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**No matter who you are,
or where you are
on life's journey,
You are welcome here.
God is still speaking,**



A Church...

Inclusive of all God's People

Attentive to God's Word

Supportive of One another

Responsive to Christ's Call

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IN FOCUS

PASTOR BOB

ON THE WAY WITH JESUS

In the Church's liturgical year we are in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means "manifestation" or "appearance." The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Magi from the East at the cradle of the Christ Child. It is, if you will, the continuation of the Christmas story in which we believe that God "appeared" in the form of the infant Jesus. And the appearance of the Magi signals that the appearance of God in Christ was not only for his own Jewish people, but for the rest of the world as well.

Appearances continue throughout the season of Epiphany when we remember the appearance of Jesus (in adulthood) at the Jordan River willing to be baptized by John. Following that the story continues with Jesus appearing at the Sea of Galilee calling others to follow him into the rest of the story. Through the lectionary readings in the season of Epiphany, we are invited to consider what the appearance of Jesus means to us and to the world. It is not insignificant that the story begins in baptism (not unlike our own faith stories) and quickly moves to discipleship. The story of Jesus unfolds as he appears to more and more people revealing himself to be a teacher, a healer, a feeder, a comforter and so much more. Jesus' appearance in whatever form and whatever circumstance begs a question: "Do we find the presence of God when in the presence of Jesus?"

In her familiar and beloved poem, "Footprints," Mary Stevenson relates a dream she had of walking on a sandy beach with the Lord and seeing the scenes of her life flash across the sky. As each scene flashed across the sky (or her mind, perhaps) she looked back to see footprints in the sand. Sometimes she saw two sets of footprints as is the Lord was walking with her and at other times only one. She noticed that when there was only one set of footprints they came during times when she felt the lowest and loneliest, times of trial and suffering. Challenging the Lord, she wondered why, when she needed him most there was only one set of footprints, as if she were walking all alone. Of the course the beloved punch line of the poem comes at the end when the Lord says to her, "When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

There is some comfort and some assurance in trusting that when we need God most it is as if we are being carried by loving arms. But in this season of Epiphany when we consider the significance of the presence of Jesus in our lives and are challenged to follow him through every season of life, it might be equally appropriate to consider if we are truly following in the footprints of Jesus. Might it be when we look back over our lives (a day, a week, a year, a lifetime) and we sometimes see one set of footprints, that those were the times we were most

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**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

<p>February 5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Isa 40:21-31 Ps 147:1-11,20c 1 Cor 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 <i>Sustaining Ministry</i></p>	<p>Souper Bowl Sunday 9:30AM- 11:00AM Sunday Worship with Communion and Faith Formation 10:30AM Blood Pressures taken after Worship 1:00PM—3:00PM Sheltered Reality Practice</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Gold Can: Souper Bowl of Caring </div>
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<p>February 12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 2 Kings 5:1-14 Ps 30 1 Cor 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45 <i>Healing Presence</i></p>	<p>9:30AM-11:00AM Sunday Worship and Faith Formation 10:30AM Annual Meeting</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Gold Can: Friedens </div>
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<p>February 19 Last Sunday after Epiphany 2 Kings 2:1-12 Ps 50:1-6 2 Cor 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9 <i>Thin Places</i></p>	<p>Baptism of Nolan Bucher 8:30AM-9:15AM Laughter Club 9:30AM-11:00AM Sunday Worship and Faith Formation 10:30AM Blood Pressures taken after Worship 10:30AM Panera Bread Available for Free Will Offering 10:30AM Women’s Guild Meets 11:00AM Faith Discovery 1:00PM—3:00PM Sheltered Reality Practice</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Gold Can: Interfaith </div>
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<p>February 26 First Sunday in Lent Gen 9:8-17 Ps 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15 <i>God’s Loving Paths</i></p>	<p>Baptism of Quinn Tetzlaff Zayna Thompson McCollum preaching 8:30AM - 9:20AM Lenten Book Study with Holly Whitcomb 9:30AM Sunday Worship and Faith Formation 11:00AM Wellness talk with Dr. John Whitcomb "The Alkali Diet in Pictures" 11:00AM - 12:00PM Choir Practice</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Gold Can: CUE </div>
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Children and Worship

At Redeemer, children are an important part of the worshipping community. A special time for them during the service is provided. Adults are encouraged to accompany children who may be cautious.

A well-staffed Nursery is available from 9:30 AM until 12:00 noon for children under 3 years old. See an Usher or stop at the Welcome Table for directions to the Nursery.

What is our UCC IDENTITY?

In January I completed a one-week intensive class on the history and polity of the wider **United Church of Christ** taught by the Rev. John Thomas, former General Minister and President of our denomination.

In the opening class session he asked each of us to share what we love and why we are seeking ordination in the UCC. Interestingly enough, most of us answered by lifting up what **the UCC is NOT: judgmental, authoritative, confining, exclusive...**

So, we were challenged throughout the week to find words to define what the UCC is and here is what we came up with:

The United Church of Christ is a denomination that hears the Spirit of God **still speaking** in the world today.

We recognize that God's voice is manifest in **a diverse creation** and we are committed to asking questions and accepting **doubt as part of faith**. We respect, embrace and even **celebrate this doubt and diversity**.

