



Middleton Community UCC

The Communicator

May 2011



This has been a busy year, with lots of different things happening. I'm looking forward to slowing down a bit this summer, but it's not summer yet! Here's an update on some of the things currently happening at MCC and a look ahead at what's coming:

75th Anniversary. We're in the final stages of planning for our 75th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 1. We've invited former pastors and their families to join us. We've had several positive responses and hope for several more. Worship that day will celebrate the goodness of God in guiding us through these 75 years and prayers that God will continue to guide us in the future. See p.3 for more details about the day's events.

Capital Campaign. Many thanks for the strong and positive responses we've already received to our Capital Campaign Appeal. As I'm writing this, we've heard from 63% of those people who have received or will receive a home visit. Responses have been encouraging, but there's still more work to be done. Thanks also to the volunteers who've been making the visits.

2012 Sabbatical. This might be the first time you've heard anything about my upcoming sabbatical (other than a mention in the 2010 Annual Report). My call agreement with MCC allows me to take a three-month sabbatical every five years. Those of you who were part of the church in 2006 will remember that I was on sabbatical during the summer. Because of the Capital Campaign and several other things, we put off my sabbatical until next year. Although it might seem like a long way off, it's very much in my mind at present, since I'm in the process of writing a proposal for a grant that will cover the costs of the sabbatical for both me and the church. I hope to do three things during my time away: 1) Rest. While I enjoy my ministry in your midst and look forward to new challenges, I know only too well the effort it takes. This time apart will help me "recharge my batteries" for the ongoing work of ministry that we share. 2) Renew. I also know that unless I engage in activities that will renew me, I will become dry and of little use. I need time to get in touch yet again with the sources of faith that enrich my life and make ministry with you possible. This will include prayer, devotional reading, retreat centers, and time spent in nature (an important source of renewal), 3) Retool. The learning component of my sabbatical will relate to the final update I share with you:

Strategic Planning. My tenure as your pastor can be fairly neatly divided into two ten-year segments: the first segment focused on building our new building. That concluded in 2005 when we moved into our Old Sauk Road facility. The second segment focused on how to pay for it. It's my expectation and hope that this second segment will be concluded when we complete our Capital Campaign. Once the Campaign is completed and payment on pledges begins, we need to take some time and ask ourselves "what's next?" What's next for this congregation? What are the opportunities and challenges that await us? Where do we feel God is leading us? I expect that we'll begin a planning process early in 2012, with opportunities for everyone who's a part of the MCC community to take part. By the time I leave on sabbatical, we should

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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.orgWe welcome
your comments,
thoughts, and
suggestions!**Worship in May****May 1****Second Sunday of Easter****Hebrews 12:1-2; Matthew 16:13-19****"On This Rock"**We conclude our 75th Anniversary observance this Sunday as we celebrate the legacy of faith that's been given us. What is central to our identity as a church? What is the "rock" upon which this congregation has been founded?

Worship

May 8**Third Sunday of Easter****Luke 24:13-35****"Now What Do We Do?"**

Who we are depends in large part upon where we've come from. This is true, whether we're talking about our own families or about our faith. What legacy did the first disciples receive from Jesus on the road to Emmaus?

May 15**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

This Sunday will be Youth Sunday, when we will be led in worship by our children and youth.

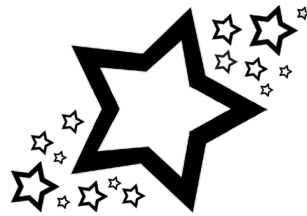
May 22**Fifth Sunday of Easter****Psalms 23; John 10:1-18****"The Good Shepherd"**

Each year during the season of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday? Why is that such a significant symbol? How does Jesus shepherd our lives in the here and now?

May 29**Sixth Sunday of Easter****John 14:15-21****"Am I in Focus?"**

While Pastor Jim is away, Rev. David Werner, a retired United Methodist pastor and regular MCC attender, will lead us in worship. His sermon will ask: How can we keep our balance in our daily walk with Jesus? How can a personal mission statement help us remember, reflect, and renew?

75th Anniversary Celebration Worship and Dinner Sunday, May 1



On Sunday, May 1, be a part of a special 75th anniversary celebration of Middleton Community Church's rich history and heritage!

Here's what's being planned for that day:

- Worship** that celebrates the presence of God in our midst and the many ministries that have been shared over the years;
- Special music** by our Choir and other musicians from our church; The presence of **former pastors** of MCC and their families;
- Special displays** that describe in objects, words, and pictures the history and heritage of our congregation;
- A **catered buffet dinner** following worship (please fill out and return the reservation form below if you're planning to attend the dinner).
- A **program** after dinner, where remarks will be offered by our former pastors and by representatives of the UCC.

