



# Middleton Community UCC

## The Communicator

### September 2022

MCC Beloved,

Last Summer Matt, Asa, and I had the opportunity to rent a small cabin in the north woods to retreat while I attended an online conference. Our days were slow and full of wide moments for deep thinking, listening, and learning. It rained every day we were there, so we didn't get outside much. Instead we set up on a screened-in porch with comfy chairs and a large table. I listened to lectures, while Matt read books.

In between the online workshops, we pattered away on a puzzle that we found on an old book shelf in the living room. It was a picturesque scene of a bubbling brook running along a forest floor... lots of green and brown pieces to sort through. It took most of the week to finish, and even then we never did complete it. Three pieces were missing. **It. Was. Devastating.**

There are only a few things more frustrating than the unmet satisfaction of completing a puzzle, not because you gave up but because the pieces simply don't exist.

Working in and on behalf of the church in 2022 I often feel a little bit like we're working overtime to put together a puzzle not yet knowing if all the pieces are here. Or if they all fit. I'm not even sure if I know that the picture on the puzzle matches the box it came in, for that matter. What we're building is a mystery! Sometimes frustrating, but also awe-some.

Church after the pandemic is... weird. While many of our regular MCC members have returned to worship and activities, many have

not. And I get it! We got used to worshipping in our pajamas, on our own time, or not at all. But here's the thing: MCC is building something really amazing right now. And the missing pieces make a difference. **We miss you!** (or maybe, in my case, I haven't even met you yet and I really really want to!) And our vision for what comes next isn't the same without you.

If you've been looking for motivation to make it back to worship at MCC, consider joining us for Connection Sunday on September 11th:

- The Choir will be reunited and singing in worship!
- Sunday School for PreK-Middle School resumes during the worship hour!
- **Momma Megs Ice Cream** will be pulling up just after worship to serve the good stuff.
- All the church boards are hosting a "Connection Fair" - sharing opportunities to get involved and highlight all the amazing work that has continued throughout the pandemic.

It all starts at 9:30am and we'd love to have you there. Amazing things are happening at MCC and we want you to be a part of it. Hope to see you soon.

Peace,  
Pastor Zayna

P.S. It's come to my attention that there might be some confusion about my "public office hours" - these are held on some Thursdays at Barriques on Old Sauk Road. It's a chance for anyone who wishes to stop by and chat about whatever is on their minds. However, these hours are not my \*only\* availability! I'm generally in the church office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. If you'd like to make an appointment or stop by - please do!



## Save the Date: Zayna's Installation as our Settled Pastor October 9th, 2:00pm

Pastor Zayna will be "installed" as our new pastor on October 9th at 2pm. While hosted by MCC, this is a service of the Southwest Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC. It is a formal celebration of the covenant between Pastor Zayna and our congregation and a blessing for our ministry going forward.

Join us for an exciting worship service and help us welcome guests from the wider church at a party to follow - there's sure to be cake!

## September Season of Creation Worship Series

The ecumenical movement to add a four week "Season of Creation" to the church calendar comes from a desire to turn the church's attention to God the Creator and our sacred connection with all of Creation. Each week focuses on a different element. This year those are: oceans, animals, storms, and the Universe.



## Pastor's Public Office Hours - Barriques on Old Sauk Rd Thursday, September 8th & 29th – 11 am-1 pm

Come share a cup of coffee, a quick treat, or just a conversation. Pastor Zayna will be working from Barriques and invites you to stop by for any (or no!) reason at all.

## New Member Class - September 25th, 10:30 am

Pastor Zayna and the Board of Membership and Fellowship welcome anyone interested in learning more about membership at MCC to join a New Member Class after worship on Sunday, September 25th. Lunch will be provided.



There will be a second follow-up meeting held online with a date TBD by the participants. If you are interested in participating in this class or have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Zayna. at [mccpastor@middletonucc.org](mailto:mccpastor@middletonucc.org).



