



February 2025 Newsletter

Worship Service Start @ 10:45 am
Kids for Christ & Youth for Christ @ 9:30 am

Pastor Steve Scharnell

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Office Hours- Tuesdays 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursdays 10:00am-2:00pm

Other Days & Times by Appointment

Special Dates

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:30pm

March 15 Kids Sing in Worship

March 15 Newsletter Sent Out

“Rev’s” Review!

Finishing up our first year together and as we step into a new year, I’ve been thinking about our church and the people who make it what it is. One thing is clear to me: we’re better when we’re together. Life gets busy. Sundays get full. It’s easy to miss a week here and there, and before we know it, church slips from being a rhythm to being an option. But the truth is, church isn’t just something we attend, it’s something we belong to.

Every Sunday when we gather, something meaningful happens. We sing together. We pray together. We remind each other that we’re not alone and that God is still at work in our lives. And even on the weeks when you don’t feel especially spiritual or energized, just being present can make a difference—for you and for someone else. Here’s something you might not realize: your presence matters more than you think. Someone notices when you’re there. Someone is encouraged by a smile, a handshake, a familiar face. You may feel like you’re just “showing up,” but God often uses simple faithfulness in powerful ways.

This year, I want to encourage all of us to make a fresh commitment to being here, more often, more intentionally, and with open hearts. Not out of guilt. Not out of pressure. Just because being together helps us grow stronger in faith and closer as a church family. And while you’re at it, think about who you might invite along. A neighbor. A friend. A family member. You don’t need a perfect speech—just a simple invitation: “Come to church with me this Sunday.” You never know what that invitation might mean to someone who’s been looking for hope or connection. God has good things ahead for our church. I truly believe that. And those things will happen as we keep showing up, worshipping together, and walking this journey side by side.

God’s Peace to You,

Pastor Steve

Readers/Communion Usher/Altar Set Up

Feb 15—Sherry Burg

Feb 18—Ash Wednesday

Feb 22—Dennis Kittel

Mar 1—Cheryl Asmus

Mar 8—Jennifer Gordon

Mar 15—Christa Wendorf

Mar 22—Nancy Schilling-Genz

Altar Communion

Dwight Mayer & Jeff Weiss

Christa Wendorf & Jim Sachse

Veronica Mayer & Karen Reinders

Kids Sing in Worship

Thank You for your contributions to Faith UCC Church

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

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

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

Kids for Christ & Youth for Christ Notes

“Our Hope is not in the NEW YEAR but in the ONE who Makes ALL Things NEW”

Kids Singing in Worship March 15

Please ensure your child(ren) to attend Sunday School (of which time will be carved out for practice) and plan to attend worship that day, also mark calendars and let family members know of this event!

The unit for the littles is Paul’s Conversion and the big kids are getting into Lent and Psalm 23 along with lessons in between! As teachers we are so very blessed to have a great group of Kids that are so willing to learn all we have to teach in Jesus’s name and through god’s word, they are willing to learn and are one of a kind! “KIND” being the main word! So VERY KIND!

Mission Committee News

Faith’s Lenten Denial outreach is The Threshold, specifically the Birth to 3 Program, for children who may be falling behind in their development. Their goal is to provide support and guidance to parents & caregivers in their own homes. Services are voluntary and are provided at little to no cost. Faith has provided Easter Eggs in a display for your donation, or make Noise in our coin tower! Checks can be made out to Faith, memo “Threshold Birth to 3”. One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected on

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

<https://www.raiseright.com/c/Shop/Product/BrandAlphabeticalList>

March 15 the 4th Sunday of Lent. Envelopes will be in the Narthex. This is an offering that is a quarterly UCC Collection, when disasters strike or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty OGHS ensures immediate response & ongoing recovery



Special Notes

Please if there is any information that you would like to be in the next newsletter contact Christa Wendorf @ tcwendorf@yahoo.com No Later then March 12!!!

Something New for members to enjoy is Bible Study happening every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 6:00pm @ New Hope UCC, led by Paster Steve all are welcome!

The Joint Book Club will be on February 19, 7:00pm @ New Hope UCC look for the flyer in the narthex! Reading “Beneath a Scarlet Sky”, by Mark Sullivan. All are welcome to join, have a snack and hear about the next book, meetings last about 1 hour.

Looking ahead to the Easter Season Jennifer Gordon is looking for either donations of Candy, Faith trinkets or cash for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, she is planning on “stuffing eggs” on April 5 this gives plenty of time to get candy and trinkets for this event!

PLEASE NO PRE FILLED EGGS we have PLENTY!

