



# The Union News

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey—you are welcome here"*  
*An "Open and Affirming" Congregation*



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May spiritual blessings fall freely on you as you experience Gifts of this Holy season. May the gifts of faith, hope, love, joy and peace bless you and awaken in you the desire to look up with a grateful heart.

Merry Christmas from the Justice Ministry Team

## DECEMBER 2022

Notes from Rev. Torri Vande Zande

### Advent: The Season of Waiting! (Which I'm not very good at.)

The day after Thanksgiving was the time my family put up our Christmas tree every year. We had an artificial tree we would drag down from the second floor storage room and plopped down in the middle of the living room. We also had two or three large boxes packed with ornaments, garland, tinsel and lights.

As we began to put up the tree, we worked together like a well-oiled machine. My mom would organize the branches, and I would put them in the long wooden stick. Once all the branches were in...well, not all the branches because one was missing...we moved on to filtering through the ornaments and deciding which ones we wanted on the tree that year. Meanwhile, my brother wrestled with untangling the lights and making sure all the bulbs worked. He hated this job and often cursed a lot. In the midst of the mess, we would always manage to break one or two ornaments, throw out at least a half a dozen bulbs, and fight over whether or not we wanted the tree to "blink". Maybe "a well-oiled machine" wasn't the right way to describe us.

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor.....Rev. Torri Vande Zande  
 Office Administrator.....Linda Ottman  
 Secretary/Tech.....Sabbastian Wilson-Webb  
 Financial Secretary.....Don Hoppe  
 Treasurer.....Sheryl Kaubisch  
 Bell Choir Director.....Heidi Hoppe  
 Musicians.....Sheryl Kaubisch  
 Kathleen Millberg, Barb Nish, Dick Kimmel

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Moderators.....Marilyn McKnight & Steve Erickson  
 Clerk.....Karen Holle  
 Board of Financial Stewardship.....Don Hoppe  
 Ministry Teams:  
 Congregational Life.....Joni Kumpula  
 Facilities.....Mike Bohanon and Kerry Swenson  
 Personnel.....Marilyn McKnight  
 Worship.....Heidi Hoppe  
 Men's Fellowship.....Stan Kumpula  
 Women's Fellowship.....Joni Kumpula  
 Adult Learning.....Linnea Dietrich  
 Tech Team.....Mike Schmitt  
 Treasure Sale.....Cindy Gulbrandson  
 Justice Ministry Team.....Sue Kimmel

**ADVENT SCHEDULE**

We are partnering again this Advent season with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Below is the schedule. I hope you can join us as we journey together.

**Dec. 7—At St. Paul's Lutheran**  
 4:30pm Devotional/Meditation "Lighted Windows"  
*led by Linnea Dietrich and Laura Baum-Parr*  
 5:30pm Advent Service  
 6:00pm Meal

**Dec. 14—At Union UCC**  
 4:15pm Devotional/Meditation "Lighted Windows"  
*led by Linnea Dietrich and Laura Baum-Parr*  
 4:30 - 5:30pm Community Meal  
 5:30pm Advent Service

**Dec. 21—At St. Paul's Lutheran**  
 4:30pm Devotional/Meditation "Lighted Windows"  
*led by Linnea Dietrich and Laura Baum-Parr*  
 5:30pm Advent Service  
 6:00pm Meal

**Dec. 24**  
 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service at Union Church

**Dec. 25**  
 No Church service at Union on Christmas Day Sunday

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- December 10 Sandy Tauber  
Grace Noonan  
Nathan Kalli
- December 12 Michael Small
- December 14 Charles Green
- December 15 Verlee Cline
- December 16 Kathy Adams
- December 17 Angie (Tauber) Danielson
- December 21 Lois Bohanon
- December 23 Dick Anderson
- December 27 Gordon Ford
- December 28 Kathy Green
- December 30 Beverly Patterson
- December 31 Mike Gulbrandson

*Happy Birthday*



Karen Holle, Linda Ottman, and Sabbastian Wilson-Webb, Editors

## MODERATOR'S MOMENT

It has been almost one year since the two of us assumed the position of "Co-Moderators" of this great and wonderful church community. This past year has been one of the most fulfilling and exciting times we have had being more deeply involved in the activities of a church community. Thanks to the kind, loving and accepting understanding of Torri, the church council and all of the Union Church members, the required steep learning curve has been made easier. The privilege of jointly giving the message on several Sundays has been a special honor and joy for us, especially the Sermon on the Mount series with Torri, as well as Steve's delivery of his recovery story. Most important for today is that we are a welcoming church. We are rebounding from COVID, and we are growing in membership. There is always much to do as Union Congregational continues to build upon the dedication and hard work of past and present leaders to be a large beacon of love and acceptance in Hackensack and the surrounding communities where "All Are Welcome Here."