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Join our Members & Friends group: [facebook.com/groups/mccmembersandfriends](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mccmembersandfriends)



Follow us: <https://www.youtube.com/MiddletonUCC>

## Advent Worship Summit – October 8

Beloved MCCers,

In a recent conversation, Laura Crow and I started talking about how much we value collaborative worship planning. I also truly value thematic, well-crafted worship - where everything works together and toward something bigger than our individual selves.

In pursuit of both values, we'll be hosting a "Worship Summit" on Saturday, October 8th from 9-Noon at the church. During this time we'll look together at the scripture and themes for worship during Advent, Christmas and maybe even Epiphany. Together, we'll think about potential:

- Focus scriptures
- Overarching themes
- Music
- Dramas
- Images
- Design
- ... and whatever else the Spirit might put before us!

The hope is that this would give a large number of our community members the opportunity to weigh in on what is speaking to them in this season, and share creative ideas of



how we might mark this season together in worship. We won't necessarily make any decisions or solid plans but the ideas and inspirations from this session will then inform the staff as we go about the work of planning Sunday morning worship.

If this works well, perhaps it can be a regular thing to plan for special seasons throughout the year!

(Though, we'll plan better and probably hold during a less-busy season) This opportunity is open to our entire worshipping community - so please share far and wide, and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

[Please register](#) so the BOW knows how many to plan for.

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Pastor Zayna



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- Sunday School for PreK-Middle School resumes during the worship hour!
- Ice cream and other goodies!

## Sunday Morning Greeters

Please join the “greeting” team to welcome members and friends – new and old – to MCC on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include arriving at 9 AM to open the front door as people arrive and greet them with a warm “hello” and smile. Also, please check over the

“Welcome” table where materials for guest name tags, face masks (adult and kid sizes) and prayer request slips are found. You can direct visitors to this table. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Joan Richner, [bjrichner@gmail.com](mailto:bjrichner@gmail.com). Many thanks!

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## Forward Garden Work Days



With the church’s partnership with Forward Garden, we are part of the greater Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens’ mission to help provide emergency

food systems in our community with over 100,000 pounds of locally grown and culturally relevant fresh produce. No gardening experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome to join.

We have scheduled several Saturday morning (9-11am) garden work days for MCC, during

which we'll be joined by members of Asbury Methodist Church. More details and sign up is available [online](#).

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If the above Saturday dates/times don't work for you, you can always attend one of the recurring open work sessions at the garden:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- For these open work sessions, please call or text Matt Lechmaier at (530) 650-5301 to let him know you're coming

**Let us grow food and community together!**

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## Fellowship Time Volunteers Needed

It’s been great enjoying fellowship time after service again! Thanks to everyone who has been providing treats and hospitality this summer!

Please consider volunteering to provide treats and hosting coffee hour this summer. A sign-up sheet can be found on the serving table in Fellowship Hall or [online](#). Thank you!



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## New Directories Now Available!

New MCC Members and Friends directories are now available in Fellowship Hall. More copies will be added as the supply gets low.



If your family isn’t in the directory and you want to be (visitors, this includes you!) or if you have changes that need to be made before the next printing, please contact Anne in the church office.

# Adult Faith and Fellowship Opportunities

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**Adult Sunday School** – Starting on September 18th, we will be hosting four of our mission partners to learn more about what their programs do and discuss some of the social justice implications of each. Please join us in the Gathering Room at **10:45am each Sunday** as we learn more together.

September 18 - Horizon High School

September 25 - Worker Justice Wisconsin

October 2 - JustDane

October 9 - Middleton Outreach Ministry

If you'd like to be put on our mailing list, contact Lara Romine, [FFD\\_Assist@middletonucc.org](mailto:FFD_Assist@middletonucc.org).

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## Mind/Body/Spirit

This mindfulness group meets in the sanctuary every **1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm**. This month, we're going to share some articles related to mindfulness and self-awareness. Everyone is welcome! Please join us! [Contact Brian](#) for more information.

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## Choir

Inviting all car and shower singers to consider singing with the MCC Choir! We are a welcoming group of individuals who enjoy singing and learning about music. Rehearsals are **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm** and we sing in worship about twice per month. Come once to try it out if you're not sure. It's also a great way to connect with fellow MCC members!

