Neilsen (1989), Marela J. Waber (1990), and Craig Jan-McMahon.

Saint Paul's United Church of Christ

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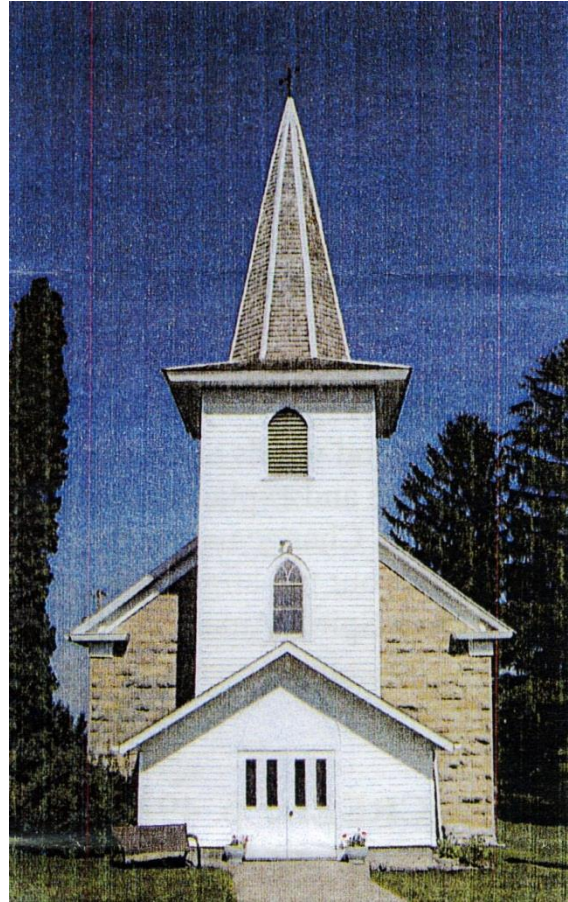
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Liberty Ridge, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, originally named St. Paul's Evangelical Church, held its first worship service on September 13, 1857. Until May 1919 all services were conducted in German and then until June 1942 in English and German on alternate Sundays.

Worship was first held in the log school house, but in 1858, five acres of land, to be divided into three plots for church, parsonage and cemetery, were purchased for the sum of \$35.00. Not until 1860, after much struggling and hardship, was the erection of the building in which we worship today begun. The entire congregation participated in the task --- men and boys helps quarry, haul and lay the rock --- women and girls served dinners and lunches.

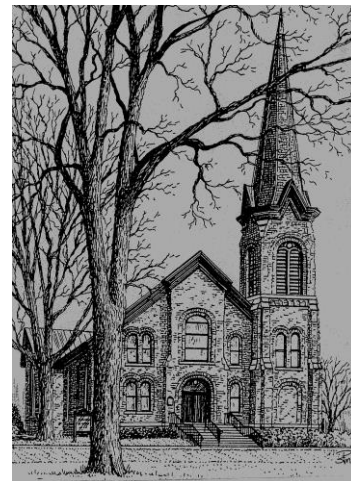
On June 13, 1860, the cornerstone, which contains a copy of the Constitution and other priceless documents, was laid. The steeple and bell were added in 1880. In 1949, the entire interior was redecorated, and since then many improvements have been added to the sanctuary, but never forgetting the preserve the original design. Here in our church many souls have been saved, and lives enriched.

“O God, beneath thy guiding hand,
may we never forget to extend the love to those in need of Thee.”



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST PLATTEVILLE

**80 Market Street
Platteville, Wisconsin 53818
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Directions: West on Main St.,
Right on Bonson St.**



The church was founded on August 17, 1839, by Rev. Aratus Kent (of Galena, Illinois) and by Rev. Albert Hale (Springfield, Illinois) as a Presbyterian Congregation. The new church held services on the first floor of a building which is still standing, while the Platteville Academy used the upstairs room for classes. The Platteville Academy was the forerunner of the university in Platteville.

A few years later the church purchased two lots for \$110.00, on Market Street facing the Town Square, now known as City Park. A small brick church was built and on January 20, 1849 the members passed two resolutions. The first was against slavery and the second was in favor of temperance. Six months later, July 7, 1849 the name and form of government of the church was changed from Presbyterian to Congregational.

In 1869 the small brick church was torn down and the bricks and materials from it were used to construct the building in which the congregation now worships. May 22, 1886, Mrs. Sarah Buck, a teacher of Reading at the Normal School (formerly the Platteville Academy) became the first woman to preach from the pulpit.

During the time 1902-1907 many repairs and improvements were made at the church including a pipe organ, stained glass windows all around the church, and the "Christ Rescuing Peter" window in the balcony.

In 1923, First Congregational yoked with Mt. Zion Congregational, Cornelia (with which it continues to be yoked) and Lima Union Church, Lima Township. Also in 1923 the Improvement Society bought a new pipe organ for \$5,200. Music has been, and continues to be a very important part of the worship in this church..

June 19, 1985 The First Congregational Church was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the Interior. It is the only church in Grant County with such a designation.

In the late 1990's and early 2000's many improvements were made to the church building. The interior and exterior were renovated; the stained glass windows were cleaned, repaired and protective coverings replaced; new stained glass sanctuary lighting was made by a parishioner; a grand piano was purchased and the organ was completely refurbished. A lift was installed for access to our dining room and fellowship activities in the basement. In 2003, a new logo and motto, "Serving God with open minds, hearts and hands!" was adopted. Our congregation appreciates the history, beauty and serenity of this building as a place to worship.

We, the congregation of First Congregational continue to strive faithfully, to love and serve God by participating in ministries to those in need in our community including the Food Pantry, the Thrift Shop, Family Advocates, and Meals on Wheels.

We work towards social justice in God's world voting to declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Congregation in 2008, by providing study groups of the world's religions, and how the Bible speaks to us in our current age, and by hosting an ecumenical Eco-Spirituality group. With our common faith, we intensely value our diversity – age, occupation, theology, interests and concerns. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

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We are Mt. Zion United Church of Christ - Cornelia. We are located at 3302 County "O" Platteville, WI 53818. We have been yoked with First Congregational UCC in Platteville since 1923. Our phone and email are shared with them. Our church is about 9 miles southwest of Platteville. You take Highway 151 south and turn west on County "O".

The denomination of our church when it started was The Congregational Church (of Christ). Our church was formed in 1871 with 27 people. The church members asked for \$700.00 from the Home Missions Board of Boston to aid in building the church on land donated by William Wilson and Henry Van Natta. (Just a few years ago we discovered that note had never been fully paid and we paid the remaining \$200.00 that was owed). The name was later changed to Mt. Zion Congregational Church of Christ because it stands on the highest ground in the community, after Mt. Zion, the crowning hill in Jerusalem. In 1957 we became Mt. Zion United Church of Christ - Cornelia. Before we yoked with Platteville we had shared ministers with Potosi and Whig churches. Today we have 78 members on the rolls with about 65 contributing sometime during the year. At the present time our average attendance is near 20. We are able to continue because everyone comes together once a year for our Annual Turkey/Ham Dinner, which generates enough money to make it through another year.



Our worship service is very traditional. We have a Sunday school with 12 children. At various times through the years we have had children's choirs. We have always had an adult choir until recently when the ages of the members made it impossible to continue. We always have a Children's Christmas program. Our women's group is quite small at the present but has always been a big part in the work of the church. Our current pastor, Catherine Carlson, has said the Mt. Zion Cemetery looks like a movie set. An occasional eagle will land in one of the trees. We have our Easter Sunrise Service, Children's Easter Egg Hunt, and Memorial Service in the cemetery each year.

We have an electric piano. We do not have a worship band, hand bells or such.

As far as I know our church is not on the State or National Register, but it is definitely the oldest in the community as it is the only church in the community.

One outreach ministry we are very proud of is running the Platteville Food Pantry one week a month. We also have received awards for contributing to all 5 special offerings of the United Church of Christ and meeting our obligations each year to OWCM..

Trinity United Church of Christ

503 Prospect Avenue .

Portage, Wisconsin 53901

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In the year Rev. Louis Von Rague, traveling clergyman and Evangelical congregation organizer, came to Portage from With his help, on August 1865, a group of influential Christian people of Portage organized the Trinity German Evangelical Church. (Deutsche Trinitatis Gemeinde)

The first church services were held in the hall of the fire department building until when a frame church was built on the corner of Prospect, and Wisconsin, our present location. It was called the "Little Brown Church" by the people of Portage in that brown barn boards were used for the siding of the church.

In 1889 the church building was raised and a basement constructed. The basement was a boon to the women of the church as previous to this they held dinners in rented halls downtown and had to carry all the necessities, including dishes and silver, quite a distance and then up flights of stairs. Stained glass windows were donated by various individuals and groups and installed. In 1885 a parsonage was purchased at 530 W. Pleasant St. During the winter of and the parsonage was so cold the Hoepfners stayed at the apartments. A new parsonage was built in next door at 528 W. Pleasant St. In electricity was installed and in an addition to the church, the Trinity Assembly Room, was built with room for Sunday School, meetings, pastor's study, a nursery, rest rooms and storage space.

Through the years, there were important changes in Trinity Sunday worship services. In the first Sunday of the month was designated for English services. In the church council decided to alternate English and German services. In German services were held only on the second Sunday of the month and at some later date German was dropped altogether, much to the delight of some of the present members who were required to attend the German services without being able to understand a word.

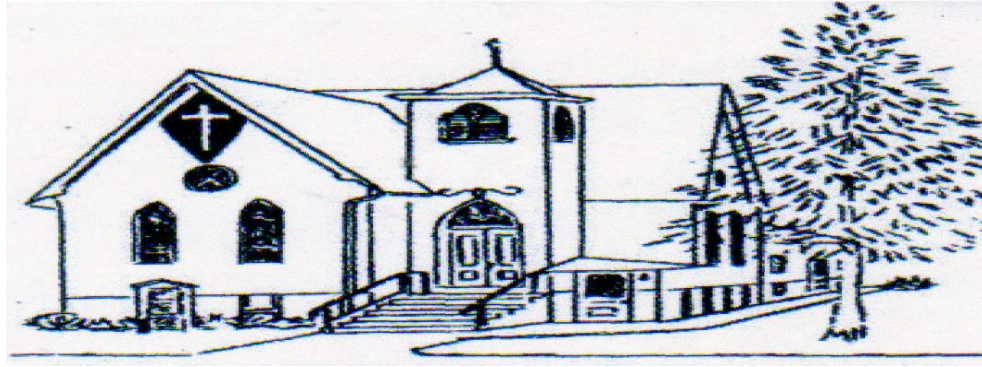
Many Portage folks still call us Trinitatis; however, our church became Evangelical and Reformed after the merger in 1934. In 1955 the name changed to Trinity Evangelical and Reformed, and in 1965, we became the Trinity United Church of Christ after a merger with the Congregational Church. Following the merger between the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist, a number of the Portage United Brethren congregation joined Trinitatis. The church building was placed on the National Register as part of the Society Hill District in 1992. Many organizations have come and gone at Trinity over the years: the Trinity League, the 2-90 Couples' Club, Junior Youth Fellowship and Senior Youth, Women's Mission Society, Women's Union, Ladies' Aid, and the Women's Guild which gathered some of these together. Active ministry groups at Trinity today include the Fellowship Group, the Mission Committee and the Phoenix Group for older women.

During WW I anti-German sentiment, the half-moon window that graces the front doors of the church was shot out or broken by a rock and the window was removed and placed in the attic. The sanctuary was restored in the 1990's and in the middle of the electrical work the dust-covered broken window was discovered. With great hope and love the window was repaired and replaced in its original home for all to enjoy - and in order that the history and the name Evangelische Trinitatis is remembered and honored.

In 2003 Rev. Vicki Warren was called as pastor/teacher at Trinity. Members have the opportunity here to experience a participatory and blended traditional/contemporary service with multimedia and PowerPoint. Trinity became Open & Affirming in May of 2010 and we continue to strive to live by the E&R tradition of critical thinking and the banner that hangs over the front doors of the church: "Our tradition may be over 2000 years old, but our thinking is not."

Youth Sunday School and Worship: 10 AM

Trinity is in the "triangle" at the corner of Prospect and Wisconsin (Hwy16),
two blocks west of downtown Portage



The Christian Heritage of Davies Memorial United Church of Christ

Potosi, previously known as Snake Hollow, was a wild and desolate country. There were no schools or churches, no Sabbath, no recognition of God and man's duty to the Supreme One. The early settlers had many dangers which to cope, including the elements of nature. Blackhawk Indians dominated the area, but as civilization progressed, they gradually moved north and west. Following the departure of the Indians, there was a rush of miners to the valley where lead was found in abundant quantities. There were men among the miners who were willing to work for the spiritual needs of the miners and their families.

Among the workers of Protestant faith was a missionary, Rev. Solomon Chaffee with the help of Rev James Gallaher, organized the First Presbyterian Church of Snake Hollow on December 20, 1840. The first house of worship for the church was built in 1842. Starting out with only 29 members, the church grew to 127 in 1849. There are currently 70 members.

Our present church was completed in October 1891 and dedicated as the Potosi Congregational Church. Many changes and improvements have been made to the church through the years. One of the driving forces and spiritual leaders of all time in the history of our church was a layman by the name of Thomas Davies. Mr. Davies gave of his talents and money in the promotion of Christian faith not only in our community but in the surrounding areas as well. Following his death, action was taken to dedicate the church in his memory which has been called Davies Memorial Congregational Church until 1963 at which time it became Davies Memorial United Church of Christ.

Through the years pastors have come and gone, each making their own unique contribution to the spiritual needs of the church, and each making an incredible impression on the people of all faiths in this community.

Worship Services: Sundays at 9:00 am from Memorial Day to Labor Day; 10:00 am after Labor Day.

Sunday School: Sundays: 10:00 am

Current Pastor: Petra Streiff

Address: 134 North Main Street, Potosi, WI 53820

Phone: 608-763-2165



Reeseville First United Church of Christ

106 Washington St, Reeseville WI 53579-0088

PO Box 88 Reeseville Wi 53579-0088

Pastor: Rev Lois Rosko

Phone: 920 344 7845 email: larosko@hotmail.com

Directions: Drive 9miles east on Hwy 16/60 from Columbus, Wi., turn right on Co Rd J, and turn left onto Washington St.

The originators of the First United Church of Christ of Reeseville were immigrants who came to America from Prussia, Alsace, and Pomerania. First Reformed Church was incorporated on March 8, 1876. The first services were held in the village public school. During the summer of 1876, the church was built at a cost of \$1000.00. It was dedicated in the fall of 1876.

Our present red brick house of worship was erected at a cost of \$27,000. Dedication took place on October 19, 1930. In this time period, the merger of the Evangelical and the Reformed Churches were accomplished.

On November 28, 1948 the First Evangelical and Reformed Church was officially united with a rural congregation, Second Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Second Church structure was demolished and that congregation joined the members who worshiped at the village location. The bell which called the members of the Second Church to worship services was placed in the yard of First Church and serves as a reminder of sacrifices of the founders of the Second Reformed Church.

Following the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches and the Congregational Christian Churches in 1957, our new name became First United Church of Christ.

In 1915 our Hinners pipe organ was installed. It is a 10 rank tracker action organ that remains in amazing condition. Other than routine maintenance, the only thing that has been replaced is the electric blower. The cost of this magnificent pipe organ was \$1600.00. Now 98 years later its replacement cost would be \$200,000.00. It is featured during an annual Christmas musical event, Repeat the Sounding Joy, held on the first Saturday of December.

We currently have a children's Sunday School class before worship. We participate in many local missions such as the food pantry, clothing distribution, school supply, and community dinners.

First United Church of Christ

504 Washington Ave.

Sauk City, WI 53583

(608) 643-8387



In 1854 a group of Swiss immigrants in the Sauk City area persuaded a minister to come to Wisconsin from Switzerland on missionary work. Reformed worship services were held in the local schoolhouse. The congregation was officially organized in the fall of 1858 and incorporated one year later. Shortly after incorporation, the church was received into the Sheboygan Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States.

In May, 1861 a church constitution was adopted and the church changed its name to "First German Reformed Congregation." A new church was built in 1862 on the site of the present church and the first parsonage was built in 1863. Between 1876 and 1910 over 300 were confirmed, the land comprising the church park was acquired, an organ and a church bell (named "Victoria") were purchased, the church interior was renovated, and the present parsonage and a barn were built. In 1913 the congregation decided to build a new church building on the same location. One of our older members can recall the children of the church carrying bricks up the street from a rail car for the construction work. The cost of this new church was \$15,000 and was constructed mostly with the help of donated labor. The dedication service was February 22, 1914.

With the merging of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in 1942, the constitution was changed and the church became known as "First Evangelical and Reformed Church." The Harrisburg congregation became part of our church in 1958 and in 1959 the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church joined us.

Another constitution and name change occurred when the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational and Christian Churches to form the UCC in 1957.

The educational building was added in 1964. The building included office space, two kitchen and dining areas, a music room, four restrooms, and ten classrooms. The cost of this building was \$90,000. The building is the present home to our Sunday school program as well as the Sauk Prairie Nursery School (morning and afternoon 4-K), a basket weavers club, a quilting club, the American Legion, and the Kid's Ranch after-school study program.

The sanctuary was remodeled in 1975. In 1989 the parsonage was also remodeled. In 1996 the church completed a \$150,000 access project including an elevator and a connecting hallway between our two basements. The pipe organ was completely rebuilt in 2004.

Mission outreach, music, and Christian education are areas of emphasis at First UCC. We thank God for the many years of ministry and Christian fellowship shared through our church and we look forward with the greatest of hope as God leads us into the future.

Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ

1693 Hwy 92

Mount Vernon, WI 53593

Phone #: 608-832-6677

Church email: mtvucc@tds.net



Staff:

- Brad Brookins, pastor
- Winnie Losenegger, organist
- Julie von Eschen, pianist
- **Our Mission:** We are a small church with a large heart, where the Scriptures are read carefully with eyes wide open to the world.

In our life together we take the call to discipleship seriously. We look to the needs of each other; we reach out to the community with the good news that God is present and still speaking to our world; we strive to use our resources to benefit God's people where ever they may be found.

We are a united church that celebrates its diversity of belief and experience. It is our goal and purpose, as followers of Jesus Christ, to be as open and welcoming as he was to the surprises and gifts God sends to us in the great variety of people who cross our path.

We believe the teachings of Jesus have much to say to our troubled world. Together we will continue the search for understanding. We will open our hearts and minds to the direction of God's Spirit, expecting to be transformed by what we learn.

Mt Vernon Zwingli was formed in 1913 as a Swiss Reformed congregation when local farmers and cheese makers, mostly of Swiss heritage, decided they needed their own home for worship and the education of their children. The congregation was originally yoked with churches in Paoli, Belleville and Dayton. Later we were yoked with Salem Congregational in Verona but have been a single charge since 1981.

Every 4th of July we serve as many as 800 chicken barbeque dinners to folks who come from all over southwestern Wisconsin. On Mardi Gras evening we host a Local Foods Festival celebrating the good work of local farmers.

Worship Times:

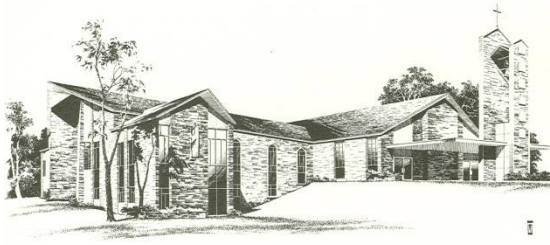
Adult Bible Study: 9:00 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

Sunday School: 10:15 AM

Handicap accessible

Audio amplification



**Salem United Church of Christ
P.O. Box 930125, 502 Mark Drive
Verona, Wisconsin 53593-0125**

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608-845-7315

Salem United Church of Christ was organized as Salem Reformed Church on January 4, 1923. The Rev. George Grether, then pastor of Zwingli Church in Mt. Vernon, served as Salem's first pastor, and the two congregations were yoked until January 1, 1981. For a time, a Reformed congregation in Barneveld was part of this yoke as well.

The present building was constructed in 1965. In 2011, a renovation project made the building fully accessible, installed an elevator, added an office wing, and refurbished the entire building.

We are not a people who believe we have all the answers, but we are a people who wish to live out our commitment to Jesus Christ. We acknowledge we do not live this commitment perfectly, even on our best days, but we hope each day finds us striving to be our best. Ours is a ministry of encouragement whereby we look to God and hope to be strengthened by one another's faith and prayers, and so grow together in our knowledge and love of God.

Our chief purpose, declared in the congregation's Mission Statement, is *"To witness to the word and work of Jesus that all people may know the welcome of God, worship with joy, grow as disciples, live as servants, and share the strength of Christian fellowship, all to the glory of God."*

Worship is central to the life of this church. Our services tend to be traditional but not stuffy. Without forgetting the rich and instructive language of the past, we couch our worship in the language of today. Music, including congregational singing, offerings from one or more of our various choirs, and instrumental pieces, is a large part of worship at Salem. Our Associate in Ministry often preaches on the first Sunday of a month while the Pastor is in the pulpit on the other Sundays. The Sacrament of Holy Communion, generally served in the pews, is offered on the second Sunday of each month.

Worship is at 10:15 on Sunday mornings with the exception of the summer months. From the first Sunday of June through the Sunday before Labor Day, worship is at 9:00.

Since August of 1991, Salem's pastor has been the Rev. Dr. Mark E. Yurs. Mark is Salem's ninth pastor, and his pastorate is the longest in our congregation's history. We are also ably served by Laura Kolden, who works among us as a Lay Associate.

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

2537 Franklin St.

Grand Marsh, WI 53936

The First Congregational Church of Grand Marsh had its beginnings long before the railroad came through Grand Marsh. It was started in 1890 when a few of the members dropped away from the First Congregational Church of New Chester to form a church closer to where they lived.



The first worship services were held at “The Marsh House,” which was run by the Fletcher family. The first group who met for worship were Rev. and Mrs. James McChesney, Sarah M. Cleland, Omar Burgdorff, and Mr. and Mrs. John McFarlin. They chose to meet in the homes of members for a while.

On August 17, 1913 Mr. H.W. Carter came from Madison and met with some of the people in the village of Grand Marsh with the idea of officially organizing a Congregational Church. This meeting took place in Babcock Hall, a general meeting place for the villagers. The newly chartered congregation received permission to use the recently vacated Pleasant Prairie School for worship and Sunday school. Rev. Wade Pinckney served as pastor for the first two years at a salary of \$200.00 per year. By 1916 the congregation was able to purchase the school building and move it to the site where the present church building stands.

The church remained small and because of this could not call a full-time pastor, but they remained active in the community by putting on suppers and plays and having Sunday school. During this time many businesses were destroyed by fires and the church served as a foundation for keeping the village going.

The church was struck by lightning on October 23, 1935. There was considerable damage. The belfry was demolished, but other damage was quickly repaired because the building was the only worship center in the village and was used by several denominations. Harley Wohlfert replaced the belfry and the bell.

In 1969 the Rev. Glenn Dunn of Friendship agreed to add Grand Marsh as the third church he was serving. During his pastorate the Bible school grew to serve as many as sixty children. On July 17, 1979 a fire destroyed the entire church building. By June 1980 the church was rebuilt and a rededication took place. In 1987 Rev. Dunn retired after serving Grand Marsh for 18 years as pastor. Since then the church has often been served by pastors who also lead a congregation in a neighboring town.

Over the years one of the most popular church activities was the annual chicken suppers held during harvest time. In more recent years these have been replaced by corned beef and cabbage dinners served in March. The church has a Sunday school, which meets year round, and seeks to be a welcoming presence in the community.

Congregational United Church of Christ

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The Congregational Church of Whitewater had its beginning on the Prosper Cravath farm on Country Line Road. It was organized in 1840 with 15 members and was the seventh church in the Territory of Wisconsin.

Services were held in private homes until the frame meeting house was built in 1843. By the late 1840's the Congregational Church had a membership of over 90. Therefore, in 1850, the congregation decided to build a new church and a new brick church rose on the site. Since the fund was short by nearly \$3,000.00 a few members shouldered the debt and presented the final amount. The church was growing rapidly.

The brick building could not house the growing congregation, so a drive for funds was started. They chose the Congregational Church in Janesville as a model. In March, 1871, the old brick church was torn down. The new building was started immediately and after completion, dedication took place on December 20, 1871. It was often remarked that it was the finest church in the state for the money invested (\$18,000.00).

On a dark, gray, rainy day in February 1881, Mr. George Montfard was tuning the organ when the oil lamp fell and started a fire. Help arrived and the men thought the fire had been put out. However, the fire had continued between the brick and plastering. It flared again and consumed the building. However, members carried out seats, cushions, chairs, books, and chandeliers; even the pulpit was saved, along with the small organ.

On January 8, 1882 the first service was held in the new building. A new Hook & Hastings hand-pumped organ was installed and served until 1946. The cost of the new church was not to exceed \$20,000.00, including the organ, bell, etc. The new church strongly resembled the First Congregational Church of Madison, built in 1874. The church had the largest auditorium in the city, therefore it became a community center. Even the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater used the auditorium to play their basketball games.

The Ladies Union was created in September of 1901 and continues to exist today as Women's Fellowship. Around 1920 the building was too small, so George Pollack was awarded a contract and set to work making the changes that are nearly the same today. The basketball court was remodeled into the nursery, library and music rooms with the lower level becoming Fellowship Hall.

The old Wurlitzer organ, so long cared for by Robert Coe, was replaced and dedicated on January 24, 1987 with a concert by Cynthia Rauland.

Since 2011 the Reverend Phil Milam has served as pastor.





WINDSOR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 4434 Second Street, PO Box 187 Windsor,
 Wisconsin 53598 6088465731
 Windsoracc.org

Located in the village of Windsor,
 West off Hwy. 51

Founded in 1858, as Union church, joining together Congregationalist, Baptist and Presbyterians. In 1864, joined the Madison Association of Congregational Churches. The structure was located in the Congregational Cemetery and in the winter of 1905-06 the church was moved to its present location., to be closer to the depot and the village.

1956 the office wing was added to north end of church.

1956 the parsonage was built on the church property.

1966 the brick sanctuary was built and original church became the Heritage Room,

1984 the organ was purchased.

2001 a baby grand piano was donated.

2007 the church completed a remodeling project, expanding worship, education and office spaces.

2008 the church celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Windsor UCC has a traditional and contemporary worship services. There's active Sunday School and a vacation Bible school with various churches in DeForest/Windsor area. There are various music group, such as, chime choir, choir, quartets, band and annual youth musical.

The outreach program consists of housing the area food pantry and working closely with DeForest Area Needs Network, helping needy families at Christmas time with clothing and some gifts. Several times a year, the church is host to Road Home (homeless shelter for families in Madison area). Monthly, a meal is provided for a men's homeless shelter.

The Marion Church (Immanuel United Church of Christ)
15168 Town Hall Road at T
Woodman, WI 53827-9728
Phone: (608) 533-2127



At The Marion Immanuel United Church of Christ we're committed to:

- The ongoing life of The Marion Church, serving God and this area since 1899.
- Continuing to reach out to others, welcoming them into our church fellowship and inviting them to find a new and better relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Creating an atmosphere where God can work.
- Our pastor preaches the Bible.

If this sounds like a church you would like to visit, please come and Worship with us any Sunday at 10:00 a.m. September through May and at 9:00 a.m. during the summer.

We are 5 miles West of US 61 on County Road T, between Fennimore and Boscobel; Or 5 miles East of State Route 133, take County Road K East to County T, down in the valley.
It's worth the trip to the country to find us!

The Marion Church on County Road T
Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m. September through May
and at 9:00 a.m. during the summer.

Confirmation

Young adults deepen their faith in Jesus.

Ladies Aid

These ladies really cook, and clean and do many other needed functions in our church.
They meet on the first Thursday of every month at noon.

Soup Supper

The Soup Supper is an annual event on the Tuesday evening before Lent at 5 p.m.

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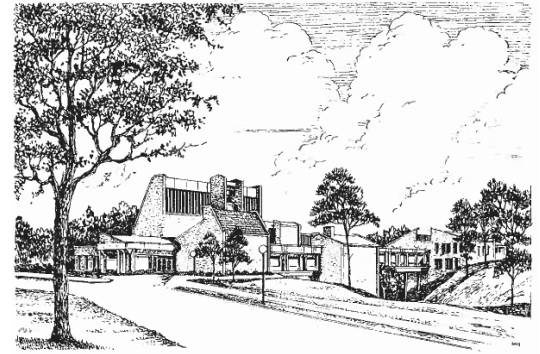
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First Congregational UCC

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Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch



First Congregational was organized on December 18, 1850 under the Wisconsin Union of Congregational and Presbyterian Churches. One year later, the Articles of Faith and Covenant and the form of government were changed to congregational. The church was legally organized as the First Congregational Church and Society of Appleton, Wisconsin on January 15, 1852.

First Congregational United Church of Christ is an active congregation of approximately 1600 members. It is known in and beyond its community for innovative worship, strong preaching, quality Christian education, active programs of mission and service, and an outstanding music program. Frequently throughout the year, normal worship formats are set aside for special events such as an Intergenerational Musical, Youth Sunday, and special music Sundays. A children's sermon is part of each Sunday's worship.

The church governs itself with a strong Church Council representing six active ministry teams, which accept responsibility in the areas of Mission and Service, Worship and Music, Stewardship, CYF (Children, Youth and Families), Congregational Life, and Facilities. The annual meeting of the congregation, held in January, has final approval of all church matters.

Christian education at First Congregational includes two fully-staffed Sunday school services for three-year-olds through sixth grade. The workshop rotation model, an exciting and dynamic approach to teaching the Old and New Testaments, is used with our students. Middle School and Confirmation students meet on Wednesday evenings. High School students meet both on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning.

Mission is a vibrant part of this congregation. Members are engaged in hands-on service with our partnerships: Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi; Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley; ESTHER; Samaritan Counseling Center; Greater Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity; the churches of Kerio Valley, Kenya; Project NOAHH and LEAVEN. We also serve the community through our Plant-A-Row for the Hungry garden, Prayer Shawl ministry, and contributions at the Warming Shelter and Rebuilding Together. Mission trips to Kenya and Back Bay Mission as well as annual youth mission trips are an integral part of our ministry mission.

The music program at First Congregational provides a broad variety of opportunities for musicians of different levels of experience. The program praises God through music, develops musical gifts, presents quality repertoire, and provides opportunities for Christian fellowship. This program encompasses the Sanctuary Choir, Lawrence University Music Scholars, Percussion Ensemble, children's music, Middle School Orchestra, handbell choirs, and other performers. The music program has scholarships available for organ students. A special partnership with the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music students has been established for more than fifty years. Through this program, gifted students share their vocal and instrumental talents with our congregation. In return we provide stipends that help them to pay for their educational expenses.

The current church building was built in 1968 and is designed to take advantage of its striking location, spanning a ravine and on the banks of the Fox River. The building was designed to accommodate service to the wider community, with a multitude of community organizations using the facilities. The recent addition of an outdoor Labyrinth Garden was a gift to the city of Appleton to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of our church.

St. John United Church of Christ

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Membership—255
Year Organized—1894



The history of St. John United Church of Christ, Appleton, Wisconsin reveals the weaving together of two congregations. On August 12, 1894 the German Evangelical St. John congregation was organized, and in 1895 they erected a church at 835 West College Avenue. The First Reformed Church of Appleton was organized on November 7, 1909 and located at East Lawe and North Hancock Streets. On August 31, 1931, First Reformed Church moved to North Superior and Hancock Streets.

Realizing that the congregation was not growing as they had hoped, the First Reformed Church opted to sell their property and took up membership at St. John Church on October 17, 1937. The name became St. John Evangelical and Reformed Church. In 1957, when the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church, the church name became St. John United Church of Christ. The location of the church property by this time was beginning to be surrounded by industry with no room for expansion in the ever-growing congregation.

In 1965, St. John UCC sold their property on West College Avenue and built a new facility at 1130 West Marquette Street, our current location. The building was dedicated on November 27, 1966. The first addition to the building was made in 1976 followed by a second addition in 1999.

Music in worship includes the following choirs: Regular, Contemporary (accompanied by guitars and drums), and Bell Choir.

In 1997, a permanent big screen was installed in Sanctuary to allow the use of computerized images in worship.

Sunday school classes are held for preschool to eighth grades and Confirmation takes place in ninth grade.

The Women's Missionary Guild meets monthly, excluding, January, July and August, and promotes education and support of missions beyond the congregation.

The congregation has a strong history of supporting work in its community and around the world. Efforts have included the Fox Cities Warming Shelter, LEAVEN, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi.

At present the church is involved in the "Turn Around Church" process and is exploring new ideas for church growth.

On World Wide Communion Sunday the congregation celebrates "Diversity Sunday". It begins with worship and communion in the Sanctuary followed by a food fair and celebrations of ethnic dance and other cultural experiences from around the world

St. John UCC is committed, as were our forefathers, to providing ministry to our community and world in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

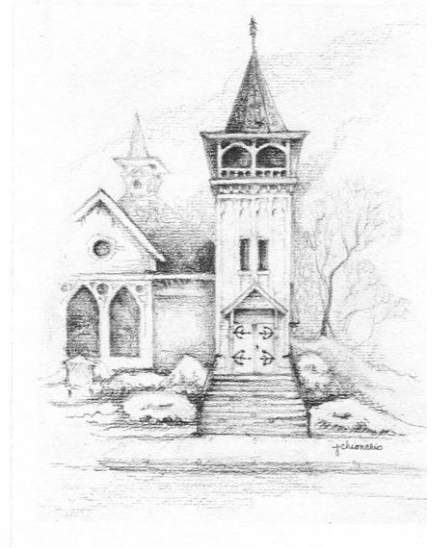
Directions to the Church: We are located on Appleton's north side, between north Mason and Richmond Streets. From highway 41, take Richmond St. south, (aka Highway 47) to Lindberg Street (church parking lot) or Marquette St. (Turn right by Valley Funeral Home to church, 4 blocks, parking lot in back of church).

The Federated Church of Berlin

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Membership—60
Year Organized—1974

The Federated Church of Berlin was born in 1974 when The First Baptist Church and the Union Congregational Church decided to merge. The new congregation chose to worship in the building that housed Union Congregational Church at 192 E Huron. The building that had been the home of The First Baptist Church, located on the corners of Adams and Park Avenues, was sold to the city of Berlin.



Our pastor is shared with Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Ring, Wisconsin (between Oshkosh and Pickett). The Federated Church worships at 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Our music is lead by a variety of gifted pianists, organists, guitarists, and vocalists. Our pipe organ has twelve ranks; ten are under expression. It also has an external set of chimes. In addition to the pipe organ, the church also has a grand piano.

Our congregation has always opened its doors to the community, striving to meet the needs of the community, and in doing so, responding to God's call to ministry. In September of 1999, an after-school Christian education experience was established. Children throughout our community are encouraged to attend. The Federated Church of Berlin became the physical home of the Berlin Emergency Food Pantry in the spring of 2001. The food pantry is a ministry of the Berlin Clergy Association, to which the congregation belongs. Volunteers from all walks of life work together to meet the needs of the hungry. The Community Table, a ministry developed by our congregation, attempts to provide a hot meal, in a warm and inviting atmosphere, to members of our community. Initially established to assist those who are struggling with economic issues, the Community Table has become a popular event for many members of the community.

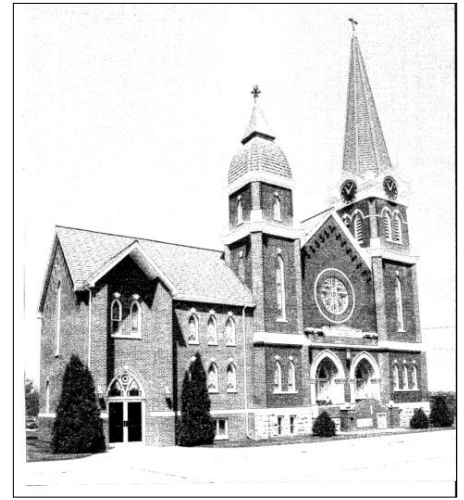
The Federated Church of Berlin has also reached out to the community and the surrounding areas through its love of music. Our congregation invites the community to begin the Advent Season with the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which features the High School Madrigals, the Sheboygan String Quartet, congregational singing, and nine selected readers from throughout Wisconsin. In 2009, the congregation developed its Winter Concert Series. The series features three concerts, each highlighting a different genre of music. The events have also been a means to unite the community.

The Federated Church of Berlin is located at 192 E. Huron in Berlin, Wisconsin. From the east, it is easily accessed on Highway 91. From the west and south it can be accessed on Highway 49.

St. John's United Church of Christ

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St. John's UCC was organized in 1871 by a group of German settlers from the Evangelical tradition. The congregation is currently a stable group of 252 members with a mix of business, farm, and labor people. There is a strong United Church of Christ identity as the church takes pride in its involvement in the Association and Conference, and on being a Five for Five congregation with regard to mission giving.



The first church building was constructed in Black Creek in 1877 and the present building was built in 1912. Since then, additions were made in 1978 and 2002. The most recent addition includes well-planned church school rooms, offices, and meeting space. It also provides an elevator, new bathrooms, and new HVAC equipment for the entire structure. St. John's is now fully accessible.

In 1970, St. John's received into membership the remaining members of St. John's United Church of Christ of the Town of Cicero when that church closed. As a sign of the merger, the Cicero bell was placed in the bell tower of the Black Creek Church. In that same year, the congregation built a new four-bedroom parsonage to replace the 1892 structure.

The congregation is governed by a nine-member Church Council, which has a number of committees responsible for the life of the church. These include a House Committee, Stewardship, Finance, Music, Worship, and a Board of Christian Education. There is a Sunday school program for children and young people ages three to grade eight. There is also a very active youth program for grades 5-12 and a two-year Confirmation program for seventh and eighth graders.

There are a number of groups and yearly events in the life of the congregation that provide opportunities for fellowship and service. St. John's has a long tradition of participating in both men's and couples' dartball leagues. There are also active Children's, Youth, and Senior Choirs, and a small but active Women's Guild. Events like Rally Sunday, the Fall Feast, a Christmas Party, Mother/Daughter or Dad and Me Banquets, a rummage sale, and ice cream social bring members of all ages together many times during the year. There are also periodic potluck dinners and clean-up days for the church and the cemetery.

St. John's also has a tradition of serving the community and participating in ecumenical events. Along with thirteen other churches, St. John's is responsible for founding and supporting Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Seymour, which now has a full range of community services including assisted living, mobile meals, child and adult day care and a new dementia care wing. We take our turns in providing regular Sunday worship and Protestant Communion at Good Shepherd. St. John's also supports the local Salvation Army Extension and Community 2000. In addition, we have hosted the annual Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast. Finally, for a number of years, we have had floats in the Black Creek Family Daze Parade and the Seymour Hamburger Day Parade.

Our current mission statement declares: "The purpose of this congregation is to be a faith community promoting the Kingdom of God through worship, teaching, and action. . . . GET READY!"

Directions: To reach St. John's, turn west off of Highway 47 (Main Street) at Burdick (M and I Bank). You will see the church at the end of the block.

