



Middleton Community UCC  
 The Communicator  
 June 2011

It tells the story of beginnings—of creation out of nothing, of filling and peopling the earth, of the choice between faithfulness and willfulness, of the cleansing of the earth and a new beginning. It's the Garden of Eden, the Tower of Babel, the Oaks of Mamre, and the courts of Egypt. It's the story of the whole human family, but it's also the story of one particular family through which God acted, blessing them so that they might convey God's blessing to the whole world.

It is, of course, the Book of Genesis, which contains the early history of the ancestors of the Jewish people. But even more so, it's the story of all of us: of sin and grace, of conflicts and unexpected reconciliations, of sibling rivalries and parents fighting their battles through their favorite sons, of events we might not think "appropriate" for inclusion in a holy book. But it's the story, warts and all, of how humanity's relationship with God got started.

This summer, I'll be stepping aside from the lectionary and preaching out of Genesis. Beginning with the creation story in Genesis 1 and concluding with the story of Joseph and his brothers that culminates in Genesis 45, I'll be preaching on these stories and looking for their meaning and significance.

And you can read and study as well! Our daily Bible readings (on p.3) will concentrate on Genesis this summer. Genesis is a long book—50 chapters—so each day's readings will be a bit longer than usual. Still, it'll be worth it, for these are great stories that tell not only the stories of ancient people but also have something to say about us!



On another matter: in my May column, I announced plans for my sabbatical in 2012. On May 12 of this year, I submitted a sabbatical grant proposal to the Lilly Endowment. They have a National Clergy Renewal Program that awards grants for sabbaticals to pastors across the country. Several UCC pastors and a number of Madison area clergy have received grants in the past to fund a variety of creative and renewing activities. I consulted with staff members, the Church Council, and several boards and committees in shaping the proposal. Thanks to them for their help! Grant winners will be announced in late September. I'll let you know when I hear from them.

In order to keep you informed, I put together a binder with information related to my sabbatical. You'll find it on the coffee table in the Heritage Room. I would welcome your reactions and responses to the proposal and anything else you find there.

**See you in church!**



**The church office will be closed  
 on Monday, July 4  
 Happy Independence Day!**

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**Sunday Worship**

9:30 am

Nursery care available

Refreshments  
and fellowship  
after worship**Very Cool  
Sunday School**(ages 3–9 years)  
9:45 am**Office Hours**Office hours are 8:00  
am to noon, Monday  
through Thursday. The  
church office is closed  
on Friday.**Be Our Friend!**MCC now  
has a Face-  
book page!  
If you're aFacebook user, add our  
site to your list of  
friends. Search for  
"Middleton Community  
United Church of  
Christ."**Visit our website:**[www.middletonucc.org](http://www.middletonucc.org)We welcome  
your comments,  
thoughts, and  
suggestions!**Worship in June****June 5****7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter****Genesis 1:1-2:4****"In the Beginning"**

"In the beginning"—those are the familiar opening words of the first creation story in Genesis. We all know what's there, but we often miss what's not there. How is this creation story different from so many others? And what is the significance of that difference?



Worship

**June 12****Pentecost**

While Pastor Jim is attending the Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting at Green Lake, our pulpit will be filled by one of our own: Reid Klopp. When he was an undergraduate at Beloit College, Reid studied theology and served as a summer preacher in a small congregation nearby.

**June 19****1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****Genesis 3:1-19****"In the Garden"**

The story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden is the story of every person: a life full of abundant blessing, frittered away through wrong decisions and bad choices. What does this story have to tell us about the nature of sin and the willfulness that is present in each one of us?

**June 26****2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****Genesis 8:13-22****"The Ark of Salvation Bore a New Beginning"**

The story of Noah and the Ark is a familiar one, but its message has been watered down in our attempts to make it more palatable to children (and maybe to adults as well). What does it mean? What can it tell us about the nature of people and the nature of God?