All of these things call us to offer an **extravagant welcome** in worship as well as action and reflection towards **just peace** in the world. We take these actions because we recognize them in the **Jesus, who is the sole head of our church**.

Faith Formation

Join us as we continue our Faith Formation journey and explore the story of Jesus. In the upcoming weeks, we will focus on the concepts of Jesus asking the Disciples to follow him; and Jesus speaking to hurting people with powerful love, compassion and authority. We've got great Team Leaders guiding our learners on our journey, including:

Pre-School thru Kindergarten: Tammy Stratmeyer/Donna Winchell

First thru Third Grades: Rebecca Schultz/Aymee Kuhlman/Laura Borth

Fourth thru Seventh Grades: Ryan Kuhlman/Jason Fritz/Jim Krogmeier

Additional: Jolie Fritz/Peg Koller

Team Leaders and children will proceed to the designated classrooms during the closing hymn of worship. Hope to see many of you there!



The deadline for the March 2012 newsletter is February 15, 2012. Please email your articles to Carol Buehler at cbuehler@redeemerucc.org or turn them into the office in her mailbox.

ZAYNA'S
CORNER



FAITH
FORMATION

SUNDAY EVENTS



Celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday on February 5th by Bringing a Crockpot of Your Favorite Soup to Share with the Redeemer Family after worship!

Attention Cooks! Please bring your soup in a crockpot. Bowls, spoons, napkins and crackers will be supplied.

Although sign-up is not mandatory, if you know that you will be making soup, we'd appreciate it if you do! Sign-up sheet is in the Great Hall. Questions? Please see Beth Enneking or call the Church Office at 246-6710.

Sponsored by the Church Growth Team



February 12th 44th Annual Congregational Meeting After Worship.

The 2011 Annual Reports are available now. Please pick one up from the table in the Great Hall. Please let Carol Buehler know if you would like one mailed to you.

Women's Guild



Women's Guild

There is a meeting scheduled on Sunday, February 19th which will begin after Worship. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Schultz at 262-549-6538.

Wellness Talk with Dr. John Whitcomb

You are invited to a Wellness Lecture Series on Weight Loss:

Weapons of Mass Reduction

"The Alkali Diet in Pictures"

February 26, 2012 at 11 AM



The Speaker is Dr John E Whitcomb, Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Integrative and Holistic Medicine, Antiaging and Regenerative Medicine. YOU are Welcome! This is a free session and is open to all! No registration is required.

Location: Redeemer United Church of Christ
W220 N4915 Town Line Road
Menomonee Falls, WI

For More Information, please call 262.784.5300 or go to www.newsinnutrition.com

HOLLY WHITCOMB TO LEAD BOOK STUDY IN LENT

Bob Ullman and I are crazy about Barbara Brown Taylor's collection of spiritual practices entitled *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*. Bob has referred to it over and over again from the pulpit and my own copy is dog-eared and extravagantly marked up. Hardly a week goes by that I don't glean from it yet one more pearl of wisdom. This book is easy to read yet theologically magnificent. The stories it contains will stick with you for years to come. Once you read *An Altar in the World*, you will discover that you are living life with more awareness, with more faith, with more intention. Savoring this book will deepen your Lenten experience.

I am leading a study on this book from 8:30 A.M. – 9:20 A.M. on the first four Sundays of Lent at Redeemer: February 26, March 4, March 11, and March 18. You will have to plan to get up extra early to be at church and you will have to procure a copy of the book on your own. It is easily available at your local library, at your local bookstore (or you can order it) or at Amazon.com. Please read the assigned chapters before each week's study. This is what we will be covering:

WEEK ONE: February 26

The Practice of Waking Up to God – *Vision*
 The Practice of Paying Attention – *Reverence*
 The Practice of Wearing Skin – *Incarnation*

WEEK TWO: March 4

The Practice of Walking on the Earth – *Groundedness*
 The Practice of Getting Lost – *Wilderness*
 The Practice of Encountering Others – *Community*

WEEK THREE: March 11

The Practice of Living with Purpose – *Vocation*
 The Practice of Saying No – *Sabbath*
 The Practice of Carrying Water – *Physical Labor*

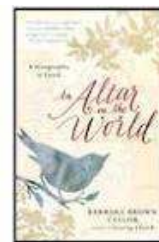
WEEK FOUR: March 18

The Practice of Feeling Pain – *Breakthrough*
 The Practice of Being Present to God – *Prayer*
 The Practice of Pronouncing Blessings – *Benediction*

Let me know at church, by e-mail at hwhitcomb@wi.rr.com, or by phone at 262-784-5593 if you'd like to participate. I would love your company!

Holly Whitcomb

SUNDAY EVENTS



MISSION**~ Donation Schedule for the Food Pantries ~****Pewaukee Food Pantry**

January, March, May, July, September, November

Sussex Food Pantry

February, April, June, August, October, December

For the month of January we will be collecting for Pewaukee Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry Shopping List for Sussex Pantry

Cans of tuna or chicken
 Personal care items-shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, etc
 Paper products- toilet paper and paper towels (we are really in need of toilet paper at this time)
 Rice products-one of our biggest needs
 Meal products-Manwich, Spaghetti's, Hamburger Helper, chili, etc.
 baking items-flour, sugar, cooking spray, salt, pepper, etc
 condiments-ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc
 Diapers and wipes-especially the bigger sizes

More From The Sussex Food Pantry

If you have a group that wants to make a big impact, choose one or two of these items to focus on. We also have food barrels that we can deliver for food collection at your place of business. We are entering another year where we anticipate that needs will remain high. Together, we are helping single moms, seniors with limited income, and the working poor who are underpaid or underemployed. 437 Families registered at the food pantry for food in 2011! With your help we fed over 10,000 people over the course of 2011. We were also able to do this in a year where donations were significantly less than 2010. That is amazing!