Peace United Church of Christ

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On September 29, 1895, *Evangelische Friedens* congregation was organized, consisting of eleven charter members. In the first few months of its existence, the congregation was served by area pastors. On November 18, 1895, the Rev. E. J. Fleeer was called to serve the congregation; the church then became affiliated with the Wisconsin District of the Evangelical Synod of North America. In April of 1896, it was decided to build a frame church and parsonage at the corner of Custer and Market Streets; the property was purchased for \$300. The 1896 church was dedicated on September 13, 1896 with a total membership of 60. Following 80 years of service to the congregation, the old church building was deteriorating with age, renovation and remodeling not feasible. In 1973, approximately eight acres of land was purchased at the corners of Glenview Ave. and Hillview Drive. The brick building, hexagonal in shape, was under construction in August of 1978 and dedicated on September 23, 1979. As the church continued to grow, a new addition was needed. On July 15, 2001 was groundbreaking for the new Sunday school addition, which is presently being used for our Sunday school program, and contains offices for the pastor and secretary. Since the beginning of our congregation, it has been served by 26 pastors.

Our weekly Sunday worship service is at 9:00 AM and has an average attendance of 80 people of our 167 total membership. It is an informal and warm service that includes a children's sermon every Sunday. The Sunday school program is held during the morning service and our two-year Confirmation program is taught by our pastor on Wednesday evenings.

Our congregation hosts an annual post-Easter Chicken Fry fund-raiser each year, and serves over 700 meals with the help of the whole congregation. We host a weekly coffee hour after Sunday worship from September through May. We have ice cream socials to kick off and conclude our Sunday school program each year. Our Women's Guild also has a yearly fall bazaar.

Our members are active in outreach programs. We cook and serve at the Fox Valley Emergency Shelter four times each year as well as provide maintenance and upkeep on one bedroom. As a way of involving our children in outreach projects, the Sunday school children collect money to fund "mini missions" on the first Sunday of the month. We have committed resources to Heifer Project International, including being the first church in Wisconsin to complete an entire Ark of animals, then completing two additional arks and many smaller projects. Special Christmas projects include adopting families and furnishing them with Christmas gifts and food baskets, assembling and distributing "Love Baskets" to people within the surrounding communities as a way of spreading God's love and expressing our care and concern, and filling boxes with small gifts to be used by the Emergency Shelter and local service providers such as the hospitals. Our Random Acts of Kindness perennial gardens produce flowers for our annual spring sale, with proceeds being returned to friends and members of Peace in February as they use the money to reach out one-on-one to someone with a small act of kindness. Additional Random Acts, such as a recent home built in Haiti, are also completed with proceeds from this sale. Our annual rummage sale enables us to address larger projects throughout the world including the Dominican Republic, Africa, Haiti, and building homes in both Afghanistan and Mexico. Our local connections include food pantries and clothing drives as well as LEAVEN and the Domestic Abuse Harbor House.

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Membership—50

Year Organized—1877

St. John's is located in the village of Cecil on the shores of Shawano Lake, the gateway to vacation and recreation locations "up north." The church was founded in 1876 by the Evangelical Synod and was originally located at Tracy Corners, two miles south of Cecil on State Highway 117. The church cemetery still stands on its original site. The church moved to town and after two fires, and the present building was dedicated in 1913. The church contains a beautiful wooden altar and pews from the original building (covered and cushioned to disguise the fire damage). In order to make the building handicap accessible, an exterior lift was added for access to the Sanctuary and a ramp for access to the downstairs fellowship hall.



Beginning in the early 1960s, Trinity started sharing its ministry with St. John's UCC in Cecil. This yoked ministry relationship has allowed Trinity to grow and thrive with the help of full-time pastoral ministry. Together with St. John's, we share a confirmation and youth program, have a joint parish newsletter, and occasional joint worship and fellowship activities. The church Council meets monthly to share in the business of the church and meets twice a year with the Consistory from St. John's, forming the Tri-Jo Council which helps administer joint activities in the parish and support the ministry of our joint pastor.

The congregation enjoys worship, recently investing in technology to allow us to project our worship materials each Sunday, as well as special music and other tributes such as our All Saints and veterans remembrances. We have a strong Christian education program for our children and youth, focusing on learning the stories of the Christian faith and helping each child make the story their own. We focus on making sure that all who come to our doors feel welcomed as they are, and that this is a place where all can ask the questions nearest to their heart, receive the comfort and encouragement of the community, and grow in their lives as Christ's disciples. In recent years, the children and youth have also begun a puppet ministry, performing plays on Christmas and Palm Sunday as well as other special occasions.

In addition to worship and Christian education, the church is well known for its yearly potato pancake suppers. Held for seventy years on November election day, the supper provides a place for the community to gather, share a meal and most recently, enjoy a raffle for wonderful prizes.

We enjoy a strong ecumenical relationship with St. Martin's Catholic Church in Cecil, sharing the work of helping those in need. St. Martin's houses the local food pantry and St. John's is proud to be the home of the Cecil Community Closet which provides clothing at no cost to all those in need. This ministry, begun as an idea by one of our members, has grown over three years to providing clothing, new socks and underwear, bed linens, towels and other items, including school supplies, to more than eighty families a month. Thanks to a grant from the Conference and a local volunteer award, we were able to build a new shed for storage of off-season items.

Directions to the church: We are located approximately two blocks east of State Highway 117 and one block south of State Highway 22.

Ebenezer United Church of Christ

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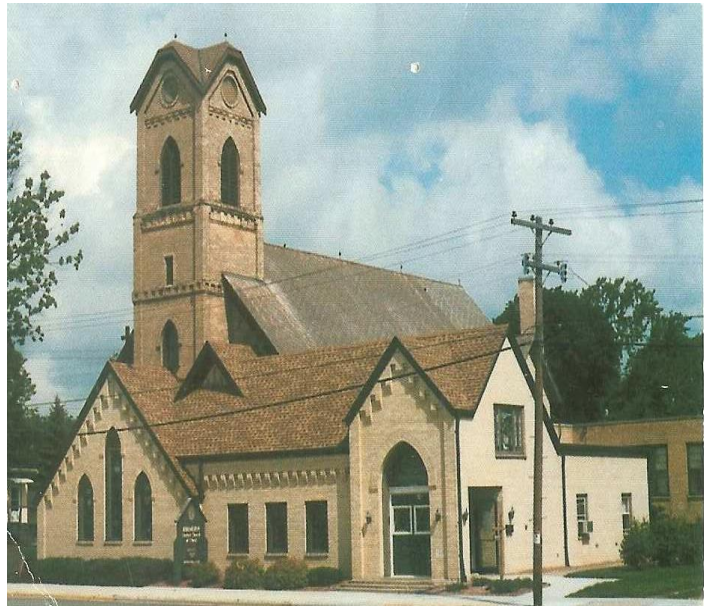
Worship:

8:00 Contemporary Worship

9:30 Traditional Worship

8:30 Sunday School

Ebenezer began life on October 28, 1883 as Ebenezer Reformed Church. The early years were a struggle to keep the little church going, but by 1899 the original building debt was paid off and the Congregation began to make plans to add on a balcony for an organ and build a parsonage. Over the years Ebenezer has added on to the church, building three separate times: once to enlarge the Sanctuary and add a balcony, then to add a Fellowship Hall and kitchen, and last, adding a narthex, lounge and offices.



We have a number of active groups at Ebenezer, our oldest being the Women's Guild which started in 1895. The youth group, which began in 1930, is a small but active group that leads worship on Youth Sunday and at Sunrise Service, sponsors the Sunrise Breakfast, and has fund-raisers and activities including trips. They meet on the second Sunday of each month. The Men's Breakfast Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at a local restaurant. The Chancel Choir practices every Sunday morning between worship services and sings on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The Bell Choir (Ebenezer Brass) practices every Monday night and plays on the first and third Sundays. The Bells are also very active in outreach by playing at Nursing Homes and for other functions in the community. At Christmas and Easter the Ebenezer Orchestra plays the prelude before worship.

Ebenezer is very proud to be a Five for Five church. We also collect food for our local Bread of Life food pantry. During Christmas we have a Christmas tree where people can get the age and gender of a child and buy a birthday gift, cake mix and frosting. These are then distributed throughout Calumet County so every child can have a special birthday.

Ebenezer is located one block off of Highway 57 on Washington St.

St James United Church of Christ

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Newton, WI 53063
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St James Church was organized as *Die Deutsche Evangelische St Jacobi Gemeinde* in the town of Meeme, Manitowoc County, WI. It was organized in 1863 by a small group of German settlers who had come to America in the early 1850s. St James became yoked with St Marks, town of Mosel, from the beginning and this relationship still exists today.



Our congregation has been tied with larger denominations. At first we were part of the Evangelical Church. In 1934, the Evangelical and Reformed Churches united and we became St James Evangelical and Reformed Church. In 1957, this body again united with the Congregational Christian Churches, giving us our present name, St James United Church of Christ. In 2013, St James will celebrate its sesquicentennial.

The original church was built in 1868. In 1902 a new church was built and is still being used today with two additions. The first occurred in 1958 and the second was completed in 2003. Our church is handicap accessible with a carport, elevator and handicap parking.

The church is governed by its constitution and by-laws with a six-member consistory and an annual meeting. Our membership fluctuates at around 200 members. We have a cemetery adjacent to the church, which is served by a Cemetery Board, also meeting with the congregation annually.

One of our main events each year is Mission Fest, held in October with a guest speaker and dinner. All proceeds are part of our commitment to OCWM. St James also participates in the United Churchmen of Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties, which provides scholarships to students in the ministry.

We have a Christian Board of Education and a very active Sunday school with dedicated teachers. Throughout the year, the children participate in many aspects of service including singing, tone chime choir and instrumental music as well as an annual Christmas program. Through the generosity of the students and their parents, the Sunday school has an outreach program and annually selects their project(s) for giving.

St James has both an electronic organ and piano, an adult choir and tone chimes choir. There is a youth fellowship group and volleyball team. Other organizations include a Service Committee, Worship Committee, Stewardship Committee and Vision of Hope. The members of St James are a church family volunteering where needed and sharing their talents.

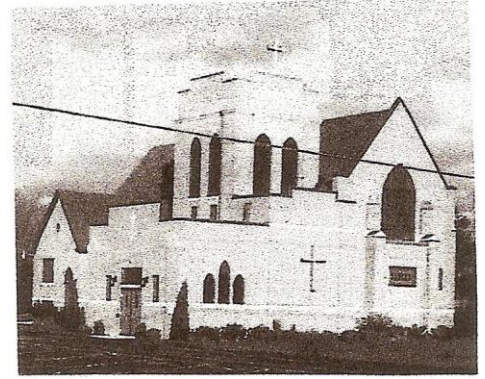
St James is a rural church that draws members from a wide geographical area. We are located on a hill and remain part of the early settlement of Spring Valley. Our church is a beautiful little jewel with a steeple that is a landmark in the community, pointing ever skyward and ever God-ward.

St Mark's United Church of Christ

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St Mark's was organized and incorporated in 1856 as (German) *Deutsche Evangelische St Markus Gemeinde Zu Town Mosel*, translated as St Mark's Evangelical Congregation in Town Mosel.

St Mark's is yoked with St James United Church of Christ, Spring Valley, in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. We have an active Sunday school, youth fellowship, senior choir, Bible study group, etc.

In 1857 the first house of worship was erected, a small log church. In 1861, one acre of land for a cemetery was donated. On August 10, 1863 the congregation called its first resident pastor. The first log parsonage was built on a two-acre site near the church. In 1873, a new brick church was built on the cemetery site, replacing the old log church. In 1876, the first bell and first organ were bought. In 1904, a new and spacious parsonage was built. The brick church at the cemetery site was used until 1937 when, at the annual meeting, the membership voted to proceed with the building of a new brick church on the same property as the parsonage. Construction was started soon after, and the new building was completed just a few days before the dedication services on May 22, 1938. It is a beautiful brick church, which is still in use along with a new handicapped addition.

Anniversaries observed were the Golden Jubilee of the church building in 1923, the Diamond Jubilee of the congregation in 1931, and the 90th and 100th anniversaries of the congregation in 1946 and 1956 respectively.

In 1957, in Cleveland, Ohio, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Church merged. St Mark's became associated with other congregations of the Reformed tradition in the Northeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference—United Church of Christ.

At the 2002 annual meeting, a committee was formed to investigate options available to the church in regard to the building of an addition, which would include an enlarged entrance area and narthex and an elevator.

During 2003, an anniversary committee was formed to plan for the 150th anniversary of the congregation. Celebrations took place in 2006, with special services and the return of all living former pastors.

Building of the new \$500,000 handicapped-accessible addition was begun in the fall of 2007 and completed a few months later. It includes a modern elevator and larger entrance area and larger narthex.

Today, through the various organizations within St Mark's church, there are opportunities for learning, growing, fellowship, service, and for worship in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Christ Congregational United Church of Christ

The Church with the Heart in the Heart of Clintonville Wisconsin

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Membership—112

Year Organized—1857



Clintonville, Wisconsin was settled in 1855. Two years later the Congregational church was organized, making this the first church in the city. This began a series of firsts for the church. The first library for the city began in our church, as did the first Boy Scout troop, the Campfire Girls, and Easter breakfasts. We also had the first woman minister in the city (the Reverend Alice Snow), founded the first day-care center, and provided the impetus for starting the community garden and Clintonville's current weekly community meal.

Our church building was built in 1895 in the heart of the city. The first remodeling was done in 1948 to provide a more efficient heating system and decent kitchen area. The renovation removed the organ pipes from the front of the church and replaced them with a beautiful stained-glass window. Far more inspiring than organ pipes! More recently, there has been an addition to provide handicap accessibility and much-needed office space. Recently other stained glass windows have been redone to emphasize their colors. The window on the south wall used to stop traffic when Highway 45 went past the church. It was contributed as a memorial to the G.A.R. and the eagle "Old Abe" was included. There aren't many memorials to the Civil War in Wisconsin. A window in the Gibson Room commemorates a long-ago youth group: "Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor."

The individual members of our church have always been involved in the life of the community. Members have provided leadership in all civic organizations including the Red Cross, United Way, City Government, Masons, Eastern Star, Rotary, Lions, helped organize and operate the local food pantry, and organized Friends of the Library in 1985. When schools were crowded, our church housed additional classroom space. Members take seriously the admonition to use the gifts God gave us to serve on another. Ours is a small church in a small town with a small membership, but we know God is still speaking and leading.

Directions to the Church: Christ Congregational UCC is located in the heart of Clintonville, Wisconsin on the corner of Main St and 8th St.

Zion United Church of Christ

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Membership—101
Year Organized—1858



Zion church dates back to the 1850s when a group from Pennsylvania with a Reformed background settled in Dale Township. A preaching mission was established by the Sheboygan Classis of the Reformed Church, and in November of 1858, the congregation was formally organized as Zion Reformed Church under Rev. G. Leinkaemper. Worship services were held in a schoolhouse until 1864 when the congregation joined with a Lutheran congregation to build a church structure near Medina, which is east of Dale, across from the site of the present Union Cemetery. Sometime later they relocated to Dale.

In 1874 a mission church, Hope Reformed Church, was established in Fremont, under Rev. E. W. Henschen, and the Fremont and Zion churches were yoked until 1958. In 1878 the Zion congregation built a parsonage at Dale, and Zion Church was relocated there in 1888. In 1984 Zion yoked with Royalton Congregational UCC church.

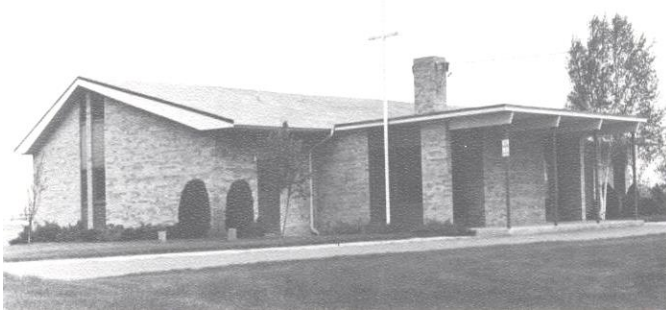
With the 1934 merger of the Reformed Church in America and the Evangelical Church, Zion church became Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church. The 1957 merger of the Evangelical and Reformed church and the Congregational Christian Church resulted in the United Church of Christ, and we became Zion United Church of Christ.

Plans for a new church structure began in 1948. The old church building was razed, and a new structure was built and dedicated in May of 1949. A parsonage was purchased in 1956, and the current one was built adjacent to the church in 1972.

Zion church is located on the west edge of Dale, on the south side of the street. Dale is approximately twelve miles west of Appleton, on Hwy 96.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Rev. James Pfefferkorn



Sunday Adult Group and Sunday school,
9:00AM
Mid-week Service Thursday, 6:30 PM

Membership—156
Year Organized—1866
Joined United Church of Christ—April 1962

January 10, 1866. Residents of De Pere and vicinity, who are members of Congregational Churches in the several places where they formerly lived, together with others friendly to that form of church organization, after mutual consultations and more careful and full consideration of the necessity and practicability of organizing a Congregational Church at this place. "This meeting took place at the home of Samuel Blake and the following men were present: F. Hollman, William T. Mathews, I. B. Crandall, Wyman Mathews, D. Jordan, C. R. Merrill, Samuel Blake, E. C. Merrill and E. T. Sharpe. On January 24, 1866, a Confession of Faith and a Covenant were accepted. Interested families first became members of the Congregational Society. Thus a group was formed to take care of financial matters. Finally, thirty-three people signed a request for Ecclesiastical Council. On May 8, 1866 a council of churches from the Fox River Valley met in De Pere to consider the request of the Society that the organization of a Christian church to fulfill the spiritual organization of the church take place. Their request was granted and they continued to operate for several years with these two organizations. The Society took care of the financial needs and the Church was responsible for public worship. During the first year meetings were held in the "stone schoolhouse," then they transferred to "Mailer's Hall" for a year. In the autumn of 1868, a lot was leased on George Street (about where the De Pere Theater is now) and the erection of a chapel was begun by the efforts of Samuel Blake and F. Hollman. Before the completion of the chapel, the Society voted to purchase it. The chapel was completed and ready for occupancy December 1, 1868. In 1875 the chapel was moved to the corner of Cass Street and North Broadway and in 1880 the Society paid for the lot on which the chapel stood. In June 1880, they incorporated under the Laws of the State of Wisconsin. In the spring of 1893 plans were made for a new church to adjoin the chapel. The chapel became the Lecture Room and in December 1894 the new church was dedicated. At the annual meeting held in Nov. 1907 the church had decline and a discussion on how to revive the church was discussed. By April 5, 1908 things had not changed and they had Rev. Homer W. Carter meet with the members on April 15th to discuss if they should try to maintain the church under the present condition, disband or transfer their work to the West Side. May 3, 1908 because of the response on the East side, the congregation, after much soul searching decided to relocate to West De Pere. On July 23, 1908 the old church building on N. Broadway was sold and land was purchased at 2nd and Oneida (Reid) St in West De Pere. This church was dedicated on February 25, 1909. As St. Norbert College grew it was decided to move once again. The church then purchased land on the corner of Cedar and 10th street in West De Pere, dedicating the present church building 5-23-1965

Christian Fellowship—The Ladies' Society was organized October 7, 1873. They are very active and have helped in several areas of the church. The Men's club had formed a dart league with other churches; this league has since ended. There is also a Pairs and Spares group. Our choir is also very active and combines with other churches for special events over the years. In the last few years we have also started a Bell choir, which also extends to our youth in Sunday school for a Youth Bell choir. We have an active youth group, which includes all ages of our Sunday school and some outside members. Our church is also very active in the outreach programs in our area. Fundraisers are our annual Harvest Dinner and annual Porky and Pancake Brunch. Our youth group has now added an annual Valentine Day Dinner as their fundraiser. Potluck dinners and our annual church picnic are enjoyed by all.

Christian education in our Sunday school is for three years-eighth grade and in confirmation classes is for our high school students.

Bethel United Church of Christ

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Membership—150
Year Organized—1862

Christian pioneers from Germany, Jacob and Louis Spindler and their families, had a need for spiritual leadership after settling in Town Herman. They contacted Dr. Herman August Muehlmeier, a pastor in the area, and asked him to be their spiritual leader. On February 10th, 1862, the congregation was organized. On March 31, 1862 it was incorporated as a member of the Reformed Church and given the name of Bethel German Reformed Church. The first church building was constructed in 1863 with materials and labor donated by the members, and in 1880 a parsonage was constructed on the church property. As the congregation grew, there was need for a larger and more modern building. In 1908 the parsonage was enlarged and a new church building was constructed with a basement, a furnace and a tower with two bells. This is the building where the present day congregation worships God. Throughout the years the building has gone through renovations and additions, but the Sanctuary remains much as it was. The most recent addition, completed in 2001, is that of a new entry and narthex area. Also added were a large fellowship hall, a new kitchen, bathrooms, youth room, conference room, copy room and pastor's office. The Sanctuary also received eleven new stained glass windows.



From 1890 until 1898 the church was yoked with Trinity Congregation in the Town of Rhine by order of the Sheboygan Classis. In 1944 Bethel became yoked with Bethlehem Evangelical and Reformed Church. This yolk was dissolved in 2002 after 58 years. Mission House (Lakeland College) was also established the same year as Bethel and they have had a close relationship ever since. Many students and graduates served Bethel, especially in the early years, and some of Bethel's ministers also taught at Mission House.

Although the church no longer has a Mission Fest, a large yearly celebration held from the late 1800s to the late 1900s, Bethel serves a chili supper every October. We also make and sell apple pies every fall and have a Spring Raffle. We take part in the CROP walk yearly with our UCC neighbors, Immanuel and St. John's, and belong to the Rural Church Fellowship. The youth from our church play in a volleyball league during the summer with area UCC Churches.

Bethel has an active Sunday school, youth and adult choirs, and many groups and teams that serve the church and community.

The church is located on the Sheboygan/Manitowoc county line (County Line Road) 1.2 miles east of State Hwy. 32 or 4 miles west of State Hwy. 42.

Community United Church of Christ

174 N. East St.

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174 N. East Street is the product of a 1937 merger of two churches (Trinity Reformed and St. John's Evangelical). Both of these churches had their roots in Germany.

Trinity Reformed Church was organized in 1863 when thirteen families met for worship in the home of H. Shaeferkort. The following year, the group built a 22' x 30' schoolhouse and a 20' x 26' parsonage in the Town of Rhine, on the site of the present Trinity Cemetery. This school building served as a Sanctuary and a classroom until a new church was erected. In 1898, the congregation decided to abandon this property and relocate to Elkhart Lake. A new two-story church was built in 1899 on the lot south of 114 N. East St.

In the early 1800s, a group of Elkhart Lake citizens formed the German School Society (Schulverein). Wm. Schwartz, one of the town's pioneer businessmen, donated several lots to the society, with the condition that the location be used for educational purposes. On this land, Schulverein members, donating most of the labor and through voluntary contributions, built a simple one-room school. This was erected south of the present church and later referred to as Community Church Hall. The society was the forerunner of St. John's Evangelical Church, organized in 1886. On November 23 of that same year, a new church was dedicated on the site north of the school. The congregation was served by various part-time pastors until 1916 when membership was great enough to support its own pastor.

No doubt the 1934 merger of the two denominations, Evangelical and Reformed, paved the way for the local merger of Trinity and St. John's in 1937. Services of the combined congregation alternated between the two buildings, which stood only a few hundred feet apart. In 1941 the two church buildings were joined into one remodeled edifice. The chancel, office, and church school rooms were located in that part of the building which once housed Trinity Church. The official name became Community Evangelical and Reformed Church.

In 1957, when the United Church of Christ was formed, Community Evangelical and Reformed church changed its name to Community United Church of Christ. The two original church cemeteries, Trinity on County Trunk MM and St. John's on County Trunk A east of the village of Elkhart Lake, continue to be owned by Community UCC.

Improvements were made to the church building in 1964 with the addition of a new entry, nursery, and cloak room, along with new furnishings and remodeling of the basement and church interior. To accommodate a large church school enrollment, a new Christian Education wing with Fellowship Hall was added to the lower level in 1976.

A 1985 memorial was designated for the future purchase of a pipe organ. In August 1988, the congregation initiated a capital campaign to raise additional funds; the new organ was installed in 1994.

Today, Community UCC continues to grow and to expand its presence within the local community. A vibrant new youth group was formed in 2008, pursuing outreach activities such as serving at soup kitchens, work camps, and mission trips outside of the state. Using memorial and dedicated monies, the church has purchased a hearing aid loop, projection screen, and updated audio/visual equipment to enhance the worship experience for people of all ages. As the name implies, Community United Church of Christ is dedicated to serving the community in whatever its needs may be.

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Membership—272
Year Organized—1854

St. John's UCC Schwarzwald organized as Evangelical St. Johannes Gemeinde by the German immigrants (1854) with the construction of a 21x36 frame building. Leading the effort was the Schoolmaster, August Pott, on the two acres donated by Andreas Walch. Schwarzwald received its first pastor, Rev. Lenschau in 1855 and erected a 24x30 parsonage. Rev. Lenschau preached on Sunday afternoons and evenings in the townships of Rhine, Russell, Mosel, Meeme and Centerville.

In 1884 a much larger edifice (34x56) with a 100-foot steeple was dedicated. This is still in use today with three additions.

During Rev. Lefkovic's term—1901-1912, Sunday school was re-organized. Youth fellowship organized in 1903, the church had a choir, Men's Chorus and a brass band. A large new parsonage was constructed and the 40th anniversary was celebrated.

The Women's Guild began in 1935 with the introduction of English services. Rev. Henning came in 1955 organizing the Men's Brotherhood, Rural Church Fellowship and United Church Camps. The Christian Education committee was established in the constitution and United Church hymnal introduced. We are fortunate as a rural church to be heading to our 160th year, with all the above organization still functioning in a modern updated handicapped accessible building.

Today we have worship services at 9:15 AM all year. Our congregation has been very involved in Malawi and has raised money to build a school there. We have a Children's Chime Choir that meets at 10:15 AM and our Sunday school meets at 10:30 AM from September until May. Our Sunday school chooses an organization for the children to help out such as Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization-Bridgeway House and Make a Wish Foundation. They have corresponded with one of our members serving over in Afghanistan. They also participate in our Worship Services during their Fall Fest, Christmas Program, Children's Sermons and more.

Our Confirmation Class meets Wednesdays from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM from September to April. They participate in community service projects along with the CROP Walk. We have a vocal choir and a handbell choir. We were very fortunate to have one of our members donate the handbells to the church. Our Women's Guild and Men's Brotherhood both meet on Wednesdays. The Guild meets at 1:30 PM and the Brotherhood meets at 7:00 PM. They both support the church. Both organizations donate Bibles to our third grade students every year. They also help with the retreats of the Confirmation Class. Our Church Council meets once a month, usually the second Tuesday of the month.

Directions: From Howards Grove, take State Highway 32 north approximately three miles to Highland Road. Turn right on Highland Road to Orchard Road, then turn left. St. John's is ¼ miles on the left.

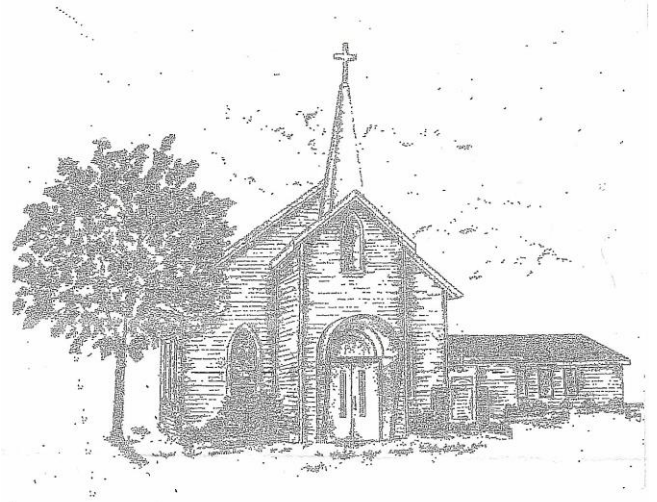
From Kiel, take State Highway 32/57 South. Stay on State Highway 32 when Highway 57 splits off to the right. In Ada, turn left onto Orchard Road. St. John's is 1-1/2 miles on the right.

Bethel United Church of Christ

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Rev. Paula N. M. Anderson
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In December 1886, a group of people gathered in Marblehead to organize themselves into a new congregation. They met in the Methodist Church there for a few years. At the 1889 Annual Congregational meeting, thirty-five members voted to build a new church and parsonage on land donated by one of the members, Christ Westphal.



On May 5, 1889, the cornerstone for the new church was laid at the corner of County Trunk K and Brookside Road. After five months of construction by members of the church, the church was dedicated on October 15, 1889. A parsonage was built next to the church in 1891. The church was named Bethel, which means “house of God.”

In 1981, the parsonage was removed to make way for a new addition that serves as a fellowship hall and Sunday school space. From 1924-2010, Bethel was a sister church with Church of Peace in Fond du Lac and served by its pastors. In 2010, Bethel and Church of Peace went their separate ways. Rev. Paula N. M. Anderson, also pastor for United Christian Church—UCC in Campbellsport, was called to serve Bethel in September 2010.

Worship services are held at 10:45 AM on Sunday mornings. GAP (God’s Awesome Place) Sunday school meets at 9:30 AM preceding worship from September through May. The Bethel Circle of Friends meets on the second Tuesday of the month, providing outreach to the community. Every August, there is a 50-50 raffle and auction fundraiser combined with a church picnic. There are also ice cream socials and other fellowship events through the year.

On October 30, 2011, Bethel United Church of Christ celebrated its 125th Anniversary with a special worship service and luncheon. Many former members and previous pastors attended.

Church of Peace United Church of Christ

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Co-Pastors: Jennifer C. M. Dawson and James F. D. Martin



According to *The Fond du Lac Journal*, in March of 1870, a group of dedicated people planned to erect a new church building, 38 by 70 feet with a basement, using stone and 150,000 bricks. A spring flood postponed the scheduled dedication on April 4, 1870.

However, as the cornerstone was already carved, the “official” date remained as it was. Two weeks later, the Rev. Acker, President of the German Evangelical Synod of North America, came from Milwaukee to officiate at the dedication. Built at grade because of soil conditions, the back of the church basement was used as a parsonage, with the front section serving as a German-language Sunday school. Thus began *Friedens Evangelische Kirche*, known today as Church of Peace.

The congregation was part of the Evangelical and Reformed Church merger in 1934 and the United Church of Christ union in 1957. Services were held in English and German until 1964, when regular German services were discontinued. All congregational meetings were conducted in German until 1922. Beginning in the 1920s on an interim basis and continuing until 2010, Church of Peace and Bethel UCC in rural Fond du Lac shared pastors and cooperated in programming. Our Bethel friends now cooperate with Campbellsport UCC.

In 1957 the denomination encouraged Church of Peace’s hope of planting a new congregation on the east side of Fond du Lac and gave \$2000 toward the purchase of land. In 1958 volunteers from the church cleared the land and erected a sign announcing the new church’s future home. Our youth and students from Mission House distributed literature about the new church, and in 1959 St. Mark’s Congregation was organized and chartered.

For many years, into the 1960s, our music ministry featured five choirs for various age groups. In the 1960s, two choirs were added. Currently, the Chapel Choir, Youth Choir, and our Sunday school students provide the majority of special music for our services. Our ailing 1911 pipe organ was replaced in 2010 with a substantial digital organ. The organ music is augmented by a wide variety of other instrumentation and musical styles, all adding to our goal of providing vibrant Christian worship experiences.

Our longest-standing organizations, Martha Society and the Ladies Aid, continue to be active, and together participate in Church Women United’s ecumenical ministry. Our new Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers twenty-five women of the church to make prayer shawls; they then bless and give them to people of the church and community in need of comfort. Our Visitation Ministry teams visit homebound people of the congregation, making monthly visits and offering them communion. Golden Fellowship is our relatively-new seniors plus group that meets for learning, community-building, and occasional field trips. We also have an active youth ministry that integrates our young people into wider church life, from teaching to providing occasional special music. They hold occasional special events and go on annual mission trips to various parts of the country.

In addition to our wider ministries support, Church of Peace is the host for the Loaves and Fishes meal program twice a week for our neighbors in need in Fond du Lac; about thirty area organizations take turns serving the meals. The congregation also receives a special offering after communion services that is used to help area individuals and families who are in need of assistance in paying for rent or utilities. With some community help, we also maintain a well-stocked food pantry for families needing grocery assistance.

Church of Peace is located across from the new YMCA/Boys and Girls Club, three blocks west of downtown and about a mile and a half northeast of the Military Road Exit on Hwy. 41.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

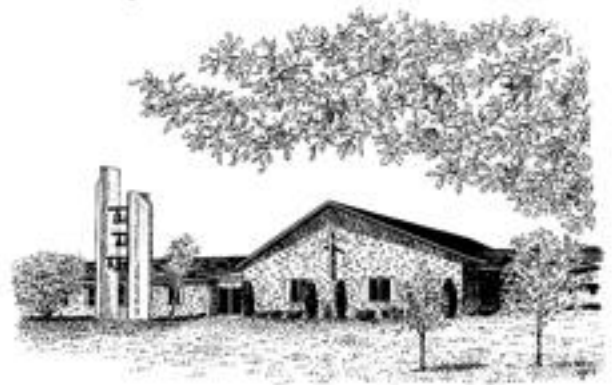
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Pilgrim United Church of Christ was formed in 1979 by a merger of two churches, Plymouth and St. Mark's UCC churches. Plymouth can trace its history back to 1845 when a farmer invited his neighbors to gather for a prayer meeting and occasional worship service. They grew in number and went on to form the First Congregational Church. In 1854, a number of members withdrew and formed the Presbyterian Church, which is still active today. Two years later, another group withdrew and organized the Plymouth Church. After four years of worshipping separately, the original church and Plymouth Church rejoined in 1860 under the name of Fond du Lac Congregational Church. The place of worship they went on to build was eventually lost in a fire September 26, 1908, which also destroyed several other churches in the area.



The congregation immediately cast a unanimous vote to rebuild and a new church was ready for worship by 1910. They officially reorganized the two congregations a year later adopting the name Plymouth Congregational Church. In 1927 a member donated eight carillon bells to the church and these were installed in the church's bell tower. An extensive remodeling project of the building followed in 1939 and many of the memorials that were received during this time are still in use today.

In 1962 the Congregation voted to affiliate itself with the United Church of Christ, but it was not until 1973 with a revised constitution and by-laws, that their name was changed to Plymouth United Church of Christ of Fond du Lac.

Our other founding church, St. Mark's, was originally sponsored by the Church of Peace, another UCC church in Fond du Lac. The group initially met in a grade school and formally organized in 1959. They moved into their newly constructed church in 1962 on the growing east side of the city. A shared ministry between St. Mark's and Plymouth began in 1975 due to the varying needs of both congregations. This led both churches to assess their circumstances, their relationship and eventually to the decision to join the two congregations. The merger was finalized on March 4, 1979 with the two churches becoming Pilgrim United Church of Christ.

This new congregation then chose to add a Sanctuary, lounge and offices onto the existing St. Mark's church incorporating many of the items from the Plymouth property, including stained glass windows, pews, ornate chancel furniture and the carillon bells.

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Church Camp

Funerals and Weddings

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Pilgrim Choir

Outreach Ministries

Youth Education: Pre-school—8th Grade

Hope United Church of Christ

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Hope UCC became a congregation on May 23, 1874, adopting the name of *Die Reformirte Hofnungs Gemeinde*, The Hope Reformed Church. For about ten years before that, dating back to the Civil War, they met in homes led by a shepherd of the flock. They were of Reformed heritage and being Calvinists, they preferred a very simple style of worship. The first effort to organize a Christian congregation took place in 1866, but the records reveal that the numbers of families of the German and Swiss descent were so small, and their funds so limited, that the venture was dropped until the mid 1870s, when increased numbers prompted another try at organizing. This time it was successful and the congregation at Medina, WI, offered to share Pastor Henschen's services to the new organization. He stayed only one year. Rev. Henry Stieniker took the dual role in 1877 and stayed for fifteen years. Many Sundays he walked the 15+ miles through the wooded paths between the two churches when the weather cooperated, otherwise he drove his horse and buggy or rode the train. Through the years, we have shared our pastors with Zion UCC congregation in Dale, WI, but since 1960 we have been independent. After the one-roomed school building became too small, in 1903, a new building was built at a different location where more land was available. Then in 1948, a complete renovation was done which sufficed until 1998 when the last addition was completed. Each time, much of the work was done by parishioners, making it a feasible project. Our name has also changed several times since 1874. In 1924, after one merger of the Association, we became Hope Evangelical and Reformed Church, and in 1954 following another ecumenical step, we became The United Church of Christ. On May 24, 2009, we celebrated our 135th anniversary. In our 135-year history, we have had a total of twenty-two pastors and five interims. We currently have 200 members. Through all of our changes, Hope UCC, known as "The Church in the Pines", continues to faithfully minister to all who seek to experience God's power in their lives.

Today, twelve groups assist the pastor in leading the church: Building/Maintenance, Christian Education, Endowment, Membership, Memorial, Music/Worship, Pastoral Relations, Social Concerns (Snack'n Chat), Stewardship/Finance, Historical and Funeral.

Our church has an electric organ, electric keyboard, piano, church band, adult women's choir, children's choir and a children's hand-bell choir.

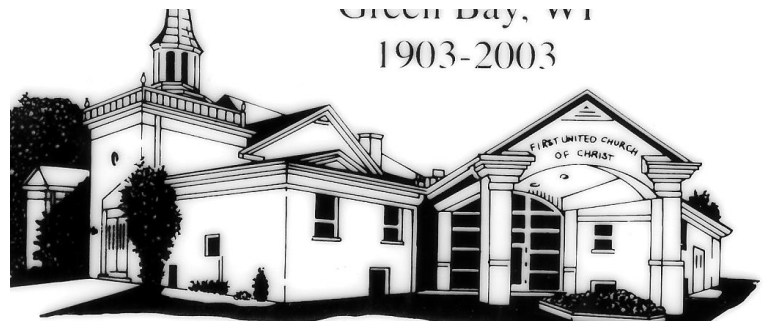
We are not on the State Register, and several churches in our area were all built in the same decade.

Our outreach ministries include: Equal Exchange Coffee program, Weymont Food Pantry, Wells for Zoe, Harbor, Kathy and Ronald McDonald Houses, CROP Walk, Salvation Army/Adopt-a-Family and Habitat for Humanity. We support NIN, OGHs, OCWM, STC and Christmas Fund.

First United Church of Christ

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Year Organized—1903
Membership—270



First Church began its journey in 1902 when several Reformed Church families moved to Green Bay with the Krieger Saddlery Company from West Bend. They rented the French Presbyterian Church and met every other Sunday afternoon, arranging for a seminary student or minister to travel to Green Bay for each service.

In April of 1903, Rev. E. J. Rusterholz was called as the first pastor. The congregation was formed that year with a membership of thirteen. A constitution was drawn and the name Evangelical Reformed Zion's Church was chosen. In 1904 a lot was purchased for \$900.00 and the first church (with pews, pulpit, lights, etc.) was built for \$2,500.00! In the early days there were many changes in leadership, but the small congregation continued to meet. In 1918 Rev. Emil Buehrer ministered at First Church for twenty years. He was followed by Dr. Ralph Ley, who went on to be one of our Wisconsin Conference Ministers.