As we anticipate this special time of Advent and Christmas, let's celebrate the season of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love and spread it widely!

Christmas Cheer and Christmas blessings to all!

Steve and Marilyn

## NOTES FROM REV. TORRI (Continued)

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In the end, empty boxes that once held all the decorations were littered throughout the house and countless ornament hooks were lost in the carpet. It was a lot of work to get ready for Christmas! But in the midst of our mess...we were ready!

I remember one year looking at my mom and asking, "Okay, what's next? What do we do now?" My mom said, "Now we wait."

"Wait! Wait for what?" I asked.

"Christmas," she replied.

I remember thinking, we have to wait? We did all this work and now we have to wait? I hate waiting! But that is what we needed to do. So every year we waited.

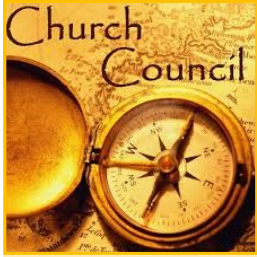
We are entering the season of Advent... the season of waiting. We take this time to prepare our hearts and minds to the rhythm of God's heart. In our business of putting up the tree, in the craziness of getting gifts for everyone, in the midst of this messy life...we wait.

Advent is a time where we anticipate the long awaited Messiah. We reflect on a hope for a better future, a peace that transcends all understanding, an unexplainable joy that fills our souls and an unconditional love that envelopes our lives when we put our trust in God. In our mess...we wait for God to enter our story. May this season of Advent find you pondering the meaning of hope, peace, joy and love in your lives.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all,

Pastor Torri Vande Zande





# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## November 17, 2022

Present: Cindy Gulbrandson, Karen Holle, Pastor Torri, Heidi Hoppe, Don Hoppe, Kerry Swenson, Joni Kumpula, Stan Kumpula, Mary Parrish, Sue Kimmel, Mike Schmitt, Linnea Dietrich

Joni called the meeting to order in Marilyn and Steve Erickson's absence. The agenda was accepted as written, and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Don/Cindy

Pastor's Monthly Report: Torri presented her written monthly report. On December 11 we will be having a Family Christmas Service which will feature members and friends participating in readings, prayers and songs. This day is also Ugly Sweater Sunday.

On December 18 we will be receiving a new member into our congregation. Pastor Torri reported that in the past two years we have had 15 new people join the church. Two members that had left the church are now back, and we have new faces at our services each week. Torri suggested that we could give new people a tour of the church, and we should begin to learn what gifts each new person has to offer our church.

Torri also suggested that we need to have time to get our activities published in the "ON DECK" so that we are letting the community know what is being offered.

Financial Stewardship Board: Don reported that the income for October was about \$5,200 less than the expenses for that month. So far the income for November is very good. Don hopes at the end of the year to have some Carryover for 2023. As of November 17 we have received 36 pledges for a total of about \$90,000. Don hopes for 44 pledges and a total pledged of \$110,000. Please get your pledge into the Board of Financial Stewardship if you have not already done so.

Don asked Council members to get their budgets done for next year so that the 2023 church budget can be put together and presented to the Congregation in January.

Facilities Board: Kerry has been trying to connect with the elevator company (MCI) this month but has been unsuccessful. He has connected with two vendors that handle furnaces because we have been looking into replacing the furnaces that heat our Friendship Hall. These two furnaces work in tandem with each other and Kerry is learning that perhaps only one of the furnaces, the one that gets the most use, will need replacing. Kerry will have both furnaces serviced this fall.

In the lower level art room we have had water entering the building through a window well. Kerry has torn out ruined dry wall and has dug out the window well to make sure it doesn't fill with water in the future. Other window wells outside the church will need to be addressed this spring.

An outside light will be added to the corner of the overhang on our west door so that the driveway is better lit at night. Kerry feels he can tackle this job.

Mike and Kerry will make sure that some of our faucets are left on this winter to, hopefully, prevent our water pipes from freezing. Next year we expect this problem will be corrected.

The lower level door has been re-keyed so we can all open the door without a master key. Kerry is checking our furnace filters and will change them out if needed. Thanks you, Kerry, for all you are doing for the church!!