**We welcome David & Mary Ann Drapcho**  
as new members of Middleton  
Community Church



## Summer Use of Envelopes

Wow, are we nearing summer already? It seems like just last week we had a last bit of spring snow.

During the summer many of our members take advantage of the nice weather to take vacations. Attendance at worship as well as contributions are typically lower during the summer. However, most of MCC's monthly operational costs do not go down during the summer.

If you are going to be gone during

the summer please consider taking advantage of the packets of envelopes you received at the beginning of the year to stay current with your financial pledge to the church. Each envelope can also be used as a mailer to send check contributions when you will not be present for worship in person. You may also use the envelopes for Capital Campaign contributions.

## Roadside Cleanup—Sat., June 4

Help take care of God's good earth! Be a part of the roadside clean-up team on Saturday, June 4.

MCC has adopted a section of County Highway J, a short distance southwest of the church. Three times a year, a crew will spend an afternoon cleaning up the roadway. In return for this, our church gets recognized on roadside signs. On that day, we will meet at the church, view a short safety training video, receive our safety vests and trash bags, and head to our section of the road.

(Volunteers must be at least 16 years old)

Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. On that sheet, indicate your time preference for start time. You may also call the church office (831-4694) to let us know you'd like to participate.

Would you like to be a part of this effort? Do you have friends who care about the earth who'd like to take part as well? We hope you'll take part!

## MCC Parent & Child Play Group

Middleton Community Church hosts a weekly gathering of parents and children ages 0-5 years at the church for socializing and play on Tuesdays from 11:00am - 12:30pm. This 90-minute weekly event offers parents a chance to socialize and commiserate and children a chance

to make new friends and play. The group is free and open to the public, so please spread the word to your friends and family with young children both within and outside the church. If you have questions, contact Tricia Reed at 608-577-8096 or trit-ty1@gmail.com.

## Daily Bible Reading Guide for June

- 1.....Genesis 1:1-19
- 2..... Genesis 1:20-2:3
- 3.....Genesis 2:4-17
- 4..... Genesis 2:18-25
- 5..... Genesis 3:1-7
- 6.....Genesis 3:8-24
- 7.....Genesis 4:1-16
- 8..... Genesis 4:17-26
- 9.....Genesis 5:1-32
- 10.....Genesis 6:1-10
- 11..... Genesis 6:11-22
- 12.....Genesis 7:1-16
- 13..... Genesis 7:17-24
- 14.....Genesis 8:1-12
- 15..... Genesis 8:13-22
- 16.....Genesis 9:1-17
- 17..... Genesis 9:18-28
- 18.....Genesis 11:1-9
- 19.....Genesis 11:10-32
- 20.....Genesis 12:1-9
- 21.....Genesis 12:10-20
- 22.....Genesis 13:1-7
- 23..... Genesis 13:8-18
- 24..... Genesis 14:1-16
- 25.....Genesis 14:17-24
- 26.....Genesis 15:1-6
- 27..... Genesis 15:7-21
- 28.....Genesis 16:1-6
- 29..... Genesis 16:7-16
- 30..... Genesis 17:1-14



## Happy Anniversary!

Bruce & Janet Besadny  
 Dave & Debby  
 Fredrickson  
 Tom & Nancy Kottraba  
 Larry & Dee Landgraf  
 Kyle & Elizabeth  
 Metzloff  
 Ross & Beth Michaels  
 Bob & Carol Mirshak  
 Peter & Jenny Pleva  
 Floyd & Anji Robertson  
 Troy & Mindy Schwenn  
 Emery & Dotty Stluka  
 Jahn & Esther Tinglum  
 Dan & Monica Yeazel  
 Stan & Lee York

Did we miss yours?  
 Call the church office  
 and let us know.

## Fellowship & Learning Groups Take a Summer Break!

Now that summer is upon us, three of our fellowship and learning groups are taking a break! The Tuesday Morning Women's Study Group, the Men's Group, and Tuesday Night Fellowship are taking off the summer. Each group will resume in September.