The present building took some time to evolve. Lots were purchased in 1946 under the leadership of Rev. John Verhage, but due to a post-WW II shortage of materials, ground breaking was not until 1950. On January 27, 1952, Rev. Edward Busse led the first worship in the new Sanctuary. Since that time, a new education wing, including classrooms, an office and pastor's study, a lounge and chapel, was added during the nine-year ministry of Rev. William F. Koehler. After Bill left in 1964, the ministry continued to be effective under the seventeen-year leadership of Rev. John Decker. In 1984, along with Rev. Bob Laubenstein, the concept of a "seven-day-a-week" church came to life. With some fresh thinking came the need to re-fresh the building. Again, in 2000, the church went through a major renovation and addition under the leadership of Dr. Laubenstein, adding a new Sanctuary, carport entrance, welcome area, community room and multipurpose classroom area. Since that time we have seen many technological changes in how we "do church."

Over the past twenty-eight years of Rev Bob's leadership, the church has sent many adult and youth mission teams on yearly trips to places in and outside of the United States. For the past ten years, First Church has also hosted YouthWorks, a youth ministry that invites up to seventy students each week during the summer to stay at the church and do mission activities in the area. Another ministry that has been active for over a decade is the Feed The Hungry program, which provides a free breakfast on the first and third Saturday of the month. This ministry has been the model for similar programs in the area.

Directions to First Church: The church is accessible from I-43 or Highway 172 via Webster Avenue. From I-43 go South and from Hwy. 172 go North on Webster Avenue. First Church is near Bellin and St. Vincent Hospitals, at the corner of Webster and Mason.

Union Congregational United Church of Christ

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Union Congregational United Church of Christ was first conceived on September 26, 1835 as the First Presbyterian Church of Green Bay and is the oldest congregation in continuous existence in the Reformed tradition in Wisconsin. The congregation held its first worship service at the infirmary of Fort Howard on January 10, 1836 under the leadership of the Rev.

Cutting Marsh, a missionary to the Stockbridge Indians near Kaukauna. The church was blessed with a physical home when a simple frame structure was erected on the corner of Crooks and Adams Streets in 1838.

The Rev. Stephen Peet, the third pastor, authored the Plan of Union in Wisconsin that united Presbyterians and Congregationalists in cooperative mission in 1840. In that same year, the congregation called the Rev. Jeremiah Porter to be its pastor. A great-grandson of Jonathan Edwards, Porter served the congregation for eighteen years. During those years his wife, Eliza, strengthened the public school in Green Bay and the Porters led the congregation to house a slave family in the church's belfry for eight days in 1855, thus making the church a stop on the Underground Railroad.

In 1880 the church and manse were destroyed by a fire kindled by a spark from a passing steam ship. A new church was erected of wood on the same site. On May 9, 1899, the congregation voted to become Union Congregational Church, changing denominations and memorializing Stephen Peet's landmark ecumenical agreement.

In 1929, under the leadership of the Rev. Leonard Parr, the congregation raised up a new English Gothic edifice of multi-colored sandstone on Madison Street. The building was expanded with a chapel and educational space in 1954 and made it handicapped accessible in 1993.

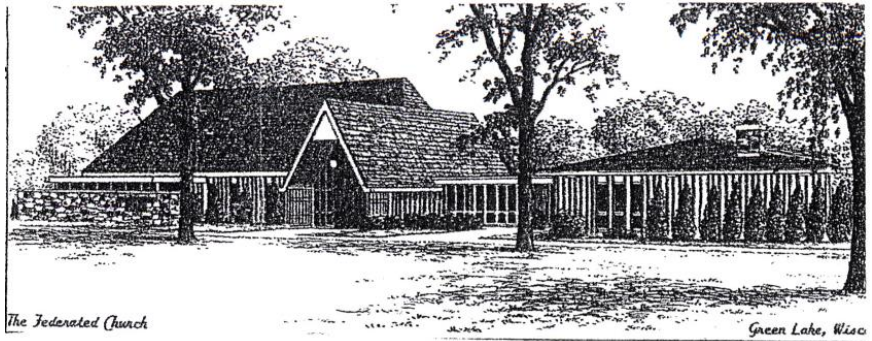
During the pastorate of the Rev. Charles Bagby, the congregation ended a contentious chapter in its history when it voted to affiliate with the United Church of Christ on January 19, 1964, a vote that led to the founding of Pilgrim Congregational Church, an NACCC church, on Green Bay's west side.

Since 1995 Union Church has been served by the Rev. Charles Mize. On October 24, 1999 the congregation voted to become an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ. With a congregation of 540 members and an average worship attendance of approximately 200, Union Church is the leading voice of progressive Christianity in Green Bay.

Federated Church of Green Lake

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Membership—350
Year Organized—1849



On July 28, 1849, a meeting of members from Presbyterian and Congregational backgrounds was called at Bluffton in the Township of Brooklyn. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a Congregational Church in the area. The church was approved at the Lake Mills district meeting on August 30, 1849. In the winter of 1856 a meeting of the members was held to consider erecting a church in the village of Dartford. The church was built on Scott and Mill Streets in the village of Dartford in 1857.

The Federated Church of Green Lake resulted from the coming together of three Protestant congregations already meeting in the area: The Congregational Church, The Methodist Church, and The American Baptist Church. The unification service was conducted on October 3, 1948 on the village square with each congregation marching from different directions to a single focal point. In 1957 the Congregational Church became the United Church of Christ.

A high point in the history of the Federated Church was the dedication of the new building in June 1969. The building was erected on the site of the old Congregational Church.

We celebrate that which unifies us, most importantly the centrality of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Our core values focus on acceptance of Jesus Christ and His body; family, loving the Lord God and loving our neighbors as ourselves; and spirituality, our personal walk with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Church Groups

Sunday school (all ages)
Bible Studies/Youth Programming
Vacation Bible School
Confirmation Classes

Pipe Organ/Handbell Choir/Chimes (all ages)
Choir (All ages)
Christian Fellowship
Small Group Study

Outreach Ministries

Prayers and Squares/Sew-Sew Blessed
Helping Hearts Ministry
Operation Backpack
Caring Ministries
Perkins Missions
Missions Here and Abroad
County Fair Worship
City-Wide BBQ and Pig Roast
National Speakers on Various Church Related Topics

Food Pantry
Angel and Mitten Tree
Salvation Army Bell ringers
Heifer International
Haiti/Pakistan Disaster Relief
Neighbors in Need
Harvest Fest Worship
City-Wide Clutter-Free Sale

Directions: The church is located at the intersection of Scott and Mill Streets in the City of Green Lake.

Hancock United Church

Interstate 39
PO Box 176
Wild Rose, WI
Reverend Yul Kwon

We are a small town church in a small community of about 400 people. Our membership has declined over the years and we now number less than sixty, but we are stable at that number. We are predominantly older, retired people. We average close to fifty percent attendance most Sundays. Our worship services with Pastor Yul are very meaningful, and we have special services for Holy days and Christmas Eve. We host and serve a free community meal the first Wednesday evening of the odd numbered months and they are becoming successful.

Historical Information

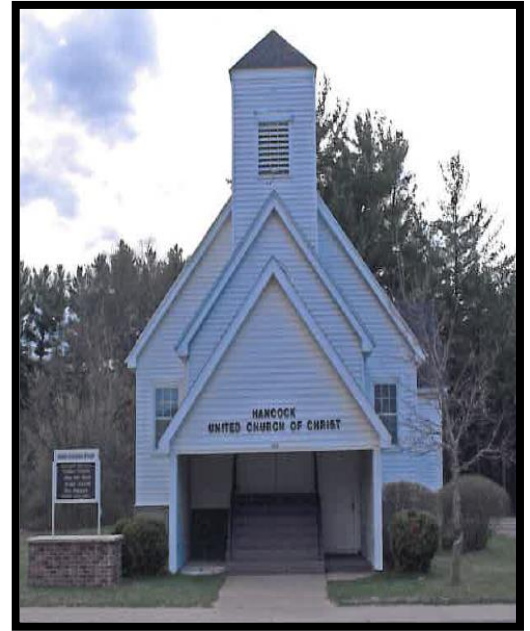
The Congregational denomination was started by J. W. Donaldson in 1872 on land donated by J. W. Wiley at a cost of \$1,066. The church was remodeled in 1918 at a cost of \$2,400. The original building burned in 1952 and the current church was built and the first service held in February of 1953. Several remodel projects have been completed and upkeep continues, although the outside remains the same. Furnaces have been replaced by high efficiency gas models, ceiling fans have been installed, air conditioning has been installed, bathrooms have been added and updated, and carpeting was added and replaced and so on.

The Church government consists of a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, three Deacons, three Deaconesses, three Trustees, Benevolence and Memorial Chairpersons and Sunday school Superintendent. We hold monthly council meetings and an annual meeting is held the third Sunday of January (weather permitting—it is frequently postponed due to Wisconsin winters).

We have an annual budget, weekly offering envelopes and accounting system. Special offerings include OGHS, NIN, the Christmas Fund, OCWM and others. We have been a Five for Five church for several years and have met our yearly pledge for OCWM. Pastor Yul also has a discretionary fund.

Pastor Yul serves the Wild Rose United Methodist Church with whom we have been yoked and shared a pastor for approximately twenty-five years.

Our Sunday school has been maintained for several years, but attendance has dwindled to only one student and will undoubtedly be discontinued again.

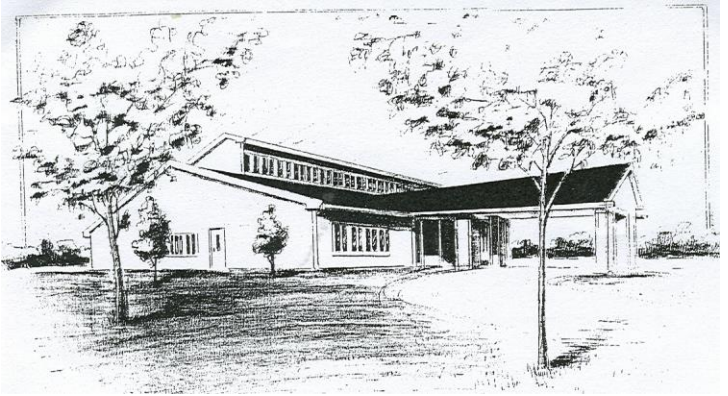


Our Shepherd United Church of Christ

710 Ethan Allen Drive
Howards Grove, Wisconsin
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The Congregation of Faith UCC in Erdmann/Sheboygan, because of declining membership and commercial development without growth possibilities, made the decision to move to Howards Grove in 1986. Founded February 22, 1953 as a mission congregation of Ebenezer UCC, Sheboygan, they started in Erdmann in a

schoolhouse with the Rev. John Seidler as their first pastor. They then purchased land and built a church, dedicating it on November 11, 1954. They celebrated their 25th anniversary, raising \$10,000 for OCWM and other expenses. Later they sold the building to Donahue and Assoc. for \$215,000 when they moved to Howards Grove. Other pastors who served: Dan Schowalter, Clarence Schmidt, Milton Kading, Carl Zeyher, Terrance McCreedy, Robert and Ruth Beck, Paul Krueger, and Leonard Voight.



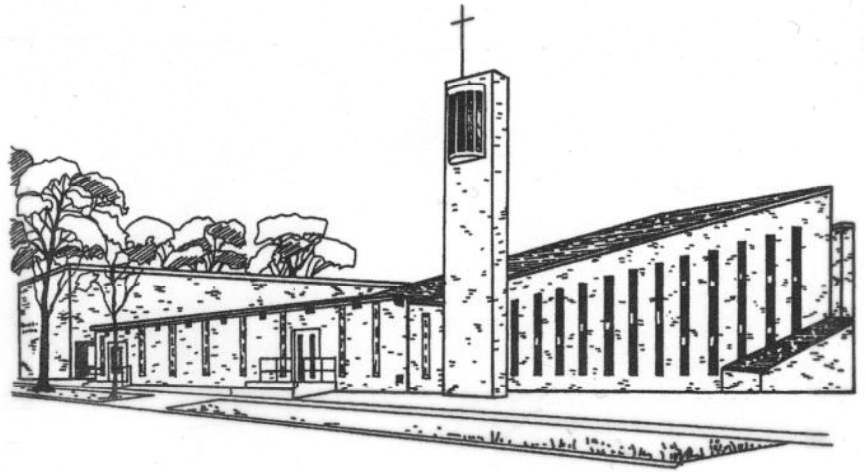
The Rev. Keith Weiland was called to be pastor of Faith UCC in September 1986. The congregation started meeting in Riverview Elementary School Gymnasium in Howards Grove. Land was purchased in November of 1986 at 710 Ethan Allen Drive and the name changed to Our Shepherd UCC. The ground breaking ceremony was May 21, 1989, and the dedication service for the new building was December 10, 1989. The Rev. Keith Weiland was pastor until December 1993; the Rev. Don Neiderfrank was interim pastor until Rev. Mark Jaberg was called January 15, 1995, and served until May 2009. The Rev. Ernest Huntzinger was called to be interim.

Our congregation has a Women's Fellowship, Sunday school, Senior Choir, Praise Choir, a Music and Christian Education Committee, which perform the basic work of the church and provide outreach activities and witness to the mission of the church. We have an annual chicken barbecue (funds for the building) and chili supper (for the choir), brat fry, music and food in fall, pancake breakfast, Lenten services with potluck, and Easter breakfast. Other activities include: youth volleyball, hanging of the greens by Sunday school in Advent, Christmas Program, Christmas caroling by the choirs, youth mission trips, annual cookie walk in December, dartball, Boy Scouts, and yoga lessons. Regular projects are: prayer shawl/blankets, beverage caps for Ronald McDonald House, hygiene items for Africa, Christmas giving tree (needy families), food pantry, projects for homebound (Sunday school), Sunday kiddie keep, Easter lilies and poinsettias for the Sanctuary, youth scholarship fund, and presenting coffee mugs to guests attending worship.

Kaukauna Immanuel United Church of Christ

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Our church family numbers 294 as of December 31, 2010. The membership represents a cross section of age groups and professions.

Immanuel came to life in 1887, when Jacob Bollenbacher brought the Reformed tradition to Kaukauna. He is the same person who started what is now known as Ebenezer United Church of Christ in Chilton.

The congregation in Kaukauna merged with the local Congregational Church in 1945. Twelve ministers have served Immanuel during its existence. One of these ministers, Rev. John Schieb, became the first called Northeast Association Minister, as did a son of Immanuel, Rev. Don Hinze. An exciting change took place in 1971-72 when Immanuel built a new Sanctuary.

Immanuel provides a wide range of programming options for its members. Committees that are very active are: Building and Grounds, Christian Education, Evangelism, Music, Stewardship and Pastoral Relations. We also have very actively involved teams namely: Social Concerns, Worship Design, Fellowship and Women's Guild. We have the Phoebe Ministry, which keeps in touch with Immanuel's shut-ins, and the Dorcas Ministry, which meets evenings and is composed of working women.

Worship service is held at 9:00 AM on Sundays and has many variations to it. We cocoon our children's service within our regular service. Presently, we have a very talented, dedicated bell choir and have recently started a chime choir. A praise choir sings at Christmas and Easter. Members of our congregation offer vocal solos throughout the year.

Immanuel's church council serves as the governing body of the church and presents a narrative budget at the annual meeting.

We offer a warm welcome to you to come visit us and after service; you are invited to join us for fellowship hour as we share coffee and conversation with one another.

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Kiel, WI 53042

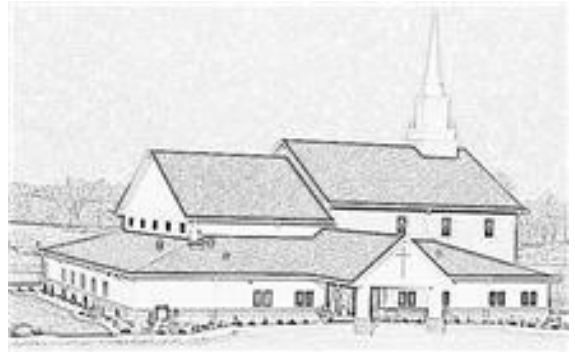
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Membership—186

Year Organized —1865



Bethlehem German Evangelical Church was founded in December 1865 by twelve families, mostly farmers in the rural Town of Schleswig of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. The first pastoral leadership came from nearby Mission House Seminary (now Lakeland College). When the Evangelical and Reformed denomination merged with the Congregational Christian churches in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ, Bethlehem became Bethlehem United Church of Christ.

In 1944 Bethlehem yoked with Bethel United Church of Christ in the Town of Herman, Sheboygan County. The congregations shared a pastor until 2002 when each church had grown in numbers and it was felt the mission of the congregations would be better served with its own pastor.

The first services were held in the local schoolhouse until 1866 when a one-room church was built on one acre of land. By 1913 it was determined that a bigger, more modern building was needed, and so the old building was razed and a new church built on the same site. The second building, with numerous additions, renovations, remodeling and redecorating, served the congregation until 2005. With a multitude of building needs to be addressed, it was decided to build again, this time just north of the second church, on an adjacent parcel of fifteen acres which had been purchased several years earlier to allow for expansion of parking. In January 2006 the first worship service was held in the new handicap-accessible church. The new building is double the footage, allowing a large Sanctuary, separate rooms for Sunday school classes, choir, youth, library, pastor's office, spacious kitchen and fellowship hall.

Unlike the early years when most members were area farmers, current membership is quite a diverse group. Amongst the membership are business owners, teachers, bookkeepers, sales people, factory workers, office workers, truck drivers, retirees, and even a few farmers. There is a mix of age groups from infants to octogenarians. Many families are new to Bethlehem and the United Church of Christ, while others have family ties that go back five generations to the church founders in 1865.

Children are also an integral part of the Sunday worship in addition to the opportunities to participate in Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. These are staffed entirely by volunteers. Confirmation class is lead by the pastor with support of mentors for each of the confirmands. Three groups: Bethlehem Ladies, Youth Group and Merry Christians have provided opportunities for additional learning, fellowship, special mission involvement, fundraising and other activities for many years.

The worship service is a traditional one with the laity involved as liturgists. The choir has provided uplifting music for more than seventy-five years. Special services throughout the year include midweek Lenten services, a Maundy Thursday Play, Thanksgiving Eve program, a Christmas Cantata, and Mission Fest. Many small groups and individuals use their talents to enhance the worship space and service. In addition to these special services two major fundraisers, a chili supper and a pork dinner, necessitate and encourage cooperation, organization and involvement, which serve to draw the church community together. They also allow the congregation to fulfill its mission to reach out to the people in the surrounding communities.

Directions to the church: The church is located northeast of Kiel, on Lax Chapel Road, one mile north of County Highway X or three miles south of County Highway C.

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

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St. Peter's United Church of Christ was founded in 1864 by German immigrants, many of whom had helped to charter the community of Kiel, Wisconsin just ten years before. Beginning as a congregation of the Reformed Church in the U.S.A., St. Peter's is a reflection of the evolution of the UCC as its members merged from the Reformed Church into the Evangelical and Reformed Church and then into the United Church of Christ. The purpose and calling of the church and its congregation is announced in its mission statement. "Our Mission as St. Peter's United Church of Christ is to celebrate God's love. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we respond to the needs of our congregation, community, and the world through worship, education, fellowship and service to all." Worship services are held at 9:30 AM Sunday, as well as 7:00 PM Thursday evenings, except during the six weeks of Lent when there is a Wednesday evening service for all congregation members. The services are enhanced by the music of the Mendelssohn Choir, the Chapel Chimers bell choir, and the contemporary music of the group, . . . As One. . . Members are also encouraged to become Liturgists for the services and to participate by leading in various parts of the services.

The Christian Education program begins with the Cradle Roll and goes on to adult discussion groups. The Sunday school meets from September through May and includes those children from pre-kindergarten through the sixth grade. Preparation for Confirmation and Confirmation classes encompass the next four years. Adult Bible classes are held on Tuesday morning as well as Sunday morning. Other opportunities for Christian growth are offered in book discussions, member round-table discussion groups, and in various organizations within the church. These organizations and groups also offer opportunity for fellowship as members come together to share their thoughts, to laugh together, and to know each other on a more personal level.

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ tries to be mindful of the needs of others as it fully supports the missions of the UCC. On a local level, the congregation actively works with the Kiel Food Pantry and the clients who are served there. In the past, the church has also served as a temporary shelter for homeless families, on a weekly rotation with nine other churches, but that is a need that is no longer required with the advent of Hope House in Manitowoc. Hope House has become another area of support for St. Peter's and its members. Throughout the year, the members and organizations of the church reach out to the community, whether it is in late June with the choirs' Picnic in the Park, or in the beginning of February with a Chili Challenge in conjunction with the Kiel Ice Sculpture weekend.

St. Peter's church will be observing its 150th anniversary in 2014, a testament to the enduring faith of its members. The ringing of the bell outside the church, and the full-throated sound of pipe organ and singing inside the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning announces to the world that St. Peter's United Church Of Christ is, indeed, celebrating God's love and the Gift of Life.

Grace United Church of Christ

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Membership—320
Year Organized—1924

From the humble beginnings as a mission Sunday school class of Zion Reformed Church in Sheboygan, Grace Church was organized on January 10, 1924 by twenty-four charter members in the Kohler Village Hall. Grace held services and Sunday school classes in the Village Hall with supply pastors coming from Mission House Seminary. Grace called the Rev. E. A. Katterhenry to be its first full-time pastor in the fall of 1925. On October 10, 1926 a celebration took place for laying the cornerstone for the new church building. On March 27, 1927 the first service was held in the new church building as the members marched down School Street from the Village Hall to the new building. The building was dedicated in a day-long celebration on April 3, 1927. The total cost of the building and equipping the church was \$33,399.86.



In 1928 the Ladies Society sponsored the first Daily Vacation Bible School and a year later a church orchestra was organized. In December of 1933 the Rev. Arthur R. Achtemeier was installed as pastor. During this time a strong relationship with Mission House Seminary continued as they celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Mission House and used students to direct choirs and teach Sunday school classes.

During the dark days of the depression and World War II, Grace was a beacon of light in its community. Records indicated that it celebrated its first Community Wide Ice Cream Social in 1940 and has continued the tradition on into the present time. It held an end of war service in 1945 that was for the whole community and the offering went for war relief. On September 22, 1946 the mortgage burning service of consecration was held, allowing the congregation to be debt free. At this time it became self-supporting and a supporter of programs for the Board of Missions. In 1948 it became Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, uniting with other churches in the area in its dedication to church unity. In 1957, with the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches with the Congregational Christian Churches, Grace changed her name to Grace United Church of Christ, a name she cherishes to this day.

In 1998 a remodeling project was undertaken to produce a larger and more inviting worship area, accessibility entrances, classrooms, updated restrooms, and a pastor's study. The nursery class area was further enhanced with a full-room mural using metallic paint for magnets and felt areas for picture boards.

During her lifetime, Grace has been a strong supporter of denominational ministries and area wide ministries. She was active in support of Sunburst Homes and her predecessor programs in Neillsville, active in support of the camping programs at Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach, and has cherished her relationship with Mission House and United Seminaries. Locally she was instrumental in the development of an ecumenical Christmas walk, the community wide Ice Cream Socials, the foundation of a local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and a meeting place for Boy and Girl Scout programs. She continues to open her doors to those seeking the good news as she offers her building and services to the wider community.

Grace UCC can be found by entering the Village of Kohler and proceeding west from the American Club or one block east of the cemetery, both landmarks in the Village of Kohler.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Rev. Keith R. Weiland

The St. Paul's United Church of Christ has a rich sense of pioneer heritage dating back to its German protestant settlers and continues its ministry to the residents and vacationers of the eastern shores of Lake Winnebago.

The membership of 100 confirmed members, 20 baptized members, and a number of loyal summer friends who vacation in cottages along the lake, consists of farm families, retirees, and professional and factory workers employed in the neighboring towns and cities.

The congregation was founded in 1846, making it one of the oldest protestant congregations in northeast Wisconsin with an Evangelical heritage. It began as the German Lutheran Church of Calumet, in 1934 it took the name of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, and in 1957, St. Paul's United Church of Christ.



In addition to the various organizational committees and church council, St. Paul's offers to its members fellowship and service opportunities through a Women's Guild, Cemetery Board, an annual Advent celebration called Hanging of the Greens, an annual church picnic, midweek Lenten Bible studies and worship. A favorite annual event in our area is our church's German-style dinner held every October, which draws approximately 450 people.

The church prides itself on a very strong Christian education ministry through weekly Sunday school for children, an annual Vacation Bible School, and an annual youth campout, all of which serve children and youth not only from our congregation but also from the area at large. The congregation looks at children and youth ministry as a strong outreach of the church. It also actively includes children in worship through a weekly Children's Sermon time and an annual children's Christmas Eve program. Our Sunday school children sponsor a foreign child through their own our mission program.

In 2009 an active group of volunteers created a "meditation trail" along a half-mile stretch of land we own between the church and our church cemetery. We have a very beautiful wetland area that is being used for this purpose. We are very selective about our plantings in and around the trail and try to keep them as native as possible. The trail has six meditation stations for walkers to stop and meditate. At the beginning of the trail is a full-sized labyrinth and at the end of the trail is a Native American 'prayer wheel'. We also have a large cross and grassed worship area there as well.

Since we developed the trail we have had worship, baptisms, weddings and anniversary celebrations at the grassed worship area. We've also hosted retreats using the trail as a natural setting for the program.

The congregation supports several mission programs of the United Church of Christ and actively seeks ways to serve members and neighbors along the eastern shores of Lake Winnebago, primarily in Fond du Lac and Calumet counties.

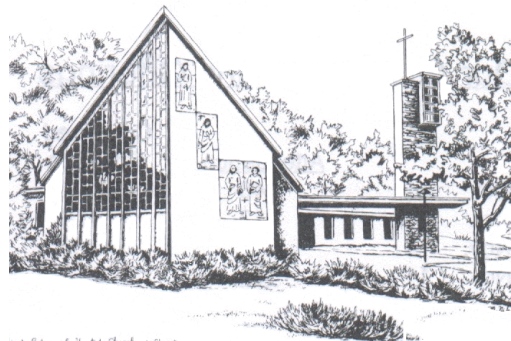
We just celebrated our 165th anniversary in October of 2011, but the congregation looks to the future with faith, hope and love, trusting we will continue to provide an important Protestant ministry in this rural area of Wisconsin.

Church School is at 9:00 AM and Worship is at 10:00 AM.

First Reformed United Church of Christ

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Membership: 215
Year Organized: 1868



In the history of First Reformed United Church of Christ, First German Lutheran Church of Manitowoc played an important role because the people who were later to establish First Reformed Church originally attended the services at First German Lutheran. The union of the two groups did not last long. On March 28, 1868, a meeting was held consisting of twelve men who constituted the First or Hope Reformed Church of Manitowoc. The original building was located on the northeast corner of Ninth and Hancock Streets (near the county courthouse). At first, worship was held in a wooden structure. Later a larger building was constructed, and when that building no longer met the congregation's needs, we moved to our current location on Waldo Boulevard. The groundbreaking for our current building took place on July 16, 1961. The building was dedicated on June 24, 1962, and the mortgage was burned on October 16, 1977.

Our nine-member Church Council provides leadership for our congregation. In addition to our Church Council, there are four standing committees: Finance Committee, Property Committee, Human Resources Committee, and Pastor Parish Relations Committee. We also have a variety of ministry teams each of which is coordinated by a ministry team coordinator. Their task is to oversee programming in the areas of Sharing (worship and fellowship), Study (faith formation), Service (outreach), and Stewardship (sharing, giving, and releasing of resources).

Worship is at 9:45 AM on Sunday and is followed by a fellowship time. We are blessed with both a vocal and a handbell choir. Our worship service is videotaped and shown on cable television on Wednesday afternoon.

Several special annual events in the life of our congregation include Deck the Halls on the first Sunday of Advent, our congregational dinner, the Easter breakfast, spring and fall rummage sales and a chili supper all sponsored by our Women's Guild, and a Halloween party sponsored by our Church School.

On Sunday morning, church school begins at 8:30 AM. We use a modified version of the workshop rotation model (Cornerstone curriculum) with our younger children and explore contemporary issues with our older children. We do confirmation with St. John's United Church of Christ and every other year we do a weekend confirmation trip to Chicago. Recently, we took part for the first time in a community-wide Vacation Bible School. Our adult Christian education includes Bible and book studies, and video presentations.

Outreach activities include raising money for Heifer Project, participation as a Habitat for Humanity covenant partner, and walking in our annual Manitowoc CROP Walk. During Advent and Lent, our Branches of the Vine project assists our local Salvation Army and Domestic Violence Center, and we are a polling place for elections.

We do an annual fall stewardship campaign as well as mission moments during worship and newsletter stewardship messages. Yearly, we distribute endowment interest money to five local not-for-profit, service organizations. We are a Five for Five Congregation and contribute to our CUE seminaries.

In 2008, we did an extensive renovation and a rededication of our worship Sanctuary. In 2010, we did a major updating of our constitution, and our most recent undertaking involves ongoing discussions with St. John's United Church of Christ, Manitowoc, with the goal of insuring that there be a vibrant United Church of Christ presence in Manitowoc.

We invite you to check out our website or, better yet, visit us in Manitowoc and join us for worship.

Directions to our building: We are located at the corner of Waldo Blvd. and Glenview Dr. in Manitowoc. From I-43 (Exit 152) take WI-42/10 east approximately two (2) miles. From Lake Michigan (where Memorial Dr. and Maritime Dr. meet), go directly west on Waldo Boulevard (WI-42/10) approximately two and a half (2 ½) miles.

Saint John's United Church of Christ

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Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220
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Rev. James Klein, Pastor

The congregation was founded in 1891 as *St. Johannes Kirche* by a small group of German immigrants. Its early history was a struggle to survive. For the first twenty-five years, the church received aid from the German Evangelical Synod of North America. Pastors came from Oshkosh and Brillion to help provide pastoral leadership. One of the pastors labeled St. Johannes as the "little Church with the big future."

St. John's began as an Evangelical Church. Then in 1934 it shared in the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and in 1957, the formation of the United Church of Christ.

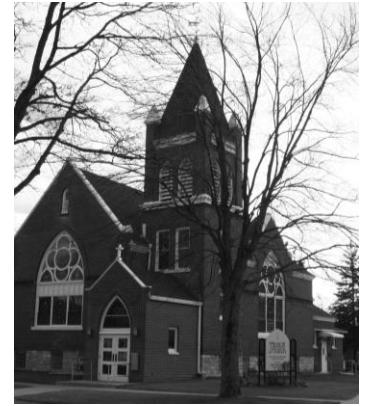
Rev. Paul Blaufuss played a major role in the history of the church. He served the congregation for forty-one years from 1930-1971. A minister without a car, he could be seen walking the streets of Manitowoc to make his calls. Rev. Blaufuss guided the church through the years of the depression and of language change from German to English.

On June 25, 1901 the congregation authorized the purchase of four lots on the Southwest corner of 15th and Marshall Streets. Since the area was swampy the neighbors called the members of the church "The Swamp Angels." The name is still used by the folk and a gospel singing group made up of a small group of today's members.



Peace United Church of Christ

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During the early 1890's, a small group of German immigrants sought a church in Marinette similar to the churches they had known in their homeland. At first, they worshiped with the Norwegian Lutheran Church, but this proved to be unsatisfactory. So they asked the Evangelical Synod of North America to send them a missionary pastor because they believed that the Synod's faith and culture more closely matched the church life they had known in Germany.

Mr. R. Rami, the missionary pastor, came to Marinette and helped them to organize under the name Friedens Evangelical Church Congregation of Marinette. Later, the congregation translated its name into English, becoming Peace Evangelical Church, now known as Peace United Church of Christ.

The small congregation raised \$3,000 to build a church at the corner of today's Tenth Street and Elizabeth Avenue, and dedicated it on July 1, 1893. The church grew slowly and steadily, and by its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1918, it numbered 104 members.

Over the years, the congregation enhanced its building with a bell, stained glass windows, carpet, and its first pipe organ. In 1943, the church again celebrated a significant anniversary during wartime, and managed to extensively remodel the building. In 1967, as the seventy-fifth anniversary of the congregation drew near, church members remodeled the Sanctuary into the contemporary style which it still enjoys today.

In 1966, the congregation began a preschool in its annex on the church's south side. During the thirty years of its ministry, hundreds of children in the Marinette area have graduated from Peace Pre-School. A 1991 history of the church notes that the preschool had seventy-five students in attendance at the time. Even though it closed in 1996, the Marinette community remembers Peace Pre-School with great affection.

The same 1991 history also records a brief experiment in "having had at one time a fraternal insurance company, providing death benefits for its participants."

Today, the congregation gives generously to area food pantries, area schools needing extra school supplies for children from homes of modest means, One Great Hour of Sharing, The Christmas Fund of the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ, the Blankets+ program of Church World Service, and UNICEF.

The story of Peace United Church of Christ would be incomplete without noting and celebrating the life of First Reformed United Church of Christ in Porterfield, Wisconsin. During the 1890s, a group of German-speaking families moved to the Porterfield area (about twelve miles northwest of Marinette) from Potter, Chilton, and New Holstein. At first, eight families met in their homes to worship, and then met every Sunday in a log cabin donated by Frank Fuhrman. The Sheboygan Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States sponsored the little congregation as its "first" mission church. This new mission shaped the church's name. "First Church of Porterfield" was chartered on October 21, 1900.

At first, services were held monthly with visiting ministers from other towns. By 1903, the first "regular" minister came, a group of women formed the Ladies Aid, and members of a confirmation class were ready to make their vows of confirmation. In 1919, the congregation built a church and a parsonage. During the 1950s, the church began sharing a pastor with Peace Church in Marinette.

In 1986, First Church's building was struck by lightning. After much prayer and conversation, the small congregation in the unincorporated town on a county road made the decision to end its separate existence and join with Peace Church. To celebrate the congregation's almost nine decades of ministry, a pipe organ was acquired, rebuilt, and installed in Peace Church's Sanctuary where members of the newly combined congregation would worship together. The 1924 Möller organ, brought to Marinette from a church near Madison, is prized by organists in northeastern Wisconsin for the clarity of its tone and expression.

The Congregational United Church of Christ Neenah-Menasha, Wisconsin

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Rev. Lynne Spencer Smith, Pastor



In 1846, in a wilderness with only an Indian trail following the riverbank, Rev. O. P. Clinton, an itinerant representative of the American Home Missionary Society, had a vision. Impressed with the beauty of the location, the potential water power and the friendly people of the area called Winnebago Rapids (now Neenah), he sought the largest room in the local hotel in Menasha and persuaded the owner to let him use it, not minding that it had a bar “well furnished with whiskey.” He told the owner, “I can preach as well in a bar room as in a church and the customers can wait for their drinks.” The customers waited impatiently “while I had occasion to preach ‘uncommonly’ long.”

The colorful history of this church’s early beginnings eventually became more sedate when the little congregation moved to the Clinton schoolhouse in 1849. Erected by Rev. Clinton for school and worship, the 16 by 36 foot edifice had rough boarded walls stuffed with sawdust and a pulpit of two upright boards. On January 18, 1851 seven men and eleven women brought letters of transfer from the First Congregational Church of Neenah and together began laying the groundwork of the First Congregational Church of Menasha; the organization was formalized on February 16, 1851.

In 1859 a church was built and it was there through the Civil War when they lost six of the thirty young men who went to fight. It was later sold to St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Menasha for \$1,950.00. A new church was erected in 1868 on Broad Street and was the home of the Gymnasium Club, later renamed The Military Company. Requirements of young boys and men were that each refrain from swearing, use of tobacco and liquor, and attend church and Sunday school at least once each Sunday. The church housed the first church bell in Menasha, made in Sheffield, England and weighing 750 pounds. It was brought by sailing ship, rail and steam boat. In 1967, the church was sold to the Evangel Worship Center.

Continuing Rev. Clinton’s vision, in a lovely four-acre park-like setting within sight of Lake Winnebago, a new facility was built in 1967 on land donated by the Smith family. Located on Nicolet Boulevard, the dividing street between Neenah and Menasha, the land features a woodland with an outdoor worship area, a labyrinth and beautiful flowers. The Sanctuary seats 336 and the facility houses an education wing, fellowship hall, lounge and commercial kitchen. The church changed its name from the First Congregational Church of Menasha to the Congregational United Church of Christ of Neenah-Menasha in 1973.

Sunday school for all ages through adult precedes worship Sunday mornings; Vacation Bible School is offered each summer. Bible study, Confirmation classes and discussion groups provide educational opportunities. The Montessori Pre-School and the church-sponsored Lake Edge Pre-School meet in the classrooms. A Children’s Choir and Adult Choir provide worship music along with instrumental offerings. A Wednesday night dinner for the youth program is offered each week; in addition, the dinner becomes intergenerational the first Wednesday of the month with an adult program. Members are encouraged to attend summer camp through the scholarship program. The church-sponsored Boy Scout Troop meets in Fellowship Hall. The facility is a popular meeting place for community organizations because of its handicap accessibility and large, convenient parking lot. The congregation has welcomed the SS Cyril and Methodius United Independent Catholic Church, which holds its worship in the Sanctuary.

The congregation reaches beyond its doors to the Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity, founded by the congregation, LEAVEN, Samaritan Counseling Center, Advocap Food Pantry, the CROP Walk, the Community Table, REACH Counseling Services and a prison ministry. Serving the wider church, mission trips have been taken to build and repair homes and schools on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and in Rock Island, Illinois and Honduras.

Communications are maintained through the “Glad Tidings,” a monthly newsletter online or through the mail, Facebook, and a website. The church is staffed by the Pastor, Christian Education Director, Secretary, Music Coordinator, Organist and Custodian. Church membership is 265 with a Sunday school of approximately 25.

The church continues after 160 years, serving others in the name of the Lord. God is still speaking. . . .

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Immanuel United Church of Christ was purchased on August 14, 1874 from the English Methodist Church for \$625.00. The church was founded by 60 members of a Wisconsin Lutheran Synod who became disenchanted and formed their own independent Lutheran Church. In 1922 they joined the Evangelical Synod of North America and also went to services in English instead of German. In 1961 the name Immanuel United Church of Christ of Neenah was registered as our official church name.

The present building was constructed in 1909 with alterations in 1924, 1954, the addition of a Fellowship Memorial Hall in 1966, and redecorated the Sanctuary in 1984. In 2006 a handicap accessible elevator was installed for our elderly and disabled members. The congregation also owns a parsonage.

In January 1977 a \$20,000 bequest was put on a four-year certificate. Interest was used to pay on the Memorial Hall loan. On February 4, 1981 the Memorial Hall Mortgage was paid in full. In July 1993 the parsonage was listed for sale. The parsonage was sold to the new Pastor, David Rumpf for \$100,000.

September 13, 1998 brought the addition of an electric piano for the church. Most of the time we played the organ but the electric piano is great when the children sing.

October 10, 1999 was the 125th anniversary of the church. Pictures and articles were on display and the church service was held just like it was then. Men sat on one side of the church and ladies and children on the other side in the pews.

From 1997-2000 we conducted a capital fund drive with a goal of \$80,000. It included the lounge, \$9,705.47; flat roof repair, \$100; tuck pointing, \$6,555; organ, \$56; computer system, \$3,000; digital duplicator machine, \$4,828.60; youth room, \$3,000; front steps and railings, \$10,750; PA system, \$4,911.82; accessibility section to the entrance of the Memorial Hall and lower the floor and put new carpet in the Chronicles room, \$18,050. We had \$72,025.76 pledges for the fund drive. In 2000 the fund drive was at \$71,899 with the goal of \$80,000. The fund drive ended on April 1, 2000. Pews were removed and stained. The church was painted inside and new carpet was put in. Pews were put in the choir loft.

