



## February 2025 Newsletter

*Worship Service Start @ 10:45 am*

*Kids For Christ @ 9:30 am*

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### PIZZA!!

Now that I have your attention, please read this article. I was going to entitle it "Evangelism" but I knew the dangers of people not continuing to read. So, as I enter my second month here, and I have an idea of the congregational dynamics and have met some of you, my focus turns to one of the reasons I was called; to "Grow the Congregation."

Before I address this, please understand that I am in no way criticizing any one person, or group. In fact, let me compliment you who have stayed the course. You are a passionate, caring group of individuals, and that is exactly what this is going to take. I am invested 100% to do my part, but this isn't a solo act.

Throughout this year, I will be throwing ideas at you. Understand that these ideas aren't just off the top of my head. These ideas come from prayer, studying the Word and also studying congregations who have pulled themselves up by their bootstraps and flourished! So here is your first tidbit.

While our work inside the building is very important, i.e. Strong Bible based teaching, visitor friendly atmosphere, an order of worship that is easy to follow, etc., the work that we do outside the building is much more important. We need to develop a culture of service with a willingness to share the Gospel. We need to get our name out there, and much more importantly, get the name of Jesus out there. This is evangelism.

Evangelism is NOT standing on a street corner with a sign that reads "Repent, The End Is Near!" Evangelism is NOT going door to door handing out flyers and asking if they know who Jesus is. It is however, talking to your friends and family. It is essentially word of mouth advertising. It is telling everyone you know, that good things are happening both in our building and outside of our doors. It's serving the needy in our community. It is being genuine. So, start talking! I'll stop here and end with the Great Commission. These are Jesus' marching orders for us as well as His promise to be with us as we carry it out.

Matthew 28:19-20, "19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

God's peace to you,

Pastor Steve

"Rev"



## Special Dates

March 5 Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00pm

March 15 Newsletter Sent Out

March 16 Children Sing in Worship @ 10:45am

# MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

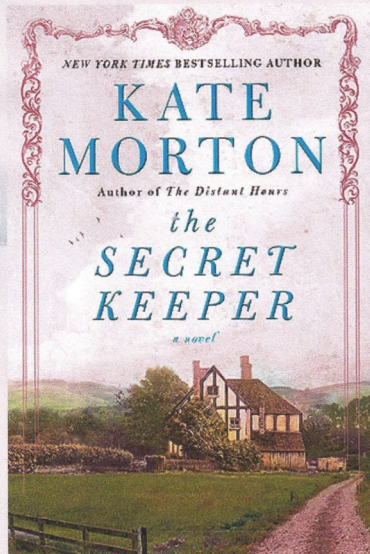
hosted by New Hope UCC and Faith UCC

## Book for February

"The Secret Keeper"  
by Kate Morton

## General info

When: Thursday, February 27th @ 7pm  
Where: New Hope UCC  
All Are Welcome!



During a summer party at the family farm in the English countryside, sixteen-year-old Laurel Nicolson has escaped to her childhood tree house and is happily dreaming of the future. She spies a stranger coming up the long road to the farm and watches as her mother speaks to him. Before the afternoon is over, Laurel will witness a shocking crime. A crime that challenges everything she knows about her family and especially her mother, Dorothy—her vivacious, loving, nearly perfect mother.

Now, fifty years later, Laurel is a successful and well-regarded actress living in London. The family is gathering at Greenacres farm for Dorothy's ninetieth birthday. Realizing that this may be her last chance, Laurel searches for answers to the questions that still haunt her from that long-ago day, answers that can only be found in Dorothy's past.

Dorothy's story takes the reader from pre-WWII England through the blitz, to the '60s and beyond. It is the secret history of three strangers from vastly different worlds—Dorothy, Vivien, and Jimmy—who meet by chance in wartime London and whose lives are forever entwined. The Secret Keeper explores longings and dreams and the unexpected consequences they sometimes bring. It is an unforgettable story of lovers and friends, deception and passion that is told—in Morton's signature style—against a backdrop of events that changed the world.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Sheila Smiley-- [sheila@smileyinfo.com](mailto:sheila@smileyinfo.com)

## Mission Committee News

The committee had a successful brainstorming session with Pastor Steve, one new idea being a Lenten Easter collection with donations going to The Threshold in West Bend. For over 60 years the Threshold has helped people reach their full potential through guidance, caring support, education and opportunity. Watch for the display in the Narthex. Our coin tower is still active for the Slinger Food Pantry.

Thank you to all who contribute!

## Consistory Notes

We thank everyone who took time to be at our Annual Meeting in January.

The consistory would like to thank Shelly Mayer for everything she has accomplished while her terms on the consistory and would like to introduce that Dwight Mayer will be taking over her spot for the next terms.

## Special Notes

Please if there is any information that you would like to be in the next newsletter

contact Christa Wendorf @  
[tcwendorf@yahoo.com](mailto:tcwendorf@yahoo.com)

No later than March 12!

If you are interested in joining a committee please see one of the consistory members, we always need extra help!

## Thank You for your contributions to Faith UCC Church

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

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

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

## Cemetery Committee Notes

The 2024 Annual Report has been submitted at the end of December. Please see the copies in the Annual Report for the Cemetery Committee.

Dan is asking for someone to take over the Secretary/Treasurer position due to his health. There is an overview sheet with the job description available. Dan is willing to work with the new appointed person for the transition. We will be continuing with the projects in 2025 at both the Faith UCC Church and Ackerville Cemeteries. Again working with Rex Melius. We appreciate all of Rex's work on the old gravestones dating back to the early 1800's.

Contributions can be made at any time of the year. Please make your check payable to **Faith UCC Cemetery Fund**.

### Cemetery Committee:

Jim "JJ" Markewicz—President

Dan Newburg—Sec/Treasurer

### Script

The Gift Cards that gives back to the church are still here! Jennifer Gordon will be present before & after the 1st Sunday of each month with Gift Cards for sale, you can buy and take right away! You can also special order gift cards 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 as gifts for others! If you have any questions contact Jennifer

Gordon. Here is the link, [https://www.raiseright.com/c/Shop/Product/](https://www.raiseright.com/c/Shop/Product/BrandAlphabeticalList)

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## Kids for Christ Notes

### **"We Love Because HE First Loved Us 'John 4:19'"**

On February 2 the Youth took to the slopes at Sunburst Tubing Hill, and had a BLAST, even Pastor Steve joined in the fun! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen and for the KFC Teachers for providing Lunch at the Church before hand!

March 16 the kids are excited to invite you all to worship service to enjoy in a special kids choir.

We have started a new unit this past week Danial and The Lion's Den, the kids have always come to KFC eager to learn what God and Jesus have to teach them each week and we as teachers love seeing how engaged they are!

Our next unit is... our Easter unit

JESUS THE ULTIMATE SUPER HERO!

We will not have KFC the Easter Sunday and will resume the following Sunday.

**We do have a list of Supplies that we could use in Fellowship Hall they are as followed:**

Paper cups, paper towels, small bottled water, hand sanitizer, soap, tissue boxes, cotton balls, paper lunch bags, snacks are always welcome as well!



### 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**-3879 Fond du Lac Dr. Richfield 53076

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

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

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

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

### Readers/Communion Usher

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