Check the September Communicator for announcements of the times and dates for each group to resume.

Thanks for your support of these groups during the past year. We'll look for your participation in the fall!

## Coffee & Conversation

Ever wondered how a group of good Jewish boys ended up launching a new religion? Coffee & Conversation is currently exploring the very beginnings of the "Jesus sect" through the book, "The Reluctant Parting" by Julie Galambush. This book looks at the New Testament and early Christian community from a traditional Jewish perspective.

Coffee & Conversation will meet June 1, June 22, and July 6 from 8:00-9:00am at TNT's Coffee & Café

(Old Sauk and High Point Roads, Madison.) A reading schedule is available on the Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall. **All are welcome! Join us anytime!**

Following the conclusion of this book discussion, C&C will break for the summer. We will resume in September with a discussion of Rob Bell's controversial look at heaven and hell, "Love Wins". For more information, contact Laura Crow at [crows@chorus.net](mailto:crows@chorus.net) or 831-4694.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Heidi & Jeff Riechers  
 6313 Old Sauk Road  
 Madison, WI 53705-2510

## Camp Balsams Sign-Up Continues!

Sign-up has been excellent for the coming season at Camp Balsams, our retreat in the north woods, 5 miles east of Eagle River, Wisconsin, on Bass Lake. Some good weeks remain, particularly in September. Members of the committee will be opening the camp Memorial Day weekend, preparing it for the summer season. Some have asked if the camp has a



"wish list" and the committee has identified the following items: good vacuum cleaners, 100 foot extension cord, small life preservers, boat oars, basketball net, drill with cord. You can sign up for cabins through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Richner (831-6710) or any committee member.

## Special Offerings—THANK YOU

The **Easter Offering** for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) was successful by bringing in \$2366.05, which will go towards OCWM Basic Support, supporting the work of the UCC Conference and National ministries.

**One Great Hour Sharing** was also a success by bringing in \$1358.00. This money will help the UCC work with international partners, and together provide support to health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives.

## We Are God's Witnesses Today!

Children learn in many ways. One important way is by watching and learning from the people around them! In Sunday School we try to connect the stories of our faith and the lives of Biblical characters to our own lives, our own stories.

On Youth Sunday, middle school students shared their thoughts on how we live out our faith the rest of the week, and elementary students asked for YOUR help in collecting even more stories. With this project, we are hoping to help students see, through your lives, the amazing and varied ways that God is active in and through ordinary people like us!

**WILL YOU HELP?**

Think of a time when you have helped someone else... Could God have been using you to be God's eyes, ears, hands and feet?

Think of a time when someone has helped you through a difficult period... Could God have sent that person to you at that moment?

Using words or pictures, please briefly share with our students a time when God has either 1) sent someone to help you, or 2) used you to help someone else. Please send responses by July 31 to:

**Middleton Community Church,  
ATTN: Laura Crow  
645 Schewe Rd., Middleton, WI 53562**  
or by email to [crows@chorus.net](mailto:crows@chorus.net)

## You CAN Take It With You!

Heading out on a family vacation? Worried that you'll be missing out on Sunday School? Worried how to keep the kids busy in the car or on the plane? Worry no more!

Pick up a NEW MCC VACATION PACK filled with bible storybooks, activities—even MOVIES—that you can

enjoy on the go! Materials are conveniently bundled in a backpack or tote bag kids can carry themselves!

Keep your child's faith growing this summer and enjoy the peace of mind that comes with happy travelers! Suggestions? Contact Laura Crow at 831-4694 or [crows@chorus.net](mailto:crows@chorus.net).