On October 10, 2004 the church celebrated our 130th anniversary. Members wore old clothes, hats, with displays of the church history. Choir and youth choir sang during the church service, potluck dinner was served.

During 2000-2010 we had two interim and two called pastors. Changes needed to be made to get the church back on track. In 2010 we added a Lay Minister of Elder Care and called Eric Quinney-Burnard as a half-time pastor to rebuild our congregation. 2011 looks bright with our new half-time Pastor Robin Reed and secretary, Sue Heling.

Sunday Worship Service is at 9:30 AM

Immanuel UCC is located just south of Theda Clark Hospital on the corner of Oak Street and Doty Street in Neenah, WI.

St. John United Church of Christ

2111 Church Street
New Holstein, WI 53061
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Membership—350
Year Organized—1865



Our History and Who We Are Today

St. John UCC is an enthusiastic congregation of 350 members within a community of about 3500 citizens. St. John is the oldest established church in town, organized in 1865 by a group of German Reformed settlers. Many of the original settlers of New Holstein were highly intelligent, free-thinking people. Gradually, in the second and third generations of these settlers, some family members began to see a need to organize a church, but they maintained their commitment to making the Christian message understandable and relevant to their daily lives. This tradition continues at St. John through our religious education program and through meaningful and thought provoking worship on Sunday mornings.

Worship services and Sunday school are held at 10:00 AM. Members of the congregation are also encouraged to attend fellowship activities such as the Easter Breakfast, Family Day and the Rally Day Welcome Back luncheon. Other fellowship activities are offered throughout the year as well. There is also a very active Wednesday morning Bible Class for adults, which is the highlight of the week for many attending.

St. John takes special offerings for Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Church World Service, as well as supports our local food pantries and charitable collections.

St. John UCC is a friendly congregation. People coming to the church for the first time are greeted at the door and asked to register and receive a welcome packet. Once they are inside the Sanctuary, they are greeted by others during the passing of the peace. Every Sunday service is taped and distributed to our shut-ins and available to other members. We are also equipped with an audio-visual system, which is incorporated into our worship.

St. John UCC is situated on a half-block parcel of land which includes the Sanctuary and education building, built in 1956; a lounge and enlarged narthex added in 1971; and a parsonage built in 1969, all surrounded by spacious grounds. Three previous edifices housed the congregation over its 146-year existence.

The congregation of St. John UCC looks forward to the future with great enthusiasm, hope and gratitude for all of the many blessings with which God has blessed us as it continues to share the light of the gospel with those in our community and the world.

Directions to the church: The church is located on the corner of Church Street and Park Avenue across from the New Holstein Elementary School.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

110 E. Hancock Street
New London, Wisconsin 54961
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mainoffice@uccnewlondon.org
pastor@uccnewlondon.org

Membership—376
Year Organized—1857



Early Years

First Congregational was established in 1857 by the Congregational Home Missionary Society, the earliest congregation in New London, which consisted of little more than a trading post. The first minister to serve traveled on foot from Neenah and later moved his family to live in the small community. From the beginning, the congregation realized the value of a library with a special room set aside and the princely sum of \$81.65 (big bucks in those days) collected for the library. In 1875, there were 80 women members, 40 males and a Sunday school of 159 students using the International Sunday school lesson material in ten separate rooms.

The Middle Years

Following WWII, the congregation was active in the resettlement of three entire refugee families, including a professional violinist (member of the State Opera Symphony) and another family who experienced a harrowing boat ride and survived a shipwreck on the shores of New England.

During much of our history (until 1968), the congregation was yoked with Royalton Congregational Church or had other part-time pastors.

The Present

The emphasis on making and growing disciples continues with Christian education for all ages on Sunday morning, a Wednesday after-school program (for more than 30 years) for children and youth and other study/book groups throughout the year.

We have outstanding worship, both in traditional and praise formats—with a strong music ministry of two vocal choirs and three bell choirs, plus other special music offerings. Our worship attendance to membership ratio is one of the strongest in the state.

In the last several years, we have made major investment in our facilities and yet we remain very mission oriented with work camps, members volunteering in health care in other countries, two food pantries, an ark for Heifer Project, strong support of OCWM and all UCC special offerings, plus other special community projects.

Directions to First Congregational:

Coming from south of New London you would take Highway 15 North. Highway 15 becomes Mill Street/US 45. Go one mile on Mill Street, turn left on East Hancock Street. Church is on the left.

Coming from north of New London, you would take Highway 45 South, take ramp toward Highway 54/45. Turn right onto Highway 54, take first left onto Shawano Street. Turn left onto W. North Water Street then right onto N. Pearl Street. Turn left onto E. Hancock Street. Church is on the right.

Bethany United Church of Christ

Share our Blessings. . . . Live to Serve

145 W. 24th Ave.

Oshkosh, WI 54902

(920) 235-1631

www.bethanyoshkosh.com

Rev. Dr. Kevin P. Mundell



Bethany is a country church at the southern edge of the city of Oshkosh celebrating 50 years as a community of faith. Bethany's roots date back to 1867 with the founding of New Bethel Church in the Van Dine area south of Oshkosh and with the founding in 1905 of the Missional Church, First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Oshkosh. In 1961 the two root churches merged forming Bethany United Church of Christ and later had members of the New Elm Church of Black Wolf join, which was founded in 1848 in the countryside south of Oshkosh, after the church dissolved.

Bethany has been striving to bear witness to God in word and deed for the past fifty years. We provide Sunday school classes for children and adults. We worship in both traditional and contemporary ways. We have been using multi-media to enhance worship for over ten years. During Lent we offer a mid-week service along with a free soup supper beforehand for anyone who wishes to join us. We have a rotation of musicians, which allows us to worship with an organ some weeks, a piano on other weeks, and on occasion, a guitar.

For fifteen years we have been the highest collecting church in aid of our local Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign helping to fund programs for those in need in the greater Oshkosh area. We also collect food weekly to help out the food shelf at the Salvation Army and have always maintained a church member on the advisory board. We have been a prayer partner for our local Habitat for Humanity as well as a provider of meals for work groups for years.

We participate in Oshkosh's Christmas in July program, which provides clothing items for the Oshkosh Back to School Fair, supplying needed school basics for under-privileged children in the community. In 2011 eight hundred and fifty children were aided.

We participate in an ecumenical vacation Bible school every year. We participate in an ecumenical Good Friday worship service every year. We participate in an Inter-faith service of gratitude at Thanksgiving here in Oshkosh. We also have annual fundraisers to support our mission's projects at both a state and national level.

We have become known for our annual fall all-u-can-eat chicken and ribs dinner, for our hand made pizza sales, which happen three times a year, and for our annual Polka Worship service.

First Congregational Church, Oshkosh

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www.fccoshosh.org



Located in downtown Oshkosh, the church is two blocks west of Main Street, on Algoma Boulevard.

On July 11, 1849, FCC was gathered at a meeting of fourteen men and women who met to form a Congregational or Presbyterian Church. They chose to be Congregational.

The first church in Oshkosh, FCC has been a strong presence through the years, and found among its membership has always been leading citizens—mayors and city council members, business leaders, university faculty, and even a state legislator. Born of the revival fires of New England, its early covenants were lengthy—and demanding. But the coming of the university in the 1870s brought members of a more progressive mind. A key figure in that change was the Rev. Edward Smith who was our pastor from 1886 to 1913 and pastor emeritus until his death in 1933. His liberal theology paved the way for like-minded pastors, and FCC today is known as a church who cares more for right action than right theology, prizing the seeking justice over defining of doctrine. In 2010 the congregation chose to be an Open and Affirming church, welcoming lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people into the full life of the faith community.

FCC has worshiped in several buildings, one of which was lost in one of Oshkosh's several citywide fires. The present Sanctuary, seating about 350, was dedicated in 1911 and was designed by the highly-respected local architect William Waters. Distinctly non-Congregational in style, it boasts beautiful oak pews, a soaring ceiling, and Tiffany stained glass windows.

FCC also enjoys a wonderful Casavant pipe organ installed when the Sanctuary was built. Organist Clarence Sheppard made FCC the city's concert hall for over thirty years, until 1940. Joanne Peterson has led the church's music at the organ since 1968. An adult choir, children's choir, and hand bell choir round out the wonderful music ministry. The outstanding acoustic of the Sanctuary makes FCC a marvelous place for many community music events as well.

Christian Education has been an important feature of FCC's ministry for many years, employing professional educators for many decades. The church has also been a leader in various outreach ministries: settling refugees from Vietnam, Laos, and Iraq, helping to found a group home for chronically mentally ill adults, leading in the establishment of Habitat for Humanity and the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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Emmanuel Church was organized on December 2, 1891 when sixteen Evangelical Christians gathered to form a new church. Several of these founding fathers were bartenders who were excluded from their church's communion table. They sought a more inclusive community where they could fully participate in the worship of their God. This congregation has a history of creative ministries and a central focus on worship in Christ.

Our first Sanctuary was built in 1892 and replaced with our current Sanctuary in 1914. In 1927 a Welte Pipe organ was installed. Emmanuel continues to use this instrument in regular worship. The education wing was dedicated in 1969, and in 1996 our building was made accessible to all. Our church has enjoyed a history of positive relationships with seven installed pastors in 113 years. Through the years, six of our members have entered professional ministry, while many others have shared through varied lay ministries of education, visitation, and even theatrical ministries.

Emmanuel church has frequently been an innovator of new ministries in our community. In Oshkosh, Emmanuel was first to offer a dial-a-prayer ministry, a leader in efforts toward ecumenical sharing, offered a unique residential ministry for emotionally challenged adults with three other churches, and first on the south side of Oshkosh to offer a food pantry for city residents needing assistance. In recent years our food pantry has grown to serve about 2500 people a year.

Through the years we share in a calling to hear and respond to the Gospel of Christ, and to train, equip and express our faith in service to others. Through various groups such as the Youth Group, Christian Education, Chancel Choir, Chime Choir, Daughters of Sarah and the Women's Guild, Emmanuel members are living out the call to break bread together while feeding the greater community. While times and the need for various ministries change, we trust that God will lead us into avenues of sharing Christ's Gospel in our midst.

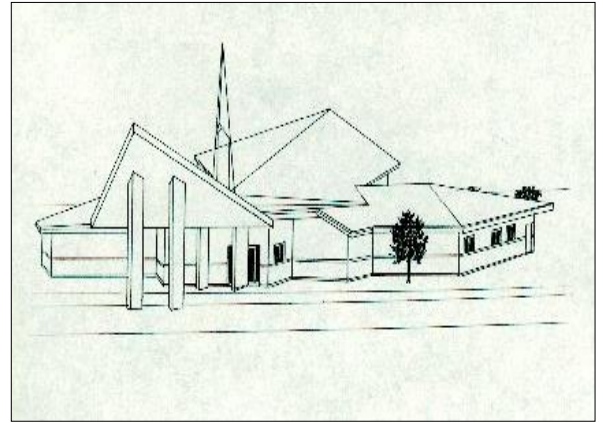
Emmanuel means "God with us." We trust that God is with us, in worship, in education, in fellowship, and in caring ministries with those whom God calls us to share faith.



St Paul's United Church of Christ

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St. Paul's was chartered on April 12, 1896 by the German Evangelical Synod of North America, which evolved into the evangelical and reformed church, and in 1957 became the United Church of Christ. Today (2010) we are St. Paul's United Church of Christ.



The first church building was constructed in the northeast section of Oshkosh and dedicated on October 18, 1896. In June 1901 the Rev. Theodore Irion became pastor of the church, and he stayed for fifty-three years!

In 1908 a congregational meeting resulted in a vote to rebuild and enlarge the building. A foyer with balcony, a chancel, and a two-story wing were added. A basement was placed under the entire structure, which included a kitchen, toilet rooms, boiler room, and Sunday school room, that could also be used for banquets and other large functions.

On October 4, 1914 the first service in English was conducted in St. Paul's. Previously German had been used in Sunday school, worship services, and society meetings.

In 1922 an adjacent house and property was purchased. The house, used for Sunday school and meetings, was called the Parish House. One room was used as the printing room for the church newsletter, *The Tidings*.

Since the beginning of St. Paul's, choirs were a part of worship. Today, the Chancel Choir performs at the traditional service, accompanied by organ or piano, and the Praise Team performs at the contemporary service, accompanied by keyboard, drums and guitar. Also, since the beginning, a live decorated Christmas tree adorns the church during the Christmas season.

In 1996, as our 100th anniversary approached, several major problems became apparent. Changes in laws governing access to public buildings required our attention. After prayerful consideration and discussion, it was decided to build a new church outside the city of Oshkosh. The new facility on Leonard Point Road has enabled our congregation to grow and flourish.

Throughout the years, St Paul's congregation has gathered for picnics, Sunday school parades, men and/or women groups, ball games, dinners, bazaars, minstrel shows, boat rides, ice cream socials, plays, cantatas, weddings and funerals. These get-togethers strengthen our Christian relationships and commitment to the church.

Congregants are involved in mission work, education, ministering to homebound and sick members, outreach, and many other related activities bringing Christ into the lives of others while confirming our own faith.

Our congregation gives thanks to God for all the years of blessings we've enjoyed, and looks forward to the years ahead as we continue to be a church in the body of Christ.

Directions: Traveling Wisconsin Hwy 41 (north or southbound), at Oshkosh, Turn west on Hwy 21—Take Hwy 21 west, 2 miles. Turn north (right) at Leonard Point Road. St Paul's Church is the first driveway on the right.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Plymouth, Wisconsin 53073
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Rev. William E. Rishel, Pastor



In 1855 a group of eleven people organized the First Congregational Church of Lyndon in the log schoolhouse in the Mulleton School District with the first minister, the Rev. Josephus Morton. The Society of the First Congregational Church was organized in Plymouth, Wisconsin on December 1, 1857. The land was donated by Elisha Taylor, the first German member of the congregation, and the church was built on Main and Pleasant Streets in 1859 for the cost of \$1400. The building was dedicated to the worship of God on December 17, 1859. The parsonage, located on Pleasant Street, was built in 1866 for the cost of \$1200. In 1997, a new church was built and is located on State Highway 67 in Plymouth.

First Congregational UCC became an Open and Affirming congregation on December 10, 2010.

Our Statement of Purpose is:

We, the members of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Plymouth, Wisconsin, do hereby declare ourselves for who we are, an Open and Affirming Church.

Based on our belief that all people are created as God's children, we welcome all people of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression...

...physical and mental ability, physical appearance, age, race, nationality, language, economic, political and social status...

...faith and educational background, marital standing, and family structure.

For all who seek to follow Jesus, you are welcome to share in the life, fellowship, worship, sacraments, ministry, leadership and responsibilities of First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Jesus teaches us to welcome all God's children.

You are welcome here as you are.

You are welcome here as you will be.

You are welcome here as you. Welcome home.

Immanuel United Church of Christ

W3694 Country Road FF

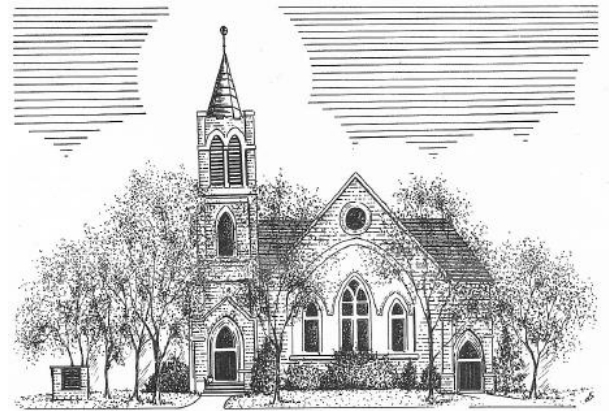
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Located ½ mile north of Lakeland College at the corner of CTH FF and M



Immanuel United Church of Christ

Plymouth, Wisconsin

Immanuel UCC is a rural church with a membership of 309. Within our congregation all ages are represented in worship, fellowship and service. While the church has rural roots, the majority of its members are employed by area industries and service providers. Membership includes a broad range of professions, including students. Activities are typically structured for multi-generational participation.

Sunday worship is at 10:00 AM from Labor Day through the Sunday before Memorial Day. From Memorial Day through summer, worship begins at 9:00 AM. Special worship services include Lent (joint with St. John's Schwartzwald), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise (led jointly by the youth from Immanuel and St. John's Schwartzwald), Women's Sunday, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve and the Children's Christmas program. Sunday school, with participants aged 3 to 80+, meets at 8:45 AM during September through May. A daily Vacation Bible School meets for a week each summer.

In 1847, Immanuel was started by settlers who immigrated together as a German Reformed congregation. In the 1990s, Immanuel reconnected with her "mother" church in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, and the two congregations formed a partnership in 1998. Delegates have visited back and forth between the two churches, with a German brass band visiting in 2010.

Immanuel's tie to Lakeland College goes back to 1862 when Mission House Seminary was founded. Besides having numerous sons called to ordained ministry, it is perhaps more remarkable that at least forty-nine daughters of Immanuel married ministers (many who were Mission House or Lakeland College graduates).

The present church building dates back to 1911 with several renovation projects over the years. In 2000, the church entry was made ADA compliant with the addition of a carport and elevator. More recently, the sound system was updated to allow for more options in worship and to support Immanuel's tape ministry. A Wangerin organ, electric piano, piano or a tape/CD system can accompany the congregation, adult choir, youth choir or children's choir.

Immanuel is active in the Rural Church Fellowship and has provided leadership for the group's CROP Walk. Youth play volleyball in the RCF's summer league and participate in the confirmation retreat. Immanuel's Women's Fellowship coordinates numerous outreach and service activities for the congregation including the collection of school supplies, Christmas gifts, hats, mittens and scarves for Health and Human services and food and personal care items for Salvation Army and Safe Harbor. Immanuel annually supports the Ronald McDonald House with a special collection and financially supports other community service groups. A prayer shawl ministry began in 2010 is bringing hope and comfort to its beneficiaries.

Salem U.C.C.

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Rev. James Hoppert
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Salem is a church of 670 communicant members in a community of 7,800, and the church's membership represents a good cross-section of age groups. Established in 1896 by persons of German Reformed heritage, the congregation moved from its original location just north of the downtown to its current location on the east side of town near the corner of Kensington and Highland Avenues in 1957. The current facility added a conference room/library/chapel in 1983; a Gathering Area, expanded office space, and improved accessibility in 1999; and an extensive remodeling of the chancel in 2005. In keeping with Salem's mission statement, "Sharing faith, lifting up, reaching out, and growing together," the congregation has an educational ministry that includes the baptism ministry "Train Up a Child;" a graded, workshop-oriented church school; a three-year confirmation program; and adult Bible study.



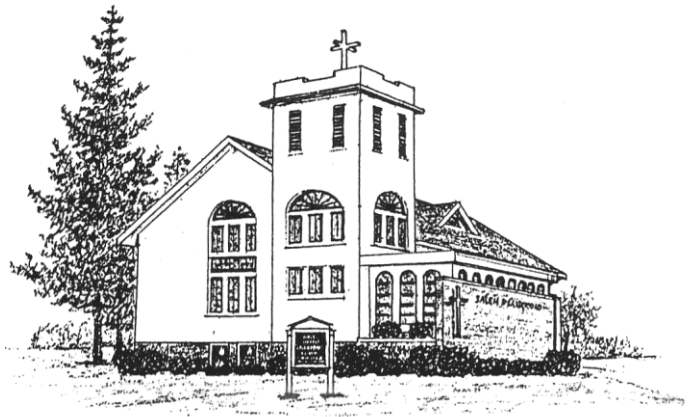
Our ministries of support include the Bereavement and Comfort Zone ministries of the Outreach Committee, the Care Meal Ministry, the Men's Coffee Group, and the Cancer Support Group of the Health Ministry. Outreach ministries include the long-running *Bread of Life* radio and TV broadcasts, participation in the Plymouth Food Pantry and Rainbow Kids (a special needs fellowship), and local missions like the Adopt-a-Family, Mitten Tree, and Tree of Hope during the Christmas season. Opportunities for growing together include opportunities for worship and service, and for fellowship in such special events as the Church Picnic, the Easter Breakfast, the Church Rummage Sale, and the Living Nativity.

The members of Salem value opportunities for worship and service with members of other faith communities in the greater Plymouth area, and they have provided meeting space for a number of local organizations and groups. We look forward discovering what plans God has in store for this faith community over 115 years young.

Salem Plankroad United Church of Christ

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Salem Plankroad UCC had its beginnings in 1860 when German settlers formed an Evangelical congregation following the teachings of the established Church of Germany. Services were conducted in private homes by visiting pastors and no formal records were kept. Then in 1867, Salem Plankroad was chartered, with a building being constructed the following year. In hiring pastoral leadership from Mission House Seminary, (now Lakeland College) the church affiliated with the German Reformed Church of America. Their first pastor was called in 1874. In 1961, Salem Plankroad Evangelical and Reformed Church became part of the United Church of Christ.



Over the years they have shared ministers with a number of different churches such as Zoar, Faith, St. John's UCC, Wesley United Methodist, and Ebenezer UCC. The current pastor, Cheryl Lepak, is being shared with First Presbyterian Church in Kiel. At first, services were in German, but in 1945 the congregation changed to English.

Salem Plankroad UCC is a rural church, situated between Plymouth and Sheboygan Falls. The current membership is 108, with about sixty-four active members. Music is played on an organ that has chimes, or a baby grand piano. The worship is usually traditional, but contemporary services are held occasionally. Special music is provided by the adult choir, a children's choir, or soloists.

Sunday school lessons are interactive with students from age three to teenagers. A youth group meets monthly and is actively involved in the work of the church. A morning fellowship group meets once a month for crafts, discussion, or field trips. Other fellowship groups include the Ladies Aid and the Dartball Team.

The Sunday worship services are held at 10:30 AM. Sunday school classes are held from September to May from 9:15-10:15 AM. During Lent, soup and sandwich suppers followed by worship are held on Wednesday evenings.

The church holds annual chili and pancake suppers. Other fundraising activities are brat fries, a cookie sale, a plant sale, and rummage sales. The church has often been called "the church with the blue cross" due to the lighted blue cross which stands out at night. The parsonage has been rented out for many years since the ministers have decided to live elsewhere.

Salem Plankroad is located at the intersection of highways M and C, about two miles east of State 57, or one mile south of State 23.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

887 Bonnell Avenue, Redgranite, WI 54970

(920) 566-4666

Pastor: Dorothy Heckner Mendonca



Organized in 1902, Current 2011 Membership—87

About 1890, attracted by the red granite quarrying opportunities, a few families settled in the part of Waushara County known as Sand Prairie. As time went by new growth came as a result of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, and the town name was changed to Redgranite. In these early years the quarry workers from the United Kingdom and Europe started a Sunday school for the children, holding sessions bimonthly.

On August 24, 1902, a group of fourteen settlers met in a grove of trees (now located in the center of the village) and covenanted with God and with each other to become the First Congregational Church. This was the first church in Redgranite.

Meetings were held in a schoolhouse until 1904 when the Bannerman Granite Company donated three lots, on the corner of Foster Road and Highway 21, to the church. The following year a church was built on this site. During these early years the congregation struggled to keep their pulpit supplied, but their faith was strong and they were able to do so. Also during these early years a Ladies Aid was organized.

In 1927 the 25th anniversary was celebrated with a special worship service. In 1937 the church was yoked with the Union Congregational Church of Berlin. The yoke continued until 1960. In 1952 the church celebrated its Golden Anniversary with one member of the original fourteen still living but not able to attend. Also in 1952 the Ladies Guild was organized.

The congregation continued to grow, and in 1964 a major construction project was undertaken that changed the layout and appearance of the church. In 1968 the congregation joined the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. That same year the church was reunited with the Berlin Federated Church (previously known as the Union Congregational Church of Berlin).

In celebration of the 75th anniversary, stained glass windows were installed in the church Sanctuary. From 1980 to 1985 many additional improvements were made to the facilities.

On June 11, 1986 fire occurred in the church building. The building was gone but the congregation made the decision to rebuild. A new three-acre site was chosen (The Preston family, who are members of our church, donated two acres and an additional acre was purchased by the congregation), and plans were set in motion for the construction of a new church. In the spring of 1988 our new church on Bonnell Avenue was dedicated.

The congregation remained yoked with the Berlin Federated Church until 1995. In 1997 Pastor Mendonca answered our call for a full-time minister. She continues to serve the congregation today.

In September of 2001, a tornado did significant damage to our church building. After thoughtful consideration the decision was made that, as part of the repairs, a remodeling of the existing building with the addition of a large new fellowship hall would be undertaken. Called Building Space for Growing Faith, this was a huge challenge for a small congregation. We have greatly enjoyed this new facility, which has enabled us to extend our outreach to the community. We celebrated our mortgage burning on June 26, 2011.

We believe strongly in our call to mission and have several outreaches to our community: a community food pantry every Wednesday, the Prison Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Red Rock Puppet Ministry and an Annual Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh hymn fest that celebrates Redgranite's Welsh heritage). Our fund raising activities include the annual rummage sale, spaghetti supper, Labor Day pie sale and food booth, and brat fries. The church organizations include the Ladies Guild, a Men's Group, Choir and discussion study groups. We have an annual outdoor worship service and a Polka service as well. Sunday school is held during the school year.

We are located at Bonnell Avenue across from the Shell Station on Hwy. 21 as you enter the Village of Redgranite.

Our history has taught us that the church is more than a building. The church is people who covenant together to celebrate God and listen to God's still speaking voice.

First Congregational Church of Ripon

United Church of Christ

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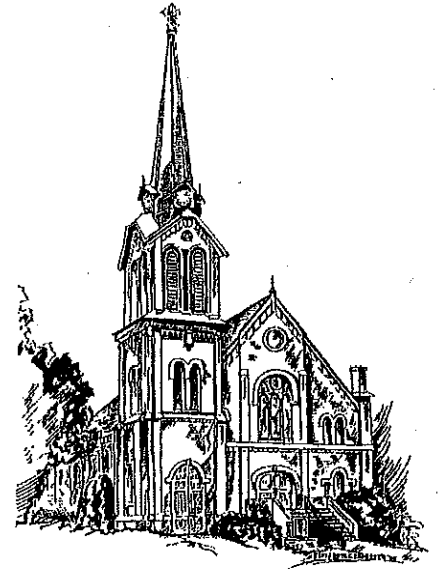
Church School: 9:30 AM

Winter Worship Service: 10:30 AM

Summer Worship Service: 9:30 AM

Jack Kraaz, Minister

The First Congregational Church was founded on November 21, 1850 and is the oldest continuous church organization in Ripon. Its original meeting house, a small wooden building, was the site of the first of two meetings in 1854 leading up to the founding of the Republican Party. These early members were not reluctant to take stands on controversial issues. The congregation passed a resolution in 1856 that "it will not fellowship slaveholders, or admit them to our communion." Women also were "allowed to serve in leadership positions" and were elected to the Board of Trustees by 1896.



Membership in the small church grew, and a larger structure was needed. E. Townsend Mix, a well-respected Wisconsin architect, was hired. Constructed of stone and wood, the current church building was dedicated in 1868. A Seth Thomas clock in the tower was added in 1881 and is in operation today. A large stained glass window of *Christ Knocking on the Door* is in the front of the Sanctuary and one of the *Good Shepherd* in the back. The building is listed on the National Register and State Register of Historic Places.

Although an education unit was added on the west side of the church in 1952, the need for a larger and handicapped-accessible educational unit and resource center for the church and community gatherings became evident. A successful finance campaign resulted in the construction in 1997 of a new building. Church school rooms, a small chapel which is always open, a large community room, a modern kitchen, offices, a library, and meeting rooms for a variety of activities are included in the new structure, which is used by the congregation and the community.

One of these activities is a free Community Dinner held once a month. Everyone is welcome, and each family is given a non-perishable household item. Begun in 2009, the monthly meal has become a successful part of the church's outreach program, which also includes selling free trade items, ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas, helping provide school supplies, and participating in the annual Crop Walk.

For many years the church has had a neighborly relationship with Ripon College, whose campus adjoins the church property. Students and faculty serve on committees, act as church school teachers and music directors, and sing in the choir. Hymns, both traditional and contemporary, are sung at church services accompanied by a pipe organ, a piano or a variety of musical instruments. This blending of the past, present, and future has been encouraged under the leadership of Jack Kraaz, our minister since 2003.

Since our early beginning to the current time, the congregation has pledged in the love of God to "covenant with one another to build a community of hope and to share its good news with neighbors near and far." All are welcome here.

Our Saviour's United Church of Christ

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Membership—600
Organized—1863

Our Saviour's United Church (OSUCC) has an almost 150-year history of service in Ripon Wisconsin and surrounding communities.

The charter members were part of the wave of German immigrants that came to Wisconsin in such great numbers that by the beginning of the twentieth century thirty-five percent of the state's population was of German origin.

For OSUCC, then known as 1st Evangelical Lutheran, the church played a dual role: it helped its members maintain their German culture as they adjusted to their new homeland. Today vestiges of the congregation's ancestors has been preserved in the inscriptions written on the stain glass windows and on a cornerstone from an earlier building currently embedded on an exterior wall of the present structure—the words on glass and stone are written in German.

Times have changed. Pastoral care is handled by a pastor, parish nurse and a Call to Care committee. The heart of the congregation's music ministry is a Senior Choir, one of the best volunteer choirs in the community. OSUCC worship service has been broadcast over the local radio station for over 50 years. Each week over 80 bulletins are delivered to people who are unable to attend and listen over the radio.

One of OSUCC's most distinctive ministries is its Puppet Troop. Formed ten years ago to assist with a contemporary worship service, the Puppet Troop blossomed into a group of people who now perform throughout the area at nursing homes, scout troops, and other community events. Members of the congregation are also involved in the annual Relay for Life; a School Backpack Program sponsored through the local clergy association, and weekly worship services at a local nursing home. The church sponsors a Cub Scout Pack that includes over 50 boys.

This church loves to eat! Every October the entire congregation marshals its forces and offers a Turkey Dinner to the community. Every second Sunday a Fellowship Brunch is offered following the morning worship service.

Up until forty years ago the church members came primarily from small dairy farms. As the economy has changed this membership source has greatly diminished. Now most of the membership are employed in manufacturing, education, health care or are retired. The challenge before the congregation is finding ways of honoring its past as it seeks to meet the ever-evolving challenges of the present.

The building is located on the east side of Ripon near the Gothic Mill Pond. The east entrance is the best way to enter the building: you can drop-off people before parking the car; there are no stairs and the elevator to bottom floor is located in the east narthex.



Rosendale UCC

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www.rosendaleucc.com

Directions: One block west of the intersection of state highways 23 and 26 on state highway 23 (Division Street).

The Congregational part of our heritage was organized May 21, 1848 by the Rev. Dana Lamb. Since 1909 until 1965, pastors and people of the Methodist and Congregational (who in 1957 became United Church of Christ) churches talked merger. It became a reality in 1965 when the Rev. Ervin Teichmiller, serving as pastor to both, brought them together into one congregation, 2/3 from the UCC and 1/3 from the UMC, plus a few families from Eldorado.

Worship services emphasize the themes of the Lectionary and have included specialty services like re-enactment of the Last Supper. Services are held at 10:00 AM September through May and 9:30 AM June through August.

The life of the church has been spirited and energetic: senior choir sings spirited anthems monthly September through May; children's choir; an electric organ and electronic piano are a part of the worship every week, including duets and additional musical instruments; audio/visual presentations before and during worship with new overhead projector revealing themes of the day and scriptures; Sunday school before and a part of worship service, plus Children's Time; communion served monthly open to all; Mission Committee promotes special offerings such as local food pantry, disaster relief, etc.

Fellowship activities include: monthly coffee hours, special events such as Lake Winnebago Cruise, Northeast Association baseball night, chili dump, pizza parties. ARTERIES is the new name that organizes fellowship activities, developing a lounge area for people to have coffee and conversation, and supports families, serving for funerals, etc.

The present building was remodeled and an addition/fellowship hall was dedicated June 5, 1994, with handicap accessibility.

Membership to date is 197



Peace United Church of Christ

208 E. Maurer St. PO Box 193

Shawano, WI

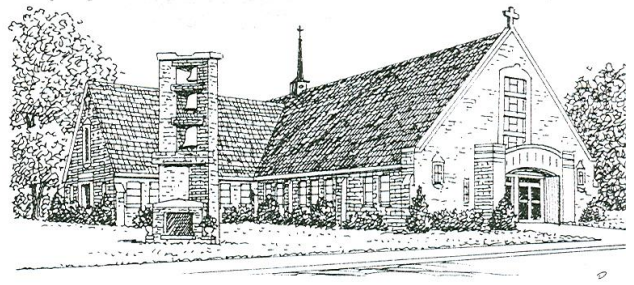
(715) 526-2916

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Membership—400

Year Organized—1902



Peace Church history began in the fall of 1902 when a meeting was held in the home of Gustav Thomas to discuss the possibility of organizing a new congregation in the City of Shawano. The Rev. F. C. Kuether of Clintonville was invited to attend this meeting to inform interested people about the Evangelical Synod of North America. It was agreed by those attending to hold a service on Reformation Sunday, November 2, 1902, with Pastor Kuether officiating. Several more services were held and on Sunday, November 30, 1902 the congregation was formally organized with fifteen charter members and their families. The first annual meeting was held on January 4, 1903, where officers were chosen and decision made to build a church as soon as possible. Land was purchased where the present church stands and a new building erected at a cost of \$1800. Dedication was held on Sunday, July 12, 1903.

Peace Church was united with the Evangelical Synod of North America on February 8, 1903. In the church's early years services were held in German. The use of German was questioned during World War I and decision was made to hold English services twice a month. Some years later German was dropped completely.

In 1934, the Evangelical Synod of North America united with the German Reformed Church in the United States forming the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Peace Church remained an E and R church until 1957 when the Evangelical and Reformed churches united with the Congregational Christian churches to form the United Church of Christ.

A new two-manual pipe organ was dedicated in 1939 replacing the reed organ, which had been used since the church was built. In 1970 the congregation voted to buy a new state-of-the-art organ.

A ground breaking ceremony for a new church was held in 1956. The new building was erected immediately south of the old church, which continued to serve the congregation during the building process. Shortly after the new church was completed, the old church was razed. In the early sixties, the present bell tower was built using the bells that had been purchased in 1903.

A large addition consisting of a great room, a small chapel with columbarium, a number of church schoolrooms and more office space was added to the existing building in the early 1990s. These additions have served the church well, not only for Christian education, but also weddings, funerals, community and other special occasions.

A church school, preschool through seventh grade, a confirmation class and several adult education groups make up the center of Peace Church Christian Education program. The very successful music program consists of a chancel choir, chime choir and Sunday school choir. The Church Council handles the administrative affairs of the church. Peace UCC takes advantage of modern technology by use of a website, e-mail, face book and media for worship.

The church has had a food stand at the Shawano County Fair held over the Labor Day weekend since the 1930s. Other fundraisers include two chili dinners, chicken soup sale, and an annual cookie walk in December. Recently the men's group sponsored a meat loaf dinner. To serve the needs of the congregation and community, Peace Church hosts an ecumenical coffee club once a week, a weekly prayer meeting, a book club "Pieces by Peace" quilting group, "Peace through Art", an intergenerational game night, an annual picnic, a men's group, a women's group and co-hosts with other churches a free monthly community dinner. The congregation actively supports the local food pantry, Domestic Abuse Support Center, and a distribution hub for "Feeding America."

The church is located one block east of Main Street on the corner of Richmond and Sawyer Streets.

First Congregational Church, UCC

310 Bluff Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081
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Membership: 500
Year Organized: 1845



Shhhh . . . listen closely, we have a story to share with you. A story that goes back to 1845, passed down from one generation to the next for many years. It's a story of a church family becoming the first church in Sheboygan County, coming out of the Congregational tradition. This church family had its humble beginnings in the home of Col. Silas Steadman; from there, this church family worshipped in several locations in the downtown area called "church alley," once having to rebuild after a destructive fire, then outgrowing the facility and building a new church across from beautiful Vollrath Park near Lake Michigan in 1960.

Taking stained glass remnants from their previous locations and working with one of their own "saints," elementary-aged children designed and created their own visions of the stories they had heard in Sunday school class. Those stained-glass creations still welcome children to each classroom today. Some of the windows (and furniture) from the previous building adorn Evans Chapel as a connection to past traditions.

It is a family story in the truest sense. This family surrounds their members and friends—over 500—with love and support. They offer worship in a wide variety of ways. Those include Sunday morning worship, labyrinth walks, Taizé worship, a weekly healing/prayer group, study groups, and summer weeknight gatherings.

Through the generations, food has always been woven into the traditions of this family. From summer picnics, to progressive meals moving from home to home, food and fellowship programming in the chill of winter, holiday meals hosted by church youth, a commercial kitchen for local food producers to use, a home for the city's Winter Farmer's Market in Lucas Hall, a free community breakfast served family-style with fine china to anyone that comes, and recently, a vegetable garden that beautifies the surrounding landscape of the church.

Mission work is everyone's work. Youth mission trips each summer, a shawl ministry that is much more than knitting, a Christmas tree of wishes that are filled, scholarships, training space for Rainbow Kids, meeting space for community groups such as Planned Parenthood and Veterans for Peace, homes that are opened up to visiting musicians and students, hospitality for international students at Lakeland College and more.

All this takes place in a church building that is a living, breathing outreach to the community that it calls home: Pilgrim Preschool, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, a youth room with after school activities, various community groups meeting and even voting polls giving the community the opportunity to have their voices heard. All this surrounds a beautiful courtyard in the center of the church building, filled with God's creation that serves as a setting for weddings and small worship groups.

Smells that you might only expect to come from grandma's kitchen, the fellowship of softball and volleyball teams, the music of brass instruments, handbells, singing and a Schantz pipe organ all help you be in touch with God's creation.

A capital campaign completed in 2005 exceeded its goal, allowing us to install a new 36-rank Schantz pipe organ in the choir loft, renovate Sanctuary, fellowship hall, office area, and narthex, as well as "tithe" to our endowment fund.

Guest speakers are welcomed to inspire the church family and the community—and have included Dan Maguire, Graham Standish, Ron Farr, Michael Dowd, Tibetan monks, and others.

This Family of God surrounds its members with love and support, and encourages the work of God to be done by all. This family opens their doors and welcomes all, as they know that God is Still Speaking.

Directions: The church is located about 1 mile north of downtown Sheboygan, on Bluff Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets, across from Vollrath Park.

Ebenezer United Church of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Roger Mealiff, Senior Pastor

Rev. Lorri Steward, Associate Pastor

Nathan Athorp, Student Pastor



Ebenezer Reformed Church began in 1912, meeting in an abandoned butcher shop on Calumet Plank Road. Christmas 1914 was the first service in their own building, across the street from Jefferson School. Many neighborhood families made weekly use of both facilities. In 1920 a service was added in English, “the language of the young people,” with the German service continuing into the 1930s. When a large Sanctuary was added to the building in 1926, the Ladies’ Aid Society raised money for the church’s Moeller pipe organ, which is still in use today. Ebenezer initiated Faith Church in 1953, in the Erdman area, (now Our Shepherd UCC in Howards Grove). In 1957, Rev. Ruben Grosshuesch began his productive twenty-nine-year pastorate, with a strong emphasis on Christian education and stewardship.