Personnel Board: Pastor Torri's letter of call for 2023 is being addressed by this committee.

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### Ministry Team Reports:

Congregational Life: Today we discussed the fact that we are seeing new people at church almost every week. We are all trying to get to know people that join us for fellowship after worship. We talked about the difficulty the team is having keeping up with calls to the church members that we don't see. We discussed ways to possibly make the team more successful at that.

Worship: Heidi reported that in the last month we averaged 33 people in church and 8 people on line. **Motion: No worship service on Christmas morning. Heidi/Karen/passed**

Youth and Families: We talked a bit about our last community meal and the meals coming up for Advent. We are working to make sure the meals get advertised so people know about them.

Adult Learning: Linnea is joining us today for the first time as leader of this ministry team. Welcome to Council! Linnea and her friend Laura will be offering a book study, Lighted Windows, during Advent. Linnea will let the Lutheran church members know about this offering in case they are interested.

Women's Fellowship: The Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Christmas luncheon on December 8 for church members and friends. The cost will be \$15 per person, and people need to sign up to attend. The food will be catered by the Char House.

On December 11 the women will bring in Christmas cookies for sale. Please put 6 cookies per small paper plate. Each small plate will cost \$2.00.

Men's Fellowship: Stan reported that at the November meeting the men met with Molly Bursch who spoke about solar energy. In 2023 non-profits will be eligible for a 30% rebate on solar projects. The men are interested in pursuing this project.

On December 6 the men will put up the Christmas trees at church. Stan will try to recruit some men to clean up after the December 11 luncheon.

Food boxes are being prepared by the men's fellowship and the Hackensack Food Shelf for people who need food for the holiday. Many thanks to Dick Kimmel for raising funds to help with this effort.

Justice Ministry Team: Sue reported that the City of Hackensack has asked the Justice Ministry Team to help with city clean-up next spring. The JMT is willing to be part of this project. Sue talked about work that will be done to make bathrooms gender neutral. She will give Kerry a work order describing how the bathrooms will change. She also mentioned a You Tube video called "Call Me Malcolm" about a transgender person's experience. This video was prepared by UCC.org.

Fundraising: Trivia Night will be held on January 14 at 6:30 p.m. after the Back to Hack fireworks.

Joni mentioned that Kokoro wants to start music lessons again at church and will use the room across from the downstairs kitchen to do so.

Tech Team: Today we celebrated Mike Schmitt who has done so much to improve our use of technology for so little money. Thank you, Mike, for all you do for the Church!

Old Business: We discussed the tasks accomplished inside and outside at our last clean up day about a month ago. Next project to be tackled is to clean out the upstairs choir robe closet and to bring up supplies from downstairs for the cleaning crew.

Adjournment and Benediction. No meeting in December unless the Executive Committee meets to discuss the 2023 budget. No January newsletter.

Next Council meeting, January 19, 2023. Clerk, Karen Holle

# THROUGH KODA'S EYES



Hi! My name is Koda, and I am the "Church Dog"! First, I want to thank everyone for being so good to me while my human was recovering from surgery on her paw. Many of you took me for walks, brought over friends I could play with, and gave me good treats! Thank you for taking care of my human by taking care of me.

As my human sat on the couch recovering, she realized winter was going to come soon, so she decided to buy me a new cozy bed! Well, it came in the mail, she opened it up, and it was wonderful! It was fuzzy and squishy and warm!

She put it on the floor near (not in front) of a little heater I like to lay by. It was the perfect spot! But then... Bandit (the cat) decided it was the perfect spot too! I do not think I need to tell you that it is no longer my new bed. It is Bandit (the cat's) new bed... but I get to sleep on the outside of it sometimes.



My human saw that Bandit (the cat) stole my bed. Well, he did not really steal it... I gave it to him. You see, Bandit (the cat) needs to stay warm too. Granted he has two coats of fur and I only have one, but he still gets cold. So I am happy to give him my bed!

Anyway, my human saw that Bandit (the cat) stole my bed. So, she decided to get me a new coat to wear! I love my new coat! I can wear it when I go outside for walks and I can snuggle on the floor and not get cold. I do not need a cozy, fluffy bed. Bandit (the cat) can have it.

My human was telling me that Christmas is coming. I am not familiar with all the stuff that goes along with Christmas, but I do know that humans like to give each other gifts. They also like to help other humans who may be in need. I think that is great! It sounds an awful lot like what us dogs would do... if we had thumbs!