## Happy Birthday!

Tom Bergman  
Susan Brauer  
Aaron Buelo  
Whitney Jo Falk  
Niki Hagen  
Keith Johnston  
Anthony Koran  
Catherine Mackin  
Dan McGuire  
Beth Michaels  
Gloria Myer  
Emily Nichols  
Gail O'Neal  
Jessica Pellegrino-Barrett  
Mary Pike  
Peter Pleva  
Bill Richner  
Emma Schiestl  
Troy Schwenn  
Claire Shaffer  
Kayla Stolen  
Sharon Stuntebeck  
June Suhling  
Ruth Vater  
Betsy Wallman  
Karil Walther  
Ali Weber  
Brian Weber

Did we miss yours?  
Call the church office  
and let us know.

### ***Dates to Remember:***

- **June 5**—No Sunday School
- **June 11**—Carrie Newcomer Concert @ Orchard Ridge UCC
- **June 12, 19, 26**—Very HOT Sunday School
- **June 13-17**—Summer Servants
- **June 18**—Perfect Harmony Concert @ McFarland High School
- **June 19**—Father's Day
- **July 3**—No Sunday School
- **July 10, 17, 24, 31**—Very HOT Sunday School
- **July 31**—Witnesses Today response deadline
- **August 8-11**—Vacation Bible School
- **August 21**—Registration begins for 2011-12 Very Cool Sunday School
- **September 11**—Celebration Sunday
- **September 18**—Very Cool Sunday School begins
- **October 21-23**—Women Gathered at the Well Retreat

## Very HOT Sunday School News

**Very HOT Sunday School** arrives this month and we will be learning about the Fruit of the Spirit! Again this year we will have two classes: 3-5 yrs and 6-9 yrs. Older students may join us as helpers or remain in worship with their families.

An added **ATTRACTION** this summer... students will be able to help grow fresh veggies & fruits for Middleton Outreach Ministry's Food Pantry! **Thanks to Bruce Trinko for donating a GARDEN PLOT!** Weather permitting, we will take the students into to garden each



week to check on our plants and pick any "good fruits."

### **Very HOT Sunday School Schedule:**

- June 12 – "Fruit of the Spirit"
- June 19 – Love & Joy
- June 26 – Peace
- July 10 – Patience
- July 17 – Kindness & Goodness
- July 24 – Faithfulness
- July 31 – Gentleness & Self-Control

If you have ideas or questions about Very HOT Sunday School, please contact Laura Crow at 831-4694 or [crows@chorus.net](mailto:crows@chorus.net).

## Youth Sunday THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to students, parents, teachers, shepherds, and helpers for a wonderful year of Sunday School and especially for the Spirit-filled worship service on Youth Sunday!

We truly have amazing youth who are compassionate, creative, and incredibly talented!

Special thanks to Mindy Bergman for leading our music programs, and to Steve Weber, Ross Michaels, Cheri Farha, & Keith Johnston for the incredible work they do nurturing & encouraging our middle school students. Whoo hoo!

## Congratulations, Graduates!

Middleton Community Church recognizes the many accomplishments of this year's graduating class. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they take their next steps on life's journey.

**MCC's High School Graduates:**  
Nick Cupery, Chris Gall, Sam Long, and Emma Schiestl

### **MCC's College Graduates:**

Marty Falk—UW LaCrosse  
Andrea Klopp—PhD Physical Therapy  
Kevin Michaels—UW Whitewater  
Sarah Miller—UW Madison



*If we missed you, let us know!*

## Summer Servants!

REGISTER TODAY! DON'T MISS IT!! Middleton Community Church is launching a NEW program this summer for students age 10-14 years (completing 4th-8th grade). Summer Servants is a week of service learning around issues and activities chosen by students.

Start your summer out on the right flip-flop! Join us June 13-17 for Summer Servants and invite a friend too! Registration materials are available in Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office at 831-4694.



## Vacation Bible School: Island Odyssey!

This year, Vacation Bible School takes on an island theme—sand, surf, and buckets of fun with all the creatures that live under the sea! Island Odyssey will take place August 8-11. Our VBS program is designed for children ages 3-9 years (PreK through completing 3rd grade). Registration materials are available in Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church of-

fice at 831-4694.