In 1970, the congregation was driving to church from across the area, with no place to park and packed Sunday school rooms, even using a neighboring house for expansion. So a nine-acre field was purchased on the growing edge of Sheboygan, where there were not yet any through streets. The vision of those wise leaders to step forward in faith has borne fruit, as the church is now conveniently located along one of the main thoroughfares of the city, with plenty of parking and room for growth. In 2011 an expanded gathering area and offices were added, along with many infrastructure updates and solar electric panels, to prepare the facilities for our second century of ministry.

The “God Is Still Speaking” initiative of the UCC speaks well for Ebenezer: “no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” Input from members in 2004 was gathered into the Ebenezer UCC Identity Statement, reflecting the history and aspirations of the congregation: We are Ebenezer United Church of Christ. Our name, from I Samuel 7:12, reminds us: “Thus far, God has helped us.” Building on that solid rock, we reach forward in faith on the growing edge of our community. We offer family-centered ministry, meaningful worship and education, and an open invitation to share in Holy Communion. Ebenezer demonstrates a welcoming openness that helps people feel “at home”, fortifying us to live out our faith on a daily basis. Led by God, we reach out to bring hope and justice to all of God’s family. We affirm the gifts and cherish the image of God in each person. In partnership with God and each other, in traditional yet progressive ways, we are ordinary people working hard to accomplish extraordinary things.

In order to enable the now 511 members to more effectively minister together, in 2004 Ebenezer shifted from over thirteen committees to six “ministry areas,” reflecting the emphasis of growing churches: Inviting, Involving, Inspiring, Educating, Equipping and Embracing. Teams form around shared passions for ministry, and may be ongoing or short-term. The congregation’s outreach has expanded through “ministry teams,” locally as well as with wider mission trips, including such things as a Jefferson School/Ebenezer Church Partnership, Laundry Love Ministry which assists families in need at a local laundromat, prayer shawls, Rainbow Kids, Meals on Wheels, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, food pantry support, senior foot care, hosting the Freedom Schooner Amistad to Wisconsin, supporting establishment of a Mosque in Sheboygan County, and creating a “butterfly garden” for a young mother living with incurable cancer. In 2008, Ebenezer UCC was recognized by the Wisconsin Conference UCC, as its first “Significant Renewal Church.”

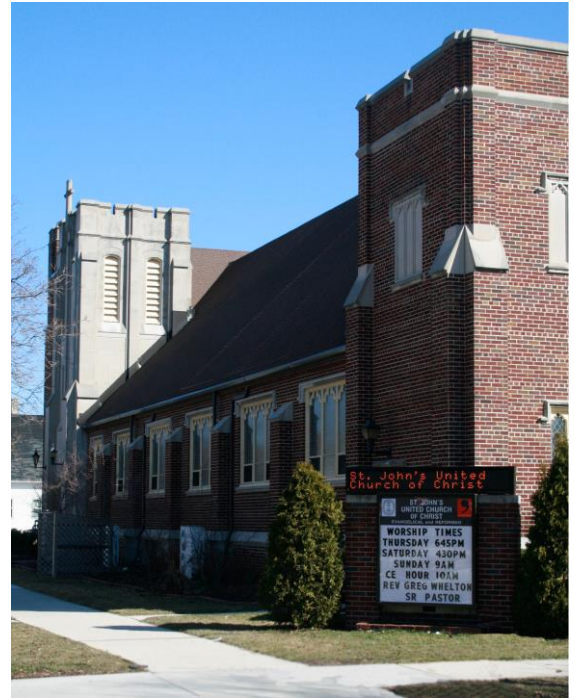
Directions: Ebenezer UCC is easily accessible from I-43 by taking exit 126/hwy 23 east into Sheboygan, take the first exit; turn left on north Taylor Drive, proceed about 5 blocks; the church is on the left at the corner of Taylor Drive and Saemann Avenue.

St. John U.C.C.

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Rev. Gregory S. Whelton
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Rev. Vernon Jaberg, Emeritus

St. John's is located on the north side of Sheboygan in a primarily multiple family dwelling neighborhood. The membership of 640 is composed of lifetime members as well as those who have come to St. John's from other congregations.

St. John's offers four worship opportunities to the community. Thursday evening and Sunday morning worship are traditional and are held each week. On every other Saturday of the month, a contemporary service is offered in the late afternoon/early evening. Every eight weeks, an emergent worship offering, The Gathering is held and targets 25-40 year olds in our community. The Gathering is not held in the Sanctuary and several times a year is not in the Church buildings at all.



The weekly attendance averages approximately 210. Christian education is still a mainstay of the Congregation and is held on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. Post-worship fellowship is a big part of the community life of the congregation and is served weekly by members who volunteer. The annual Swiss Steak dinner, held each year the Sunday after Easter, brings members of all ages together to help the Men's Brotherhood serve 900 plus dinners in less than four hours. 20012 will be the 75th annual dinner.

St. Johns organized in May of 1902 as part of The Evangelical Synod of America and called its first pastor that year. St. John's is proud of being a member of the United Church of Christ from the denominations inception. St. John's has been served by only four pastors in its 110 years and is proud of its history of long pastorates.

St. John's continues to be a "green conscious" congregation and in the past year have changed the entire Sanctuary lighting to florescent lighting, remodeled the entry area with energy efficient windows and led lighting and upgraded the efficiency of the heating in that area. St. John's installed a projection ministry system in 2006 and has continued to upgrade the system to provide the highest quality worship environment. We are working toward the goal of a paperless service in 2012 as part of our "green" emphasis.

St. John's facilities are open to be used by the community as well as our members. In 2011 following God's calling, St. John's began to share our building with *Ministerios Almas*, a Hispanic protestant congregation that is an outgrowth of a Congregation in Milwaukee. We are pleased to be able to minister to the Hispanic community in Sheboygan by sharing our facilities with this young congregation. They worship every Sunday evening and have Christian Education mid-week.

The most important events of the St. John's in the past twenty-five years are the transition from Rev. Jaberg to Rev. Whelton; the installation of a handicapped entrance; the renovation of the church offices; new flooring and pew spacing in the Sanctuary; projection ministry in our worship; the renovation of our Sanctuary entrance area and the creation of the Klimke Welcoming Center.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ is an active, friendly church on the south side of Sheboygan, a city of 50,000 people. Ministry to our community is an important aspect of who we are and we reach out in many ways. A monthly mission message is presented. We hold a semi-annual blood drive, we serve meals at the Salvation Army, we have several members who drive for Meals on Wheels and we have a caring and sharing ministry.

With 292 members, we celebrate the involvement of many lay people in our congregation with a Sunday school serving ages 3-14, Confirmation Class, Consistory, Mary Circle, Esther Circle, Quilting, Dartball, Prayer Chain, Healing Hearts, Vacation Bible School, Kiddie Keep, Funeral ministry, Chancel Committee and we have presented the Lenten drama *The Last Supper* on several occasions.

We worship together every Thursday night with a contemporary worship format and every Sunday at 10:00 AM. We are led by lay readers and Liturgists, the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir and a Sunday School Choir. St. Paul's has an excellent music ministry.

Our building is in fine condition with the addition of a gathering area, a classroom, an elevator and a new office built in 1999.

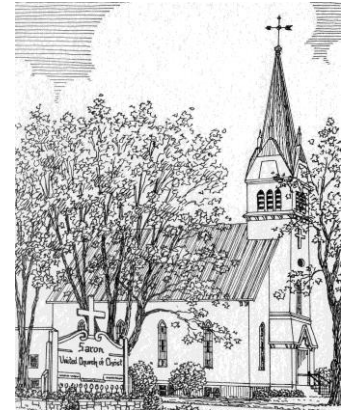
St. Paul's has been served by nine ministers since it was founded in 1926. In 2001 Rev. Charles A Koch was honored with the title of Pastor Emeritus. Currently serving as extended Interim Minister is Rev. Mark E. Jaberg.

Saron United Church of Christ

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Membership—550
Year Organized—1855

Saron UCC originated as a German Reformed congregation, brought together by Rev. H. A. Winter in 1855. The church was built in 1889. An education wing was added in 1965 and a narthex/entryway was added in 1990. A parsonage was built on the church property in 1972. It is currently used as the pastor's office, youth lounge, meeting and study space.



The congregation is governed by a Consistory made up of three elders, three deacons and a treasurer. An annual meeting is held in January. The congregation's constitution and by-laws were revised in 2010.

Worship services are held on Sundays at 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM from September through May, and at 9:30 AM throughout the summer. Services are characterized as traditional with some contemporary influence, including the use of projector and screen. An organ, a piano, and an electric keyboard are used for accompaniment. Average worship attendance is 275. Laypersons are also involved as ushers, greeters, lay readers and acolytes. Music is provided by the Senior Choir twice per month, and occasionally by the Junior Choir, Saron Chimers, and individual musicians from Saron. A Worship Enhancement Team decorates the Sanctuary according to the worship theme. Special worship services include Welcome Back Sunday, which is held outdoors on the church grounds in September, an annual Blue Christmas Service in December, and Christmas, Lent and Holy Week services.

Sunday school is offered for children age four through 6th grade. Many children participate in Vacation Bible School during the summer. They also prepare an annual Christmas program. Confirmation is a two-year program for seventh and eighth graders, with Confirmation itself on the third Sunday in May. Junior High and Senior High youth meet with adult lay leaders during the Sunday school hour for breakfast and faith-based conversation, and many participate in the Rural Church Fellowship Volleyball league throughout the summer. An adult book study led by members of the congregation meets during the education hour, and other adult study events take place during the week.

Saron has an active Prayer Shawl Ministry, a Ladies' Aid and a Women's Guild. A yearly women's retreat provides reflection and fellowship for women of the church. Other fellowship groups include Saron Family Campers, a Dartball Team, a Community Life and Hospitality Team, and a Mission Team, which organizes service opportunities and mission involvement for the congregation. The congregation participates in OGHS, CROP Walk, Church World Service Blanket Fund, and supports a student in Haiti through the SPARE program (administered by Haiti Allies). The Women's Guild organizes a yearly Christmas collection for families in need through the Salvation Army.

Directions to the Church: The church is located on County Road J, approximately 3 miles east of Highway 57 (north of Plymouth) and 3 miles west of Highway 42.

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Shiocton, WI 54170
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Membership—75
Year Organized—1966



Trinity is a rural congregation located about twenty miles north of Appleton. The congregation is the result of a merger in 1966 of three churches: Navarino Congregational Church, Nichols Congregational Church and Leeman Congregational Church. In 1980, with the help of many churches in the Association as well as a grant from the then United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, we built a new building which is energy efficient and handicapped accessible.

Beginning in the early 1960s, Trinity started sharing its ministry with St. John's U.C.C. in Cecil. This yoked ministry relationship has allowed Trinity to grow and thrive with the help of full-time pastoral ministry. Together with St. John's, we share a confirmation and youth program, have a joint parish newsletter and occasional joint worship and fellowship activities. The church Council meets monthly to share in the business of the church and meets twice a year with the Consistory from St. John's, forming the Tri-Jo Council, which helps administer joint activities in the parish and support the ministry of our joint pastor.

The congregation enjoys worship, recently investing in technology to allow us to project our worship materials each Sunday as well as special music and other tributes such as our All Saints and veterans remembrances. We have a strong Christian education program for our children and youth, focusing on learning the stories of the Christian faith and helping each child make the story their own. We focus on making sure that all who come to our doors feel welcomed as they are and that this is a place where all can ask the questions nearest to their heart, receive the comfort and encouragement of the community, and grow in their lives as Christ's disciples.

In addition to worship and Christian education our women's fellowship group, The New Hope Circle, provides a place for lively discussion of topics relevant to our faith. Recent discussions have included understanding Islam, a Bible study on love, the history of Christian denominations, the spirituality of caregiving and a yearly field trip. The women's group is also the driving force behind our very successful fall bazaar (third Saturday in October), which brings the church and the community together for crafts, baked goods, gift items, lunch and a raffle. The women's group provides care to the shut-in and elderly members of our congregation and our community, provides gifts to the children and others at Christmas time, and makes generous gifts to organizations in our community and around the world, working to end poverty, hunger and to bring the light of Christ to places where there is only darkness.

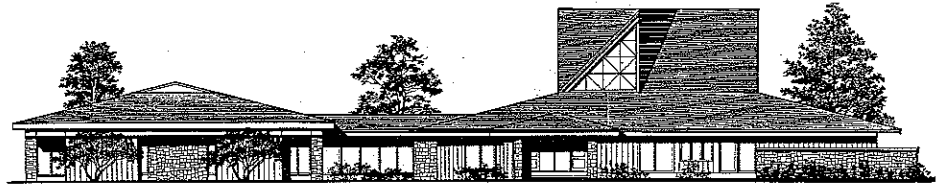
We enjoy strong ecumenical relationships with Ascension Lutheran Church and St. Lawrence Catholic Church, both in nearby Navarino. We share joint Lenten worship and study activities, worship at Navarino Days in the summer, and Thanksgiving worship. We also jointly sponsor and support the work of Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, housed at Ascension Lutheran Church.

In recent years, the church has installed a series of stained glass windows and angels in the Sanctuary and office, sponsored by members of the congregation in memory of loved ones and in celebration of family events. We have also completed the building of a new storage shed adjacent to the church building which allows us to store off-season items separate from our maintenance equipment (i.e. lawnmower, snow blower).

Directions to the church: We are located four miles west of State Highway 47 and the town of Nichols, or two miles east of State Highway 187 and the community of Leeman.

Hope United Church of Christ

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Membership—195
Year organized—1881

In 1881 the Baptist Home Mission Society, located in Chicago, sent Rev. George Prescott to Sturgeon Bay at the request of a local woman, Mary Ann Schuyler, who wanted to start a church. Initially the local town hall was used for church services and as the parsonage. In order to unite the small congregation, in 1883 Rev. Prescott suggested that Hope church change denominations to become a Congregational church. Their first church building was built at the corner of 4th and Louisiana streets and was occupied from 1888-1965. Hope Congregational Church became Hope United Church of Christ in 1961. A new church building, at the corner of 12th and Michigan, was planned, built, and first occupied in 1968. At Christmastime in 1987, a Dobson Pipe organ, especially designed to fit the modern architecture of the Sanctuary, was installed and dedicated. A “Hope for the Future” celebration was held in 1996 at the conclusion of a major building remodeling project and addition of our Fellowship Hall with new kitchen and bathrooms. The organ enhances our wonderful music program and the Fellowship Hall is occupied almost daily with activities of church members and others.

Today there still exists a strong sense of community within Hope’s family, and a spirit of service and helpfulness. (Over the years, ministers have come and gone, one staying as long as twenty-seven years), memberships numbers risen and fallen (52 members in 1903 and 241 in 1952) but social justice, activism, and music have remained important parts of the Hope Church community. The Mission and Action Committee actively reflects Hope’s custom of supporting mission causes local and beyond as a UCC Five for Five Church. Hope Church was started by a woman with an idea; our first woman moderator was elected in 1975. In 2001, Hope became an Open and Affirming Church by congregational vote. Our building serves our community as well, used by many community organizations from Wigwam Nursery School to the Door County String Academy, from yoga and Tae Kwon Do to painting classes, from AA to NMI, from youth groups enjoying dinners together to the semi-annual rummage sales.

The ties that bind us together mirror our love for Hope Church where we strive to be a safe place in which each individual is encouraged to walk his or own path, to express what is in his or her heart. Many of Hope’s members and friends have come from other religious affiliations to find a spiritual home in Hope Church. Whether spiritual home, oasis, or safe haven, Hope is central to our journey of spiritual discovery. We invite and celebrate a unique blend of traditional and non-traditional, albeit, Christian-based and referenced religious teaching; we encourage openness of thought, theology and acceptance. Hope Church is a caring community with a progressive tradition.

Hope United Church of Christ is located at the corner of 12th and Michigan Streets in Sturgeon Bay. The Sturgeon Bay High School and track are directly opposite Hope Church. The Michigan Street exit off Business Highway 42/57 will come directly to 12 Avenue where Hope Church occupies the southwest corner.

Grace Congregational United Church of Christ

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The First Congregational Church was Two Rivers's first church, formed in 1851 by Reverend Miter of Plymouth Congregational Church in Milwaukee and Reverend Herrit of the Presbyterian Church of Illinois. They also formed two Presbyterian churches in Manitowoc and Manitowoc Rapids. Rev Herrit walked the twenty-mile circuit on Sundays to hold services in members' homes.



In 1857, \$800 was raised and \$200 received from the Congregational Churches of New York City Teaching Fund to build our first church building.

In 1906, the congregation realized a bigger church was needed. With a generous gift from the J. E. Hamilton family, the new church was built and dedicated in July of 1909. At this time, the church name was changed to Grace Congregational Church, in memory the Hamilton's daughter, Grace Hamilton Sweeney.

After the 1957 merger of the Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical Reform churches into the new United Church of Christ, Grace Church member Mareta Kahlenberg was elected to the position of chairman of the denomination's National Executive Council.

The Reverend Kim Henning was installed in Sept 1988, our thirty-first pastor in 163 years, and is still serving twenty-three years later, the longest tenure of any pastor at Grace Congregational UCC.

Needing more Sunday school, Sanctuary room, and handicapped accessibility, the congregation voted in 2001 to begin funding a new church. The new church was built on a hilltop, across the river from the old, and the first service held on Mother's Day, May 9th 2004. What a blessing the new building is!

Grace Congregational Church has been active in the CROP walk, Relay for Life Cancer Walk, Shanty Town and the monthly ecumenical Two Rivers Sunday Suppers and Ecumenical ministry. We support Missionaries in China and Africa, were a covenant church with Habitat for Humanity, helped form and run our local food pantry and homeless shelter. Since the summer of 1997, Grace UCC has yearly sent a large group of youth and adults (30-40 strong) to the Appalachia Service Project. Starting in 2006, an adult group travels yearly to Biloxi to help with the post- Katrina rebuilding still needed.

Ladies of Grace continue to support the church, through tireless work at funeral suppers, our cookie booth at Two Rivers's AppleFest, the annual Chili Supper, and much more.

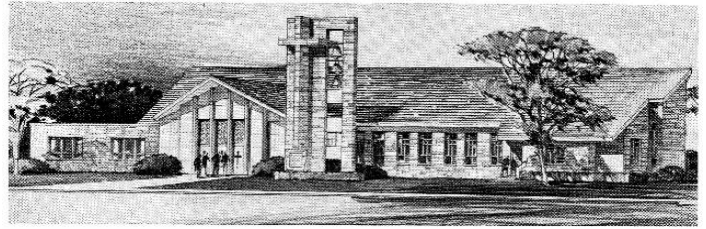
We have bell ringers, guitar groups, soloists, a men's chorus, and pianists and can pull together a band/orchestra when needed, using youth and adults. Sunday singing, a biennial Christmas Cantata, choir exchanges and occasional Ecumenical concerts keep our adult choir busy.

As Grace Church grew, more ministerial help was needed. Pastor Meredith Anderson Thurk was installed as Associate Pastor of Family Life and Education in 2008. Our Christian Education Board provides children's and adult classes, an excellent Vacation Bible School, camp, service and social opportunities for our young people and families.

Grace Church has been a vital part of Two Rivers for 159 years and continues today to provide a Church home and a positive Christian influence on our members and community.

Union-Congregational Church, UCC

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Membership—383
Year Organized—1845

1845 marks the founding of the Congregational Church of Waupun in the then territory of Wisconsin. This makes it nearly the oldest church in the Wisconsin Conference, and the first church in Waupun. The church and its founding pastor, the Rev. Stephen Peet, who also established other churches in the area, was largely funded by the financial support of the American Home Missionary Society of New York.

As the word “Union” in our name indicates, this community has long embraced a “united and uniting” spirit exemplified in both its theology and practice. Three other Waupun churches, the Disciples of Christ, founded 1847, The First Baptist Church, founded after the Congregational Church in 1845, and the Free Will Baptist Church, founded 1855, formed a union of its three congregations in June of 1897, forming the Union Church. Twenty years later, in June of 1917, the union was expanded to include the Congregational Church, thus forming the Union-Congregational Church. In the following decade two small outlying rural churches, the Alto Congregational and the Springvale Congregational, closed with many of their members coming over to join Union-Congregational Church. In 1961 the Church voted to become a member of the United Church of Christ.

Today the population of Waupun is stable at roughly 10,000 (which includes those incarcerated in the three state institutions in town). The largest employer is the State of Wisconsin. The city is a mix of light manufacturing, blue-collar, small businesses, farming and related light industry. It also serves as a bedroom community for Appleton, Milwaukee, and Madison, at each roughly an hour commuting distance. The Church has long functioned as a sort of progressive-inclusive oasis in a community of some twenty-two churches. Our membership is presently in the mid-300 range, with worship attendance averaging around 130. During the program year we hold two worship services, offering two very differing approaches to worship: an informal, non-liturgical contemporary, media-supplemented service at 8:30 AM and a more traditional and liturgical service at 9:30 AM. In true Congregational fashion, the governance of the Church rests first with the congregation, then the Council and other Boards, Diaconate, Trustees and Christian Ed. We have a long and proud tradition of annually tithing ten percent of our budget amount to OCWM. We are also a Five-for-Five congregation.

Our present church building, erected in 1959, with complimentary education wing added in 1971, is a modern, well-designed, open-space building all on one level. It serves us and our surrounding community well as a multi-use facility. It regularly hosts the Share Program, various Scout meetings, Weight Watchers, Al-Anon, and The Waupun School District, among others. We have established Safe Sanctuary Guidelines that oversee all children and youth, school and group activities, including Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and youth group activities. We have recently established a two-year Confirmation Program, up from one year, that is a collaborative effort involving the Christian Education Committee, mentors and Pastor. With Pilgrim Center just a short drive from us we have a wonderful resource that is annual utilized by a large number of young campers and adult groups alike. We recently established a tradition of worshipping each year in the beautiful Ley Chapel on Communion Sunday.

Among our local mission commitments, we annually participate in CROP Walk, the Heifer Project, The Christian Home, assisted living and nursing home; we also contribute on an ongoing basis to our local food pantry, on a rotating schedule serve meals at the Community Kitchen, and we ring bells at Christmastime for the local chapter of the Salvation Army. Union-Congregational has a committed core, always seeking to expand its core, grow in its witness to Jesus’s good news Gospel, and further the advancement of the Realm of God among us and throughout the world.

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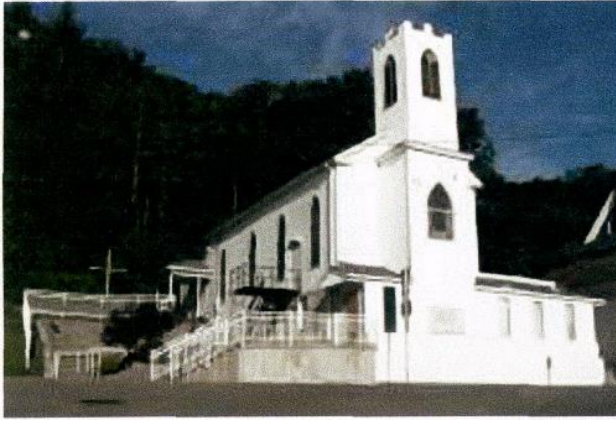
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**St Paul and St. Luke United Church of Christ 501 South
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St. Paul and St. Luke UCC began in 1859, when Christian Lehman and a few families "decided not to live like heathens in this beautiful country, but to hold services to worship God." Mr. Lehman believed that this area in Buffalo County was a good mission field for the Reformed Church and promised to bring a pastor to the area.

The church in the country would be called the Beef River Church, later St. John's, and even later named St. Lucas or St. Luke's. We now

refer to it as the Tell Church. The church in Alma was named St. Paul Church.

In 1869, the St. Paul congregation reorganized and new officers were elected. In 1871 a lovely little church with parsonage in the basement was completed for dedication in August. In 1886 a new church tower was erected and furnished with a new ringing bell, and a few years later an addition was built to the church to serve as the church parsonage.

By this time St. John's of Beef River had completely dissolved after only three or four years of existence. In 1886 the people of Trout Creek, Fine Creek, Mill Creek, and Beef River valleys decided to build a church. The congregation was called in German "Reformierte Kirche".

In 1903 lightning struck the steeple of St. Paul Church and the roof and steeple were damaged. Improvements were also made including the addition of three rooms to the living quarters of the church, the installation of comfortable church benches, and the hill was removed in front of the church and a brick sidewalk was laid. The choir paid for wiring for electricity. The German language had been used to conduct Ladies' Aid meetings and records were kept in German until December 1929. At this time it was decided that English should be used. German worship services were discontinued in 1934. Also in 1934, the Reformed Church in the United States merged with the Evangelical Synod of North America to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

In 1948, the St. Luke's congregation joined with the congregation of St. Paul's and the name was changed to St. Paul and St. Luke's Church. Also in 1948 and into 1949 joint services were held with the local Evangelical United Brethren congregation. Plans were made for a church merger, but after a year the groups chose to remain independent. The church building had been sold in anticipation of the merger and was repurchased and extensively remodeled. It was rededicated in October 1951.

In 1957, St. Paul and St. Luke became a United Church of Christ when the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church. Also in 1957, a committee was formed to plan and build a parsonage. The Seifert Construction Company of Pepin was awarded the contract with a bid of \$ 17,500. Volunteers helped prepare the site and later built walls and assisted with landscaping.

In 1959, our congregation celebrated the Centennial Anniversary with two days of celebrations including a historical review, luncheon, worship, potluck dinner, and service with special guests.

In 2002, work was begun on a new entry and bathroom addition to the church that would make the entire church handicapped accessible. The cost was \$105,000.

In 2009, St. Paul and St. Luke UCC celebrated its 150th Anniversary. We had many special services to celebrate our 150 years: Vow Renewal, Old Fashioned Sunday and Picnic, All Saint's Sunday, Ecumenical Christmas Tea, Men's and Women's Recognition Sundays, as well as a Dinner and Worship Service attended by many former members as well as former pastors: the Rev. Bonnie Jones-Witthuhn, the Rev. Lisa Bodenheimer, the Rev. Gene Krueger, and Pastor John Parkyn.

Our worship services rotate with our yoked congregation, Hope United Church of Christ in Cochrane. Right now and until the beginning of June 2013, our service will begin at 9 AM. Beginning with the first Sunday in June and for the entire month, we will worship at our Tell Church at 10:30 AM. We then return to Alma for 10:30 AM worship. Our Sunday School (or as our children named it GOD2L—God Opens Doors to Life) meets during the school year at Hope UCC on Wednesday evenings from 4-5:30 PM.

Congregational UCC

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Amery WI 54001

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Pastor Barry Schaefer (cell) 715.222.2899



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What would we want people to know? -- that we're not Lutheran! Seriously, we are an option to Lutheran churches in our part of the state. We stand out because we are different.

Our church provides church school year round using lectionary-based curriculum. Our church is a city church in a rural/vacation area. The Amery community is surrounded by an abundance of water in the form of the Apple River and a host of good fishing/boating lakes, namely lake Wapogasset, Balsam lake, Deer lake to name a few.

When we worship we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, praise God in music and song, and prepare ourselves for service to the world. Since 2000 we have been building houses with Habitat for Humanity with our mission team in the upper Great Lakes Region. Locally we are host to Ruby's Pantry a food distribution outreach ministry serving over 250 families each month with food items typically not available in food shelves (fresh foods as well as frozen meats).

Our children and youth are significant aspects of our ministry. Our youth program is expanding and is complete for youth 5th. Grade through Senior high. Our Sunday school continues to grow and expand as we have classes from Toddlers through the Sixth Grade.

The Amery Congregational Church is host to several firsts in our community. We are the first permanent church founded in Amery (1891); we called the first woman minister to the area; the first to use co-pastors, and were the first church to sponsor a scout troop. These "firsts" are not for boasting reasons, but rather to point to a consistent pattern of leadership and high visibility in the Amery community, a tradition which stands proud to this day.

Directions to the Church: From I-94 exit #19 travel straight north on State Route 63 approximately 12 miles. Continue straight north, now on State Route 46, into Amery (approximately another 12 miles). Turn left (west) at the second traffic light (Birch St.) one block to the church.

From the north on State Route 8, travel south on State Route 46 (south junction) to Amery (approximately 8 miles). Turn right (west) at first traffic light (Birch St.) one block to the church at 201 Harriman Ave. North.



Faith United Church of Christ
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The early history of the Congregational Church dates back to the pioneer days of Antigo. At that time there were scarcely a hundred inhabitants in Spring Brook, as the town was then called.

In 1880, Deacon Jackson Tibbits came to Congregationalists in Spring Brook. August 4, 1881, he preached to about twenty people in a park where the present Jr.-Sr. High Schools stand. For two years he preached on alternate Sabbaths wherever places could be obtained. Sunday School met in the unfinished basement of the Court House. On May 24, 1882, the Congregational Church was organized. On September 17, 1883, the church building was dedicated in Antigo. Two large, beautiful Tiffany stained glass windows, one in memory of Deacon Tibbits and family which was presented by the Sunday School, the other in memory of Mr. & Mrs. T.D. Kellogg, are kept lighted at night. The congregation was served by fifteen pastors before the merger with the Unity Evangelical and Reformed Church.

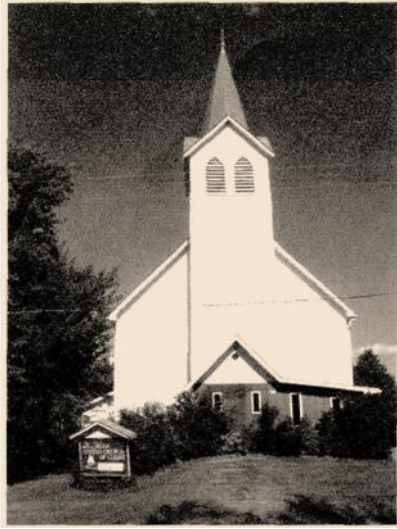
On December 25, 1890, organization of the Unity German Evangelical Church of Antigo was accomplished. This church was part of the German Evangelical Synod of North America, founded in this country by pastors of the State Church of Germany (Evangelische Kirche). Until the first church building was constructed, afternoon and evening services were held in the Congregational, Methodist and Ev. Assoc. sanctuaries. The first church, a small frame building was built from plans drawn by Herman Laehn. Mr. Laehn served as architect and builder of the second church building. The congregation later became known as the Unity Evangelical and Reformed Church. They were served by sixteen pastors before the merger with the Congregational Church.

Faith United Church of Christ is the result of the merger between Unity Evangelical and Reformed and the Congregational congregations in October 1971. The Evangelical & Reformed Church had its origin in the reformation in the 16th Century and the Congregational Church traces its origin to England where the Pilgrims sought to establish the rights of religious freedom and later came to America. The congregations voted to worship in the building on Clermont Street. The present building has been enhanced by the white altar in Unity Chapel and the beautiful marble baptismal font, both brought from the Evangelical and Reformed Church. A large remodeling project was completed in 1948. In 1966 more improvements were made to the sanctuary including new pews. An addition was added, in 1955, including installation of an elevator. Our pipe organ was totally restored in 2002.

To date Faith United Church of Christ has an active Sunday School, adult choir, Angel Choir, Bible Studies, women's groups, and a very busy community food pantry.

Sunday School: 9 AM Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Summer Worship Service: 9:30 AM

Faith United Church of Christ is located on the corner of 4th and Clermont Street.



St. John's United Church of Christ

P.O. Box 4 - 8026 Church Road

Arpin WI, 54410

St. John's Congregational Church was organized on June 3, 1913. Fifteen members affixed their signatures to the original roll. In 1914 land was purchased for the church site. On January 16, 1916, the congregation decided to incorporate. A year later the congregation became part of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. Prior to 1919 all services were spoken in German, and all church records were written in German until 1928. At the annual meeting of 1937 the church became affiliated with the Evangelical and Reformed Church and became yoked with St. John's Evangelical and Reformed

Church of Wisconsin Rapids. That yoked relationship was intact until 1966. From 1966 to 1970 St. John's shared a yoked relationship with the United Church of Christ of Pittsville. From 1970 to October 1988 a yoked agreement was in effect between St. John's United Church of Christ and the First Presbyterian Church of Arpin. On May 24, 1970, the addition of a kitchen and dining hall was dedicated to Amelia Mueller, long time Sunday School Superintendent. Our current pastor, Reverend Donald Adams, has served our congregation since 1988. In recent years St. John's United Church of Christ congregation and friends have been focused and committed to preserving our church building which has resulted in numerous projects being completed; most notably a new steel roof on the church sanctuary and restored stained glass windows. Emphases of the church include mission, service, fellowship, and Christian education; which are illustrated by participation in United Church of Christ Missions and Heifer International, collecting for local food pantries, and by church members' willingness to generously share their time and talent in areas such as the church council and/or teaching Sunday School. Sunday worship service is held weekly from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School/Confirmation from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. We have annual celebrations including; Sunrise Easter Service and breakfast, Christmas in July, Grandparent's Day, and the Christmas Eve Sunday School Program. As we look to the future, we are mindful of our past and anticipate our church's centennial anniversary in 2013. We consider ourselves a friendly country church, always with room for visitors and new members, please join us!

Directions: From Highway 10 just west of Auburndale take Highway 186 South to Highway N (approximately 6 miles) west on County Highway N to Church Road (approximately ½ mile) south on Church Road (approximately ¼ mile) St. John's United Church of Christ is on the east side of the road.



Presbyterian-Congregational Church

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Located two blocks south of Hwy 2 on
Vaughn Ave.

The vision of the Presbyterian-Congregational Church is “to be a welcoming family of God that joyfully embraces the servant life in Christ.”

A 1943 merger between the First Presbyterian Church and the First Congregational Church (both founded in 1880), results in the United Presbyterian-Congregational Church. While functioning as one congregation in worship and church life, the church maintains affiliation with and support for the Presbyterian Church, USA and the United Church of Christ.

The congregation is blessed with a beautiful 1897 vintage facility listed as an Ashland Historic Site. The sanctuary is constructed in oak with magnificent stained glass windows and seats 425. The exterior is of historic brick and brownstone construction. Additions include an educational building erected in 1957, a state of the art sound system, individualized hearing assistance for the hearing impaired, and handicap accessibility in the form of an elevator.

Dr. Darrel M. Robertson has served as pastor of the church since 1983. Chris Erickson serves as youth minister. Youth ministry has grown and thrived with programs for all ages. High School youth have opportunity to make bi-annual mission trips and to participate in adventure trips on other years.

Adult mission teams have visited Mexican Presbyterian Churches regularly. There, the teams provide food, medical assistance, and build homes for those in need. Work groups have also traveled to Mississippi doing reconstruction of hurricane-damaged homes. The church is active in a variety of local mission projects.

The UPCC has recently completed a six-year refurbishing of its facilities call The Project of a Generation for which it received the city beautification award. Believing that music enhances their worship, the congregation has a vibrant music ministry that welcomes traditional and contemporary styles. A pipe organ, grand piano, large adult choir and a variety of talented musicians accompany services. The congregation currently numbers 492 persons.

The church is a welcoming and diverse fellowship celebrating the joy of life lived in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Christ United Church of Christ

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Directions:

Between Green Bay and Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN. From the intersection of Hwy. 29 and 97 travel north about 5 miles to Athens. Christ United is on the east side of 97 across from Marshfield Clinic.

In 1896 Christ United was formed by members who left the Lutheran church; having German and Swiss descent they formed the original congregation under the Evangelical Synod of North America.

The original location of the congregation was on the corner of Allen & Mueller Streets on land donated by the founders of the village of Athens. 95 years later the church moved to its current location on Hwy 97 in 1990.

Christ United of Athens yoked with First Evangelical and Reformed of Colby in 1961, and together both churches called Rev. Kenneth Dix.

The congregation of Christ United is a close knit fellowship and has a strong emphasis on family within church and community. The members of Christ United are extremely community oriented being involved as teachers, school board members, fair board, county and village boards, etc. Christ United was the first to promote a recycling program for the Village of Athens created by members of the church. Newsprint was collected weekly by volunteers then sold twice a year with the proceeds going to Sunburst Children's Home. Christ United started the "Circle of Joy" food pantry outreach designed for people who find themselves in need.

The ministry of Christ United has for decades impacted the Village of Athens as well as a ministry that is far reaching.

WINNEBAGO
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Near Black River Falls, WI

Also known as Ho-Cak
(Ho-Cak being an international
Phonetic Alphabet spelling of Ho-
Chunk).

Out of gratitude to Indians who rescued him from near death in a snowstorm, Mission House Professor H. Kurtz, D.D., vowed he would do all he could to bring the gospel to the Indians. As a result of his gratitude on July 9, 1878 the Sheboygan Classis officially commissioned Rev. Jacob Hauser as a missionary to the Winnebago, who founded the Winnebago Indian Mission Church east of Black River Falls, WI. Some 20 years later, the first Winnebago Christians were baptized and as the years went by others were added. Among those who served patiently and sacrificially in the early and formative years of the congregation were the Stuckis, Stacys, Whiterabbits, and Grethers.



Early on, the Winnebago came to appreciate educational opportunities for their children and youth which were provided by the church, first at the Mission then on a larger scale, the residential Winnebago Indian School in Neillsville, WI., twenty miles from the Indian Mission.

Currently on Sunday mornings, we enjoy a creative hour and a half of blending worship and Sunday School services which begin at 10:00 AM year round. Confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, and Youth Camps are encouraged and offered.

We are supportive and participate in our local Cancer Group, the annual Night of Remembrance and the National and State Conferences.

We are a member church of the Council of American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Our church is the only Native American Church in the United Church of Christ in Wisconsin. Members of our congregation have been called on regularly to serve on the denominational level, the Executive Council, Office of General Ministries, Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries, Local Church Ministries, Justice and Witness Ministries, and Council for Youth and Youth Adult Ministries

Through painstakingly work by John Stacy and Jacob Stucki, portions of the scripture have been translated into the Winnebago (Ho-Chunk) language.

Mail: P O. Box 9, Black River Falls, WI 54615 (Physical address: W9970 Mission Road)

Telephone: 715-284-8738. Directions: Exit mile marker 116 of Interstate Highway, take Hwy 54 east 2.5 miles to the Indian Mission sign, turn left on to Mission Road going north approximately 2.3 miles reaching the white frame church on the left.



First Congregational
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On the 20th of November, 1868 ten citizens assembled in the Public Hall in the village of Vanville, (now Bloomer) Wisconsin. After a suitable opening religious exercise, conducted by Rev. John Sherwin, a Christian Church according to the usage of the Congregational Churches was constituted. The church adopted the articles of Faith and forms of Covenant contained in the published history of the Churches and Ministries connected with the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

The first church edifice, costing \$2,000.00 was dedicated on December 7, 1871. In 1874, a church bell arrived by oxcart from the Maneely Bell Foundry in West Troy, New York and donated "To the Congregational Church at Bloomer Prairie". In 1891 the church parlors were built for a cost of \$597.25. The ladies of the church were in control of the parsonage, including keeping it in good repair. The first organ was purchased in 1896 for \$50.00. This organ was replaced by a new one in June, 1993. An auditorium was added in 1908, and a kitchen was added to the structure in 1927. The original grant for the founding of the church was received in 1868 from the Missionary Fund of New Haven, Connecticut. A ceremony was held in 1952, when the note was paid back to the Fund.

The Fellowship Hall served as a meeting hall for many community organizations and events including the Christian Endeavor Society, the Anti-Saloon League, and revival meetings. Union Meetings of all protestant churches in the area met in the Hall, plus several congregations held services there during the time when they were building their own churches.