A single mom with a young child at home graduated from a full time nursing program, while working part time! SOS provided her with the books she needed each semester so she could reach her goal. I have been handed worn, crumpled dollar bills from those who have the LEAST to give because they still want to give. An eight-year-old little girl created beautiful pictures, sold them to relatives across the country to raise money for the pantry, all of her own accord. She also included her birthday money! Two of my most faithful volunteers are clients. All of these people bring me willingly to work each time and have me reaching out to you so that I can do more.

Beyond food and monetary needs, there are other volunteer opportunities. The food pantry needs cleaning and organizing. We need a couple more volunteers who could help sort and organize donated clothing and house ware items. People have been more than generous lately.

We also need help at the Resource Center. Trish and I are looking for a volunteer to help in the morning. Also, organizing, repairing and cleaning are greatly needed. There are some walls that need repairing and a few lights that need moving. I am hoping to revitalize the office using our volunteers and donated items, a big impact with little cost. Then perhaps an open house for the community.

Items can be dropped off at the pantry Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 12, Monday evening from 5:30 to 7 and Saturday from 10-12. Please email me about volunteering.

Thank you so much for all you do to support SOS-

Jennifer Waltz
 Executive Director
 Sussex Outreach Services
 jenniferwaltz16@gmail.com
 Direct line-262-347-3563
 www.sussexareasos.org



COMMUNITY BANQUET

WHEN: Thursday, Feb 9, 5:30 PM
Thursday, Feb 23, 5:30PM*

WHAT: A free hot meal and chance to socialize with others from the Community

WHERE: St. James Church
W220 N6588 Town Line Road

A ministry of the Cooperating Churches of Sussex and Sussex-area Outreach Service serving singles, couples and families a hot meal on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The meal is absolutely free. Twice a year guests are invited to make a donation.

Mark your calendar for opportunities to help:

February 23, Set-Up 4:30PM*

April 12, Cook 4:00PM

May 24, Clean-Up 5:45PM

July 12, Set-Up 4:30PM

August 23, Cook 4:00PM

October 11, Clean-Up 5:45PM

December 13, Set-Up 4:30PM

Hope Center

YOUR HELP CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We respect the dignity of the people we serve and ask that any items you donate be in very good, usable condition. Clothing should not have rips, tears or stains. Thank you.

We are running low or out of some of our underwear and we are hoping you can help. Here are the sizes that we need:

Underwear Boys size 2

Men's small 28 - 30

Men's large and extra large

Girls size 2, 14, 16

Ladies size 6, 7, 8 bikinis style

Socks men's ankle

Women's ankle and crew

Girl's toddlers

We can also use men's undershirts and if possible long underwear, we have been having people ask for it.

I am also looking for help in getting some things I need for my layettes, we are running low on supplies and I am hoping that you can help with items such as: baby wash, lotion, hooded towels, bottles, wipes, blankets and new born diapers. If your congregation can help me we would be so great full.

**Marlene Vela, Office Assistant, Hope Center mvela@hopecenterwi.org
502 N. East Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186 262-549-8726**

WEEKDAY
EVENTS



Dartball
Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

February 7 — St. Mark's at Redeemer UCC
 February 14— Redeemer UCC at Beautiful Savior
 February 21— St. Luke's at Redeemer UCC
 February 28— Make-up night if needed. Captains meeting 7:00PM at E & R if make-up is not needed.

Contact Mike Strieter 414-427-2638 if you would like to learn more about dartball.

February 3
7:00PM
February 4
8:30AM

The Plowshare Center and Carroll University present a forum: "***The Human Face of the Future: Imagining a Just Society.***" On February 4th with registration at 8:30 AM, the program is from 9 AM to 12 Noon in the Campus Center Ballroom at Carroll University. Presenters at the forum are: Justice Janine Geske, Director of the Restorative Justice Initiative, Betty Groenewold, President of Sophia, and John Whitcomb, M.D., Holistic and Integrative Medicine. The evening before, Feb. 3, at 7 PM, there will be a film shown called "*Crossing the Line: Defending Wisconsin's Environmental Commons.*" This documentary, produced by Midwest Environmental Advocates, tells five stories of heroic everyday people from around our state who stood up for their rights to a clean and healthy environment and won! Both events are free and open to the public

REDEEMER FUN FOLLIES

Friday, February 17th

5:45PM Supper - 7:00PM Follies

Juggle balls in the air, hum a tune, twirl in a circle,
tell a joke, sing a song, tickle the ivories or ?

One and all are invited to share a talent of any sort or come as an appreciative audience. Invite your friends, neighbors and family!
WAIT...does your talent satisfy a sweet tooth? If so, we'd appreciate it if you would share a special dessert to complete the evening's menu.

With a Mardi Gras Flair! Wear your beads, bring your masks and join in the fun!