We hope you'll plan to be present on May 1 for this celebration of MCC's past, even as we "imagine the possibilities" for its future. ***We hope to see you there!***

New Member/Inquirers' Classes Begin May 1

Interested in joining Middleton Community Church? Do you want to know more about MCC? Then come to the inquirer's classes that begin on Sunday, May 1. The schedule is as follows:

May 1, 6 pm

"Getting to Know You"

We introduce ourselves to one another and get introduced to Middleton Community Church.

May 15, 6pm "Sharing the Faith"

We get to know one another better by telling stories about ourselves. We also will talk about the basics of the Christian faith and the unique heri-

tage and identity of the United Church of Christ and Middleton Community Church.

May 22, 6pm

"Getting to Know MCC"

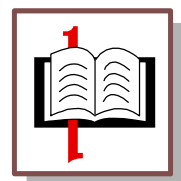
Learn more about the ministries and programs that MCC has to offer and ways you can take part!

New members will be received into the church in February. Light refreshments will be served during each session. Childcare will be provided if requested.

Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions. If you would like to be a part of these, or if you have any questions, contact Pastor Jim (831-4694 or jiliff@tds.net).

Daily Bible Reading Guide for May

1	1 Corinthians 15:1-34
2	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
3	John 8:12-30
4	John 8:31-59
5	Psalm 85
6	John 10:1-21
7	John 10:22-42
8	1 Peter 1:1-25
9	1 Peter 2:1-25
10	1 Peter 3:1-22
11	1 Peter 4:1-19
12	1 Peter 5:1-14
13	2 Peter 1:1-21
14	2 Peter 2:1-22
15	2 Peter 3:1-18
16	Isaiah 25:1-12
17	Isaiah 26:1-21
18	Isaiah 40:1-31
19	Isaiah 41:1-20
20	Isaiah 42:1-25
21	Isaiah 43:1-21
22	Isaiah 49:1-26
23	Isaiah 51:1-16
24	Isaiah 65:17-25
25	Jeremiah 29:1-23
26	Jeremiah 30:1-24
27	Jeremiah 31:1-22
28	Jeremiah 31:23-40
29	Ezekial 43:1-27
30	Revelation 21:1-27
30	Revelation 21:1-27
31	Revelation 22:1-21



Happy Anniversary!

Don & Joyce Blindauer
 Mark & Amy Elliott
 Doug & Monica Gall
 Craig & Marge Lorfeld
 Mark & Sue McKean
 Skip & Janie Miller
 Chris & Marci Paulsen
 Joe & Kristi Peiss
 Peter & Torie Schoenke
 Dan & Courtney Sullivan
 Dan & Betsy Wallman

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

Do You Have a Graduate?

June is the time when we honor all Middleton Community Church graduates. If you or someone in your family is graduating from high school or college, please let the office know no later than May 15. THANK YOU!

Tuesday Night Fellowship Resumes

Tuesday Night Fellowship resumes on Tuesday, May 3, with a four-part study of Islam. We will use a discussion guide from Sojourners, entitled "Christians and Islam," which will identify important stories of shared history, theological similarities and differences, and aspirations for social justice that both Christians and Muslims share as communities of faith. Christianity and Islam have a history

of conflict and animosity. Increased knowledge of each other's faiths, free from distortion and stereotype, can help us begin to break down the barriers.

The evening begins with food and fellowship at 6 pm. The discussion will begin around 6:30 and conclude by 8. Childcare will be provided if requested.

Tuesday Morning Study Group

The Tuesday Morning Study Group will complete the book "The Sins of Scripture" on May 3rd. With the completion of this book, and hopefully the arrival of nice weather, we will recess early for the summer months. The Study Group will resume in September.



Before we recess though, save May 10 and join the group for lunch at the Edgewater. Everyone is welcome. Details will be printed in the May 8 worship program and the e-newsletter.

If you have any questions, contact Rose Ann Sprang (831-6486) or Carrie Doersch (238-2386).

Camp Balsams Sign-Up Continues!

There are some good weeks still available for the coming season at Camp Balsams, our retreat in the north woods, 5 miles east of Eagle River, Wisconsin, on Bass



Lake. The four cabins have from one to four bedrooms and range in price from \$150 to \$300 per week (Saturday to Saturday). It's a wonderful place for an affordable family vacation while sharing fellowship with

other members of your church community. The remaining schedule for sign-up is as follows:

Monday, May 2

Members of the church can sign up for individual

days for any cabin.