In the early 1900's a Junior Society was formed for the young people in the church, plus two women's organizations, the Pepperett and Dorus Circles. Today there is one women's organization, the Women's Fellowship. An active choir took part in the Sunday Service for many years, but today we have occasional music participation from various groups. There are dinners, social gatherings, church activities, funeral dinners, weddings and church celebrations for various occasions. A veteran's day dinner is held for the community during election years, Brat Stand fund raisers have been part of the summer work of the church, active participation in the Bloomer Chamber of Commerce, we serve Meals on Wheels for the community, participate in the work of the local Food Pantry, plus the Christmas Children's gift project, the Blood Drives and Senior Citizen dinners for community members. We have an active church Sunday School program for the children with participation in the confirmation program through the Wisconsin Conference.

We participate in the OCWM (we have been a 5 for 5 member for many years) and other special mission requests from the association. We have served as a training site for eight part-time seminary students, along with some interim and full-time ministers. We currently have a female, part-time lay-leader pastor.



BRUCE FEDERATED CHURCH

The Congregational Church formed in Bruce in 1893, and shared its minister with Ladysmith. In 1908, the new Methodist Church in Bruce opened its doors, sharing a minister with Weyerhaeuser. As both churches struggled for existence, it was agreed to join together. In 1928, the Union Congregational Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church signed the Articles of Agreement and the two churches become one, the Bruce Federated Church, residing in the former Methodist Church. After several remodeling projects over the years, the church still stands, with a combined UCC and UMC membership, and is yoked with Weyerhaeuser.

In 2003, the Northern Disciples Co-operative Ministry was formed as a four-parish charge, consisting of Bruce and Weyerhaeuser, and Birchwood and Exeland. Current Pastor Mark Bartlett was appointed Pastor in 2005. Lay speakers and a part-time assistant pastor have alternated at the two locations each Sunday.

Address: 730 North 2nd Street, Bruce, Wisconsin 54819
Directions: Hwy 8 to 2nd Street

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CABLE CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

P.O. Box 279

Cable, WI 54821

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cableucc@cheqnet.net

Co-Pastors: Rev. Deb Pyne and

Rev. Lynn S. Larson

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Nursery is provided

Coffee fellowship follows the
service.



Church School meets at 10 a.m. during the regular school year.

Mission statement: We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the word and will of God. Empowered by Holy Spirit, we shall worship God and witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, striving for truth, justice and peace.

We have always been an "open door" church, welcoming everyone. Our worship services are lively and up-beat. They feature a resounding choir, a fun "children's time," and preaching that emphasizes the power of God's love in Christ. We embrace the United Church of Christ principles of "just peace" and "radical inclusiveness." And we have a lot of fun in Christian fellowship.

The church began in 1901 when a group of women and men met in a Cable home and formally organized a church "on Congregational principles." A year later, the new church bought the old school building which was remodeled and continues to be our sanctuary. So, we have the oldest church in the oldest building in Cable.

In the 1950s, when the Congregational Church became the United Church of Christ, the Cable church yoked with St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Delta. We continue our sister church relationship and are both pastored by Revs. Pyne and Larson. Delta's services are at 8 a.m. and Cable's are at 10 a.m. Both churches are generously open to community usage for good purpose.

Cable UCC, with a congregation of about 160, has an ecumenical emphasis consistent with the "united and uniting" emphasis of the denomination. The congregation's membership brings a background of at least 15 denominations. This adds zest to our church family as we are adopted together in Christ. Our celebration of holy communion is open to everyone regardless of age or background. You will find a warm welcome here!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey... you are invited to join us in celebrating God's healing Spirit and amazing grace. Our church family is involved in a wide variety of volunteer outreach projects. Come join us! We're the brown church with the red roof on the curve of county road M.



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Hope United Church of Christ has a reputation in the Cochrane community as a family church. Services began on February 1, 1925 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Rohrer by the pastor of St. Paul and St. Luke German Reformed Church in Alma. Thereafter, worship was held every other Sunday in family homes until attendance became too large and Weinandy's Hall was rented.

In September, 1925 a Ladies Aid Society was organized. Their first project was preparing a big Christmas box for the Indian Mission at Black River Falls with each member making clothes for one child.

A Sunday School was organized in January, 1926 and lessons were held every Sunday in homes. In March, twelve adults were confirmed into membership.

In 1934, the Reformed Church of the United States merged with the Evangelical Synod to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The later merger of this church and the Congregational-Christian Church would result in the present day United Church of Christ. Committees were formed in 1926 to raise funds and begin plans for a church building, hi 1936, with 29 members on board, anew building was constructed at a cost of \$2950.52. A dedication was held on July 12, 1936 with two services and a dinner. The Ladies Aid bought the chimes, loud speaker system and bell. In 1952 an oil furnace was purchased and a new furnace room was built. Also, a new Hammond Spinnet organ was purchased in 1957.

At a joint meeting with St. Paul and St. Luke Reformed Church on February 26,1957, it was decided to build a new parsonage in Alma.

During the fall of 1959, an addition was added to Hope Church along with extensive remodeling of the kitchen and restrooms. The furnace room was also fire-proofed and a new, smaller furnace installed. A new large window was added adjacent to the altar, offering a beautiful view of Goose Lake Park.

An oak baptismal font was built by David Beseler and displays the tray and pitcher presented by the Sunday School of Elendstal, Germany in 1925.

September, 1968, Hope congregation voted to invite the twenty-one members of Evangelical United Brethren Church to merge with our faithful group.

On August 17,1975, Hope's 50th Anniversary was celebrated with two special services. Twenty-five years later, on October 1,2000, Hope commemorated 75 years with special music, worship, and fellowship.

In the fall of 2003, the EUB bell was finally placed in its new "home", designed and built by Orlan Noah.

The stained glass windows are a beautiful addition to Hope's sanctuary. They were donated by Elna Achenbach in memory of her husband and herself. A dedication was held upon completion of the project by Bob Lovas.

Today, Hope Church remains a vital part of the community. Our worship services rotate with our yoked congregation, St. Paul and St. Luke United Church of Christ in Alma Right now and until the beginning of June 2013, our service will begin at 10:30 AM. Beginning with the first Sunday in June, we will worship at 9 AM. Our Sunday School (or as our children named it GOD2L—God Opens Doors to Life) meets during the school year at Hope UCC on Wednesday evenings from 4-5:30 PM.

Hope UCC is located next to Goose Lake Park in Cochrane. From Wisconsin 35, turn onto Fifth Street at La Crosse Milling. At Main Street, turn left, and then at Michaels, turn right. Our church will be on the right, after the park.



First United Church of Christ

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Directions: Between Green Bay and St. Paul, MN, from the intersection of Hwy 29 and 13, travel two miles south on 13 into Colby, turn west onto Hwy

N. Proceed two blocks to Second Street, turning south, one block to the church.

In 1892 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colby was formed by members who left Zion Lutheran Church in Colby. Property was purchased on S. Second Street and a new church built. The first pastor called was Rev. C.C. Hartenstein. In 1937 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Immanuel Reformed Church, merged forming First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Colby. This new church was located on the property owned by St. John's.

A February 1941 fire destroys First Evangelical and Reformed Church. By October, 1941 the church is rebuild on the same site where it stands today. Today you can still see partial remains of the original brick basement wall in the south-east corner of the basement. Several different pastors served from 1941 to 1961.

In 1961 First Evangelical and Reformed yoked with Christ United Church in Athens and together both churches call Rev. Kenneth Dix as pastor. The First Evangelical and Reformed changed its name to First United Church of Christ.

In 1998 land was purchased south of First and a fellowship area with carport and enclosed ramp to the sanctuary was built. This fellowship area includes a new Pastor's and secretary office, work room, kitchen and rest rooms. In 2010 a loan with the UCC Cornerstone Fund was secured to re-finance this building project.

Rev. Kenneth Dix retired in 2009. Interim Minister Marlea Gilbert was asked to lead the congregations and a search for the next called minister was begun. First United includes 144 members, has an active choir, Women's Guild, and Sunday school program. The confirmation program is shared with the United Churches of Christ in Dorchester, Medford and Athens. First actively supports the local food pantry and the WI Conference Five for Five Campaign.

Interim Minister Marlea Gilbert left the congregations in 2011. Rev. Bill Wineke is currently serving as the interim for both churches. The churches are working on defining their shared ministry contract as they search to call their next minister.

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One can imagine -what it must have Been like in 1917 when Miss Helen Jones arrived in the Kempster area to look into the possibility of organizing a church for the community. Horse and buggy travel, pioneer conditions, and pioneer attitudes, and a strong sense of independence were all issues which impacted her work.

Representing the Wisconsin Congregational Conference, Miss Jones arrived in the area in November to begin a wintertime process of prospecting for a new church. One can imagine what kind of character Miss Jones must have had to enter into the north woods as a single woman intent on spreading the gospel to those who made their living either as woods workers or farmers.

Three years later Miss Jones successfully convened a group of people who were interested in forming a congregation. An ecclesiastical council was convened and fourteen individuals organized as the Kempster Congregational Church.

Among those who became the charter members was a Mr. John Lavis, an Englishman, who was later to become the husband of Miss Jones.

Services were held in the schools in Kempster, Summit Lake and Deerbrook until the congregation built its own church in 1922.

Pastor Lavis served the church until 1926 and following that a litany of ministers, licensed persons, and lay people gave leadership to the congregation.

In those early years, given the problems of winter travel, the difficulties of making a living in a land sometimes harsh and unforgiving, and in a time when the world was rapidly changing, those who pioneered this congregation must have carried in their spirits a grit and a determination to be able to successfully organize and support a congregation with a mixture of ethnic and cultural diversity.

The early days were times of rapid change following World 'War I and leading into the difficult times of the Great Depression. A look at the financial history of the church shows that those committed Christians took seriously their responsibilities as members of their church. The sacrifices made by these early pioneers serve as an example for those who continue to enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

The congregation joined forces in 1944 with the Elcho Congregational Church and the two Became yoked as sister churches, sharing the responsibility of ministering to the needs of their respective communities.



Peace United Church of Christ
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In 1898 Peace Church (then known as Friedens Kerche) started with the help of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. They sent Rev. Paul Keinath to serve a small group of German Immigrants. In 1900 the cemetery was purchased. In 1902, a lot on S 2nd St was purchased and a frame church was built with labor and lumber from members of the church. On June 8, 1902, the church was dedicated with

membership of 40 souls. A parsonage was built in 1903. In 1905 the frame building was covered with brick which has remained intact up to the present time. In 1913 St John's Evangelical Church (Community UCC) Medford was served by Rev. J. Bizer (served 1913 to 1930) and he served Peace Evangelical Church also. Services were held in German until around 1930. The stained glass windows were ordered in 1936 and installed. Our ninth pastor, Rev. Fred Kollath served the longest with service from 1946 to 1964.

The parish hall was built in 1952. It was constructed by volunteer labor of church members. On November 2, 1952 the Peace Evangelical and Reformed Church celebrated its 50th Anniversary and dedicated the new \$20,000 Parish Hall. In 1957 the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church to form the United Church of Christ. We then became known as Peace United Church of Christ. The cemetery known as North Dorchester Memorial Cemetery became part of the Dorchester Memorial Cemetery Association on June 18, 1963. In 1978 the church renovation, a new entrance with restrooms, a coat room, cushions for the pews and a carpeted church floor was completed.

In 1989 the church interior was completely renovated. The walls and ceiling were stripped and then sheet rocked and drywalled. The windows and balcony were trimmed in oak wood and new oak chancel furniture was donated. Rev. Robert Everhard started serving our church in September of 1995 as an interim pastor and continued as our pastor until retiring at the end of 2008. In January 1998 Peace Church's yoked relationship with Medford Community UCC was terminated. The church roof was given a new covering of shingles in 2003. In 2007 new carpeting was installed and new doors on the church hall.

In 2008 renovations on the church hall included new electrical wiring, new lights and new heating ducts, lowering the ceiling and painting. The church steeple and bell tower were renovated in 2010.

Bonnie Jacque-Gorecki became our pastor on November 29, 2009.

The church has a Men's Club, Woman's Circle, Church Council, and Sunday School.



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The seeds for the establishment of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eagle River were planted in 1884 by Deacon Jackson Tibbits of Antigo, Wisconsin, when he started a Sunday school and preached in a log schoolhouse on the north side of Eagle River. In 1886, the Methodists erected a frame building across the street from the present church location, and when the Congregational Church Society was organized in 1887 with nine charter members, they purchased the building from the Methodists.

The present brick structure on the northeast corner of First and Division Streets was constructed in 1924, with an educational wing added in 1966. Handicap accessibility and expanded office and meeting space were the goals of the "Reach 2000" campaign which began in 1996, and in 2008, the sanctuary, kitchen and fellowship hall were completely renovated in the ROSE Project: "Renewing Our Spiritual Environment." At that time, technological capabilities as well as increased liturgical art possibilities were added to the sanctuary space.

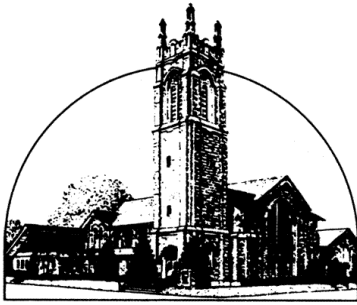
The congregation is home to the oldest licensed preschool operating in the same location in Wisconsin, "Humpty Dumpty." The building is also home to local meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, as well as educational programs offered by Nicolet College and other local groups. A strong music program which includes ecumenical cantatas, a deep commitment to our community through local mission and a vibrant scholarship program are some of the many hallmarks of this faithful part of God's family.

Over the years, a total of thirty pastors have served the church---includes student and interim pastors. Our most recent pastor, the Reverend Patricia M. Tucker, began her ministry as our part-time co-pastor in 2003, became the fulltime solo pastor in 2006, and retired in the summer of 2011.

Sunday Worship Services: 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship: 9 a.m. on Second Sundays of each month
Sunday School & Educational Program: 9:00 a.m.

Directions: From Highway 70 running east-west through Eagle River, turn north at First Street and go two blocks to the corner of First and Division Streets.

Pen and ink drawing of the church building is by member Marlyn Hupperts.



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First Congregational Church organized in 1856 with six members and Pastor Alberoni Kidder. By 1859, the growing congregation built a wooden church on the corner of Third Avenue and Broadway Street on Eau Claire's west side. In 1887 a larger stone church was built in late 19th century style on the same spot. The bequest of Cornelia Pierce Ingram, the wife of O.J. Ingram, one of the most successful lumber barons in Eau Claire, created a Prairie School Style community house just west of the church in 1915. The church was destroyed by fire in 1918, while the community house was spared. (The community house is on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the Randall Park Historic District.) The congregation voted to build an English Gothic Style church on the site. It was dedicated in September 1921. A chapel was added in 1954.

Several building improvement projects have taken place over the years. A major capital improvement project was undertaken in 2003. It included an elevator, a flexible chancel area to accommodate drama and music ensembles, an updated sound system and projector, improved heating, air conditioning and lighting, as well as a multi-use space in the chapel. Ingram Hall (community house) was restored to its original Prairie School design.

Music has always been an important part of the worship experience at First Congregational. In 1967 the congregation replaced the organ, putting in place the Holtkamp organ which was rebuilt in 2003. From a group of six voices at the 1859 church dedication, the music program has grown into the fine organization the congregation has enjoyed for many generations. The skill of the organists and choir directors has given inspired music to the church. The past seven years the church has commissioned major choral works by American composers of sacred music including Lloyd Larson, James Ferguson and James Mulholland.

Over the years strong educational opportunities have been available at First Congregational. The Sunday school has implemented the "workshop rotation model." Bible story themes are taught through hands-on lessons involving art, drama, games, food preparation, storytelling, and computers. There are thriving nursery/preschool and youth programs. A Small Group and Family Ministries Coordinator was hired in 2010, opening up many learning and fellowship opportunities. Older members enjoy monthly lunches and programs.

The church has a committed involvement in local and global mission and outreach. First Congregational was one of the founding members of Feed My People Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity, The Community Table and Interfaith Hospitality Network. They continue to support these local organizations and the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic. A Ragtime Benefit Festival has been held every year since 2001 and has grown into a three-day extravaganza of ragtime music and education attended by ragtime fans from around the world. Each year a different local charity is chosen to receive the money raised. National and international mission trips are also well supported. The latest undertaking is the Okora, Uganda Sustainability Project, a five year partnership with the Village of Okora whose people were forced into Internally Displaced Person Camps in 1997. First Congregational is working on the transition of people back into their villages of origin.

The Reverend Dr. Mark X. Pirazzini, current pastor, brings a profound understanding of scripture. His sermons are thought provoking and compelling and encourage the congregation to apply the lessons to everyday life.

Worship 10:00 a.m. Summer Worship 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday school 10:15 a.m.

First Congregational is located near downtown on the corner of Third and Broadway, across from Randall Park.



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Sixteen members founded Second Congregational Church on June 30, 1885 in what was then the northwest corner of the booming lumber town of Eau Claire, WI. The Home Missionary Society and First Congregational Church (Eau Claire) helped in organizing and funding. First Congregational's pastor, Dr. Dudley, went to Chicago Theological Seminary to find a suitable pastor and chose Rev. Charles A. Payne, who was called as Second Congregational Church's first minister at the founding meeting. They took up residence in a building on Bellinger Street.

Depression hit Eau Claire at the end of that year. Many members had to move elsewhere for work. But those remaining triumphed through that depression (and many other times of financial anxiety) and within a few years outgrew their meeting space. So they tore it down and in late December 1889 dedicated a new, 300-person building. They remodeled it in 1921, then tore it down in 1956 to build a third building in which they held their first worship Dec 23, 1956 and dedicated in February. In 1957 they joined the United Church of Christ and changed their name to Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. They sold that building in 1992 to the Hmong Christian Alliance and built an air-conditioned, handicapped-accessible building nestled in a beautiful wooded lot on Moholt Dr. It was the first time they were not on the corner of Bellinger and Maxon. Their first worship was Easter, 1994, and Northwest Association Minister Rev. Dave Moyer preached at the dedication. Unable to afford a sanctuary, they worshiped in the fellowship room until they had raised sufficient funds to build one without need of a loan. In 2003-04 they built a flexible-use sanctuary with chairs, moveable platforms, and clear windows through which to enjoy the beauty of their surroundings. The first worship in that space was also on Easter, and it was dedicated the following Sunday by Rev. Moyer, then the Conference Minister. Plymouth takes full advantage of the flexibility, with worship variously in the round, more traditional row-by-row, and whatever configurations the Worship Commission imagines. Worship is informal and provides a mix of the great old hymns and the best of progressive new songs, using a mixture of piano, guitar, violin, and other instruments played by parishioners, including an in-house Klezmer band (traditional Yiddish music). Even the worshipers get to play, making use of a basket of percussion instruments to use at their seats.

Second (and later Plymouth) had an active Ladies' Society, Christian Endeavor, Sunday School, Men's Social Club, and many social and ministry groups. It held a strong stance in favor urging Congress to uphold Prohibition. Off and on over the years, Second Congregational and Truax sometimes shared pastors as well. It currently ministers through child and adult Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, monthly potlucks, involvement with St. Francis Food Pantry, Community Table, a street ministry to the homeless and poor of Eau Claire, and are forming a partnership with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

Plymouth's 20th pastor, Rev. David J. Huber, was called in 2004.

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(Pictures show the building in 1895 and 2009.)

On November 5, 1895 the Wheaton Congregational church was organized with 22 members from Truax Prairie. The name was later changed to Truax Congregational. The Reverend Howard Luce was the first pastor. A bell was installed on the belfry in July 1897, and was dedicated on July 4th of that year. In 1922, the church was raised to allow for a basement and a furnace was installed.

In 1952, the sanctuary floor was tiled and a center isle was created, instead of two outside ones. In 1959 the parsonage was built next to the church. In 1968 the church steeple was removed and a wooden cross replaced it. Accessibility became the primary focus in the 1990's. There was no place you could go in the church without going up or down stairs. In April of 1999 the church was raised to take out the basement and then again lowered. By the fall the 46x50 foot addition was completed and we had a beautiful new kitchen, fellowship hall and handicap accessible rest rooms. .

In 2008 the need for Sunday school space was critical. In January of 2009 another addition was added to the church. The first Sunday school class was held in the new room in March. Through the years some of the churches that we have shared ministry with are Amy of Dunn County, Albertville of Chippewa County, Second Congregational and North Presbyterian, both of Eau Claire.



**United Church of Christ – Congregational
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The heritage of the Elcho United Church of Christ is rich in its religious foundation, its ethnic diversity, and its cultural roots. The generosity of Mr. Dorr, who contributed the property upon which the church stands, made possible two things: he provided a home for the church and, because of his stipulation in donating the property that it be used for other religious groups, laid the basis for a truly community-based congregation. After the Elcho Union Church was built, it was also used by the Methodists, the Lutherans, the Baptists, and for a short time, by the Catholics.

The first pastor of the church was Mr. Day who worked closely with Miss Helen Jones, who founded the Kempster church. Before the Elcho Congregational Church was founded in November of 1920, its precursor was a small congregation of mixed backgrounds who were known as the Union Free Church, which was probably formed shortly after the turn of the century.

The charter of the church was finalized during an all-day meeting in January 1921 and the Elcho Congregational Church was formed. Some 32 individuals comprised the congregation which to this day is still considered a community-based church.

The Elcho Union Church yoked itself with the Kempster Church in the forties and continues to this day to enjoy the benefits of being a sister church to one whose background is quite similar.

From 1928 until 1944 the church was without a resident pastor and was served by the pastor from Antigo and by students going into the ministry. The fact that the church was without leadership for those sixteen years points out the dedication and determination of those who made up its membership.

The congregation's history is marked by ethnic and cultural diversity and that becomes part of the sinew which marks the uniqueness of this group of Christians. Keeping its focus on preaching and teaching the word of God, coming together for worship and fellowship, and extending its reach into the community, the church moves into the twenty-first century with the same faith and commitment of its founders.

The thrust of the church's community involvement and the general "comfort" of its membership has contributed to its growth. While most mainline denominations are experiencing decline in membership, this friendly church has more than doubled in size in eleven years.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ is known as the "brick church at the crossroads." On February 24, 1867, sixteen German immigrant families met and organized a church to serve the German-speaking people in the Ellsworth area. At a congregational meeting on May 5, 1867, the name of St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church was adopted with the motto, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."* (Romans 1:16)

For several years worship services were held in the "Langbein School", but by 1870 the congregation began to make plans to build a centrally located church. In 1872 a wood-framed church 26' by 36' was completed and the first service was held in the new structure on September 1, 1872. In 1874 the name was changed to St. Paul's German Evangelical Church. The first parsonage was built that same year, and the present one was built in 1910. As the needs of the community changed, so have our physical building and grounds. By 1915, the wooden church was moved, and replaced by a brick church.

In 1914 it was decided to build a new church. The old church was moved back in order to build on the original site. The cornerstone was laid on June 13, 1915 and sealed in it was a tin box containing a brief history of the church, in both English and German, along with a catechism, photographs of the old church and parsonage, the Bible which was used when the old church was dedicated and other records. On June 27, 1963, ground was broken for a new educational wing, which was dedicated on May 4, 1964.

St. Paul's history of affiliations is varied. The Evangelical constitution was adopted and the congregation became a part of the Evangelical Synod of North America during the pastorate of Reverend Bierbaum in 1874. The name then became St. Paul's German Evangelical Church. With the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed churches in 1934, a new name, St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church was chosen. The present name began to be used when the church and the Congregational Christian Church merged in 1961. In 1962, we voted to transfer our church membership from the Northern Synod to the current Northwest Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Today's congregation has over 150 active communicant members and offers participation in many activities including the Youth Group, Prayer Shawl ministry, Women's Guild, Men's Club, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Chime choir, and other organizations.

Peace United Church of Christ

320 Wisconsin Street

Fall Creek, WI 54742

In November 1899 a group of Christians who were formerly members of the Lutheran Church met together in Fall Creek to discuss the possibility of having their own separate worship services. The group asked the Rev. E.F. Scherbel, a Lutheran pastor who lived in Middleton, to serve them temporarily.

On January 6, 1901 a permanent organization was formed. The 23 members named their church "Die Evangelisch-Lutherische Friedens Gemeinde zu Fall Creek (The Evangelical Lutheran Peace Congregation of Fall Creek).

During that same year the newly formed congregation built a church on land purchased from Philip Lindenthaler.

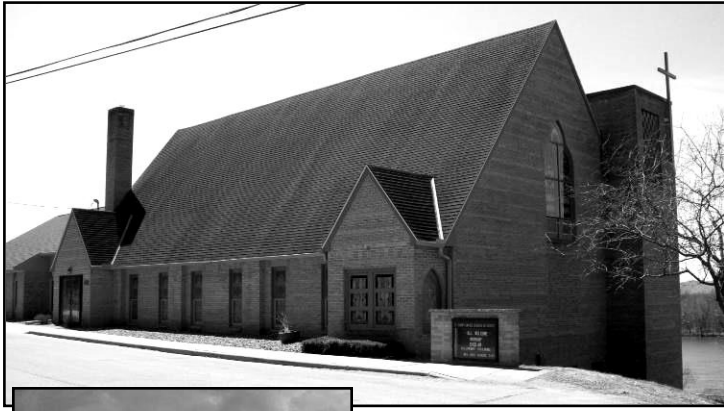


In 1904 the congregation voted to join the Evangelical Synod of North America. This synod supplied Peace Church with its first resident pastor, the Rev. Ben Schori, a Swiss immigrant who came to Fall Creek with his family in 1908 and served the congregation until his death in 1922. For several years thereafter students and recent graduates of Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis served as pastors. In September 1956 the Rev. Clarence Guthrie was called as pastor and served until 1977.

In the 1960s and 1970s various improvements were made to the church including paneling of the basement, rebuilding of the chancel, and adding an educational wing. At the church's annual meeting in January 1980 the congregation voted to remodel and redecorate the church interior for the 80th anniversary celebration.

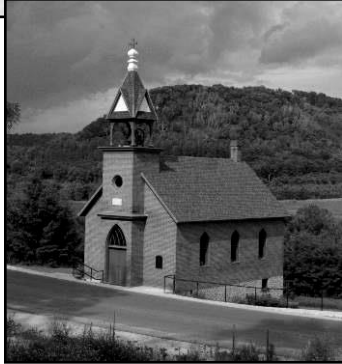
In 2013, the congregation came to the conclusion that it was no longer financially able to sustain its ministry in its building. They decided to sell the building and its contents so that they could continue on as a church. They currently meet at St. James Trinity ELCA, a block or two away from the building they called home for over 100 years. The bonds of love and the caring relationships known by this small community of God's people will sustain Peace United Church of Christ wherever they meet.

The present pastor of Peace Church is the Rev. Jeanny House.



St. John's United Church of Christ

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The history of St. John's began in 1870 when Swiss and German pioneers formed Immanuel's

Reformed Church of Eagle Valley in a log schoolhouse six miles from Fountain City, WI. In 1886, Eagle Valley's pastor organized St. John's Reformed Church in Fountain City erecting the first church the following year. Eagle Valley's first church, built 1892, was destroyed by a cyclone in 1903. The second Eagle Valley Church was completed in 1905. By 1947, members of Eagle Valley chose to discontinue regular services and join St. John's. Because of growing membership and attendance at Sunday School, the current St. John's church was built and completed in 1953.

Today, St. John's owns the Eagle Valley church which is managed by an independent, ecumenical committee. The little church in the valley is a community treasure and is still used today for special services. Community events including a candlelit Christmas service, Summer Vespers, weddings, memorials and baptisms. In 2011, a pavilion and picnic tables were added to the property to accommodate a community potluck each summer and family picnics. Eagle Valley church has become a popular resting spot for those touring the scenic area by bicycle, motorcycle or auto.

St. John's overlooks the Mississippi River and features offices, several meeting rooms, classrooms, youth game room, nursery and elevator. The fellowship hall on the lower floor boasts a full kitchen and large windows with a spectacular view of the river. Services are enhanced by a projection system and organ.

Rev. Gregory S. Ferriss was called to St. John's in 2009. Originally from New England, Pastor Greg earned his Masters of Divinity from Harvard. A talented musician with a fun loving spirit, Pastor Greg has revitalized the music and children's programs at St. John's. Any given Sunday may feature bluegrass played by the church's Jug Band, a choir performance, a drama skit or song by a few of the younger members. Pastor Greg's confirmation class has become so popular, it attracts local children who previous never attended a church regularly and a larger classroom had to be created recently.

Worship: Sundays 10 a.m.

Sunday School: Fall-Spring, children gathered during services after a Children's Sermon

St. John's is located one road east of WI-35 N/Great River Rd
Eagle Valley Church is northeast of Fountain City on Co. Rd. G



Immanuel United Church of Christ

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Immanuel German Reformed Church, in Township Warner, was organized in 1874 when members of Immanuel German Reformed Church (Immanuel UCC

Plymouth) moved to Clark County to pursue farming. Forty acres of land were purchased in 1875, and a log structure was built with timbers from that forty acres. There was plenty of room for the pastor's cows and horses. In 1889 the second building was built. They quickly outgrew this building, and in 1910 the current building and parsonage were built. Having a strong connection with Immanuel UCC in Plymouth, and therefore a deep connection with the Mission House Seminary (Lakeland College), many of the pastors were graduates of this school. For many years Immanuel UCC had a strong connection with the local Winnebago Indians, and also the Winnebago Indian Mission in Black River Falls. At one time there were three separate Reformed Churches in this area, Salem Reformed, which was located in an area called Braun Settlement in the township of Longwood (Its ministry concluded in the year 1903), and Zion Reformed Church which was located in the city of Greenwood (It's ministry concluded 2002). All archival information for these two churches is kept at Immanuel. Over the years Immanuel has been yoked with Zion UCC in Greenwood, and most recently with First Congregational UCC of Owen (this yoke began in 2004).

We have a one room Sunday School, a Youth fellowship, a choir, and an organ.

We participate in ministry activities at the area nursing homes. We participate in the Greenwood caring and Sharing (helps with natural or medical disasters that may take place within the community). We participate in GECO (Greenwood Ecumenical Churches Organization).



Portage Lake United Church

1400 East Houghton Blvd.

Houghton, MI 49931

(906)482-5224

Office Hours: M-F, 9-Noon

Seeking to share God's grace and abundant blessings with others, Portage Lake United Church commits to outreach and engagement beyond the boundaries of our building through

ministries of care and hospitality to the underprivileged, newcomers from foreign countries, and the elderly in our community.

Portage Lake United Church was born of a merger in 1969 of two previously well-established local congregations, The First Presbyterian Church of Houghton and the First Congregational Church of Hancock.

History records for us the fact that mining and its attendant attraction for people began in the Copper Country in the mid-1840's. As mines were opened and people arrived in the area in large numbers, both denominations began to encourage the establishment of churches in the Portage Lake region. The Congregational Church record places the date of its founding at 1862. The Presbyterian Church began with a small membership in the early 1860's as well, but dissolved its organization. It was not until after the turn of the century, about 1903, that the Presbyterian Church was formally organized.

In 1969, the people of the First Congregational Church of Hancock, and the people of the First Presbyterian Church of Houghton, led and inspired by God and their own members, drafted a plan of union and formed the Portage Lake United Church.

Shortly after the merger was completed, the church voted to sell its former properties and construct a new church home. Construction began in the fall of 1975, and the congregation moved into its new building in the summer of 1976.

Today, Portage Lake United Church is situated close to Michigan Tech University campus and continues to serve the Keweenaw community. Its membership of around 100 includes a diverse mix of singles and families, retired persons and college students, including a number from the international community.

Programs within the church are varied to meet the needs of members, visitors, and the wider community: Women's Fellowship, Campus Ministry, Mission, Christian Education and Spiritual Formation for all ages.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

At Delta, Wisconsin

Services each Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Communion the first Sunday of the month

Located 1/2 mile south of county "H" on Pike River Road

Pastors Deb Pyne and Lynn Larson

Telephone: 715-798-3066, email: dapyne@aol.com

The Evangelical and Reformed Church had a strong influence on the early settlers that came to the Pike River area of Mason (later to be Delta) in the early 1920s. A church paper, *The Evangelical Herald*, published in the United States and in Germany told of wild land in Northern Wisconsin available for farming, logging and railroad work. The articles told of a "colonization" plan between the Evangelical church and the Bayfield Land Company. As a result, several families came to Pike River from Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and Germany. A small church was built where the Delta town hall is now located. The congregation named its church *St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church*. About 1926, the church was moved to property near the White River donated by E. Max Glass. In 1935, after receiving gifts of \$1000 and \$500 from two different parties, the congregation was able to build a new church in the same location where it still stands. The new church was dedicated in 1936.

Rev. Louis F. Suedmeyer was pastor of St. Paul's at that time. During the early years the services were held in the German language and the congregation followed the custom of the ladies sitting on one side of the church and the men on the other. As time went on the services were changed to English and families sat together. Pastor Suedmeyer left in the fall of 1936 and was succeeded by E. F. Menger from 1936-1940. Rev. George Grether served for five years until 1946, followed by Rev. Stienecker, 1946-1951. Rev. Otto Schroedel served as Pastor of the Pike River and Madeline Island Churches from 1951-1963. In 1961 the *Evangelical and Reformed Church* merged with other denominations to become The United Church of Christ. The Pike River church became *St. Paul's United Church of Christ*. When Pastor Schroedel left, St. Paul's began sharing pastors with *The Congregational United Church of Christ* in Cable. The first pastor from Cable was Rev. Joseph Jenkins from 1963 to 1982. Reverend Lynn Larson came to St. Paul's United Church of Christ as Pastor in October 1982. He now serves as co-pastor with his wife Deb Pyne. They are also Pastors at the UCC church in Cable. In the early 1990s, with the help of a generous estate gift, from a longtime friend of the church, Arne Holter, the church building was moved west a few feet to accommodate having the entry way at ground level and a new basement.

St. Paul's small but active congregation includes yearlong residents, summer snowbirds and many visitors to the area. St. Paul's outreach includes participation and donations to the area food shelf and also to a thrift store co-operative with other churches in the area. Several fund raising activities take place throughout the year. In June a breakfast at the Delta town hall, prepared by the men of St. Paul's, is offered to the surrounding communities. In July the town hall is the site of St. Paul's Summerfest that includes a rummage sale, strawberry shortcake, burgers and brats, children's games and arts and crafts vendors. At Christmastime there is a memorial tree lighting service when the names of many friends and relatives are remembered. For many years the annual Christmas program has been a highlight of the season. It is a night when anyone who attends is welcome to share their music, poetry and stories. Old favorite Christmas songs are sung while the children who are present go to the lower level of the church to prepare for the nativity pageant. Then as the pastor narrates the Christmas story they reappear as Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, accompanied by angels, shepherds, kings, cows, sheep and even a camel. The evening ends with only the light from the old fashion kerosene lamps that have hung in brackets on the church walls for years and the Christmas tree. Silent Night is sung in German. As they leave everyone is given a bag of candy and peanuts and everyone is invited to the Town Hall for refreshments.

LA CROSSE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The La Crosse First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is located at 2503 Main Street, La Crosse, WI 54601 on the north-east corner of Main Street and Losey Blvd. The e-mail address is office@firstcongolax.org, the website is www.firstcongolax.org, the telephone number is (608)784-8137.

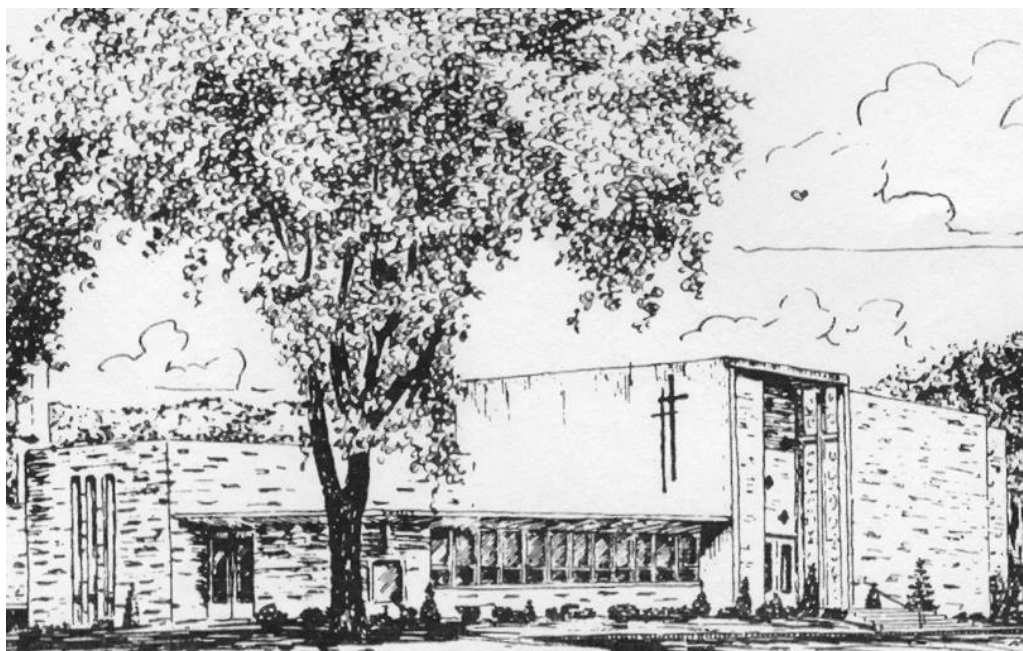
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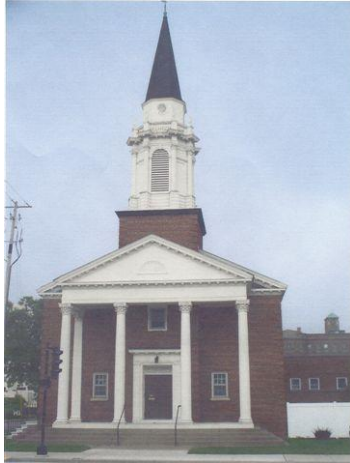
Congregationalists under the leadership of the Rev. John C. Sherwin, a representative of the American Home Missionary Society. Twelve members comprised the original congregation. Today, the church membership is approximately 725 individuals.

The Congregational Church is the second oldest, formally-organized church in the city. It and the Baptist Church were both organized on the same day and same place in 1852 with the Congregational and Baptist ministers assisting each other in the procedure. Because the ceremonies were held in the home of a Baptist deacon, the Baptists had the honor of being organized first, and thus they became the oldest formally-organized church in La Crosse. In the century-and-a-half that the La Crosse Congregational Church has been in existence, sixteen ministers have served the congregation. In February 1961 the Congregational Church along with Trinity Evangelical and Reform and St. John's Evangelical and Reform voted to become a part of the United Church of Christ.

The inclusion of music has always been an important part of the congregation's worship services. The sanctuary pipe organ is a 4 manual, 46 rank, 33 stop Hendrickson organ; the custom-built chapel pipe organ is a single manual, 4 stop, tracker-action Wissenger organ. The choir gallery also includes a Willard Martin harpsichord and an upright piano. A Steinway grand piano is at the front of the sanctuary. Our music ministry includes an adult sanctuary choir, a high-school show-choir, a cherub choir, an adult bell choir and a school-age chime choir. Periodically there is a church band which plays current music of today.