Instrumentalists are needed for worship too! We can support and organize solos and ensembles. Contact Deb Neuman for more information: [mccmusic@mccucc.org](mailto:mccmusic@mccucc.org)

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**Knitting Group:** If you enjoy any needlecraft and would like some fellowship while doing so, please email Beth Michaels at [bethmichaels57@gmail.com](mailto:bethmichaels57@gmail.com) to be added to the group's email list.

**Tuesday Night Fellowship** will resume on September 13. The group gathers for a meal on **Tuesdays at 6pm**, followed by discussion until 7:45pm or so--give or take, followed by clean-up. We sign up week by week for bringing contributions for the meal--usually one soup, bread and drink, and dessert.

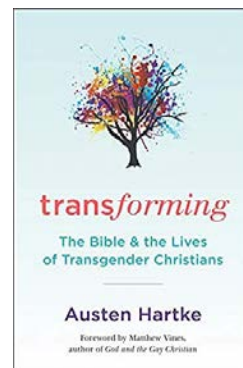
We plan to begin this season with a study of the Hebrew Scripture book of Ruth (prompted in large part by Pastor Zayna's use of that text in a service this summer). But first, let's just gather and talk about our summer and the intersection of faith and life.

Our text for this study will be, naturally, the Book of Ruth, supplemented by an offering from Luther Seminary (ELCA), which can be accessed (for free) at [Ruth - Enter the Bible](#). Contact Dave Werner with questions at [davewerner86@gmail.com](mailto:davewerner86@gmail.com) or 608-826-0319

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## Coffee and Conversation

After a two month break, Coffee & Conversation will be starting up again! We will be reading and discussing *Transforming: The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Harke. Purchase your book in your favorite format, or borrow it from the city library.



**Sept 7:** Forward, Intro, Chapters 1-3

**Sept 21:** Chapters 4-6

**Oct 5:** Chapters 7-9

**Oct 19:** Chapters 10-12, & Conclusion

The group meets in a Hybrid format on the **first and third Wednesdays**. Church doors are open by 7:45am, the discussion starts at 8:00. Coffee is brewed hot and fresh, hot tea is available also! Everyone is welcome at these discussions.

## MCC Mindfulness Retreat – Oct 22

The Thursday evening Mindfulness group will be hosting a Mindfulness retreat on Oct 22 9am-2pm in Fellowship hall or the courtyard, if weather accommodates.

The theme of the retreat will be **Radiating Compassion**. This will be a chance to explore how you express compassion for yourself and

then practice how to extend this compassion to others.

This will be an active day with group conversation and some Qigong stretching/movement. Lunch will be delivered.

Email Brian Koenig to sign up or with questions: [bwkoenig@k12associates.com](mailto:bwkoenig@k12associates.com)

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## Introducing... Adult Crafts and Games!

MCC is launching a new Fellowship opportunity for adults to connect and socialize with relaxed and FUN activities. This is a great way to meet new people and re-connect with neighbors and friends because – let's face it – a lot has changed since we have been together in community! Adults of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend.

We will gather in Fellowship Hall on the **third Tuesday of each month from 11:00am-12:30pm**. A light snack and beverage will be provided. Laura Crow and Geri Cupery will serve as initial

hosts. We welcome your ideas and assistance as we move forward.

Check out our FALL SCHEDULE and make plans to attend!

- **September 20** – Card BINGO! This is a SUPER FUN game suggested by Darci W. Lots of wonderful PRIZES to be awarded!
- **October 18** – Create a FALL WREATH for yourself or to share
- **November 15** – Holiday CARD MAKING with stamps

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## We're Going Back to Jamaica!

After a way-too-long hiatus, a group of youth and adults from MCC will return to the beautiful North Coast of Jamaica, and its delightful people, to help with their schools and learn about their deep faith and amazing culture. Our tentative dates for the trip are June 17-24, 2023.