VBS is a wonderful opportunity for our church to offer both a valuable service and a loving presence to families in our community! So sign up today and invite a friend or neighbor!

Also, be on the lookout for ways YOU can help—as a teacher, shepherd, shopper, crafter, photographer, recycler, etc! There are LOTS of ways you can help our Island Odyssey come to life!

## Faith Five for June

“Faith Five” is a program for personal or family devotions that focuses on relationship—nurturing our relationships with one another and with God. It is a great tool for growing together in faith and exploring the connections between Faith and Life!

Gather everyone together at bedtime (or any time that works for you!) and simply follow these five steps:

1. **SHARE** the highs & lows of your day or week.
2. **READ** together the appointed bible passage.
3. **TALK** about how the verse relates to your own experience

4. **PRAY** for one another and the highs and lows that were shared.
5. **BLESS** one another by reminding ourselves that we are all beloved children of God.

Start today by using these passages for personal or family reflection...

- May 29-June 4: Psalm 103:13-14
- June 5-11: Jeremiah 17:7-8
- June 12-18: Galatians 5:22-23
- June 19-25: Proverbs 23:15-16
- June 26-July 2: Isaiah 26:12

Learn more about “Faith Five” at [www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com).

## UCC Camp Information Now Available

Camp schedules and registration information booklets for Pilgrim Center (near Ripon, WI) and Moon Beach Camp (near St. Germaine, WI) are now available at church and online at [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org). This year's schedule has something for everyone—camps for preschoolers through adults, family camps, work camps, and a wide variety of theme and hobby camps.

Give yourself or someone you love the opportunity to experience camp this summer—introduce them to the beauty, enrichment, and fun of our WI Conference UCC Camps!



## Christmas is Coming!

It's never too early to think about Christmas—especially when a new co-chair is needed for the annual ChristmasFest community Christmas dinner sponsored by Middleton Outreach Ministry. MOM is looking for two individuals to co-chair the 2011 ChristmasFest. The event has a long and successful tradition, with many volunteers who return every year to cook or serve at the Christmas Day event.

The co-chairs need to be organized, detail oriented, and comfortable with Excel spreadsheets and e-mail communications. Organization for the event starts in late October and runs through Christmas Day, with a time commitment averaging about 2–4 hours per week in October, increasing up to about 8 hours per week in late December. For more information, please contact Val at 836-7338.



Don't forget...  
the 1st Sunday  
of the  
month is

### FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY!

Please bring:  
**Canned Meats (turkey,  
chicken, tuna)**  
or check out Middleton  
Outreach Ministry's "Top  
**Ten List**" at  
[www.mompop.org](http://www.mompop.org)  
Questions? Contact the  
church office (831-4694).

## Bhutanese Refugee Update:

A group of MCC members and friends will be acting as cultural mentors for a family of Bhutanese refugees coming to Madison in the near future. We will be working with Rebekah Johnson from the Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement Program who will provide background and training for our volunteer group.

The incoming refugees are part of a group of ethnic Nepalese, mostly

Hindu, who kept their language and a semblance of their culture while living and working in Bhutan (Buddhist) since the 1800's. Many of them also speak English, but need help in their first few months in Madison learning how to live in an American city. The family we will be mentoring has not yet arrived in Madison, so if you would be interested in joining with our group, please contact Bill Love (831-2776 or [bglove@charter.net](mailto:bglove@charter.net)).

## MOM's CANstruction "20 Tons of Fun"

Thanks to 19 dedicated and creative teams, nearly 20 tons of food was donated to the food pantry of Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) at the first annual CANstruction event, held at KEVA Sports Center on May 12. Area businesses and organizations formed teams to create shapes and structures out of food packages. There was a pirate shop, the Disney castle, the State Capitol, Lambeau Field, and even Bucky Badger!