The La Crosse church offers several group activities to fit all ages and interests of the church membership. These groups include Kongo Kids (ages 2 to 5), Middle School group, High School Discussion group, OWL (Our Whole Lives, a high-school study group). On the adult level active programming to serve the needs of older members and their families is a priority. This includes Women's Journey (spirituality group), Senior's Book Club, Women's Fellowship, Men's Club. Other groups are POLO (Parents of Little Ones, a group for parents and small children), TOP (Time Out for Parents, a group for parents). Outreach ministries include Crossroads (ministry for university students), Monday Meals (meals for needy), Mitten Tree (supports Family & Children's Center & Salvation Army), Book Sales (supports youth mission trips), New Horizons (supports victims of abuse), Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-A-Highway, Local Missions Sponsorship & Grant Projects, OCWM 5 for 5, WAFER, Food Pantry, and others.





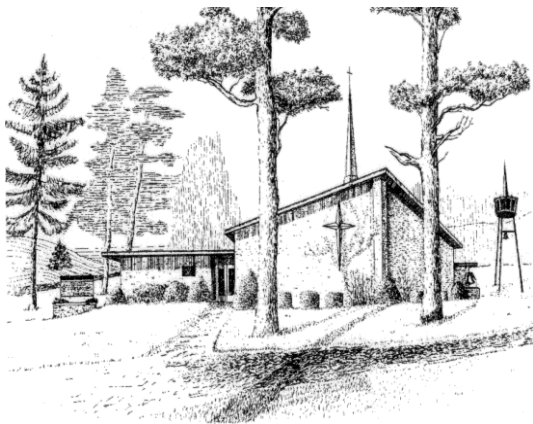
St. Johns Reformed Church – La Crosse, WI

The congregation was formed in the fall of 1864 when persons of Swiss and German background from the Reformed churches in their homelands desired to start a new congregation. The Sheboygan Classis sent a pastor help. Twenty-two persons constituted the congregation and the first church was built at Fourth and Market Streets in 1865. The Michels Brothers of brewing fame provided the land. This building still stands and is in use for commercial purposes. It was built in the European tradition. The anti-German, Austrian feeling generated by World War I led to measurable discrimination in La Crosse. The decision to build the new sanctuary eight blocks east in 1925 was dominated by the direction

to build “the most American looking church possible”. Thus the existing colonial style church eight blocks to the east was constructed.

We have a pipe organ of historic significance, a vibrant Sunday School, confirmation program and a series of outdoor activities including bike trail riding, miniature golf and downhill skiing. We sponsor the traditional Sauerkraut Supper for the La Crosse community. Our local mission support in addition to those of the UCC is extensive. We have a full set of handbells. We have worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the summer and 10:00 A.M. during the school year. We have Saturday worship from late May or early June through early December at 5:00 P.M. The church merged into the Evangelical and Reformed church and then into the United Church of Christ.

The congregation is located at the corner of Market Street and West Avenue. 630 West Avenue South is the address with the parsonage next door. (608) 784-3314. Pastor John Parkyn. Reached from the Interstate Highway by Exit 3, then continuing south several miles. The church is adjacent to the Mayo Clinic and St. Francis Hospital which have directing signs. GPS coordinates: N43 deg 48.278' W091 deg 14.404'



Trinity United Church of Christ

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The first church services were preached in 1859 by William Hass, a Lutheran evangelist pastor. The Swiss had been members of the Swiss Reformed Church in Switzerland and organized a church of their own sect. The first services were held in people's homes. In 1865 it was organized with a charter granted from the State of Wisconsin as a part of the Northern Synod of the Reformed Church.

Founded in 1865 by eleven Swiss immigrants, Trinity has for the most part of the past century maintained its own pastor and program. Church services extended not only to church members but to the entire community. The first church was built in 1865 on the farm of a Swiss settler. A burial plot was laid out on the adjoining land. In September of 1865 a house and parcel of land was secured to use as a parsonage.

In 1894 the present property was purchased and the original church was then moved onto this property and a school room and tower were added. A cemetery was plotted north of the church. In 1925 further improvements were made on the church building. A full basement was dug and a furnace installed. The sanctuary was widened and the tower was moved to the front of the building where it now stands.

The Ladies Aid was organized in 1910. In 1938 the Women's Guild was formed to replace the Ladies Aid. The members of the guild have been responsible for most of the improvement on the church as well as for much of the welfare of the congregation.

In 1968 about 150 members of Trinity decided to erect a new building and the present church was built in 1969. During the building of the church Rev. Warner (who served from 1966-1975) was a great help because of his electrical knowledge. The whole community enjoys the familiar hymns that are provided by the chime system, loudspeakers and bell tower. Many improvements were made to the church and parsonage during the 1980s (pews, two outdoor signs, stained glass windows, new office furniture and equipment). A tile floor was laid in the fellowship hall.

In 1977, The Trinity Congregation purchased the Washington School and it became the Country Tree House Day Care Center. Since August 9, 2001, Trinity has operated Harvest Lane Treasures at that location. Harvest Lane Treasures sells used clothing, books, small appliances, furniture, etc. A portion of the proceeds is donated to different charities in the community.

Trinity United Church of Christ is located in Mormon Coulee on highway 14/61 just east of La Crosse. The church has consistently maintained a choir, Sunday school, and youth activities.



Congregational United Church of Christ

PO Box 41, 109 East Lake Avenue

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Congregational United Church of Christ was officially founded in 1901 as the Congregational Church of Christ of Ladysmith. It was the first church founded in Ladysmith, then a growing pioneer community supported largely by the lumber industry. A group of local citizens, headed by Mrs. Margaret Pake, decided that the city needed a church, and organizational efforts were begun in November 1900 when 18 members banded together. Services had already begun that September with Mrs. Pake acting as pastor. The first regular called pastor was Rev. David A. Richardson, who began serving the church in August 1902.

While the first services were held at the Worden Opera House, the congregation has been worshipping at its present location on the banks of the beautiful Flambeau River since late 1901, in spite of a fire that partially damaged the building in 1903, numerous remodeling efforts and additions, and the Labor Day 2002 tornado that largely destroyed the structure, which has since been rebuilt and rededicated in May 2004. Lost in the tornado was the bell tower, first added to the church building in 1913. Restoration efforts continue on the Burt Memorial Pipe Organ (a Kilgen Organ with 12 sets (ranks) of pipes including three ranks of wood pipes, eight ranks of metal flue pipes and one rank of reed pipes), the only pipe organ in Ladysmith. We hope to rededicate the organ and begin public concerts again in 2013.

The Ladysmith church has been yoked with the Congregational Church in Conrath since 1932; and they jointly voted to join the United Church of Christ in January 1961. The members of the Ladysmith church continue to join together in mission, fellowship, Christian education, and sometimes in worship with the Conrath UCC church.

One of the hallmarks of the Congregational UCC Church in Ladysmith throughout its history has been its extravagant hospitality. In its early years, the church served as a first home for other nascent congregations until their own church buildings could be erected. Ladysmith UCC is now offering space for a Lutheran (ELCA) congregation to meet, and the two congregations have begun working together on various mission and Christian education programs.

The Women's Fellowship group has been very active over the life of this congregation. Various chicken suppers, ice cream socials, and other fundraising efforts (including mending clothes for local bachelors!) helped this group (first known as the Bethany Sisters) fund mission support projects and also helped them make contributions to the new church in terms of pews, art glass windows, dining room furniture, and the like. The main event of Women's Fellowship today is "Holiday Express," a holiday bazaar held in early November, all proceeds of which go to local and global missions. But most enjoyed is the true fellowship and camaraderie the women of the church enjoy through this group.

Worship Service: 10:30 am (Sunday School during service). Congregational UCC is located on East Lake Avenue (Highway 8), about one mile east of Highway 27 in Ladysmith (Rusk County).

Ely Memorial Church, United Church of Christ, Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin

Ely Memorial Church
PO Box 810 4302 County Road B
Land O'Lakes, WI 54540
715-547-3890
elyucc@elyucc.org www.elyucc.org

Directions

In Land O'Lakes at the intersection of Highway 45 and County Road B, go west on County Road B for about one mile. The church is on the north side of the road.

Denomination

Ely Church began as a Community Church in 1920. In 1929 it became part of the Congregational denomination. In 1939 it became part of the Wisconsin Conference of the Congregational Church. The membership voted to accept their inclusion into the United Church of Christ at a special meeting on March 15, 1961.

History

From 1907 to 1920, occasional church services were held at the Donaldson School with Congregational, Lutheran, and Seventh Day Adventist ministers coming from as far away as 50 miles to preach. When no pastor could be secured, a Sunday School was conducted at the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. James O. Ely on Black Oak Lake.

In 1920, Rev. Wm. J. Davies, Congregational pastor at Eagle River and Rev. Krusbak, Lutheran Pastor at Eagle River began services at Donaldson school, with each pastor serving one Sunday a month. In October of 1926, the Rev. Claude W. Warren became the first resident pastor of the State Line Community Church.

During the 1920's, a woman's club was formed and took as their goal the construction of a building to be used for church services. This Community House (now called the town hall) was completed in the fall of 1927. The parsonage was also built in 1927.

Early in 1929 a relationship developed between the "State Line Community Church" and the First Congregational Church of Winnetka, Illinois, of which Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Ferry were members. As a result of their sponsorship, the Land O' Lakes congregation was officially accepted into the Congregational denomination. On May 12, 1929, 44 residents of the Land O' Lakes area gathered at Community House to become charter members of the new church. A call was extended to the Rev. Fred I. Babcock of Milton, WI, in 1935 to serve as pastor. He accepted and served the church until his retirement in 1965. In 1939, after 10 years of raising and saving money, a church was built along Hwy B in Land O' Lakes. The members of the congregation, at the annual meeting of August 20, 1939, voted to change the name of the church to Ely Memorial Church in memory of Dr. James O. Ely and his son Lieut. Dinsmore Ely, who was killed in WWI. During the construction of the addition of a new fellowship hall in September of 2000, the old sanctuary caught fire and was destroyed. The first service in the new sanctuary was held on August 12, 2001.





St. John's United Church of Christ

P.O. Box 14, Main Street
LaPointe, WI 54850

Directions: Take the Madeline Island Ferry from Bayfield, WI to Madeline Island; Turn right off the ferry dock and proceed four blocks. The church is on the left with its community development ministry, Woods Hall Craft Shop, next door.

lighthouse@cheqnet.net 715-
747-3945 (church office) 715-
747-3903 (pastor)

The congregation of St. John's has roots in two of the denominations which later merged to form the UCC. The Congregational Church established the earliest Protestant mission in Wisconsin in 1831 with an old birch bark-lined mission church being constructed in 1835. That mission was succeeded by St. John's Evangelical Memorial Church in 1921 with the present church building erected in 1925. We provide year-round ministry to Islanders and visitors alike.

Our community development ministry, Woods Hall Craft Shop, was created in 1955 as a loom room and cottage industry for weaving, pottery, woodwork, jewelry and other handcrafts. It has two working studios, and over 50 active craftspeople ranging in age from 10 to 80.

In 1996, a hand-built Jaekel pipe organ was dedicated with 8 stops, 10 ranks and 516 pipes. We became handicapped accessible the same year. Though small in size with 120 members and 40 associates, we are large in ministry with two active adult education classes that meet weekly throughout the year, active participation as part of the Island Community Garden with a growing fruit-growing area, hosting the local food shelf and providing the director and site for the Island's annual Christmas concerts and Broadway medleys. Music and the arts are a big part of Island living! Our summer fun includes a grand recycling program we call "The Bazaar" which raises almost 1710th of our budget; and a "Blessing of the Water" in mid-July.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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Founded: fall of 1893, by 18 men who gathered to form a congregation. It was yoked with Colby.

First Name: St. Paul's Evangelical Church an affiliate of Evangelical Synod of North America.

First Location: On May 1894 a lot was purchased on the corner of 4th and Vine in Marshfield. The building still stands there today.

Initial services were conducted in German, with the women sitting on one side and the men on the other side. The meeting minutes were written in German until 1926. A parsonage was built behind the church in 1900 and in 1907 a schoolhouse was erected to the west of the church. The school building was sold in__ 1913 and the parsonage in the late 1960's.

The original building had pine wood floors and plaster walls, many improvements were made over the years. The stone foundation was changed to a basement, the tall steeple reduced, stain glass windows installed, the exterior siding changed to permastone.

Between 1897 and 1938, the church in Marshfield was yoke sometimes with Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids and Colby.

When the Evangelical and the Reformed synods merged in 1939 the Marshfield and the Stratford churches also merged and became a joint parish. Then when the E & R churches merged with the Congregational churches we officially became known as St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Major remodeling was done in 1989. In 1997 the yoke with Stratford was dissolved and a new site was purchased and the existing structure was fixed up.

In 2005 a new sanctuary was constructed utilizing talents and gifts of members, former members and friends. It was constructed so that when the congregation grows, the south wall can be extended out to add to the Sanctuary. The former sanctuary was remodeled to become a handicapped accessible fellowship hall. In 2010 the parking lot was blacktopped. The new church sits on six city lots, various ideas have been considered for the best use of the land, for now we are just enjoying the green space.

In 2008, two lay ministers Timothy Miller and Patricia Steevens, graduates of the WI Conference Lay Academy 4 year program, were called to serve the congregation. This unique "tent maker" system of ministry was chosen to meet the needs of a small congregation with limited financial resources and has proven to be both an effective and a promising approach. Membership has grown not just in numbers but more importantly in spiritual growth. More adult education programs and community involvement projects have taken place in the last three years than we have had in the past. The financial foundation of the congregation is solid.

Worship is at 9:30 am Sunday, with fellowship afterwards. Christian Education for students and adults as scheduled. St. Paul's is located just west off the Hwy 13 bi-pass, on the city's east side.

Community United Church of Christ
510 East Broadway Ave
Medford, WI 54451
715/748-3391
medforducc@tds.net
www.uccmedford.org



Directions –we are 2 blocks west of the intersection of Routes 13 and 64.

Community United Church of Christ was founded in 1901 as Deutsche Evangelische Gemeinde zu Medford, Wi (Swiss German Protestant Church to Medford, Wi).

Community United Church of Christ began as a member of the Evangelical Synod of North America, in 1934 joined the merger with the Reformed Church in the USA and changed its name to Community Evangelical and Reformed Church. With the creation of the United Church of Christ, Community United Church of Christ once again changed with the times and became a proud member of the United Church of Christ.

Since 1901, Community United Church of Christ has been served by 15 pastors (with one married pastoral couple counted as one).

The Candlelight Guild and Men's Group are the avenues through which much of the outreach occurs. From scholarships for kids to attend camp, to collecting mittens and coats around Christmas, a work trip to Back Bay Mission in 2013 to the Food Pantry housed in our church, these two groups express their dedication to serving all of Christ's body, within our doors and beyond our neighborhood.

Community United Church of Christ is the oldest and only remaining original church building in the city of Medford.

Once upon a time, the pastor of Community United Church of Christ also served Colby, Milan and Medford, but this ended in 1913. For a time there was a yoke with Peace, Dorchester however that was dissolved in 1999. Currently, the churches of Colby, Athens, Dorchester and Medford are engaged in a Cooperative Confirmation Class combining to make a class of 11 teens.

Congregational United Church of Christ

117 West Street
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Mellen, WI 54546
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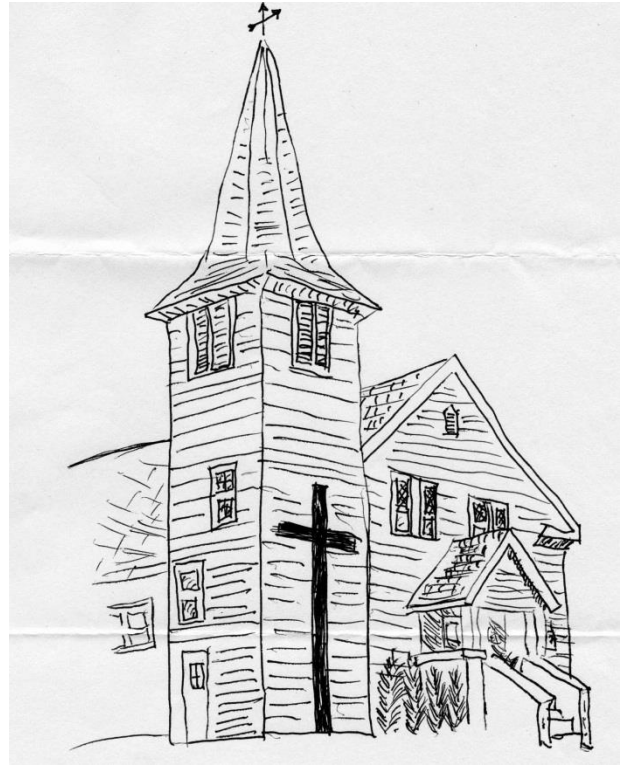
Located in the center of Mellen. Turn west from Highway 13 at either the Northern State Bank or the Shell station, go one bloc.

The Union Church was founded in 1897 and determined to not be part of any religious denomination. For almost three decades it remained thus open, with the history noting a continuing procession of itinerant pastors called to serve. After some negotiations with both the Presbyterian and Congregational churches, it became Union Congregational Church, and in the early 1960s became UCC.

Membership: 64

Services: Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 Church School at 9:00 a.m.

A Ladies Auxiliary meets monthly.





First Congregational United Church of Christ

420 Wilson Avenue

Menomonie, Wisconsin 54751

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Located on the corner of 5th Street and Wilson Avenue

Adjacent to the UW-Stout Campus

First Congregational United Church of Christ was founded 1861 as the First Congregational Religious Society of Menomonie. It continued as First Congregational Church until voting in 1961 to approve the proposed constitution of the United Church of Christ, which was formed in 1957. The congregation celebrated its 150th Anniversary with events throughout 2011.

The first church building was constructed in 1870 near the Red Cedar River. This wooden structure was moved by oxen in 1880 to our current location and in 1892 was replaced by our magnificent brick church building. Resplendent with multiple stained glass windows and modern conveniences of the time, much of the funding for this building came from the women of the congregation. The tracker-action pipe organ with 1067 pipes was installed in 1895 as a gift from Mrs. T.B. Wilson, prominent early citizen of Menomonie. The church bell original to the wooden church, was donated by John Holly Knapp, one of the local lumber barons and an early member of the congregation.

Major construction projects include the completion of an addition in 1991 which consisted of fellowship hall, kitchen, church offices, elevator, and Sunday school classrooms; and a renovation of the sanctuary in 2003 which made the chancel handicapped accessible, incorporated new lighting and sound systems, and refurbished our beautiful stained glass windows.

Music has been a strong component of our worship since the formation of our congregation. Choral music choirs enliven our worship; our organist is exceptional; instrumental, solo, and small group offerings are praised; and hand bells have been a part of our music program since 1989 when the church received three octaves of hand bells as gifts from the Talen and Quilling families.

Christian education is a priority for children, youth, and adults of all ages. Wednesday after school programming for children has been added and most significantly, we have expanded our programming for adults to offer a variety of opportunities for engaging dialogue concerning faith exploration and faith in action.

The social justice interest of many of our members led to the vote by the congregation to become a Just Peace church in 1989. This awareness has led to a variety of mission activities, both in the community and beyond.

Our Menomonie church is engaged in many ways with other churches and community organizations, both as individual members and as a congregation. We have a presence on the UW-Stout campus; are engaged significantly with Stepping Stones, our local food pantry, homeless shelter, etc.; took the lead in 2011 in building a Habitat for Humanity home in Menomonie; and offer our own outreach to the community through Thursday's Table, a free community meal offered weekly.

Full-time staff members currently include Ordained Minister, Rob MacDougall and Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Development, Nita Fitzgerald. Rev. Dr. MacDougall was called in 1988. The expansion from a part-time to full-time Christian educator began with the hiring of Nita Fitzgerald in 2002.

Sunday worship services are at 8:15 (contemplative) and 10:00 AM (traditional). All are welcome!



St. Stephens United Church of Christ

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Guided by the Spirit of God, many Evangelical Christians came from Germany to locate in Merrill, Wisconsin. 28 men sought out and called Rev. Karl Freitag to help them organize a congregation similar to the one in their old country. On August 5, 1883 St. Stephen's Evangelical Congregation was organized and within 3 weeks an additional 44 men signed their names as charter members. Through mergers along the way, today's St. Stephen's United Church of Christ was named in 1957.

John Boettcher's Hall served as the place of worship for a year until the congregation resolved to build their own house of worship. On October 12, 1884 the first church building was dedicated. Unfortunately, on December 16, 1919, a fire destroyed the entire church in less than 2 hours. Out of a charred pile of ruins blossomed an Evangelical spirit of love and devotion for God's house. With a vision for the future, members worked hard and sacrificed greatly to rebuild a new house of worship. Dedicated on September 11, 1920 the new sanctuary displays a life-size picture of the Ascension surrounded by organ pipes. Natural lighting flows in through 13 beautiful stained glass windows each depicting events in the life of Jesus Christ. An addition of the Memorial Hall in 1939 for Christian Education and renovations completed in 1993 updated the church to its present state.

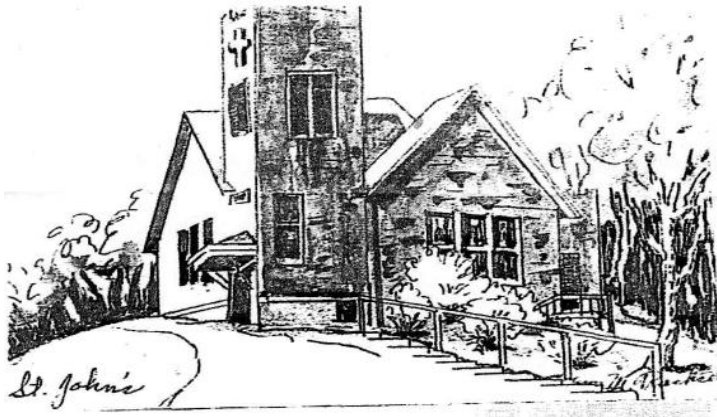
A congregation of 530 members, we are one of the largest congregations in Merrill. Members provide continued support of the UCC's 5 for 5 missions and our local Community Care Center. There are church groups such as the Mission Guild, Helping Hands, Usher's Club or several committees available to adult members. Youth can participate in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation and other youth led activities. As a congregation we are very proud of the scholarships provided to students each year. For those musically talented, we have a Senior Choir, a Contemporary Christian Choir and Special Singers (for children age 3 thru 5th grade).

Worship Services:

9:00 am (live radio broadcast) and 10:30 am

with a social gathering between services each Sunday.

Sunday School and nursery care is provided during each service.



St. John's United Church of Christ

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Humbird, WI 54746

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Turn off Hwy 12/27 up King St. Go two blocks, turn Left on Prospect, go 2 blocks to Main. Go Right and up on the hill.

This Congregation traces back to 1899. In 1900 a Constitution was adopted and in 1901 they became the Evangelical and Reformed Church of America with services in German. They rented a Church which was later bought from the Seventh Day Adventists as well as the land for the present Church. In 1913 the Coner-Stone was laid and the Church dedicated on March 15, 1914. In 1952 it became The German Reformed Church of St. John's.

We yoked with the Immanuel Evangelical & Reformed Church of Black River Falls and received help from them as well as the Nat'l Board of Missions. In 1953 the church became St. John's Evangelical & Reformed. Through struggles and the help of God we continued. At the Annual meeting January 14, 1962 we adopted the present name.

We've had Adult and Cherub Choirs, but no longer. We've had full time pastors, student and interim pastors and pulpit supplies. We have a Sunday School, Women's Fellowship and Church Council. We have an Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Easter; Coffee by the Sunday School, Clean-up day with a Pot Luck and a Picnic service at the park yearly.

We have a keyboard and digital hymnal for music and use traditional hymns. We have an audio system. We contribute to OGHS, NIN, OCWM, Strengthening the Church, Spread The Love, Christmas Fund and Local Food Pantry. We are the only church in the village of Humbird. We do not have a computer or internet service.

We are currently served by Layman, Roger Hofer from Osseo UCC, and Pastor, Rev. Pat Trotter, who travels from Menomonie and was ordained in a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), We are so blessed to have them and thank God for their ministry and dedication.

United Church of Christ in Neillsville

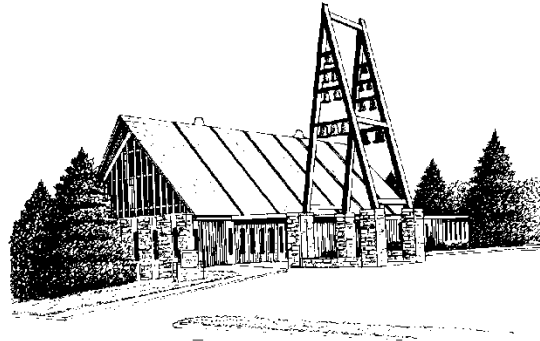
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The United Church of Christ in Neillsville is a new church and an old church. Although it celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2009, the roots of the church go back to the turn of the last century when First Congregational Church (1891) and Zion Reformed Church (1903) were founded. When negotiations began in the 1940s to form the United Church of Christ on a national level these two congregations initiated discussions for a merger on the local level, which took place on March 1, 1959.

For several years the congregation worshiped in Zion's building and held church school at the Congregational church, but on May 19, 1963 a new building was dedicated. Over the years improvements have been made, including a carillon tower with bells from Switzerland, stained glass windows, an elevator, and expanded gathering space and new offices.

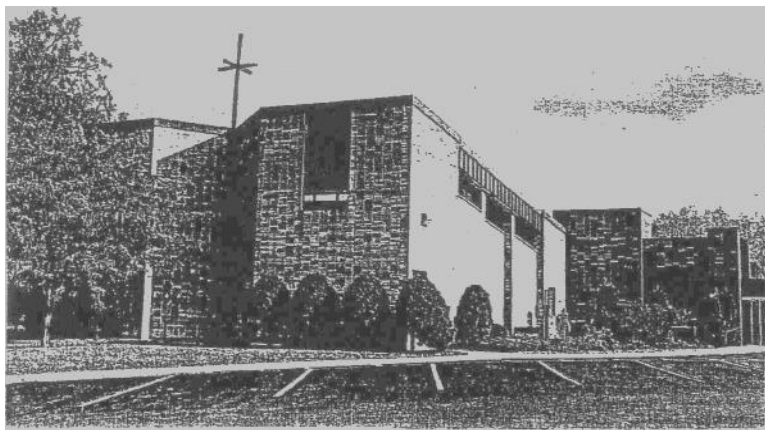
Over the years the church has been involved in significant mission projects on the local and wider level. After establishing a relationship with the Coptic church in Egypt members raised funds to send a couple from the congregation to help with agriculture and education and since then have provided scholarships for Egyptian children. In this century the Mission and Outreach Committee has organized and expanded the Christmas Angel Project to provide Christmas gifts and food for area children. During December the Fellowship Hall is filled with people wrapping gifts, assembling boxes, and making deliveries. Hundreds of people are helped.

The educational program of Neillsville UCC has included dynamic "holy zones" for Sunday school, mentors for confirmation, and a yearly Urban Immersion experience for confirmands in Milwaukee, during which they visit different religious groups and serve breakfast to homeless people. Adults grow in their faith through Sunday morning Bible studies and participation in programs from the Laity Empowerment Project.

Music is a vital part of the church's life. When worshipers enter the church they are often greeted by the ringing of bells in the Swiss Carillon tower and then are moved by anthems from the Senior Choir, Sunday school, or Chimers of the Church, a youth bell choir. Although the music style of the church could be described as traditional the sounds of jazz, polkas and gospel often resonate in the sanctuary.

Both women and men are active in promoting the life of the church. Early on the first Saturday morning of each month a friendly group of men gathers for breakfast and to make plans for pancake brunches and a "Ladies Night Out" treat for the women of the church. On Wednesdays a lively group of women gathers in the Bazaar room to make crafts for the annual Holiday Fair, which helps raise funds for various projects and on Mondays another group recycles greeting cards to sell and raise funds for the church.

The church is an active participant in the ecumenical life of Neillsville. It has provided leadership for Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, which serves elderly people in the community, and has recently begun to cooperate with a local Lutheran congregation for Vacation Bible School and mid-week Lenten services.



The Nekoosa United Church of Christ

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"The place of the rapidly running waters" ... thus, the native-American name, Nekoosa. Gently nestled along the mighty Wisconsin River, both the town of Nekoosa and the Nekoosa United Church of Christ have their roots in the bustling paper mill industry of the late nineteenth century. Formerly called the Nekoosa Congregational Church, the Nekoosa United Church of Christ has been located near the foot of the bridge on Market Street for 117 years. The original church was made possible through the generosity of Azel W. Patten, a prominent paper manufacturer from Appleton who did business in central Wisconsin. Mr. Patten was aware of the need of a place for organized worship within the community of Nekoosa and offered a \$5000 gift to the first church denomination that successfully organized and maintained a church society.

Our church was dedicated on Sunday, December 17, 1893. There were 19 charter members of the church and an additional 8 became members in 1895. The Sunday School was organized in 1893, and the Ladies Aid (now renamed the U.C.C. Women United) was formed in 1895. Both of these groups continue to flourish, along with the Women's Evening Group, Hands of Grace Prayer Shawl Ministry, Sit 'n' Stitch Sewing Circle, Basement Gang Youth Group, a variety of adult Bible studies and mission and outreach ministries.

Our church changed its name to the Nekoosa United Church of Christ in 1962, after the merging of the Congregational denomination with the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1957. A new parsonage was built in 1965, and the present sanctuary was constructed in 1973, on the original site. An educational building was also built at that time. The church was made completely handicap accessible by the addition of an elevator in 1989. A state-of-the-art AV projection system and retractable screen was installed in 2010.

Nekoosa U.C.C. has been blessed by the gifts and graces of nineteen pastors, and we are thankful for the indelible marks that each of them left on our community of faith and in our hearts. Our most recent pastor, Rev. Mary Anne Biggs, began serving this church in 2006 as a student pastor, was ordained in November 2009 and remained in Nekoosa until 2011.

Sunday Worship- 9:30 AM

Church School - 9:45 to 10:30 AM

Nursery Care - 9:15 to 10:45 AM
Infants up to three years old.

**United Church of Christ
(Congregational)**

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Pastor: Les Munnik



The Osseo congregation was organized in July, 1878, with Malcolm McPhail as pastor. At first, church services were held in the school. A melodeon played by Mrs. F.N. Thomas furnished music. In 1880 a church committee started plans for a church building to be placed where the present church stands. The lot was purchased from Stoddard Field for \$25.00.

The foundation wall for the church was laid in June, 1880. Because Osseo had no railroad, lumber for the new church was hauled from Humbird. On September 14, 1880 men donated their equipment and time to haul the lumber. Building started at once. E. Hyslop, Reverend McPhail and his son George, with the help of other congregation members, worked on the building. Paint was furnished by the Ladies Aid Society. In the spring of 1883, the church received \$412 from the American Congregational Union to complete payment on the church debt. The new church was dedicated June 17, 1883.

The Kings Daughters raised money to buy a bell for the church. It was purchased June 1, 1893, at a cost of \$225.00. The church was remodeled in 1908 to increase the seating capacity and to add a pastor's study, a church parlor, and a dining room. Cost of the project was \$1,500.

December 31, 1924, a night watch party was scheduled. A fire had been started to warm the building. Fire spread from the furnace, and the church was completely destroyed. Rebuilding was accomplished with the efforts of the congregation and the pastor, Scott Anderson. The new church was dedicated July 6, 1926. A debt of \$5,800 was incurred. At a New Year's Eve party on December 31, 1929, about forty members of the church and the Reverend William Clough witnessed the symbolic burning of the lumber bill. The debt was fully paid in 1942, and the mortgage was burned at a rededication service.

Sunday, July 12, 1953, was the date for the 75th anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Osseo. The Reverend Jess Norenberg, conference minister, delivered the sermon at the morning worship service. Dinner was served to about 170 persons by the ladies of the Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In earlier times, the church was also used for school functions. Osseo Grade School commencement programs were held in the Congregational church as early as 1886 and as late as 1902.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
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Owen, WI 54460
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As early as 1894 people's homes were used for Sunday School classes, there was also a Ladies Aid group way back in 1903. That was three years before a church was even organized. Early in 1899 a minister by the name of Rev. Austin came to do missionary work in the area. Services were conducted in folk's homes, in the school, and even in just tents during the summer months.

Then, in 1906, July 8th to be exact, a man by the name of Rev. Bell met with a group of folks in the school house to figure out how to get a real church. At this first meeting that a unanimous vote was made to proceed with the organization of a Congregational Church in Owen. Thirteen representatives were invited from other Congregational churches from places like Withee, Curtiss, Beloit, Thorp, Bruce, Eau Claire and Madison, just to name a few. Eight of those thirteen invited guests showed up to listen to the Owen council, and to decide what should be done. There was some discussion among the council members and other folks present, and then the committee decided to go into closed session to discuss things in private.

The council's private session got interrupted. It seems that there was this steam loader up and running in a logging camp that somebody wanted to see, so the council got invited to move their business into the caboose of a logging train owned by John S. Owen Lumber Company for a ride to go watch this steam loader. While they were gathered in this caboose, the council stuck to business, because all the necessary motions were made and carried so that the Congregational Church of Owen came into being on that day, on that ride. Somebody later said that all motions were being carried at the rate of about twelve miles an hour.

It wasn't until August of 1907 that plans for the church building were approved. Krasin Brothers contractors were hired, and construction began. One of the ways money was raised to finance construction was to have lots of chicken pie suppers. These were held under the stage of the Opera House. All the food had to be hauled in, what a lot of work!

Dedication of the building took place in October of 1908. A parsonage was built to the south of the church in 1921 so our pastors would have a place to live.

On a very windy Sunday morning in March of 1941 there was a terrible fire. The church and the parsonage were destroyed. Almost immediately plans were made to rebuild the church. Meanwhile services were held in the Community Hall at St. Katherine's Episcopal Church until the new church could be built. The new building was completed in December of 1941. The Oscar Griebenow home across the street from the church was purchased to serve as the new parsonage.

As the membership grew, it was determined that the church needed to be expanded to provide rooms for Sunday School classes, an office for the pastor, and a new heating system, among other things. This addition was completed in 1957 and expanded the church building to its present size.

If anyone is interested, all of this information is in the church's centennial booklet and it has lots of pictures, too. They are available from the Owen UCC for only \$ 5.00.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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The Park Falls Congregational Society was established in 1897 when the Home Mission Society of the Congregational Church sent Reverend John Harley to preach here. The first business meeting was held on March 2, 1897 when there was a unanimous decision to proceed with forming a Congregational Church and adopt the church manual prepared by the Reverend James Tomkins, D.D. of Chicago. This was the first organized church in Park Falls. The first church building was built in 1900, followed by the first brick church in Park Falls in 1917-1918.

The national union of the Congregational churches with those of the Evangelical Reformed denomination was completed in 1957. The Wisconsin Conference ratified the merger in October of 1962. The First Congregational Church of Park Falls approved the union thus becoming the United Church of Christ.

On June 26, 1966, the Park Falls congregation voted on and approved the planned union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church of nearby Butternut.

Today we are a church with over 200 members. We hold worship services on Sunday mornings at 8:45 with Sunday School taking place during that time of worship. We are blessed to have our church choir sing for us during service. At First Congregational United Church of Christ we practice open communion. The table is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ. We share communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Our church is also home to the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry supplying food and supplies to those in need in the community.



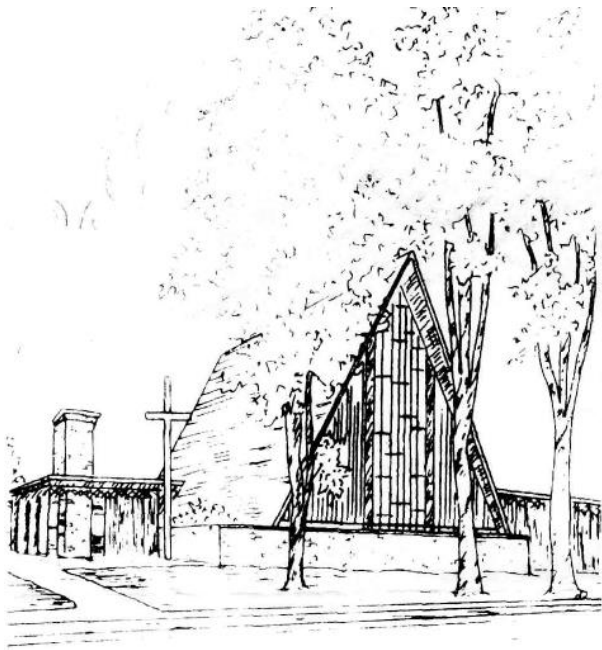
**Phelps Congregational
United Church of Christ**

**Downtown Phelps on Highway 17, 14
miles north of Eagle River. Yoked with
Ely Memorial, Land O' Lakes, WI**

In 1903, the community of Hackley was founded with the construction of the original mill by the Hackley Phelps Bonnell Lumber Company. The following year the first Sunday School was organized and classes were held in the Common Hall of the village which was above the saloon. The Ladies' Society was formed in 1907. Beginning in 1907, services were held in a large tent on the shoreline of Big Twin Lake. In 1908, Rev. Dextor, the District Missionary of the Wisconsin Home Missionary Society of Congregational Churches, helped with the organization of a church in Hackley. In March of that year, Rev. Dextor held services every night for a week to create interest and enthusiasm for building a church. There were 18 charter members. Construction of the new church began in 1908 on land donated by the Lumber Company. Mill workers built the church after hours and whenever the mill was shut down for repairs. The church was completed in late winter of 1909. The town of Hackley was renamed Phelps in 1912,

In February of 1919 the church burned to the ground. Services were held in the town hall and in the school. On March 31, 1921, Rev. O.C. Chapin and his wife Frida arrived as a resident pastor, and began planning for a new church building, across the street from the original site. It was common to see Rev. Chapin on a horse drawn sleigh in the winter and on horseback in summer. The Sunday School reached 200 students in its prime years. The Phelps Congregational Christian Church voted to join the United Church of Christ in 1958, and changed their name in 1962 to reflect their joining the new denomination. Phelps yoked with Ely Memorial UCC and Watersmeet Congregational UCC in 1969. Watersmeet withdrew from the agreement in 1974. In 1983 the 75th anniversary was celebrated with the dedication of a new cupola and carillon. Our centennial celebration was held in the summer of 2008 with an old-fashioned worship service and ice cream social.

Many long-held traditions remain; Women's Christian Fellowship (formerly Ladies' Society), Hunter's Supper community dinner, Easter Breakfast, Rummage Sales, and support of local and global mission efforts.



United Church of Christ
Jackson Street
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Without the city of Pittsville, we would have no church history. So first let us give credit to a family named Pitt, who first settled here on the banks of the Yellow River. Quite by accident, they settled in the exact center of the state.

In June of 1881, we were the first church in Pittsville, meeting at the Hammel school. In 1886, the first church building was built, measuring 30 by 50 feet. With the church now completed, the problem of paying for it was now at hand. The church ladies used the July 4th celebration as an opportunity to earn money. During 1887, an organist and a quartette were added.

Sunday, November 8, 1914, the church burned to the ground. A decision was then made to build nearer to the center of the city, and that the church would be made of concrete blocks. The year of 1915 was a busy one for those involved in building the new church. The entire basement was dug by hand. It took 13 months and 1 week to rebuild after the fire. The new church cost \$2,000 to build, and only \$420 remained unpaid. A collection of \$150 was received at the first service. As the years passed, our second church became inadequate for our growing congregation and their needs.