Please note that a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required. Contact Bill Richner (831-6710) or the church office (831-4694) if you have any questions.

Men's Group

You are invited to attend MCC's Men's Group gathering on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 8:00 am. During its May gathering, the group will discuss an article entitled "Promoting Democracy Abroad." In the article, author Carson Holloway poses the question "Is America morally obligated to support democratic movements in the Middle East—or anywhere?" What sort of actions do our democratic values lead us to take?

What do our experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan teach us?

Copies of the article are available on the Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall. You may also find it at www.mercatornet.com/articles/view/promoting_democracy_abroad. Men's Group is open to everyone. Food and refreshments will be served. Join us for a time of stimulating discussion and fellowship.

Coffee & Conversation

Ever wondered how a group of good Jewish boys ended up launching a new religion? This month Coffee & Conversation begins a new book, "The Reluctant Parting" by Julie Galambush which looks at the New Testament and early Christian community from a traditional Jewish perspective.

Coffee & Conversation meets the

1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month from 8:00-9:00am at TNT's Coffee & Café' (Old Sauk and High Point Roads, Madison.) Copies of the book are available for purchase on the Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall. **All are welcome! Join us anytime!** For more information, contact Laura Crow at crows@chorus.net or 831-4694.

Roadside Cleanup—Sat., May 14

Help take care of God's good earth! Be a part of the roadside clean-up team on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 2:00 pm.

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. Following our cleanup efforts, we will return to the church for an evening cook-out, courtesy of Pastor Jim.

At 2 pm, 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)

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? You can find a sign-up sheet on the kiosk near the guest book outside the sanctuary.

We hope you'll take part!

Happy Birthday!

Micah Adams
Lila Bethke
Barb Falk
Nick Fredrickson
Audrey Gilliam
Drew Heil
Joanne Heil
Katie Iliff
Pat Johnson
Tom Kalinke
Tyler Metzloff
Tom Odell
Peter Opitz
Jean Pecotte
Jennifer Percy
Kailey Pleva
Xavier Riechers
Barbara Snell
Courtney Sullivan
Monica Theis
Phyllis Uminski
Barbara Vater
Matthew Weber
Tyler Wilson
Virginia Wolters
Lee York
Ben Zumbrunnen
Maggie Zumbrunnen

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

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Dates to Remember:

- **May 1 & 8**—Very Cool Sunday School
- **May 1, 4, 8, 11**—MCC Singers Rehearsals
- **May 8**—Mother's Day
- **May 14**—Adult Faith Formation Discovery Summit
- **May 14**—Highway Clean-up
- **May 15**—YOUTH SUNDAY!!
- **May 22, 29 & June 5**—No Sunday School
- **June 12, 19, 26 & July 10, 17, 24, 31**—Very HOT Sunday School
- **June 13-17**—Summer Servants
- **June 19**—Father's Day
- **August 8-11**—Vacation Bible School
- **October 21-23**—Wosmen Gathered at the Well Retreat

Congratulations, Confirmands!

Welcome the following people who were confirmed on April 10:
Chelsea Bergman,
Adric Koran,
Andrew Walther,
Jacob Weber,
Matthew Weber, and
Sarah Yeazel.

Very Cool Sunday School News

Youth Sunday is May 15! That means our last two weeks of Very Cool Sunday School (May 1 and May 8) will be spent preparing for this special all youth-led worship service! As we get ready for this day, we can use some help...

For May 1, please bring any old magazines that have picture of PEOPLE in them.

For May 8, please have your child bring an address of a family friend or relative that lives in another state or country. We will be

preparing a special mailing that will be a part of our Youth Sunday service!

And don't forget... **Very HOT Sunday School** arrives in June & July! This year we will be learning about the Fruit of the Spirit!

A sign-up for Teachers and Shepherds is located on the bulletin board back in the Education Wing! If you have any questions about Youth Sunday or any of our youth programming, please contact Laura Crow at crows@chorus.net or 831-

MCC Singers Prepare for Youth Sunday

Calling all 4th-12th grade singers! "MCC Singers" is getting together again in preparation for Youth Sunday which is May 15. Please join your friends in providing special music during this totally youth-led service!

We will have just 4 rehearsals:

- Sundays May 1 & May 8 from 10:45-11:30am, and
- Wednesdays May 4 & 11 from 5:30-6:30pm

Contact Mindy Bergman (833-3669) if you are able to sing or play an instrument for Youth Sunday!