Awards were given for "Most Nutritious," "Most Cans," and the "Great Dayne Award" (chosen by celebrity judge Ron Dayne). Visit MOM's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/MiddletonOM](http://www.facebook.com/MiddletonOM)) for pictures and more information about this event.

Who out there would like to be part of "Team MCC" for next year's CANstruction event?

## The Road Home Bulletin for May 2011

Do you know what happens to families when they leave The Road Home? While outcome numbers are helpful in answering the question, it's the stories that families share that are the most meaningful.

Program graduate Gloria Smith is celebrating six years in housing with her daughter Destini and four years of full-time employment. She will be our Master of Ceremonies for Families Moving Forward: a celebration of success at Warner Park Community Center from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday May 21, 2011. This is an opportunity for The Road Home community to support and honor families



who have moved beyond homelessness to reach new milestones in their lives. We'll be highlighting their successes while enjoying good food and kid-friendly activities. A program highlighting our families' accomplishments and recognizing our volunteers will start at 1:30.

The Road Home is excited to celebrate the successes of our families and the support they have received from The Road Home community members. We'd like a large crowd to honor these accomplishments, so we hope to see you there! RSVP to There-sas@trhome.org.

## Why Is There a Pig in Our Entryway?

If you've entered the church building through the office entrance, you've noticed a ceramic pig, happily sleeping in the corner. Where did it come from?

In February 2004, we moved out of our Elmwood Avenue building and began using temporary space: Middleton Alternative High School for worship and meetings, and rooms in the rear of the Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) building on Hubbard Avenue for our offices. Prior to renting space on Montclair Avenue for their Distribution Center, these rooms were MOM's clothing closet. MOM's offices had been in our Elmwood Avenue building from 1984 to 1999, prior to their move to Hubbard Avenue. As a way of returning the favor, they allowed us to use the space at no charge.

In the entrance to those rooms at the side of the building, there was a ceramic pig, a bit battered but still happily sleeping. It greeted the staff

and other visitors each day as they entered through the side door. When we were preparing to move into our present building, Lila Bethke, who was church secretary at that time, remarked how much she would miss the pig when we moved out. As a "church-warming present, Dietrich Gruen, MOM's former Executive Director, wrapped up our little friend and gave it to us as a "church-warming" present. It's greeted guests to our church ever since and remains a symbol of friendship and shared ministry!

Our little pig has friends who have shown their care and concern at various times. It's received a new coat of paint more than once and periodically gets a new bow around its neck. It must like the care it's receiving. It just keeps smiling!

***Next month: Why is there orange tape in our field?***



## Coffee Hour Hosting

Your help is needed to provide an important part of our church's ministry of fellowship: coffee hour! Light snacks and refreshments create a welcoming environment for members and guests. Thanks to all who have already volunteered for this ministry. Won't you consider taking part as well? Check the sign-up sheet on the coffee hour table for available dates.

### Stay Connected With MOM

Join the e-mail list for MOM's monthly eConnections newsletter! Find out about their monthly needs as well as other fun ways to get involved in serving the community. Go to [www.mompop.org](http://www.mompop.org) and look for the "Join MOM's eConnections!" box. You can also send MOM an email at [econnections@mompop.org](mailto:econnections@mompop.org). Join now!



## Thank You from Those You've Helped

**From the Road Home:** Thank you for your contribution of \$225 to the Road Home Dane County. Since 1999, The Road Home has effectively served homeless families in collaboration with faith communities and other partners. They continue to add new programs and services in pursuit of a vision of safe, affordable housing for all families. This success is only possi-

ble because of thoughtful contributions from people like you.

**From MOM:** A heartfelt thank you for the "Souper Bowl of Caring Event" with a donation of \$2,615, and for an earlier contribution of \$1,463. They will make an immediate impact on the more than 2,500 families who count on MOM each month for food clothing and housing assistance.