Over the last three decades, groups from MCC have visited Jamaica many times. This trip has been an important part of our youth experience in coming of age in a turbulent world. Our trips have combined work at schools, painting, repairing, building, even teaching alongside our Jamaican friends, with visiting the towns and markets and seeing the culture and art of this wonderful Caribbean island nation.

We have been fortunate at MCC to have members with close family ties to Jamaica, who

have guided us over our many trips. Our group leaders for 2023 have been to Jamaica many times and look forward to a happy return to the island.

There will be an informational meeting on the 2023 Jamaica Trip on Sunday, October 2, at MCC. The meeting will cover the goals, preparation, questions, costs, fundraising, itinerary and other issues.

If you are interested in the Jamaica Trip, but cannot attend this meeting, please contact either Janet Coughlin or Kat Vater:

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608-333-8182

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608-807-8968

# Children and Youth Faith and Fellowship Opportunities

## Come reConnect in Sunday School!

We are so excited to be starting off the 2022-23 Sunday School year! We have made some changes I am excited about for the upcoming year!

- We are opening our **Preschool** classroom back up! We are so excited to have them return to church.
- Our **Kindergarten-4th grade** friends will continue to meet in a large group format.
- NEW this year, **5th & 6th grade** students will be meeting in the Youth Room.
- NEW this year, our **7th & 8th grade** students will meet in the Heritage room.

All four of these age groups will meet Sunday mornings after Moment with Children, on non-communion Sundays.

- **High School** will meet on the second Sunday of each month, from 6:30-8:00 pm. We will share snacks and have some fellowship time, as well as our lesson each month.

If you haven't done so already, please register your kids! There are two different registrations, depending on the age of your children. Youth registration has some different, age appropriate permissions we need you to respond to. Thank you!

[Children: Birth-4th Grade \(2022/23\)](#)

[Youth: 5th-12th grade \(2022/23\)](#)

## September Youth Group

### Middle School:

September 18, 6:30-8:00 pm

### High School:

September 25, 6:30-8:00 pm

Join us in the Memorial Garden at MCC for our annual campfire & s'mores. The evening will include some games and discussions on what you are interested in for the 2022-23 school year.

Middle School Youth Group is for Youth in 5-6-7-8 grades.

High School Youth Group is for Youth in 9-10-11-12 grades!

***Friends are always welcome!***

We ask that all Youth sign-up for this event. I mean, it would be horrible if we didn't have enough s'mores to go around!!! (Sign your friends up too!)

[Middle School Sign-up](#)

[High School Sign-up](#)

Please come prepared for the weather. Rain will drive the event inside, and we will have "oven s'mores" instead. The water fountain and restrooms will be available, but you are always welcome to bring your own water bottle.

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### [Sign-up to be a Nursery Volunteer Here](#)

Youth must be 13 years old, and should sign up with an adult (doesn't have to be a parent)

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***Masks are optional for church activities***

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# Trunk *or* Treat



*Presenting MCC's \*9th\* T-O-T... and you're invited!*



**WHO:** MCC needs YOU!!

**WHAT:** Be a fun-loving HOST or VOLUNTEER

- Host a decorated vehicle trunk, as a group or on your own
- Help with crucial tasks before, during & after this community event
- Donate treats and other items in advance
- Hosts receive up to \$50 to offset the cost of costumes & trunk decoration
- This year we will have a traveling trophy award for Favorite Trunk
- Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall or online: [middletonucc.org/trunk-or-treat/](http://middletonucc.org/trunk-or-treat/)

*We need lots of helping hands to make Trunk or Treat a big success!*

**WHERE:** Middleton Community Church south parking lot

In the event of inclement weather: Trick or Treating will pivot to inside the church as a walk-through event, with decorated tables/booths.

**WHEN:** 3-5pm on Sunday, October 23, 2022

As visitors move from trunk to trunk, our creative costumed hosts share goodies from their decorated cars. Hosts should arrive ready to decorate their trunks by 1pm.

**WHY:** To provide a fun early Halloween community event!

Trunk or Treat is a safe alternative that keeps kids out of the street while still enjoying the fun of trick or treating — and gives all who participate, as either a host or a guest, the opportunity to costume up!