I think that is what I did with Bandit (the cat). I gave him my bed as an early Christmas present. I do not think he will get me anything... but that is okay. He does not need to. Just being Bandit (the cat) is good enough for me!

That is how I see it through my eyes!  
Have a barky day!  
Koda ("The Church Dog")



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Hi! Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas! Here we are with so much to do. Hope you've already made your reservation for the all church Christmas luncheon; if not, call church. It is Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. The Char House is catering lasagna! We will do some caroling and have some door prizes. Lots of fun and fellowship.

Next up will be our cookie sale on Sunday the 11th after church. Please bake your prettiest or cutest Christmas cookies. If you need more instructions, call the church or me, Joni 218 682 2026. We will sell them for \$2 per half dozen. We do need to make some dollars for projects.

**PRAYER BEARS**— We have our cute little prayer bears for you to give to anyone you know in need of prayers for any occasion, such as illness etc. They are adorable and can be a treasure. We have made them for many years and seem to have forgotten about their use in our Christian lives. Do remember them!

Our November meeting was coffee tasting and it was special. We had our election of officers for 2023. President: Joni Kumpula, V.Pres.: Caryl Allen, Treas.: Elsa McNelis, and V.Treas.: Sandy Tauber. We will not be having a meeting in January. If you have missed our last meetings please think about joining us in the future. We have lots of fun and do church and service projects.

Have a wonderful and joyous celebration of the birth of Christ! See you in church, Joni

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Well, we have had two months of interesting Solar Panel presentations, and our Facilities Board is looking into proposals that Union Church might be interested in. Also in November Don Hoppe organized our Thanksgiving food box efforts to provide the main meal and help fill the food boxes at the Share & Care. We only needed a few men to complete this effort.

We will not have a December meeting but we will need to have a few members involved in some of the December activities:

December 6<sup>th</sup>: put up the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

December 8<sup>th</sup>: participate in the Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon and help with cleanup.

Later in December: Help with the Christmas food boxes as was done for Thanksgiving.

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, let's meet in the Fellowship Hall just for fellowship and to hear about our Christmas activities with family and friends.

I'm sending my wishes for a joyful and healthful Christmas season!

Stan Kumpula

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Deadline is December 5th.

Calling all last minute Christmas Greetings!



Please take a short 5-10 second holiday greeting video on your phone and send it to Sabbastian at [socialmedia.ucchackmn@gmail.com](mailto:socialmedia.ucchackmn@gmail.com). If you would prefer to have someone else take a video, please call the church office at 218-675-6300 and we will arrange a time to take the video.

## THE CHRISTMAS FUND

*Karen Holle*

Maybe because I am a retired social worker, I have a real concern for retired clergy who may not have made much money during their working years. The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “thank you” gift checks each December to our lower income retirees.

In 2020 \$1.9 million was distributed to people who needed help. Christmas Fund gifts helped pay the rent for low-income retired ministers and bridged the gap for one active minister’s family when her husband lost his restaurant due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Christmas Fund donations took care of the unexpected expense of a major car repair, helped a retired minister attend his brother’s funeral, and assisted in paying for medical expenses, prescription costs and groceries.

In 2020, gifts to the Christmas Fund enabled:

Monthly pension supplementation for 276 retired clergy and lay employees (\$1,180,187)

Health benefits supplementation for 89 retired clergy and lay employees (\$274,008)

Emergency grants for 96 individuals and families (\$214,649)

Christmas “thank you” gift checks to 504 retired clergy and lay employees (\$252,000)

United Church of Christ congregations have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need.

If you would like to make a donation to the Christmas Fund just write a check making a notation in the memo line that the money is for the Christmas Fund. You can put your check in the offering plate or send it to the church. Thank you!!

## CELEBRATING THE PAST

*Myra Damm, Historian*—Food Shelf report from 1991

This report was from 1991 regarding the Food Shelf program in Walker. This is still an ongoing project.

This year, 1991, Cass Lake Food shelf opened up and it's still open. That cut our load in about half. We still have new families coming and some of those who had not come for help for a year are coming again. There are a lot of hungry people out there. Thank you for your continued and continuing support. Without that we could not do the good job we do now. I am so thankful for all the donations, both food and money that come to us. This is the reason we are able to help others less fortunate than we are.