## QUEEN: A Tribute to Freddie Mercury

Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus presents their Spring 2011 Concert "QUEEN: A Tribute to Freddie Mercury" on Saturday, June 18 at the McFarland High School Auditorium. The concert starts at 7:00pm and the high school is located at 5103 Farwell Street, McFarland.

Queen is an iconic rock band in every sense of the term, and produced many classic songs like *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *We Will Rock You*. They band also brought aware-

ness to HIV and mobilized many to take action and chart a new path for all those living with his disease.

**Queen: A Tribute to Freddie Mercury** features solo and large ensemble work by chorus members. Perfect Harmony will also be utilizing rock musicians to bring this concert an amazing depth and breadth that is demanded by this incredible music. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at Perfect Harmony's website: [www.perfectharmonychorus.org](http://www.perfectharmonychorus.org).

## Carrie Newcomer CONCERT

Looking for a great way to spend a Saturday night? Head to Orchard Ridge UCC, 1501 Gilbert Road, Madison on Saturday, June 11 for an evening with Carrie newcomer. The concert starts at 7:00pm.

Carrie Newcomer is a rare breed of singer/songwriter: the kind who illuminates life with startling depth, humor and clarity. Her ability for sharp observation of the world lead the Dal-

las Morning News to rave, "She's the kind of artist whose music makes you stop, think and then say, 'that is so true!'"

This concert is a fundraiser for Madison/Dane County Courage to Teach. Advance tickets available through the Facebook event page or contact Barb Hummel at [bhummel@chorus.net](mailto:bhummel@chorus.net).

## HospiceCare Inc., Offering Community Workshops in June

In June, HospiceCare Inc. will begin four grief support group series, offer a recurring support group and provide an introductory session for those grieving the death of a loved one. All of the sessions are open to the public and are provided without charge, unless otherwise noted. All groups require pre-registration and are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, unless otherwise noted. To register for any HospiceCare grief support group or session, call (608) 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

- **Journey Through Grief** is held Wednesdays, June 1 – July 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This seven-week series is for adults grieving the death of someone.
- **After the Caregiving Ends** is held Mondays, June 6 – 27, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This four-week series is designed to support caregivers at the time of their loss, when caregiving ends.
- **Mother Loss Grief Support Group** is held Tuesdays, June 7 to July 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This five-week series is for adults grieving the loss of their mother.
- **Pet Loss Grief Support Group** is held Wednesdays, June 8 – 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Pet Services, 4319 Twin Valley Rd., Suite 15 in Middleton. This four-week series, offered in collaboration with Memorial Pet Services, is for people who have experienced the death of a pet. There is a \$40 charge per person.
- **Bridges Weekly Support Group** is held every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is not required.
- **Introduction to Grief** is an informative session for adults that offers suggestions on how to navigate the grieving process and provides information about HospiceCare grief support groups. This session is available by appointment only. Call Mary Severson at (608) 327-7182 to make an appointment.

### Women Gathered at the Well

October 21-23  
Pilgrim Center,  
Green Lake, WI

A women's retreat for  
"nourishment, refresh-  
ment, and community"  
led by UCC Pastor  
Rev. Debbie Payden

This retreat is almost FULL  
so register TODAY!

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## Middleton Community Church Vision Statement

*As a faithful church, we will provide opportunities for growth in our witness to the grace and love of God through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middleton Community UCC</b>          645 Schewe Road, Middleton, WI 53562  <i>(2 miles west of the Beltline, at the corner of Old Sauk and Schewe Roads)</i>  <b>9:30 am Worship Service &amp;          Very Cool Sunday School</b>   <i>Nursery Care Available</i>   <i>Handicapped-Accessible</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff</b></p> <p>Pastor .....James Iliff          Director of Music ..... Bob Mirshak          Faith Formation .....Laura Crow          Children's Choir              Director .....Mindy Nelson-Bergman          Keyboards ..... Barbara Brown          Secretary ..... Diane Koch          Custodian..... Irvin Dennis</p>								
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