Faith Five for May

"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 1-7: John 20:27
 - May 8-14: Matthew 12:50
 - May 15-21: Matthew 19:14
 - May 22-28: Psalm 89:5-6
 - May 29-June 4: Psalm 103:13-14
- Learn more about "Faith Five" at www.faithink.com.

Adult Faith Formation Discovery Summit

Over the past few years the Board of Education has been implementing a set of Faith Formation Objectives (FFOs) throughout the educational programming at Middleton Community Church. Underlying these objectives is the goal of creating inviting, open, and safe spaces where people of all ages and backgrounds can explore questions of faith, no matter where they are on their faith journey.

We began with our Very Cool Sunday School and then worked our way through programming for the older youth. We are now ready to begin the process with our adult programming. The purpose of the Discovery Summit is to help us identify the strengths of our adult programs so

that we can develop a plan for moving forward.

Interested adults are invited to a Discovery Summit on Saturday, May 14, from 9:00am-10:30am. During this time, members of the Board of Christian Education will facilitate discussion among small groups of participants. We will use a structured set of questions designed to help us identify both the strengths and gaps of our existing programming.

The Board will use the results of this small group process to develop a plan for moving forward. Questions? Contact Gayle Love (glove@wisc.edu or 831-2776) or Laura Crow (crows@chorus.net or 831-1993).



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-

vice 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!

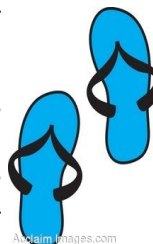
Also, be on the lookout for ways YOU can help—as a teacher, shepherd, shopper, crafter, photographer, recycler, etc! There are LOTS of ways you can help our Island Odyssey come to life!

Summer Servants

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.



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. 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!



Next IHN Hosting Week:

May 8 – May 15

Our next hosting week for Interfaith Hospitality Network is approaching! There are lot of ways to get involved—preparing and serving meals, playing games or reading books with the children, helping with set-up, tear-down, and laundry. Please check the sign-up board and join us in this important and fulfilling ministry!

Remember that homelessness never takes a vacation. Please help Middleton Community Church extend its concern and compassion to families in need.



**Don't forget...
the 1st Sun-
day of the
month is**

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY!

**Please bring:
Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta**
or check out Middleton Outreach Ministry's "Top Ten List" at www.mompop.org
Questions? Contact the church office (831-4694).

Spread the Love – Strengthen the Church

On May 29th we will have the opportunity to *Spread the Love* by contributing towards the "Strengthen the Church" special offering.

What is Strengthen the Church?

Strengthen the Church is the special mission offering that builds the United Church of Christ's future. These gifts help start new churches, renew existing churches, foster new leaders and grow the UCC as a community of extravagant welcome. The Stillspeaking Ministry

spreads the message of God's extravagant welcome, reaching out especially to those who have felt there

is no room for them within Christianity and the church – the excluded and alienated, the spiritually homeless and the questioning.

Your special offerings on May 29th will be directed to

the Wisconsin Conference, Local Church Ministries, and The Stillspeaking Ministry for these church development, leader development and Stillspeaking purposes.



Farmer's Market Collection – May 21

The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and the Farmer's Market will soon be on the Capitol Square Saturday mornings. Some of you may already take part in the time-honored Saturday morning event of walking around the Capitol Square surveying flowers, vegetables, baked goods and more. Did you know that the vendors at the market generously donate surplus



food they have to our local food pantries after every Saturday market? Members of our community work together with the vendors by helping to collect those donations; it's fun, easy and family-friendly. Volunteers are given a large bin with wheels to collect vendors' food donations. We then push the bins to the Community

Action Coalition (CAC) truck right there at the Capitol. The CAC will then take the food to the central warehouse for distribution to area food pantries. What a fun, quick and easy way to help our community! Do you have a ½ hour or so to spare on **Saturday, May 21**? Middleton UCC has signed up to help collect food donations from the vendors that day. We'll meet at

11:45 a.m. at the East Washington entrance to the State Capitol. This is a fun family activity; please bring the kids. They'll love pushing the bin.

If you are interested, there are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Michele Statz at 836-6606 or mkstatz@chorus.net.

The Road Home Bulletin for April 2011

Did you know? During the winter, utilities cannot be disconnected for health and safety reasons, but on April 15th each year gas and electricity service can be disconnected for unpaid bills. Many low-income families, especially those paying a high percentage of their limited income for rent, struggle to pay these bills. Avoiding utility disconnection is on the minds of most of our families and case managers this month.