Supper includes:

Red Beans and Rice, Sloppy Joes,
Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit, Relishes,
Desserts and Beverages
Adults - \$4.00 each
Kids 4 to 8 - \$3.00 each
Under 4 - Free

For planning purposes, please reserve your spot for supper, talent and/ or dessert. Please see the Sign-up Sheet on Sundays or call the Church Office at (262) 246-6710. The Follies are sponsored by the Church Growth Team. Hope you can join us!!
www.redeemerucc.org



February 17
5:45PM



Quilt Your Memories

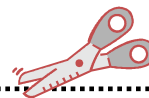
Do you have items that you have saved, maybe for many years, because they are "special" to you? Maybe it is children's artwork, favorite photos, antique jewelry, old letters or poetry, a parent's favorite mementos, items collected on a special vacation, memorabilia from your favorite team----the list could go on and on. Are you looking for a unique way to preserve them and give them new life? If so, you may be interested in attending a workshop I'm calling "Quilt Your Memories".

You will learn a technique that combines images and fabric to help you create a fabric print. It is then possible to use these prints to make wall hangings, pillows, tote bags, quilts---the possibilities are endless.

If this sounds interesting to you and you'd like to learn more, I am inviting you to bring your sewing machine and come to the Quilt Your Memories workshop at Redeemer UCC. It will be held on Friday evening, February 24th from 6:30-8:30pm and continue on Saturday, February 25th from 9:30am-4:00pm. Friday will be used to help create a design with the items you bring and Saturday will be used to begin your creation. Basic sewing skills are needed, but no quilting experience is necessary. There is no registration fee, but participants will be asked to make a donation to cover the cost of supplies used.

To register, please fill out the tear-off below and give to Nancy Vollbrecht. If you'd like more information, please call 414-881-5536 or e-mail nvollbrecht@wi.rr.com. Registration is limited, so don't wait.

I'm very excited about this and hope you will join in the fun!
Nancy Vollbrecht



Quilt Your Memories

Name: _____

Phone/email _____

WEEKDAY EVENTS

February 24
6:30PM-8:30PM
&

February 25
9:30AM- 4:00PM

**WEEKDAY
EVENTS**


Winter Weather - Church Closings

With winter weather approaching you will want to be aware of events or worship services held at Redeemer UCC being cancelled. Please watch the major weather channels 4, 6 & 12 for closing notifications.

February 28
9:00AM



Regeneration will meet on February 28 with continental breakfast at 9:00 and program at 10:00 A.M. The program will be announced.

March 2
9:30AM -
3:30PM

Kettlewood Retreats Rev. Holly W. Whitcomb, Director

<http://www.kettlewoodretreats.com>

Friday, March 2, 2012

9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

GODLY DECISION-MAKING:

THE PRACTICE OF DISCERNMENT

A Lenten Retreat

Are you familiar with the ancient practice of Christian discernment? Would you like to learn long-established ways to make Spirit-inspired decisions and choices? Discernment has been described by one theology professor as "the intentional practice by which a community or an individual seeks God in concrete situations." For those who wish to take part, a special perk of this day will be an opportunity to put spiritual discernment to work as you engage in walking prayer on an indoor labyrinth.

Our retreat leader, Rev. Jane Anderson, a familiar face at Kettlewood Retreats, is a pastor at First Congregational UCC in Appleton. Jane is also trained as a marriage and family therapist, as a pastoral counselor, and as a labyrinth facilitator.

Kettlewood Retreats invites you to this Lenten retreat at Cedar Valley. Come join us in the countryside of the Kettle Moraine on 100 spectacular acres (an outdoor labyrinth too!) near West Bend. The noon meal is included.

To register for this retreat, please write a check for \$50.00 to Rev. Holly Whitcomb and send it to: 2095 Elm Tree Ct., Elm Grove, WI 53122. The deadline for registering is Feb. 25. Include your name, address, e-mail, and phone number(s). Please register as soon as you can. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a map. For more information, call (262) 784-5593.

Recycling Corner from Earth Care Ministry Team

Did you have as a New Year's resolution to recycle more? Earth Care has! We hope you were able to access the Household Recycling Guide for Waukesha County whose address we included in last month's newsletter. In 2009 state landfill fees increased 120% to \$13/ton. The total cost to landfill a ton of garbage is about \$45/ton. The average value of recyclables is about \$100/ton. If residents were able to reduce the amount of garbage they produced by 10% and increase recycling by 10%, total landfill costs would be reduced over \$320,000 and the value of recyclables would increase by more than \$210,000 for a total savings of over \$500,000/year. And sale of recyclables materials returns cash to your community helping to control taxes. Please check out www.ReduceYourWasteStream.org for more ideas.

Household Hazardous Waste is collected in Waukesha County year-round at no charge to residents. See [www.waukeshacounty.gov/uploadedFiles/Media/PDF/Parks and Land Use/Recycling/Hazardous Waste/2008 HHW Brochure.pdf](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/uploadedFiles/Media/PDF/Parks_and_Land_Use/Recycling/Hazardous_Waste/2008_HHW_Brochure.pdf) for a list of hazardous materials. There are four sites available (please check www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling for days and times): Waukesha City Incinerator Building; Menomonee Falls (This site can also be used by Milwaukee County Residents); Muskego; and Franklin (Milwaukee County also). There are also special one-day collection sites during May to September. Use caution in packing/transporting materials: Keep products in original, labeled containers. Don't mix any materials in the same container. Box containers so they don't tip-over during transportation. Keep materials away from children, pets and passengers.



