

# Correction

Lois Buchholz's installation is scheduled for November 4th, 2018, at 3 pm at the United Church of Christ - Osseo, 50712 Main Street (corner of US Hwy 10 and Main Street). Please correct your calendars and watch for your invitation.



## Northwest Word September 2018

### The Old - 150th Anniversary



First Congregational UCC, 1324 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bloomer, invites you to their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Sunday, September 23. Worship at 10 am, Dinner at 12:30pm, Gospel Choir "With One Voice" at 1:30 pm. RSVP for dinner by calling 715.568.2893 or email [firstcongucc@bloomer.net](mailto:firstcongucc@bloomer.net).

### The New - Building Dedication



Plymouth United Church of Christ, 2010 Moholt Drive, Eau Claire, invites you to their Ribbon Cutting and Open House, Thursday, September 13, 4-6:30pm. On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 4 pm you are invited to a special service to dedicate their new building. Almost two years after a fire destroyed their building they intend to celebrate.

### Transitions

#### Installations –

Rev. Topher Mehlhoff will be installed as Pastor First Congregational UCC, Rhinelander, on Sept. 8, 11am, details are in the invitation that was sent to all churches and clergy of the NWA; Lois Buchholz will be installed as Pastor at

**The fall clergy retreat** will be held at Moon Beach Camp Sept. 30- Oct.2, please check the WI Conference website for details and registration. .

**More information**

**Schedule of Health Insurance**

Osseo UCC on November 4, look for the invitation in your email.

### Retirement

Rev. Marian Lachecki will be retiring on Sept. 30 from nearly 25 years of ministry at St. John's UCC, La Pointe.

### Congratulations

Rev. Kyle Carnes and his family welcomed a new baby boy into their lives on Aug. 23, Aidan James Carnes, everyone is doing well.

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### Boundary Training (hosted by the SE Association) link

Tuesday, October 30th, 2018  
First Congregational UCC  
Oconomowoc, Oconomowoc, WI

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### Sacred Conversations workshop with Rev. Velda Love

September 22nd, 2018  
3 pm – 5 pm  
Plymouth UCC  
2717 E Hampshire Ave, Milwaukee

The Rev. Dr. Velda Love, UCC Minister for Racial Justice, will hold an afternoon workshop titled "For God So Loved the World . . ." at Plymouth UCC. This engaging and interactive workshop is an opportunity to join together with people of faith in "sacred conversations to end racism."

**more information**



### Conference Youth Events (link)

Youth Faith Formation Retreats  
NOVEMBER  
9th - 11th, 2018

## Informational Meetings

**Monday, September 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** (light supper provided)  
Evangelical & Reformed UCC, 413 Wisconsin Ave., **Waukesha**  
Registration deadline Sept. 17

**Tuesday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (lunch provided)  
First Congregational Church, 724 E. South River St., **Appleton**  
· **Register for the Appleton meeting here**  
· Registration deadline Sept. 18

**Tuesday, September 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** (light supper provided)  
Grace UCC, 535 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., **Wausau**  
Registration deadline Sept. 18

**Wednesday, September 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (lunch provided)  
Plymouth UCC, 2010 Moholt Dr., **Eau Claire**  
· Registration deadline Sept. 19

**Thursday, September 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (lunch provided)  
Trost Center, 4459 Gray Rd., **DeForest**  
· Registration deadline Sept. 20

### Registration

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### Pre-Retirement Seminar

The UCC Pension Boards have scheduled a Pre-retirement Seminar at the Hilton Hotel in Milwaukee on Sept. 6, if you are looking into retirement in the next few years and haven't attended one of their seminars it will be very helpful for you to be there.



FEBRUARY  
22nd - 24th, 2019  
MARCH  
1st - 3rd, 2019

Knock Knock Middle School Retreat  
NOVEMBER  
16th - 18th, 2018

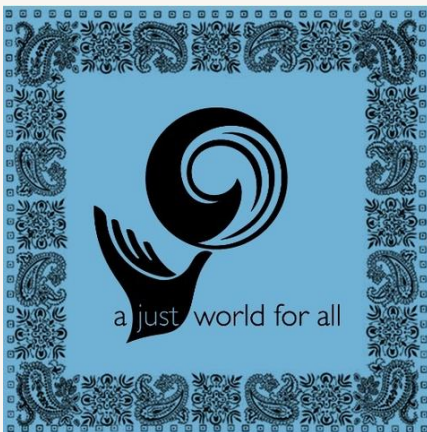
Jesus Core Retreat  
JANUARY  
11th - 13th, 2019