## Camp Balsams: Our Lakeside Retreat September weeks still available!

Camp Balsams is a personal, family and group retreat, owned by Middleton Community Church, United Church of Christ. Camp Balsams is in the north woods of Wisconsin, five miles east of Eagle River, on the shores of Bass Lake. It is perfect for active family fun: fishing, swimming, or hiking. Camp Balsams is also perfect for quiet and spiritual retreat, cooking s'mores, singing songs, and sharing our faith around the fire, counting eagles and shooting stars.

We own five cabins that may be rented by MCC members during the summer season - through September 28 this year. One of the cabins, Charlie's Cabin, may be rented year-round.



Full-week rentals are for seven nights, arriving on Sunday, 3pm or later and departing the following Sunday by 2pm

at the latest. Full-week rental rates are: Cabin 2-\$225; Cabin 3-\$375; Cabin 4-\$350; Cabin 5-\$450 and Charlie's Cabin-\$700. **Daily rentals are available for shorter stays.** Daily rates are approximately 1/7 of the weekly rate. No deposit is required.

Health care services in the Eagle River area are limited. If anyone in your party has been exposed to COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms, you should not travel to Camp Balsams. Full refunds will be provided to anyone needing to cancel. Occupancy is limited to 10 individuals per cabin.

**It is the intention of the Camp Balsams Committee that the camp be accessible to all members. If the rates present a hardship,** please contact Pastor Zayna ([mccpastor@middletonucc.org](mailto:mccpastor@middletonucc.org)) or one of the camp co-chairs, Ross Michaels ([rossmichaels53@gmail.com](mailto:rossmichaels53@gmail.com)) or Joe Tennies ([tennies@gmail.com](mailto:tennies@gmail.com)).

\*Reserve cabin by contacting Anne Tennies in the church office: 608-831-4694 or [mccucc@middletonucc.org](mailto:mccucc@middletonucc.org)

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## Balsams Family Retreat: September 23-25 Weekend Topic: Uniquely You!

Cost per family: \$100 (full and partial scholarships are available)

[Register Here!](#) – Registration ends September 1, 2022

God created each and every one of us to be exactly who we are! No two of us are exactly alike! We all have special talents, gifts and interests. During the Balsams Family Retreat Weekend, we will spend lots of time celebrating our uniqueness!

The Balsams Family Weekend Retreat is a great opportunity to spend time growing our faith together as a church community, in the beautiful Northwoods!

More details can be found in the [August Communicator](#). Questions? Ask [Darci!](#)