Dish Cloths

Don't forget Women's Guild is still selling dish cloths. They are \$5.00 for 3 dish clothes. See them on the table in the Great Hall.



Redeemer's Financial Picture

(Thru December 31, 2011)

Income:	328,671.61
Expenses:	337,628.91
Net Income:	-8,957.30

2012 Envelopes — If you have not already done so, please pick up your 2012 contribution envelopes. They are in your mailbox. If you are unable to pick them and would like them mailed to you, please let Carol Buehler in the office know at 262-246-6710, cbuehler@redeemerucc.org.

Also would you be sure to verify you have the correct envelopes. There is a number in the upper left hand corner of the name label on the front of the envelopes. This number should be the same number as your envelopes.

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Piano Lessons at Redeemer

Are you or your child interested in learning how to play the piano? Andrea Pelloquin teaches lessons right here at Redeemer and has openings on both Monday and Tuesday nights. All you need is a piano or keyboard to practice on at home. All ages and abilities welcome!

If interested, talk with Andrea at church or contact her at ajpelloquin@gmail.com or 414-837-8093.



Redeemer Choir - Join the Fun!

If you love to sing, consider joining the Redeemer Choir! We rehearse every Sunday at 11:00 and sing about once a month for services. We're preparing for Easter now, and we always welcome new singers. The only requirement is a love of singing - we'll teach you everything else.

Contact Andrea Pelloquin for more information (ajpelloquin@gmail.com) or just stop by rehearsal on Sunday and try it out!

THANK
YOU!

Dear Friends of Redeemer Church,

My family would like to thank you for all your love and generosity you have given by helping us give our family a wonderful Christmas. We appreciate everything you have done for us, especially making our children happy on Christmas. Things have been tough for us the last couple of years and we are praying for a better year. May God Bless all of you.

Thank you,
Family #1

Interfaith Senior Programs Holiday Giving Project Update

Thank you for organizing donation drives, volunteering and donating to the 2011 Holiday Giving Program. With your help, Holiday Envelopes valuing \$100 each were distributed to 379 low-income seniors and adults with disabilities.

Hope you all had a great Christmas. Thank you for all you do for me during the year and for the wonderful Christmas Basket.

52 year old woman with a disability who received the Holiday Envelope, and receives rides to healthcare appointments and grocery stores.

We have received many letters of appreciation for donations, below are some excerpts from the thank you letters:

THANK
YOU!

December 11, 2011—Interfaith Senior Programs

Thank you very much for your donation of \$186.60 to Interfaith Senior Programs to support seniors, adults with disabilities and volunteerism in our community. We appreciate your generous support.

A 98-year-old woman served by drivers from Interfaith's Faith in Action Program recently shared her gratitude in a survey: *"You people are my only hope. My family lives far away. The drivers I've had have been excellent. Thank you so much"*.

Through our Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), 147 volunteer tutors served 2,400 students.

Signed by Kathleen Gale, Executive Director and Marie Honel, Community Outreach Manager

December 31, 2011— Back Bay Mission

Please accept our sincerest thanks for the gift you have given in support of our ministries. Your gift helps us to serve faithfully and meaningfully at time when what we do is increasingly important to a growing number of people.

Back Bay Mission is clear about our mission: to diligently serve the most vulnerable among us with compassion and grace, and to witness boldly for justice, initiating constructive community change.

Thank you for allowing us to fulfill our mission in these troubling times.

Signed by Rev. Shari Prestemon, Executive Director

January 2, 2012—Sussex Outreach Services

Thank you for your kind and generous support of our mission here at the Sussex Outreach Services. Every gift is important and every dollar is utilized. With ONE dollar we are able to provide a meal for an entire family. That ONE dollar is multiplied five times with service from our case manager, Trish. She offers counseling services, emergency energy or housing assistance, assistance in accessing many other vital recourses, educational opportunities and much more to our clients.

Signed by Jennifer Waltz, Director

January 4, 2012—The Women's Center

Thank you for your donation of \$186.26. You are giving hope to women and children who often have nowhere else to turn. On behalf of the clients of The Women's Center, thank you for your donation and making a difference in our community.

Signed by Marie F. Kingsbury, Executive Director



THANK
YOU!

Excerpts from thank you letters continued:

January 11, 2012—Friedens Community Ministries

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Friedens Community Ministries, I would like to express my appreciation for your recent contribution of \$624.04.

Your financial assistance is needed more than ever as Friedens expands its programs in 2012 to create “Food Buying Clubs” for working poor, and to assist our many clients by offering “on-line” services such as job boards, Food Share registration etc at our three pantries.

Signed by Michael S. Brever, Executive Director



January 19, 2012—Repairers of the Breach

The members, leaders, and volunteers of Repairers of the Breach thank your church for your very helpful gift of \$201.98. We also thank you for your support of our mission at Repairers of the Breach. Your contribution helps to provide not only a daytime shelter, but a sense of hope as well. The heartfelt support you have shown makes a difference in many lives and play an important role in helping us foster positive change and personal growth within our homeless constituency.