Home Bound

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

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

Jean Happel-Aspen @ Cedar Lake 5555 Cedar Bay Dr. West Ben WI 53095

Don & Sandy Jackson— 6657 Weis St. Allenton 53022

Marilee Lehman— 1755 N Barker Rd Room #303 Brookfield WI 53045

Darlene Endres- 1202 Ease Sumner St. Hartford WI 53027

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

Cemetery Committee Notes

There are 40 more days (from today) until the First Day of Spring! Dan, due to his health, is again asking for a church member to take over the secretary/treasure position of the Cemetery Committee. He is willing to work with the new person to make the transition run smooth. PLEASE CONTACT Dan, JJ or a consistory member if your are interested in this position!

Contributions can be made all year long for the cemeteries lawn care and upkeep, please make you check payable to Faith UCC Cemetery Fund.

Cemetery Committee:

Jim “JJ” Markewicz—President

Dan Newburg—Sec/Treasurer

Faith Ministry Teams

Consistory

President-	Paul Gordon	920-207-7958	gordberg1@gmail.com
Vice President-	Jeff Weiss	414-573-1922	jeffrey.carl.weiss@gmail.com
Secretary-	Sam Kuhaupt		skuhaupt@gmail.com
	Dwight Mayer	262-224-6838	events@folksongfarm.com
	Karen Reinders	262-305-1826	karen.reinders1973@gmail.com
	Barb Markiewicz	414-416-6716	barbar2222@charter.net

Worship

Marilyn Nadelhoffer	262-673-9239
Karen Reinders	262-305-1826

Building Maintenance

JJ Markiewicz	262-644-9446
Jeff Weiss	414-573-1922

Kids For Christ

Jennifer Gordon	262-227-0944
Beth Miller	262-707-5255
Christa Wendorf	920-382-5601
Melanie Sachse	608-577-3828

Mission

Bryan Herther	262-323-9017
Cathy Schmidt	262-677-3766
Judy Nehm	262-644-7524

Congregation Care

Elaine Burg	262-644-5241
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Choir Director

Rita Melius	262-644-9453
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Cemetery & Lawn Care

Dan Neuburg	262-644-6349
JJ Markiewicz	262-644-9446

Financial Records

Nancy Schilling-Genz	262-644-9569
Jennifer Gordon	202-227-0944
Linda Huatula	Book Keeper
Jeff Weiss	Financial Analyst
Ashley Kuhaupt	Church Clerk

Altar Guild

Marilyn Nadelhoffer	262-673-9239
Karen Reinders	262-305-1826
Elaine Burg	262-644-5241
Sherry Burg	262-644-5241
Jim Sachse	262-483-1287
Jennifer Gordon	262-227-0944
Jodi Nadelhoffer	262-388-1554
Christa Wendorf	920-382-5601

Monthly Budget

Cash Balance Report as of:

January-26

Total Deposit into the General Account for the Month \$6,771.14
 Total Expenses from the General Account for the Month \$7,459.21

(\$688.07)

Checking Account Balance: as of 1/31/26 **\$86,594.44**

Bank statement as of: 1/31/2026 \$92,837.84

Chili Supper \$9,786.68

Scrip \$4,360.54

Women's Guild \$1,993.39

Investments	Beg Balance	Bal. 1/1/26	
CD-1 Year, Yield 4.35%	\$151,125.00	\$246,726.54	\$247,504.98
Medium Risk	\$50,000.00	0	\$20,030.02
Money Market	\$20,000.00	\$126.07	\$195.84
ASSETS			\$370,465.89

General Fund

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Deposits	\$6,771.14	\$6,771.14
Expenses	<u>\$7,459.21</u>	<u>\$7,459.21</u>
	(\$688.07)	(\$688.07)

Summary of Year-To-Date (YTD) Fund Activity

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>YTD Deposits/ Transfers In</u>	<u>YTD Expenses/ Transfers Out</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>
Building Fund	\$28,977.11			\$28,977.11
Mission	\$16,280.99			\$16,280.99
Special	\$3,742.75			\$3,742.75
Faith Family	\$1,944.15			\$1,944.15
Youth	\$2,814.50			\$2,814.50
General Fund	\$59,573.42	\$6,771.14	\$27,459.21	\$38,885.35
Memorial	\$1,296.22			\$1,296.22
Chili Supper Fund	\$9,786.68			\$4,360.54
Script bank acct. as of	\$9,849.59		\$5,489.05	\$4,360.54
Women's Guild Fund	\$1,993.39			\$1,993.39
TOTAL	<u>\$136,258.80</u>	<u>\$6,771.14</u>	<u>\$32,948.26</u>	<u>\$104,655.54</u>

The Cemetery Fund is a separate entity per the church constitution.

Faith UCC Cemetery Fund - Ackerville & Faith	\$34,266.17	\$4,383.78	\$6,987.12	\$31,662.83
Ackerville - Perpetual Care - Investments	\$177,015.19	\$6,796.39		\$183,811.58
TOTAL	<u>\$211,281.36</u>	<u>\$11,180.17</u>	<u>\$6,987.12</u>	<u>\$215,474.41</u>