Our present church was finished in 1962. It is an A-frame building, 48 by 73 feet, giving a floor space of 6132 square feet, and seating 120 people. There is a social/dining room which can be used as an overflow by opening a folding partition. There are three Sunday School rooms, a council room that can be divided in half, and an office. We have a well-designed kitchen. After using our church for 50 years, we find it to be practical as well as beautiful. We have served hunter suppers in November, salad luncheons in April, and are now serving monthly free community meals.

We have had 35 different pastors over the years, and at times have been yoked with other churches in the area. We are not currently yoked, and are searching for a new pastor. Our church was started and has continued for 131 years on faith, and very little else. The 3 churches and 5 parsonages have all been built on faith and perseverance.

Lord, help us rekindle our faith and look to the future
With faith and confidence.



ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Five miles East of Prescott on State Highway 10

**One and one-half miles South on County Road
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The City of Prescott, Wisconsin received a Charter in 1858. Two years later, in 1860, early German settlers east of Prescott organized a congregation known as Trinity Lutheran Church, worshipping in various homes. Traveling by boat, the Reverend August Blumer of Shakopee, Minnesota came to lead the worship every six weeks. A church building was constructed on a site in 1862 in Oak Grove Township, Pierce County, and became known as the Evangelical Church of Oak Grove. A parsonage was erected in 1867 along with land for a cemetery. In 1873, a small number from the congregation left, moving into Prescott to begin the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Church. Our name was changed in 1873 to the "Evangelical St. Johannes Church.

In 1882, we voted to yoke with St. Paulus Church in Ellsworth until 1890, (and again in 1962, which continued for 38 years.) The congregation increased in size and needs, and in 1891, plans for a new church were approved and erected, with further expansion in 1931.

The German language was used at worship and in keeping church records. In 1920, the congregation voted to conduct business in English as well as in worship once a month. As late as 1930, the pews on one side of the church were occupied by women and children, while the men sat on the other side of the church. Board members occupied the front pew. The congregation was now known as St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church. In 1948, the Evangelical and Reformed Churches and the Congregational Christian Churches voted to merge their separate denominations to form the United Church of Christ.

St. John's United Church of Christ, known in its community as the "Country Church", is very active in its ecumenical community, as a member of the Prescott Area Churches Association, which provides support of the area food shelf and the community senior care facility. We are mission oriented, supporting our mission program in Brazil, recognized for reaching our OCWM goals, recognized in 1982 as one of the top five small churches in giving to New Initiative in Church Development, a program promoting the development of new church starts.

St. John's celebrated its 150 Anniversary with a full year of monthly events during 2010. We remembered with gratitude those who faithfully served before us, and may we who follow have the wisdom and strength, with God's guidance, to continue that journey of faith.



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Early into his missionary work at the confluence of the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers, the Rev. Richard Hall wrote to his supervisor in New York,

“Prescott is a very wicked place. It has taken a little start this past season. A steam sawmill, four or five stores and a dozen dwelling houses have been erected. But its beginning is a most ungodly one. I know not where a preached gospel is more needed than to be immingled (sic) with the forming influences of such a place.”

With hard and faithful work, Hall, a Congregational minister who served the American Home Missionary Society, established the new Congregational Church in Prescott in 1852. The church worshiped in private homes until 1859, when the first structure was built. A new and larger church building was built on the same site in 1915, which included the beautiful art glass windows and bell from the first building. In 1962 the Prescott church became a member of the United Church of Christ, and an addition was built which provided additional classroom space, an expanded social hall, and offices. When the Methodist congregation in town disbanded in 1968, the majority of the remaining members joined the Congregational church, giving new meaning to the name United Church of Christ.

Our church nurtures a spirit of community involvement, from raising a military company to serve with the Northern Army during the Civil War, to creating strong public schools and health care in Prescott. The church has played a central role in the formation and work of the Prescott Area Churches Association, and the Prescott Emergency Food Pantry. We support the ongoing work of local homeless shelters, and of Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Members are involved in local chapters of PFLAG, Habitat for Humanity, the Borner Farm (an in-town CSA vegetable farm), senior organizations, and many other groups. The gospel has been “immingled with the forming influences” of this river city!

Prescott United Church of Christ offers a spirited traditional form of worship on Sunday mornings. Lay leadership is valued, and includes youth and adults. With the sanctuary carpet removed and the wood floors refinished in 2009, the space is especially favorable to all kinds of music – including that of a recently donated baby grand piano. We are blessed with a talented community of musicians whose gifts bring both variety and depth to our weekly services – from classical to gospel blues to jazz and rock.

Our current pastor, the Rev. Matt Schneider-Adams, was called to serve Prescott United Church of Christ in 2010.

Worship and Church School happens each Sunday at 10:00am



First Congregational United Church of Christ
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**Our church is located on the north side of the city of
Rhinelander, one block east of
State Hwy. 17 (city street Stevens St.), next to
Rhinelander High School.**

It was in 1883 that the Wisconsin Home Missionary Society dispatched their favorite point man, Deacon Jackson Tibbets of Antigo, to see to the spiritual health of the residents of that area. Not long after his arrival, Deacon Tibbets conducted worship services for the six women and one man who were to become the start of the congregation of the First Congregational Church of Rhinelander, which was the first worshipping congregation in our town.

Two years later, in 1885, came formal organization and construction of the first church building in the downtown area of Rhinelander. The new congregation found itself being served by a rapidly changing cast of pastoral leaders assigned as temporary supply preachers. In 1887, the Rev. A. A. Andridge became the first resident minister. Short-term pastoral tenure continued until 1917, when the Rev. Charles Wicks came to serve the congregation and remained for 20 years.

By 1891, the church had outgrown its original building and a new structure was erected a few blocks east at Rives and Stevens streets. That structure remained in use until 1962, when the present church building on Larch St. was dedicated.

In 1961, the congregation voted to join the national merger of Congregational Christian churches with Evangelical and Reformed churches forming the United Church of Christ. By 1979, our needs had expanded to where our congregation needed an Associate Pastor, which continued until 2006 when we returned to a one-pastor congregation.

Over the history of our congregation, we continue to be a vital and contributing part of our community, not only in Rhinelander but throughout the world. On a global scale, we are committed to a high level of giving to Our Church's Wider Mission as well as to special offerings (disaster relief, etc.) throughout the year. Locally, we promote and actively support a community-wide backpack program for needy school children, facilitate a holiday White Gift program for needy families and shut-ins, and support with both time and money our local homeless shelter, food and personal essentials pantries and community dinners for the needy, and provide meeting space for non-profit organizations.

Music has always been an important part of worship in our church. In 1995 our congregation installed a new Cassavant Freres pipe organ designed specifically for our sanctuary. In addition to our organ, we have two handbell choirs, one of which features both adults and children. Our senior vocal choir participates regularly in worship, as does our youth choir, which is composed of junior and senior high students. We also have a praise band, "Today's Spirit," which plays for more contemporary-styled worship services. Our other music groups, as well as our organ, also participate in these worship experiences. Alternative worship services, including Taizé and Labyrinth, are held on Sunday evenings throughout the year.



First Congregational United Church of Christ,

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Church history and programs: Northwest Wisconsin was initially inhabited by Chippewa and Sioux Native Americans. Joel Foster is credited with founding the city of River Falls in 1848. The First Congregational Church was founded in 1855 by many of the prominent early settlers as the first organized church in the city. Rev. William R. Stevens answered the call to be the first permanent minister in 1856. Services were initially held in the homes of parishioners. The first church building, known as the "Little Brown Church," was built in 1858. A new church building on the present site of the church on Third Street was built in 1884. In 1932, during the height of the Great Depression, the church building burned to the ground. However, a determined congregation rallied to raise funds to build a new church, which was completed in 1933. That building still stands today as the current church structure. An educational wing was added in 1961 and various remodeling projects have occurred over the years. The Ladies Aid Society was formed in 1893, a forerunner to the more modern Women's Fellowship program. The women of the church have been instrumental with providing fundraising and outreach to church members. In 1960, the congregation voted unanimously to accept the constitution of the United Church of Christ, which had come about nationally with the 1957 merger of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. In the 1990's into the 2000's, the church embarked on more strategic and long-term planning. The church also accomplished establishing an Endowment Fund. Today, there are active Sunday School, Wednesday School, puppetry, and summer programs for the children. As for outreach activities, church members participate in Habitat for Humanity, Feed My Starving Children, mission trips in the U.S. and abroad, helping with the homeless locally and in Minneapolis, assisting with free meals on Tuesdays to residents of the area, supporting Barb de Souza's healthcare ministry work in Brazil, and other charitable activities. The church has an active music program with a choir and hand bells.

ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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DIRECTIONS: From I-94, take Exit 10 (Hwy. 65) and turn north. Go approximately 2 miles to Hwy. 12, and turn right. Continue approximately ¼ mile, and the church is on the left.

Our church was founded as the Warren Congregational Church in 1863. Services were first held at various buildings and locations because the church owned no property and had no building. In 1884, the congregation purchased the old Hudson Congregational Church building. The men of the church held a “hauling bee,” and drove teams and wagons approximately 10 miles over the unpaved roads, and brought the church (dismantled) and its furnishings to Roberts, where it was erected on the corner of Warren and Vine Streets. In 1886, the name was officially changed from the Warren Congregational Church to the Congregational Church of Roberts. Building additions and remodeling projects were done over the years to accommodate the growing congregation.

Members of this church voted to affiliate with the United Church of Christ in 1961, and our official name was changed to Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ. At various times in our history, we have been yoked with other churches, but since 1994 we have supported our own full-time pastor. After many years of discussion and deliberation, the congregation voted to purchase land and build a new facility, and our present building was dedicated in 2008.

A significant ministry of our church is the Roberts Food Pantry which is housed in our building, and serves people who live in the St. Croix Central School District. RUCCY (Roberts United Church of Christ Youth) is our very active youth group for grades 8-12 whose purpose is service, fellowship, faith, and mission activities. The Women’s Fellowship organization supports the church in many ways, financially and through service.

Music is a very important aspect of our church with many talented, multi-generational vocalists and instrumentalists. Young people are especially encouraged to perform and build their confidence in a safe and loving atmosphere. Our monthly Music & A Meal program provides a free meal to the community, and an entertaining program of music by church and community members. For many years, our talented hand bell choir, The Congregational Clangers, has performed beautiful and uplifting music during our worship services. They just released their first CD!

We practice extravagant hospitality, and are eager to welcome you when you visit our community!



**Community United Church
of Christ**
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Community United Church of Christ was incorporated in 1949. The first church building was dedicated on May 16, 1954. The parsonage was dedicated on January 14, 1962. An addition and remodeling was made to the original church and dedicated on May 30, 1962. In 2000 the Consistory (board) decided along with the "Dream Team" to add another addition to the church which would include a beautiful Fellowship Hall, choir room and many wonderful classrooms.

The church consisted of about 45 members in 1960 and has grown to an average of 170 members in 2012. Our 15th and current pastor, Rev. Dan Borchers, was called to Community United Church of Christ in 2010.

In 2006 a woman named Sue Mommaerts came to a Consistory (board) meeting to present an idea she had been working on. She felt that she wasn't contributing enough to the church and asked if the Consistory would consider housing a Thrift Shop in the large Fellowship Hall that she would get up and running. This idea would serve several purposes. Sue would be contributing to her church even though she couldn't be there on Sundays; help the church with its financial struggles and would be an outreach for those less fortunate in the community. The Consistory agreed and housed the Thrift Shop for three years. In the three years they outgrew their space. They moved into their own building and are a thriving outreach in the community.

Community UCC offers a Women's Guild, Ladies of the Vine, Men's Fellowship, Senior High Youth Group, Sunday school, Wednesday church school, choir, music for all ages and they host an AA Group that meets once a week.

Community UCC is located next to the fire department north of town in Saint Germain.

Worship Service is Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school during worship



Peace United Church of Christ
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Since 1902, Peace United Church of Christ has been a place for people to gather for Christian worship, friendship, and service to our community and to our world.

On May 25, 1902, eighty-five people gathered to combine their dreams to make form a new church. As residents of Schofield and Rothschild, most employed at the local paper mills, those faithful folks had always had a difficult time getting to downtown Wausau in the snowy mid-Wisconsin winters to worship at St. Paul's Evangelical church. Being made up of folks raised in the German Evangelical tradition, they decided to combine their dreams to begin a new church steeped in that tradition here in Schofield.

We are a faith community that provides opportunities for growth in faith and in mission. We serve the community in a variety of ways—from our long support of the CROP Walk to address hunger issues in our world and our community to our Prayer Shawl and Quilting ministries that provide comfort to those in our community who are ill, there are any number of opportunities to live out your faith here at Peace UCC. We are also involved with Neighborhood Meals where we prepare meals on the first Tuesday of every month for 100-125 people in Wausau and surrounding areas. We also provide meeting spaces to non-profit community support groups, such as AA, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) and others.

We have several ministries within the church that play a vital role in who we are and one of them is our youth. Our youth team called F.I.S.H., “Faithful Individuals Spreading Hope” is involved with many community outreach programs throughout the Wausau area as well as mission work in Minnesota, West Virginia and Cleveland. These young folks have truly given of themselves to help others in need. What a legacy for Peace Church.

Come and worship with us at 9:00 am (with Coffee Fellowship following the service) any Sunday for multi-media enhanced worship service that features a blend of traditional hymns and inspiring new music. Also, enjoy worshipful music provided by our Senior Choir, Praise Group, or our Peace Singers.

Our 12th and current pastor, Rev. Larry Treece, was called to Peace Church in 2006.

Worship Service: 9:00 AM
Church School: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour: 10:00 AM

Peace United Church of Christ is located next to the Wausau Country Club, on the corner of Old Grand Avenue and Church Street, three blocks north of Business Grand Avenue.



**Congregational United Church of Christ
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Congregational United Church of Christ was founded in 1910 as a Presbyterian mission church.

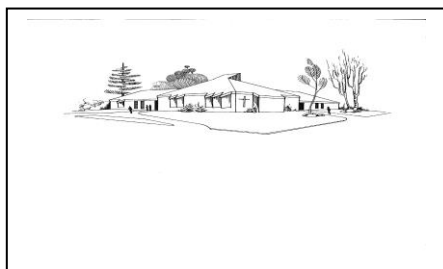
Around this time, the railroad had just recently been built, and the Conrath brothers had opened a saw mill to support the burgeoning lumber industry. Settlers were coming in and establishing farms in the area. Conrath came into being as a small center, and people became interested in having a church. On December 29, 1909, a Mr. E. Iverson, a missionary from Eau Claire, came to Conrath to see about organizing a Sunday School at the invitation of Mr. Ben Faast, a local community leader. On February 17, 1910, Mr. Iverson helped to organize the First Presbyterian Church; a confession of faith was adopted, and a covenant accepted. Meetings were first held in the old log school nearly every month with 13 members. In 1914 a church building was erected, in large part from local funds raised and with considerable support from a very active Ladies' Aid group. The interior of the church was remodeled in the 1980's. In 2009, a ramp was added to make the building more accessible.

For many years this was a missionary church, partly supported by the Presbyterian Board, but in 1932 Reverend Lambright, of the Ladysmith Congregational Church, began to serve as pastor in Conrath, so that they could have weekly services instead of twice monthly meetings with a pastor coming up from Gilman. In 1932 the church also became self-supporting, with the help of the Congregational Church Extension Society. The Conrath church voted with the Ladysmith church to join the United Church of Christ in 1961. The members of the Conrath church continue to join together in mission, fellowship, Christian education, and sometimes in worship with the Ladysmith UCC church.

One of the most active aspects of the Conrath church throughout its history has been its answer to God's call to mission. In 1928 the Mission Circle was formed. From ten cent dues and donations of time and talents, support was given to a mission church in Trego, eggs donated to a home for crippled children, contributions given to Northland College, clothing for flood relief, donations to other foreign mission efforts, and much help to local needs – all from folks who often suffered from shortages of funds. But they never forgot how they themselves were once helped as a mission church.

Today, like many areas in the northwoods section of the state, the economy of Conrath is reliant on farming, timber, and work opportunities in nearby cities. While a small church in terms of number of members (current membership is 15), Congregational UCC Conrath strives to live out faithfully Jesus' call to love their neighbors near and far, and is one of the highest givers to missions (OCWM and special missions) in the state, if not the country, in terms of percentage of total budget.

Worship Service: 9:00 am. Congregational UCC is located on County Road I in Conrath, three blocks east of the feed mill and store (about 8 miles southeast of Ladysmith in Rusk County).



Congregational United Church of Christ
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The organization of the First Congregational Church of Sparta was perfected on June 20, 1855 when 23 persons united in a covenant under the name of "The First Congregational Church". Reverend William F. Avery was the first pastor. The first church building was located at 114 North K Street. It was dedicated on June 18, 1857. The furnishings totaled \$3800.00.

In 1887 the Water and Franklin Street location was purchased for \$1,000 by Edward Canfield in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Canfield. Edward was a cousin of Raymond Canfield and Josephine Jefferson. In 1889 the tower was built, and the church was dedicated on October 20, 1889. The bell costing \$426 came from a famous firm in Troy, NY. A current member's grandfather's initials were carved in the steeples of the church. The land, furnishings and building cost totaled \$22,000.

In 1891 the "Free Pew" system was adopted. A pipe organ was dedicated on Jan. 1, 1895 and was built by J.W. Steere & Son of Springfield, Massachusetts. The cost was \$1,900 and each member was assessed \$50 to pay toward the cost.

In January of 1906 the Baptist Church (who had a congregation too small to support a clergyman) and The First Congregational Church combined and F.W. Pugh, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was engaged as the pastor for the combined church. The church became the Congregational United Church of Christ in 1960.

A fire totally destroyed the church in 1979. A severe bolt of lightening started the disastrous fire. The building was completely destroyed by the fire, only the brick walls left standing. The roof collapsed over the pipe organ, ruining it. Some of the stained glass windows and old light fixtures were saved and later repaired for use in the new and existing building that was dedicated in November of 1982. The original church bell sits in the new church lawn. The fire was devastating for the congregation and everyone, but especially Rev. Delbert Perman, worked extremely hard to raise funds to build a new church. Disagreements on what the new church should be like created some hard feelings and at least one family left the church.

The denomination has always been heavily involved in community activities and is very open and free in attitudes. Headstart has a classroom in the basement of our church, we have volunteers and board members for the food pantry, donate to many mission projects and participate in many community centered events.

Pastors who have served the church:

Rev. William F. Avery	1855-1858	Rev. Richard Koselka	1956-1960
Rev. Philo Canfield	1885-1895	Rev. H. Raymond Voss	1960-1969
Rev. Daniel Phillips	1860-1862	Rev. Delbert Permann	1969-1982
Rev. W.W. Thorpe	1864-1866	Rev. Margaret Shepherd	1982-1990
Rev. John M. Carmichael	1867-1875	Rev. R. Tiffany Bates	1990-1998
Rev. George F. Hunting	1876-1878	Rev. Curtis Miller	1999-2004
Rev. Frank T. Lee	1879-1882	Rev. Deris Rice	2006-2010
Rev. William Crawford, D.D.	1883-1900		
Rev. E. W. Huelster	1901-1905		
Rev. F. W. Walker Pugh	1906-1910		
Rev. Harding R. Hogan	1910-1918		
Rev. Joseph S. Morris	1918-1922		
Rev. William Lodwick	1923-1927		
Rev. Jess H. Norenberg	1928-1932		
Rev. Edwin T. Phillips	1932-1940		
Rev. Frank J. Wright	1941-1946		
Rev. Joseph Morgan	1946-1956		



**Namekagon Congregational Church
W4446 Friday St.
Springbrook, WI**

Namekagon Congregational Church is the result of a 1964 merger of four small congregational churches in the Springbrook, Earl, Anah and Trego area of northwestern Wisconsin, and became

affiliated with the United Church of Christ in 1962.

The history of the First Congregational Church of Earl actually began in 1908, when the certificate of organization was secured, signed and notarized "for religious, charitable and educational purposes...." Its first church structure was dedicated in December of 1910, with the help of a \$600 grant from the Congregational Church Building Society of New York, NY. The 26 dedicated members and much donated labor made their dream a reality.

Just over 75 years later, the same dedication, denominational support, donated labor and faith of members -- including third and fourth generations of the founders -- saw the construction of Namekagon Church's current structure, a handicapped-accessible and energy-efficient building that serves as a worship and community center for Earl, Springbrook and the surrounding area.

Namekagon Church celebrated its Centennial in July of 2008. Our church's ongoing mission is to serve area residents and visitors with Sunday services, Bible study, outreach and by providing a gathering place for sharing of crafts, community concerns and Christian fellowship.

In the words of a founding family member, the late Ethel McKee, "The Earl Church has never been a large church. Its works have been carried on by a handful of dedicated people, changing constantly during the years. But it has buried the dead, baptized the living, trained the children and nourished the souls of those who attend the services. May it ever be thus."

Namekagon's current pastor is Rev. Rebecca LeMenager, who joined our church as pastor on Oct. 1, 2011. Rev. Rebecca is a graduate of Hamline University and United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, Minn. She previously served churches in Moline, Ill., and Biwabik, Minn.

Worship Services at Namekagon Congregational United Church of Christ are Sundays at 10:30 a.m., with Service of Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. Bible Study and Book Club discussions are hosted by the church weekly and for more than 50 years the church has sponsored a Memorial Day Luncheon following services at the Earl Cemetery and a Harvest Supper fundraiser in October.

The Namekagon Choir rehearses and performs the first and third Sundays of the month, with rehearsals at 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Aid, which sponsors and serves various outreach programs of the church, meets on the second Sunday of each month, from April to December.

Namekagon Congregational Church is one block north of State Hwy. 63 at W4446 Friday St., Earl, WI 54875 and can be contacted at (715) 635-2903 or at its Web site:

www.uccwebsites.net/namekagonchurchearlwi



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1756 Dixon St. Stevens Point, WI

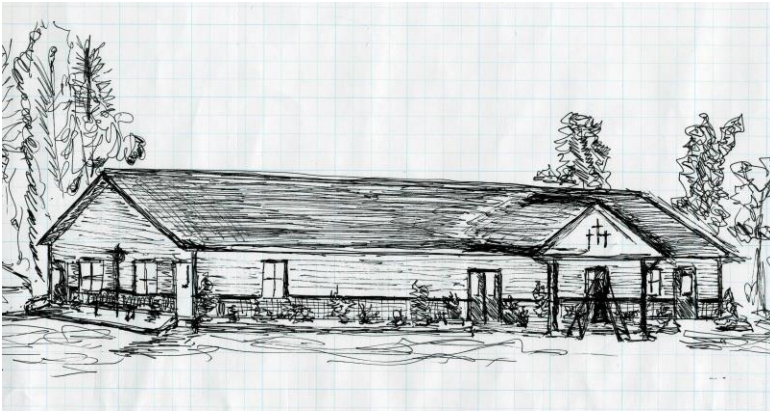
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Peace Church was founded in 1893 when a group of 15 neighbors gathered in homes or business sites on the south side of Stevens Point. In 1894 a decision was made to build at the current location at a cost of \$500. The founding members were of German heritage and all services at Friedens (Peace) Evangelical Church were in German until the 1920's. In 1935 the church became Peace Evangelical and Reformed Church. The church grew in faith and numbers and in the 1940's saw the completion of several

remodeling projects. The beautiful stained glass windows were purchased from Holland for \$80 each. The Women's Guild, Men's quartet, and choir were active in the church and in the community. In 1957, the church voted to join with Congregational churches to form the United Church of Christ. A new parsonage was built in 1972 and included Sunday School rooms in the basement. In 1990, the church voted on a major remodeling project involving rebuilding of a bell tower, adding a handicap accessible lift, new flooring, carpeting, classrooms, office, north entrance and kitchen addition. The project was completed in 1991 and the mortgage burning ceremony was held in 2001. In 1995 church members celebrated the centennial of the church.

Today, Peace United Church of Christ is proud to be an open and affirming congregation led by Pastor L. Scott Crandall. Pastor Scott's focus in Sunday morning worship is "to communicate God's love for, forgiveness of, and acceptance of each and every one of God's children". We are fortunate to have a skilled organist and a choir recently reorganized to perform on select Sundays. We have a Faith Formation Ministry which offers education and fellowship for both youth and adults. We have five youth involved in Confirmation studies at this time. A Men's breakfast group meets weekly while a Lunch Bunch group meets monthly. Our Mission Ministry serves Pizza and provides fellowship once a month at the Salvation Army Hope Center. Our Mission Ministry sponsors families for holiday baskets, organizes production of birthday boxes, toiletry kits and encourages donations of food to Operation Bootstrap. A visitation team assists the minister with visits to shut-ins and those who are hospitalized. Peace Church maintains an active prayer chain keeping in mind the importance of connecting to our Lord Jesus Christ to guide our lives, live in His strength and seek His wisdom. Peace Church has an active Stewardship committee which encourages financial support, service and individual presence as a measure of thankfulness for our blessings. Peace Church extends a welcome to anyone interested in our church community or to any visitors to Stevens Point. We look forward to meeting you!



Ebenezer United Church of Christ
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95 Members
Worship and Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Summer Worship: 9:00 a.m.
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

The history of the church goes back to 1881, two years before the congregation was organized. In that year, the Rev. William Stienecker, who had come from the village of Ladbergen in Germany to be a pastor in Wausau, invited the people of the Reformed faith in that village to come to the Stratford area. At his invitation they settled in the area about three miles east of the village of Stratford near the Big Eau Pleine River. This occurred about 10 years before there was a settlement at Stratford.

Under his direction the congregation was organized in 1883. First services were held in the homes of parishioner and in a log cabin that was the original Balsam School.

In 1886, they purchased 40 acres of land on the south bank of the Big Eau Pleine River for \$200. Each person who cleared a ½ acre of land for the church and cemetery was entitled to a lot in the cemetery. The newly erected church was dedicated November 17th, 1889. It was a simple 40 x 26 foot church building. There was no stone foundation, no steeple, no basement, and no bell. The first collection taken at the new church was \$11.42 from its 54 members. The parsonage was built in the 1890's. Until 1911, all services were in German. Services alternated between English and German until 1920 when use of German was discontinued.

In 1920, the parsonage was enlarged and a basement was put under the church. In 1929, furnaces were installed in the church and parsonage. An education unit was added to the back of the church in 1958. Between 1969 and 1972, 3,000 trees were planted on the church property and a wooden cross and plantings were put in the cemetery. In 1974, members added a new addition to the front of the building providing more classroom space and a renovation of the bell tower

Ebenezer has gone through many name changes, from Bible Congregation in 1883 to Ebenezer Congregation to Ebenezer Evangelical and Reformed church to Ebenezer United Church of Christ.

As the building aged and deteriorated the congregation was faced with the decision of investing considerable funds to bring the building up to code or erecting a new church. After several years of fund-raising, an official ground breaking ceremony was held May 6, 2007. The congregation moved into their new 4, 640 square foot home just north of the original church on August 26, 2007. In 2011, the congregation donated the church building to the Edgar Fire Department to be utilized for a training burn.

The church is located 3 miles east of Stratford at the intersection of Highway 153 and Highway M.



**Union Congregational United Church of Christ
Highway 45 and Forest Street
Three Lakes, WI 54562
715-546-2169**

In May 1916 Rev. G. H. Waters, pastor of the Eagle River Congregational Church began to hold services in Three Lakes and occasional services were held for two years. Signs of growth soon indicated a church should be organized in Three Lakes. Rev. F. N. Dexter, State Evangelist, was called upon to assist in the organization and on a Friday evening, the 26th of April, 1918 a meeting was held of all interested parties and it was voted to organize a Church, to be named Union Congregational Church of Three Lakes.

Tragedy struck September 1924. The tornado, which nearly wiped Three Lakes off the map, destroyed the church. Undaunted, on March 4, 1925 the members voted to rebuild. Application was made to the Congregational Church Building Society for a grant of \$1200 and rebuilding progressed. Rev. Daniel Woodward was the first pastor to serve for more than a few months. He was here in 1927-28. Reverend Nobel Conkle was called in the early 1930s to serve as pastor and he served until he retired in August 1940. Alvin Koenig was called in October 1940. In June 1942 Mr. Koenig resigned as pastor and Rev. Conkle was again called to serve during the summer months. Rev. Frank Tomenendale was called to serve as pastor in 1942, sharing his services with the Eagle River Church. In 1945 Rev. Tomenendale resigned as pastor and Mr. James Williams, principal of Rhinelander Junior High School, preached the services until 1948. Mrs. Margaret Beck was then called as pastor. April 1961 our congregation voted to join the union of The Congregational and Christian Churches with the Evangelical-Reformed Church and approved the Constitution of "the United Church of Christ".

Along with this merger was consolidation of the Northern Association so that this area became a party of the Northwest Association. Rev. Beck resigned in 1966. Rev. Gordon Winsor was called on September 17, 1966 and retired in 1980.

The recent Pastoral history: 1981-1992--Rev. Ronald L. McDuffie; 1993-1996--Rev. Stephen Rohloff; 1996-2010--Pastor Mary Ann Miller.

Pastor Gary Gilbert was called in June of 2010.

Worship Service 10:30 AM
Congregational is Located on US Hwy 45 S and Forest Street



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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The year was 1858. The population of Tomah was roughly 350. There were in the area a Baptist Church, a Free Baptist Church, and a Methodist Church. A new congregation was founded and the First Congregational Church of Tomah, WI was born.

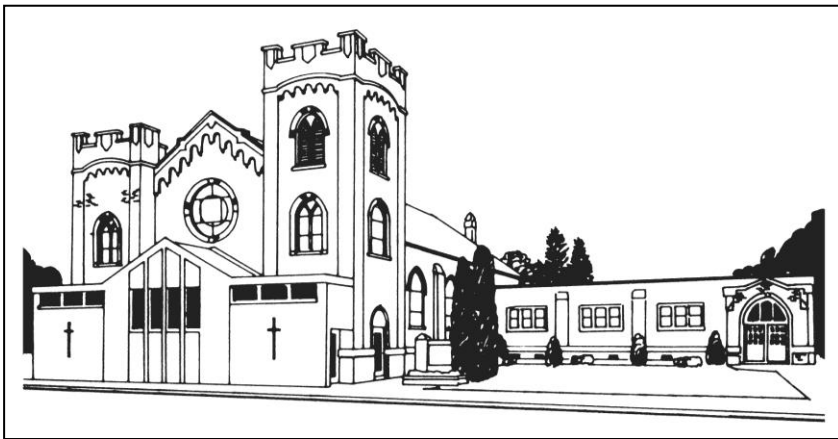
The first service was held on August 21, 1859. Eleven people were in attendance. Mr. Francis Iams, who was a local school principal, was installed as the pastor. His salary was \$100 a year from the church and another \$300 from the American Home Missionary Society. On August 21, 1860 the church requested to be received as a member of the Lemonweir Council of the Congregational and Presbyterian Synod. By April of 1860 Rev. Iams preached at six stations or locations in the area. He did this all on foot. He once wrote, that though things were improving, (not financially but spiritually) "his ministry is suffering for want of a horse."

The decision was made to build their first church and worship was held there for the first time on December 5, 1869. Pews were numbered and rented to worshipers to raise funds. In 1882 a parsonage was planned and completed in 1884. It was also the first year the congregation was able to support itself without a grant from the Missionary Society.

A new church building incorporating much of the old building was built. The new building was dedicated in 1929 and is basically the building enjoyed yet today. This dedication was held just days before the stock market crash and the nation was plunged into a long depression. The women of the church rallied. They planned many church dinners, promoted bazaars, and worked very hard to keep up payments on the church loan. There was no kitchen, so they carried wood water and all necessary supplies to the second floor of McCaul's Hall to prepare dinner on a wood burning stove. The price: .05 per person.

The 75th Anniversary was celebrated on September 9, 1934. In June of 1959 the church triumphantly observed its 100th Anniversary. It was in 1958 the church voted to join the United Church of Christ. In 1960 the educational wing was planned and later dedicated in 1967. On October 12, 1975 the mortgage was burned. The 125th Anniversary was observed on September 16, 1984. An Elevator was installed and the beautiful stained glass windows protected.

Sunday School has always been an important part of the congregation's ministry. Music too is an important part of our worship life and a choir is accompanied by an organ and two electronic keyboards and additional use of other instruments is always welcomed. Over its entire history mission has been an important aspect of the congregation, with gifts being shared locally and in reality around the world. CROP Walks, through Church World Service and Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army are key mission opportunities.



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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Summers 9:30 am

In 1881 several families from Germany immigrated to the United States and settled in the Wausau, Schofield, and Stratford, Wisconsin area. They had left their native region of “Westphalia” in the newly created Republic of Germany at a time when religious persecution and political oppression was prevalent. They cherished the faith of their parents and sought the freedom to pursue that faith in their newly adopted land.

In Germany, their native church was the German Reformed Church and they never lost their desire to worship in their very own faith, in their very own church, and on December 25, 1886 they founded the Deutsche Reformierte Kirche. Services were first held in the homes of the members, and later in the little Swedish church on Clark’s Island, Wausau. After that little church was torn down to become a future street, subsequent worship services were conducted in a school house and at the Presbyterian Church until property was secured on Jefferson Street and a 28 x 40 foot building was constructed. In 1894, the “Little White Church” as it was known, was moved to the present location on the West side of Wausau. In 1925 the congregation began construction of the current building and it was dedicated on February 21, 1926. During this time, the church was known as the First Reformed Church. In October of 1954, a long contemplated educational wing was started to provide more space for educational and organizational use. In 1955, the new building was dedicated.

In keeping with the merger of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America, finalized in 1940, the name of the church was changed from First Reformed Church to Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church. In 1964, the name was changed to Grace United Church of Christ upon the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church. In our denomination, each congregation structures itself in a way that best ministers to its members, community, and the world.

Our 17th and current pastor, Rev. Wayne Drueck, was called to Grace United Church of Christ in 2005.

A Sunday School has been part of the life of the congregation since its organization in 1886. Grace UCC also has an active Youth Group, known as the Spirits of Grace, and a women’s organization, known as the Willing Workers. Grace UCC is also known in the community for our exceptional music ministry, consisting of an adult choir under the direction of Cindy Larson; a children’s choir under the direction of Lisa Haessly; and an outstanding pipe organ and renowned organist, Ron Larson.

In 2011, Grace United Church of Christ proudly celebrates our 125th Anniversary with numerous activities throughout the year, including a neighborhood picnic in June.

Grace United Church of Christ is located on South Third Avenue on the West side of Wausau. Visitors coming from all directions can easily access the Church by taking the Stewart Avenue Exit off I-39 and proceeding to the intersection of Stewart and Third Avenue, turning left onto Third Avenue, and immediately moving to the left lane of Third Avenue and turning left into the Church parking lot.



Directions:

Located in downtown Wausau; adjacent to the Wausau Center Mall. Taking Highways 52/29 east exit from Highway 51, follow Stewart Avenue across the river. At the Mall, you will be routed 1 block north to Jefferson Street. At the intersection of Jefferson and 5th streets, the back of the church is visible to the right; enter the small adjacent parking lot after turning right on 5th street.

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St. Paul's Church was founded on January 4, 1863 as St. Paul's German Evangelical Church. It was the first German-speaking Protestant Church in the Wausau area. By 1881, St. Paul's had grown in numbers and theology, so a decision was made to create a second, more Lutheran congregation, several blocks away. Led by their pastor, Rev. Reinicke, St. Steven's Lutheran church was then formed. Along with St. Paul's, St. Steven's continues to be a strong influence in Wausau.

St. Paul's has had four churches at the same location in downtown Wausau. After the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed churches in 1934, our name was changed to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. The next name change came on June 25, 1957, when the Evangelical and Reformed church united with the Congregational Christian Church, and we became known as St. Paul's Evangelical Church of the United Church of Christ. On October 25, 1962, we finally became known as St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

St. Paul's has continually been among the 100 largest congregations in the United Church of Christ. With a congregation nearing 1,000 members, St. Paul's has a long history of faith-filled worship with a strong emphasis on preaching and music. As of late, we have hosted national recording artists, as well as university choirs. We have made great strides in mission support, and are one of the leading supporters of O.C.W.M. Currently, we host several out-reach ministries in our St. Paul's Community Center. They include: "The Open Door", a jail and prison ministry for the Central Wisconsin area; "The Native American Resource Center", an organization providing support to local Indian Tribes; and "Michael's Place", a place for health care and medical support. Our "Neighborhood Meal" feeds 120 - 150 people every Tuesday evening. We also provide food bags on request, as well as financial support for medications, rent and utilities.

Currently, the church employs twelve paid positions, which include a Sr. Pastor (Rev. Philip C. Schneider), Youth Director, Elder Care Minister and an extensive music department. We also employ an office manager, media tech, and clerical and custodial support.

There are two worship experiences each week. The Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. is an exciting blend of traditional worship with media support. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month, as well as every Wednesday evening at our more casual mid-week celebration.

St. Paul's United church of Christ is a forward thinking, progressive faith community that values and builds on our rich history in worshipping and serving God. The love of Christ compels us to address the needs of people in our changing world. Together, we strive to be a loving and compassionate community supporting one another, strengthening families, our neighborhood and our world. We seek to nurture spiritual growth in young and old through worship, prayer, communion, mission, education and fellowship as we move toward God's vision for us as a faith filled church.

For more and current offerings, please visit our web-site at www.stpauluccwausau.org



**First Congregational Church
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In March of 1862, the First Congregational Church was formally organized and the Rev. J. W. Harris was the ordained minister. The group met in homes and in a local hall for a time. In 1864, the first of the church's homes was framed. It was completed and dedicated in 1865. The building remains on 1st Street.

A major flood occurred in 1880, estimated a century later at about 100,000 cfs. The bridge was weakened from the flood and subsequently destroyed in the flood of 1888. The Church basically split into two congregations soon after the flood, one in Centralia, on the west side of the river, the other in Grand Rapids, on the east side. The Centralia group met in City Hall. A building fund raised \$3,724 and a new "Unity Church" was built in the area where the new Centralia Center is in the west side Mall. The two congregations came back together when they had a bridge across the river.

A new stone church located where the present church is was built in 1911. Records show that in 1956 the church was feeling a space pinch. The decision was made to build a new church. The Education Wing was built in 1965, and services were held there for six months while the old stone church was torn down and the new structure built. In 1976, a new pipe organ was purchased and installed. About the same time, Wilhelmina and Ray Hall noted a need, and started the Food Pantry program. This continues to support the local community today. Many renovations have been done, including an elevator in 2008 and a church steeple in 2010.

Rev. Paul Veldman was called to First Congregational Church in October 2003 and continues to serve as our Senior Minister.

The church has many strong musical talents, including a Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir to enhance our worship. The children's choirs also supplement the worship service at various times of the year. Many special guests will offer their musical talents, especially during the summer break for our choirs.

"God is still speaking", is one of the motto's of the UCC and the church supports this motto by supporting a welcoming, justice-minded Christian community. The church offers a wide range of multi-generational education, wellness, mission and fellowship activities at various times throughout the year.

The church has been generous in its support of missions both locally and globally. Some of the local projects that are close to the church's heart are: Habitat for Humanity, CROP Walk, Neighborhood Table, Food Pantry, Back Bay Mission and many more.

Worship & Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

First Congregational Church UCC is located on 2nd Street along the Wisconsin River, behind the movie theater in downtown Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

The Wisconsin Conference
United Church of Christ Center
Built in DeForest, WI -- 1992
Became
"The Frederick R. Trost Center"
2008
Fred was the Conference Minister
From 1981 to 2001