Signed by MacCanon Brown, Executive Director

January—Church World Service

Thank you for contributing to Church World Service through our Blankets+ program. With your help we can continue to assist people overcome by natural and human-caused disasters, as well as supporting community efforts to develop sustainable agriculture, reliable safe water supplies, and other means to break the grip of grinding poverty.

Signed by Rev. John L. McCullough, Executive Director and CEO

HAVE
YOU
HEARD?



Read the Newsletter on the

Web: If you would prefer to read the newsletter online (and stop receiving the paper copy), please let Carol Buehler know at

cbuehler@redeemerucc.org. She will email you every month to let you know that the newsletter is on the web site and ready to be read!

Minutes approved at the last council meeting

Redeemer UCC Council Meeting Minutes December 19, 2011

The following people were present: Jim Hobbick, Dave Swan, Linda Kind, Lisa Morris, Meredith Crosby, Jason Fritz, Rick Vollbrecht, Kathy Schaber, Zayna Thompson McCollum, and Bob Ullman

Absent: Caryn Easterling

The meeting was called to order by Jim Hobbick. Joys and concerns were shared followed by Pastor Bob leading us in prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting ~ Motion 11-12-01: Meredith Crosby/Jason Fritz moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting as corrected. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda ~ No additions were brought before the Council

Consent Agenda ~ Motion 11-12-02: Lisa Morris/Linda Kind moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the Pastor's Report and an update on from the Facilities Team being pulled for further discussion. Motion Carried. Pastor Bob stated that a request has been received from Donna Kirschling to be removed from membership. **Motion 11-12-03:** Linda Kind/Jason Fritz moved to accept the request of Donna Kirschling to be removed from membership. Motion Carried. **Motion 11-12-04:** Rick Vollbrecht/Meredith Crosby moved to accept the Pastor's Report. Motion Carried.

Financial Report ~ Nancy Ludin reported that this was a "break even" month and nothing unusual had transpired. All gold can money has been sent out to the various recipients, but some checks have yet to clear the bank. **Motion 11-12-05:** Linda Kind/Lisa Morris moved to receive the Financial Reports as published. Motion Carried.

Personnel Update ~ Meredith Crosby reported that the Facilities Team has interviewed several candidates for a 4 hour per week custodial position. One candidate, Darlene Freels, comes highly recommended by Carol Buehler. The position would require 2 hours early in the week and an additional 2 hours later in the week. This position would be paid the rate of \$12.75/hour. Currently Karl and Joan Cooper have been taking care of the sanctuary. The custodial position would be responsible for the main high traffic areas as well as the kitchen and restrooms. **Motion 11-12-06:** Meredith Crosby/Jason Fritz moved the Council be allowed to hire Darlene Freels as custodian at \$12.75/hour for 4 hours per week. Motion Carried.

The Council discussed the overall hiring procedures. In the future, all hiring and firing is to be authorized by the Council. The individual Ministry Team would oversee the team's employee. Any issues are to be brought to the attention of the Personnel Committee and reported to the Council for final decisions. After discussion with the Personnel Committee, the Council may delegate the implementation of the decision to the individual Team. A procedure is to be implemented regarding a Team's authority regarding personnel that it oversees.

Minutes approved at the last council meeting continued:

The Personnel Committee has met with all staff members for their annual review. Currently, many members have not adjusted to the reduced staff hours and the staff is being asked to do things that require more time than they have. The staff will be empowered to decline the request of members so that their work can be accomplished. It was also noted that Carol Buehler has some excellent ideas for Redeemer's web site.

Facilities Report ~ Meredith Crosby represented the Council at the last Facilities Team meeting. It was discussed that all planned maintenance should be part of their budget. Any unexpected repairs should be listed as a separate item. Facilities suggested that a deposit fee be implemented for the use of the building to cover the cost of any additional cleanup if necessary. Money would be refunded if additional cleaning is not required. The Facilities Team is to set up guidelines for use of the building and the policing of it's use.

As we were unable to upgrade our internet service from AT&T DSL to AT&T U-Verse, Facilities has suggested to have a dish installed for high speed internet. Currently the staff is unable to download many necessary updates, etc. due to the slow transfer speed. The increased cost per month for higher transfer speeds would outweigh the time spent working with our current service.

A \$1,800 credit was received from WE Energies for taxes paid on Redeemer's utility bill as we are tax exempt and are not responsible for the taxes previously charged.

Stewardship/Budget for 2012 ~ As of December 15th, 83 pledge units have been received. There will be a follow-up Stewardship mailing after Christmas to those members who have not pledged. A separate mailing will be sent to young adults and teens. An additional mailing will go out to alumni - members who have moved away or are working out of the immediate area.

Redeemer is currently working with Landmark Credit Union and Waukesha State Bank for the refinancing of our mortgage. In reviewing the financial status of Redeemer, Waukesha State Bank is using 200 units per week as their benchmark. Originally their 200 units represented attendance per week. However, this represented giving units per week. Currently Redeemer has an average of 193 units per week which includes pledged, unpledged, and loose contributions.

A preliminary 2012 budget was presented for review. Final budget numbers are needed from the Facilities Team. A final 2012 budget will be prepared at the January 16th meeting.