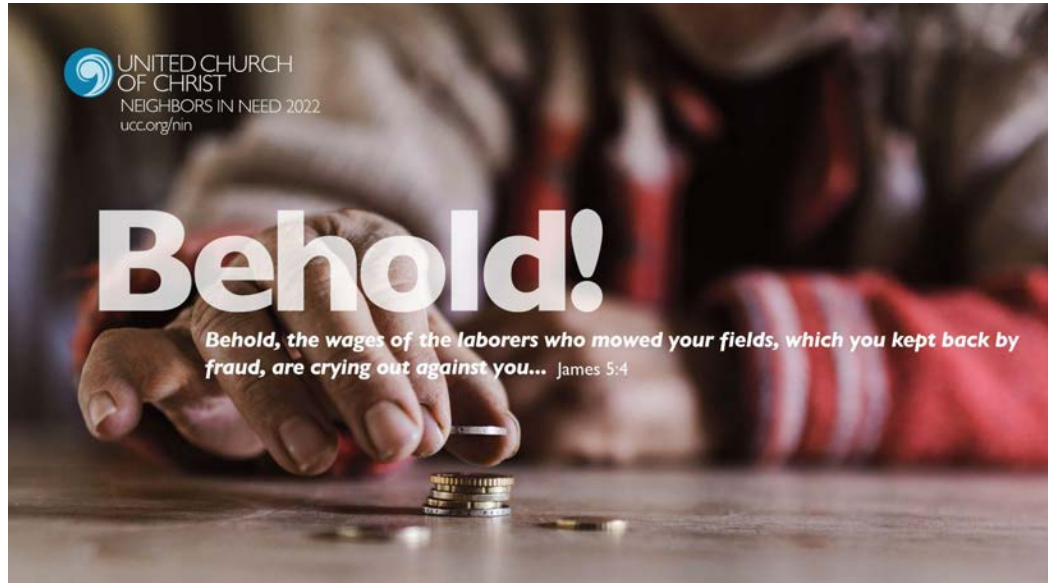


## Special Offering – Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ and supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this through a faith lens.

One-third of the offering supports [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.



Offering envelopes will be in the bulletins at MCC in October, but contributions can also be made by mailing checks to the church office (put Neighbors in Need in the memo line) or using our online giving portal throughout September.

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## Post-COVID Transition Team Update

Current COVID Protocols at MCC:

- Masks are optional at worship and in Sunday School.
- Congregational singing will continue to be allowed, but we request that the congregation wear masks if they choose to sing.
- Small groups can make the decision for themselves whether or not masks will be worn.

The Post-COVID Transition team will continue to monitor COVID conditions, and may reinstate stricter policies if COVID transmission worsens again.

**Our church strives to provide as many opportunities to connect as possible, and for that reason we are continuing the livestreamed service as well as hybrid activities. We will also continue streaming the service to Fellowship Hall, where worshipers are welcome to sit and watch the service.**



If you have any questions, please contact Steve Weber at [moderator@middletonucc.org](mailto:moderator@middletonucc.org)

**Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday 8am to noon**

**Stay in touch:** Contact the staff via phone and e-mail. If we don't answer the phone, please leave a message; our voicemail messages are automatically forwarded to staff email.

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## Ways You Can Support Our Mission Partners

### **Middleton Outreach Ministry**

For current pantry hours and procedures, [Click HERE](#).  
[Current Top 10 most requested items](#)

To donate, visit [momhelps.org](http://momhelps.org) and click "Donate."

### **The Road Home Dane County**

Support vulnerable families (including Healing House, a joint ministry with Just Dane).

Visit [trhome.org/](http://trhome.org/) and click "Donate."

### **MCPASD School Feeding Programs**

[Click HERE](#) for more information or to donate.

### **Madison Schools Feeding Programs**

free meals to all children 18 and under

Visit <https://food.madison.k12.wi.us> for times and locations for food distribution.

### **Middleton Youth Center**

[Click HERE](#), and then click "donate to the Youth Center here."

### **Orion Family Services**

Orion Family Services can now accept online donations at [www.orionfamilyservices.org](http://www.orionfamilyservices.org). If you're interested in getting updates about their work, you can sign up to receive their newsletter.

### **Horizon High School**

Visit [horizonhs.org](http://horizonhs.org) and click "Donate."

### **Wisconsin Conference UCC**

Emergency Response Fund to support churches facing significant financial challenges

Give online at [wcucc.org](http://wcucc.org) by clicking the red "Donate" button at the top of the page.

### **Dane County COVID-19 Emergency and Recovery Fund**

Funds will be split into two approaches: Short-term emergency and Long-term response and recovery.  
[Click HERE](#), then click "Donate Here."

### **Red Cross**

There is currently a severe blood shortage. To make an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Financial donations are also appreciated. [Click HERE](#) for all the ways you can donate.

### **Voces de la Frontera Direct Relief Fund: COVID-19 Relief for Undocumented Workers**

Voces de la Frontera, is raising critical funds to ensure the most vulnerable members of our communities will be able to meet their basic needs. Donate at <https://bit.ly/VocesReliefFund>

## MCC Care Ministry

If you would like a telephone check in, please contact Jim Neuman at [jneuman253@gmail.com](mailto:jneuman253@gmail.com) or 829-0698. We can also help you problem-solve to get your needs met. The card team sends cards to members, friends, and immediate family who are at home or on our church prayer list.

If you would like to be a part of our Care Ministry, receive services or make a referral, contact Jim Neuman at 829-0698.