"Gina" pays her bills and supports her three children through a combination of unemployment, child support and temporary jobs. She has been unable to find a permanent job in over a year. Gina's energy bills run higher than she had expected, in part because the family has very little furniture in their apartment and



open spaces lose heat more quickly. Although she pays on her MGE bill every month, she has been unable to pay them in full. By March, she had an outstanding balance of \$800. Fortunately, Gina was able to qualify for a grant of \$500 and a payment plan for the remaining balance through Energy Assistance. This will allow her to keep the family's lights on and pay her bills in full now that the heating season has ended.

Both President Obama's and Representative Ryan's budget proposals include cuts to energy assistance. Unless there is a change of course, it is likely that many more families like Gina's will have their lights and heat disconnected next April.

Thank you,
Rachel Krinsky

MCC Mission Opportunity

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).



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.

Women Gathered at the Well

October 21-23
Pilgrim Center,
Green Lake, WI

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

Contact Kim Patullo or Laura Crow for info or find it at www.ucci.org

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 and look for the "Join MOM's eConnections!" box. You can also send MOM an email at 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.

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 trity1@gmail.com.

Welcome Back, Diane! Farewell, Jo!

Diane Koch returns as Secretary on May 1 following her recovery from surgery. Her schedule will be Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to noon.

Jo Mercurio, who filled in for Diane during her absence, would like to convey her thanks for an enjoyable

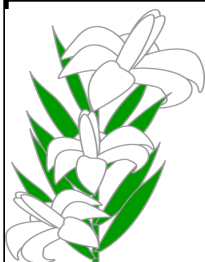
experience filling in for Diane during the past seven weeks. "I was so impressed with the number of committed volunteers, fellowship and community service opportunities carried out by MCC. Thank you for a wonderful experience."

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have some idea of the new directions we may take and the kinds of skills and knowledge you'll need from your pastor to move ahead. That provide the educational focus for my sabbatical. There will be opportunities for conversation and discussion about this at upcoming congregational meetings and in various other forums.

This has been a busy year, but a good one. I have nothing but optimism and hope for the future of this congregation. As we move into the next 75 years as a church, may we continue to "connect faith and life" through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach.

See you in church!



Thanks to all who graced the sanctuary with Easter flowers to remember, honor, and celebrate the following people:

Cari Anderson's Grandmother, Peg Reeder
 Cari Hadac and Gerald Darrow
 Sue-Hunt Christensen's parents, Leonard and Frances Hunt
 Parents of Mary Ann and Dave Drapcho: Rosemary and Bill Sears & Joseph Drapcho
 Carole Klopp's brother, David, and Carol and Reid's Grandparents
 Nancy and Dick Miller and Robert Buss
 Donald Hill and Charles Patullo
 Betsy Wallman's parents: John and Betty Burnham
 Eric and Kelly Wilson: Grandmas and Grandpas
 Joan and Bill Richner's parents
 Haywood Jr., Estela and Maya Pearl
 Pat and Dennis Johnson's new grandsons: Cade & Joey
 The Metzloff Family (Kyle, Liz, Cayley & Tyler)
 Rose Ann and Don Sprang's grandchildren: Hannah, Andrew, Gabby & Sophie
 Peter Burke's Birthday
 Emma Schiestl, graduating Middleton High School Class of 2011

HospiceCare Inc., Offering Community Workshops in May

"Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia"

On Tuesday, May 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., HospiceCare Inc. will offer "Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia." Participants will learn about a dementia patient's changing needs, as well as approaches and communication techniques for caregivers to use as memory-loss diseases progress. This free presentation will be held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison. Pre-registration is requested; please call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs, at (608) 327-7202.

"Grief Support Opportunities"

In May HospiceCare Inc. will begin a 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. 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 Tuesdays, May 17 – June 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- *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.


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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;">Middleton Community UCC 645 Schewe Road, Middleton, WI 53562 <i>(2 miles west of the Beltline, at the corner of Old Sauk and Schewe Roads)</i> 9:30 am Worship Service & Very Cool Sunday School <i>Nursery Care Available</i> <i>Handicapped-Accessible</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Staff</p> <p>PastorJames Iliff Director of Music Bob Mirshak Faith FormationLaura Crow Children's Choir DirectorMindy Nelson-Bergman Keyboards Barbara Brown Secretary Diane Koch Custodian..... Irvin Dennis</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">How to Reach Jim Iliff</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">Church office:</td> <td style="width: 65%;">831-4694</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Home:</td> <td>831-9581</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cell Phone:</td> <td>215-8924</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email:</td> <td>jiliff@tds.net</td> </tr> </table>	Church office:	831-4694	Home:	831-9581	Cell Phone:	215-8924	Email:	jiliff@tds.net	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m. to noon (Closed Fridays)</p> </div> </div>
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