Motion 11-12-07 Jason Fritz/Meredith Crosby moved to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Schaber, Secretary

PASTOR'S REPORT – January 15, 2012

PASTOR'S
REPORT

Pastoral care during this period:		Additional events:
Hospital/nursing home visits	0	<u>Service to the Community</u> Interfaith Senior Programs Board of Directors
Home visits	3	<u>New members Received 1/8</u>
Counseling	4	Malinda Bucher Affirmation of Faith Pam Luken Affirmation of Faith
Pastoral contacts	42	Dave Pfeiffer Letter of Transfer Melissa Pfeiffer Letter of Transfer
Committee meetings	7	Heidi Rymaszewski Affirmation of Faith
Administrative meetings	15	<u>Continuing Education</u> Gigs,Geeks and God 2.0, Technology Day for Parish Staff 1/12
Worship	3	
Classes taught	1	

Vacation days

Available	36
Used this period	0
Used to date	0

Continuing Education days

Available	14
Used this period	0
Used to date	0

PLEASE NOTE: HIPAA (The U.S. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) provides for patient privacy in hospitals and nursing homes. What that means for Pastoral Care is that no one will be given information about patients without their consent. It also means that even if patients are asked about church affiliation during the admission process, no one from the health care institution will be contacting the church.

If you or a loved one would like or expect a pastoral visit, you or someone designated by you must call the church and let us know. Otherwise we have no way of knowing about your situation. We are more than willing to provide pastoral care, but need your help in keeping us aware of your needs.



**MINISTRY
TEAM
DIRECTORS**

MINISTRY TEAM DIRECTORS

January 10, 2012

PRESENT: Fred Smith, Sue Borth, Beth Enneking, Bob Ullman

Reports from Teams:

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Working on expanding Sunday morning blood pressures.

CHURCH GROWTH:

- Paid for an ad about Christmas Eve services in the Sussex Express (free paper)
- 5 new members were received January 8, 2012. Will be scheduling another New member Sunday.
- Redeemer Follies will be held Friday, February 17 with a Mardi Gras theme. Supper at 5:45 p.m. Follies to follow at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning a family fun night at Country Springs Water Park

Got good feedback about putting nametags in a more prominent place. Looking into offering people options for wearing nametags – clip-on, lanyard, or magnetic

EARTH CARE

Will create a recycling corner in the newsletter to highlighting information about where to recycle items. No longer encouraging people to bring recyclables to church.

FACILITIES

- In the process of hiring a new custodian. Karl and Joan Cooper are willing to continue until a new custodian is hired. (They are not being paid.)
- The water pump providing hot water to the bathrooms needed to be replaced.
- Facilities has been working with Carol to schedule HVAC settings for special occasions beyond Sunday mornings.

There is a Master Calendar Book in the church Office.

FAITH FORMATION

- Ryan Kuhlman, Rebecca Schultz, Tammy Stratmeyer, and Peg Koller, have agreed to become the Faith Formation Team, staffed by Bob Ullman and Zayna Thompson McCollum. Tammy will be the Team Leader for 3 year old thru Kindergarteners, Rebecca will be the Team leader for Grades 1 – 3, and Ryan will be the Team Leader for Grades 4 – 7.
- In the new year children will worship with their families at 9:30 and leave during the closing hymn for age-graded learning experiences in classrooms after worship until 11:00 a.m.

Faith Formation will be working with the Worship Team to find ways to include children in helping with various parts of the worship service.

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carefully and faithfully following the way of our Savior? And the times we see two sets of footprints might be those times we were not exactly walking in sync with Jesus. Might the Epiphany of Jesus (his appearance on earth) have as much to do with our own Epiphany, those times and places we make an appearance, those times we "show up" to follow Jesus. Someone once quipped that life is about 10 per cent skill and 90 per cent showing up. Or as we used to say when I was a kid, "You win some, you lose some and some get rained out, but you always get dressed for the game."

In her sermon on the Gospel text about the calling of the first disciples (Miracle on the Beach) Barbara Brown Taylor observes that "This is no story about the power of human beings to change their lives, to leave everything behind and follow. This is a story about the power of God, about God's ability not only to call us but also to create us people who are able to follow because we can't take our eyes off the One who calls us. Because he interests us more than anything else in our lives, because he seems to know what we hunger for and because he seems to be food. Their eyes were not on what they were leaving but on whom they were joining."

She goes on to challenge us, "Belonging to God is not a matter of going limp in God's arms. We are called to love as Jesus loved (even enemies), to feed as Jesus fed (like at Community Banquets and Outreach Meals), to heal as Jesus healed (if only old hurts or broken lives) to forgive as Jesus forgave (even those who sought to do him harm). We are called to imitate Christ (to become an apprentice) and to make choices that resemble his, to find ourselves on the way with the least, the lost and the last.

A couple of weeks ago we sang a simple little children's song about "Following Where Jesus Leads." It went like this:

We're following where Jesus leads. (We're following where Jesus leads.)
Where he goes, we will go (Where he goes we will go).
Because he loves, we will love. (Because he loves, we will love.)
Because he cares, we will care. (Because he cares, we will care.)
Because he prays, we will pray. (Because he prays, we will pray.)
Because he shares, we will share. (Because he shares, we will share.)
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Where he goes, we will go. (Where he goes, we will go.)

May this Epiphany season find us further along the way with Jesus.