## “Sisters Building Sisters”

“So encourage one another and build up each other, just as you are doing now.”  
-I Thessalonians 5:11

A Spiritual Retreat For Women  
Moon Beach  
Friday, Nov. 9 –Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018  
St. Germain, WI

Hosted by:  
Saint Stephens UCC (Merrill)  
First Congregational UCC (Wis. Rapids)  
For more information and registration:



## Love of Neighbor Neighbors in Need Offering

If scripture commands, “love your neighbor as you love yourself”, then who is my neighbor? Fred Rogers on his PBS program, “Mr Roger’s Neighborhood”, invited all children and adults to become his neighbor. He challenged people around the world to show compassion and inclusion as they answered the question, “who is my neighbor”.

Neighbors in Need is the UCC’s annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. It provides us, as members of the UCC, opportunity to broaden our definition of “neighbor”. The offering is traditionally received on World Communion Sunday, which this year is October 7.

One third of the offering supports the UCC’s Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Northern Nebraska. Today, 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota as well as more than 1000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of a UCC congregation in the US, are supported by CAIM. In our own NW Association, the Ho-Chunk church in Black River Falls is a recipient of this support.

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to fund, through grants, a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

- Direct Service (\$1,000 - \$3,000) - initiatives to meet immediate needs such as food, clothing, utilities for individuals or groups.
- Advocacy (\$3,001 - \$5,000) - assists communities who wish to change state or federal policy via an advocacy campaign.
- Grass Top (\$5,001 - \$10,000) - Awarded to uniquely innovative programs which can be replicated in other settings.

In 2017, the following in the Wisconsin Conference received grants:

- Lake Edge UCC and the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central WI.
- Madison Christian Sanctuary Site Retrofit.
- Personal Essentials Pantry - Atwood.

Consider applying for a NIN grant if you have project ideas, a justice initiative, or an advocacy effort but lack necessary funds. For complete information, <http://www.ucc.org/nin/resources/nin-grant-application-form.pdf>. There are two funding cycle dates; March 31 and September 30 each year.

The Division on Church in the World encourages churches in the Northwest Association to be part of making possible **A Just World For All** through a generous gift to the Neighbors in Need Offering.

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## **Jason Derr, Common Ground Campus Ministry, La Crosse**



Hello from Common Ground Campus Ministry, a ministry to the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, Viterbo University and Western Technical College ! Common Ground is a partnership between United Campus Ministry and Lutheran Campus Ministry with UCM representing the UCC, UMC, PC(USA), Episcopal Church and American Baptists.

As the incoming UCM campus minister I have a big project ahead of me - the role has been empty for a year and we are really in a rebuilding phase. In addition to reaching out to students I am also reaching out to congregations, congregants and various departments on campus.

Campus ministry is why I am still a Christian today. It was UCM and LCM at Eastern Washington University where I was doing my undergrad in creative writing which introduced me to a vibrant, vital and theologically rich faith. It was as a student in campus ministry over plates of free food, worship, bible study and hours of conversation in the student union building that I fought through old baggage and began to own my faith.

What I learned from that experience is simple: It is less important to give students a dogma or doctrine but to travel with them as they ask questions. Questions shape experience, give people goals and quests - questions keep us hungry and searching.

In many ways I see my work with students as curator - to host a space for questions, for searching and growing. Unlike a traditional congregation we only travel with these students for a few years before they leave us. While we hope they will always remain connected to us we hope that when they leave us they will take experience they have had with and find themselves in a congregation to continue their journey.

Erin and I have moved our family to La Crosse from Portland, Or. We are settling into our new life, getting kids enrolled in school, making new friends and exploring the area. Our board, local clergy and students have been wonderful in that process.

I hope all of you reading this will support our work with your prayers and, you know, recommending us to any youth who might come out to school here.

[www.unitedcampusministry.com](http://www.unitedcampusministry.com)

Churches should be fair and forthright in agreeing upon honorarium and travel expenses for persons they invite to provide pulpit supply. The WI Conference Division of Church and Ministry suggests a minimum of \$125 plus mileage reimbursed at the IRS current rate; for 2018, that would be 54.5 cents per mile. Where a church has two points and two services, you should consider a minimum of \$175 plus mileage.

Conference staff persons serve the local congregations in a variety of ways in the normal performance of their duties. Honoraria are not accepted, and travel costs are covered by the Conference travel budget. Except in emergencies, Conference staff cannot provide pulpit supply; however, the staff welcomes opportunities to preach for special occasions or to meet with members of the congregation.

Please note: Persons licensed to the NW Association and ordained pastors are authorized to administer the Sacraments.

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