### A Note from Rose Ann Sprang

*Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. I'm much improved from my broken arm.*

*Thanks again,  
Rose Ann Sprang*



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries!*

### Happy September Birthday!

Valerie Behrens	Carole Klopp
Stephanie Birmingham	Coralie Lemcke
Ron Bowen	Gayle Love
John Comerford	Elizabeth Metzloff
Will Comerford	Jasper Metzloff
Melissa Corrigan	Beatrix Rogers
Darlayne Coughlin	Jacci See
Janet Coughlin	Michele Statz
Charles Crow	Laurie Stolen
Ron Doersch	Isaac Sund
Amy Elliott	Julie Tamulevich
Edith First	Stanley Tamulevich
Sherry Gustafson	Steve Weber
Sue Hunt-Christensen	Andrew Wiens
Tim Jaberg	Alex Wilson
Traci Janikowski	Eric Wilson
Joanne Kelly	

*If we missed yours, please contact the church office.*

### Happy September Anniversary!

Chris & Ellen Acker  
Greg Barrett &  
Jessica Pellegrino-Barrett  
Courtney & Ryan Barthel  
Barbara & Nick Breitbach  
Delores & Ken Haak  
Erin & Matthew Hammes  
Marie & Ralph Jackson  
Lara & Paul Romine  
Matt & Zayna Thomley

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

# September 2022

Click the links to join the online meetings. Visit our [Google Calendar](#) for dial-in instructions.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Sunday worship: 9:30am</b>  <b>In-Person and LiveStream at <a href="https://youtube.com/MiddletonUCC">youtube.com/MiddletonUCC</a></b>  <i>“Happily we bask in this warm September sun,  which illuminates all creatures...” — Henry David Thoreau</i></p>				1  6:30pm Mindfulness 7:00pm A/V Tech Check	2	3
4 9:30am Communion Worship ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> ) 10:30am Fellowship	5 <b>Labor Day</b> Office Closed  6:45pm <a href="#">Bd of Christian Ed</a>	6 9am-12pm Quilt Gld Workshop 1pm Staff Meeting Mad City Quilt Guild Meeting 7:00pm <a href="#">Board of Worship</a>	7 8:00am Coffee & Conversation <b>H</b> 6:30pm <a href="#">Bd of Membership and Fellowship</a> Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm A/V Tech Check	8  11-1 pm Pastor's Public Office Hours  5:30pm SWA Mtg	9	10  9-11am Forward Garden Work Day
11 <b>Patriot Day</b>  9:30am Worship ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> ) 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Connection Sunday 6:30-8pm HS Sunday School	12  10:00am Staff Meeting  6:30pm <a href="#">Board of Finance</a>	13  6:00pm Tuesday Night Fellowship 6:30pm <a href="#">Board of Mission and Stewardship</a>	14   6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm A/V Tech Check	15   6:00pm Condo Assn Mtg 6:30pm Mindfulness	16	17  10am Quilt Guild Board Mtg
18 9:30am Worship ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> ) 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Adult Sun School <b>H</b> 6:30-8pm MS Youth Group	19  10:00am Staff Meeting  6:45pm <a href="#">Council Mtg</a> <b>H</b>	20  11am-12:30pm Adult Game & Craft Club  6:00pm Tuesday Night Fellowship	21  8:00am Coffee & Conversation <b>H</b>  6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm A/V Tech Check	22	23  <b>Camp Balsams Family Retreat</b>	24  9-11am Forward Garden Work Day  <b>Balsams Family Retreat</b>
25 9:30am Worship ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> ) 10:30am New Member Class 10:45am Adult Sun School <b>H</b> 6:30-8pm HS Youth Group <b>Family Retreat</b>	26  10:00am Staff Meeting  7:00pm Mad City Quilt Guild Meeting	27  6:00pm Tuesday Night Fellowship	28   6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm A/V Tech Check	29  11-1 pm Pastor's Public Office Hours	30  <b>Balsams Closing Weekend</b>	

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**H** indicates hybrid (in person or online)