Epiphany ends with Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This year several opportunities for worship, prayer and study will be offered by the Cooperating Churches of Sussex.

**LENTEN
SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday, February 22 12:30PM and 7:00PM Worship at Redeemer

Tuesdays (beginning February 21) 12:10 – 12:40PM Lectionary Bible Study with Tracy Dereszynski, Youth Minister for St. James Church at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Wednesdays (beginning February 29)

12:30PM Prayer Service at Redeemer

7:00PM Taize Worship at Christ Our Savior

Lenten Vespers at St. James

Redeemer UCC
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Sussex, WI 53089

Return Service Requested

—SUNDAY SCHEDULE—

9:30 AM Worship

Nursery Care Provided 9:30-12:00 AM

Faith Formation (Sept.-May)

Open to all ages

9:30-11:00 AM

—CHURCH OFFICE—

Hours: Monday - Thurs 10AM to 1PM
Sundays 8:30AM - 12:00PM

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Rev. Bob Ullman, Pastor
Zayna Thompson McCollum, Seminary Intern
Jim Hobbick, Church Moderator
Carol Buehler, Parish Administrator
Beth Enneking, Secretary

Visitors are cordially invited to join us!

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Refrigerator Reminder—Pull Out and Save!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Schultz, Ryan	FEB 1	Butryn, Bryce	FEB 10	Hart, Travis	FEB 19
Stangler, Al	FEB 1	Ray, Mason	FEB 10	Larsen, Eric	FEB 20
Trapp, Mitchel	FEB 1	Teuteberg, John	FEB 10	Wegener, Donna	FEB 20
Borth, Sue	FEB 2	Koller, David	FEB 11	Ho, Tara	FEB 21
Sullivan, Cody	FEB 3	Morris, James	FEB 13	Ho, Tyler	FEB 22
Peil, Edna	FEB 4	Kuhlman, Ryan	FEB 14	Gengler, Michael	FEB 23
Crosby, Randy	FEB 8	Olson, Kim	FEB 16	Schultz, Alice	FEB 24
Jaeschke, Cindy	FEB 8	Richardson, Leah	FEB 16	Stratmeyer, Adam	FEB 24
Schwantes, Rita	FEB 8	Swan, Brad	FEB 17	Schultz, Jennifer	FEB 27
Trapp, Hillary	FEB 8	O'Brien, Jeanne	FEB 18	Swan, McKayla	FEB 27
Block, Jason	FEB 9	Curtis, Janet	FEB 19	Mehlos-Price, Barbara	FEB 28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

No Redeemer Member anniversaries for this month



FEBRUARY PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK

The purpose of the prayer family is to share our concern and support at times other than crisis times. Ways to do that are to include the person or family in your prayers during the week by sending a note, talking to them at church, a telephone call or email. The names are chosen at random, but sometimes seem by design in that it has come at a particularly appropriate time for them. It is our hope that this will continue to be meaningful.

February 5

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FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Sunday Worship - Zayna Preaching 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Choir Practice	30 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	31 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Worship Space in Use 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Dartball Away	1 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM The Threshold Singers - Practice	2	3	4 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Bethel-Bethany UCC confirmation class retreat
5 Souper Bowl Sunday 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday Worship w/Communion and Faith Formation 10:30 AM Blood Pressures 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sheltered Reality Practice	6 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Faith Formation Team Meeting	7 1:00 PM Congregational Care Meeting 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Worship Space in Use 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Dartball	8 9:30 AM Mom's Club	9 8:30 AM His & Hers Breakfast - Maxim's 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Community Banquet - St. James Catholic Church	10	11
12 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday Worship and Faith Formation 10:30 AM Annual Meeting	13 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	14 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Worship Space in Use 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Dartball Away 7:00 PM Ministry Directors Meeting	15 12:00 PM Newsletter Articles Deadline	16	17 5:45 PM Mardi Gras Dinner 7:00 PM Fun Follies	18
19 Baptism of Nolan Bucher 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Laughter Club 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday Worship and Faith Formation 10:30 AM Blood Pressures 10:30 AM Panera Bread 10:30 AM Women's Guild Meeting 11:00 AM Faith Discovery 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sheltered Reality Practice	20 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	21 12:10 PM - 12:40 PM Lectionary Bible Study with Tracy Dereszynski at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Worship Space in Use 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Dartball	22 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Mom's Club Brunch 12:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship	23 4:30 PM Redeemer Set-up for Banquet 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Community Banquet - St. James Catholic Church	24 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Quilt Your Memories	25 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Leadership Summit Retreat 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilt Your Memories
26 Baptism of Quinn Tetzlaff Zayna Thompson McCollum preaching 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM Lenten Book Study with Holly Whitcomb 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Sunday Worship and Faith Formation 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Wellness Talk with Dr. John Whitcomb - "The Alkali Diet in Pictures"	27 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	28 9:00 AM Breakfast 10:00 AM Regeneration Program 12:10 PM - 12:40 PM Lectionary Bible Study with Tracy Dereszynski at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Worship Space in Use 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Dartball make-up (if needed) or Captain's Meeting at E & R if make-up is not needed	29 12:30 PM Prayer Service 7:00 PM Lenten Vespers at St. James Catholic Church 7:00 PM Taize Worship at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church	1	2	3