This year we were asked to pack ten Christmas boxes for the Headstart School. There are a few cases where we have given Social Service people a box or two to help a family in desperate circumstances. Sometimes they need food and have no way to get it, no transportation so Social Services gets it to them-as I am thinking of a family with no father. For 1991 we served 1313 people, who represented 342 families who came for food. We gave 20,917 pounds of food away. This represents 19,633 meals according to a set of calculations. We have six volunteers most of the time, but have a couple we can call on for extra help.

Present time we are still doing food boxes that are packed and delivered by volunteers from various churches and the Hackensack Lions. These boxes are greatly appreciated by the recipients, so that no one should go hungry over the holidays.



## BOARD OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Giving Income-October	\$6,990.00		Year to Date Giving	\$95,389.70
Other Income	\$ 430.00		YTD Other Income	\$22,304.33
Total Income	<b>\$7,420.00</b>		YTD Total Income	<b>\$117,694.03</b>
Expenses-October	<b>\$12,632.19</b>		Year to Date Expenses	<b>\$132,950.74</b>
Current Month Balance	<b>\$ -5,212.19</b>		YTD Balance	<b>\$-15,253.71</b>
			<b>Other Funds toward Budget</b>	
			Unrestricted Funds	\$10,000.00
			Other Reserve Funds	\$ 6,008.24
			Carryover	\$14,709.51
			Prepaid from 2021	\$1,150.00
<b>Monthly Net Income</b>	<b>\$- 5,212.19</b>		<b>YTD Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,614.04</b>

Other income includes Treasure Sale, Community Meal, fundraisers, building use, and all other income sources, except interest and dividends generated from restricted funds and specified donations or grants not going into operating funds

Checking available: \$ 28,754.80

Total Assets \$267,809.70

### Summary

October giving was low and less than 2021 giving, and expenses were about normal. Other income had no significant events and was lower than normal.

As stated at the semi-annual meeting, our giving continues to be lower than projected, and we expect that our income in 2022 may not fully meet our expenses.

For the long term financial health of Union Church, we need strong giving and completion of pledges in 2022 and strong pledging and giving in 2023.

As of November 20th we have received 38 pledges: 6 new pledging units and 32 previous pledging units. Total pledged at this point is \$93,627, which includes a 7.5% increase in the pledged amount from the 32 returning pledging units.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Reminder letters for person not yet pledging and reminder letters for completion of 2022 pledges have been sent.

## WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

*Heidi Hoppe*

Winter has arrived in Hackensack! Our first snow fell relatively early, and it's staying put. I hope we get more soon - it's good insulation for the ground - not like out East, but enough to keep the frost from going too deep. The birds have been active at our feeders - juncos, blue jays, woodpeckers and nuthatches come every day to feast. We've even had Cedar Waxwings for the past several weeks feeding on the Mountain Ash berries. They are such elegant birds! Squirrels love our yard, too, and we enjoy trying to outsmart them and keep them out of the birdfeeders. It's one of the "joys" of living in the north woods!



Advent has begun, and we are again partnering with St. Paul's ELCA. A wonderful addition to the Wednesday night services is the sit-down dinner each night. The schedule is a bit different, so please check out the posters around church or the website for the appropriate gathering time each week. And don't forget the Advent Reflections class led by Linnea Dietrich and Laura Baum-Parr which will meet each Wednesday in Advent before the service.

December 11 will be our Family Christmas. It promises to be a fun service with lots of music, greetings from friends far and wide, and Pastor Torri's wonderful Lego Christmas Story. We'd love to hear from each of you. Take (or have a friend take) a short video (5-10 seconds) and send it to the church -

[socialmedia.ucchackmn@gmail.com](mailto:socialmedia.ucchackmn@gmail.com). It will be included in the service on the 11th.

Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 4:00 as usual. We will have some special music this year, so please come if you can or watch online.

Because Christmas Eve is on Saturday this year, the Council voted to cancel the worship service on Sunday, Christmas day. This is a time for family, so stay home and enjoy this special day.

Looking ahead, Pastor Torri will be gone on the first Sunday of January - New Year's Day. We will have a service of scripture readings and carols.

## ADULT LEARNING

*"A Journey Within", by Linnea Dietrich*

As the new Director of Adult Learning, at church on Sunday, November 13, I introduced the vision our committee has for our congregation, calling it, "A Journey Within." I invited us to "fold the wings of our intellect and open our hearts and souls to God's stirrings for each of us." Richard Rohr writes, "Our desire to know more, read more and study more can be another expression of our culture and its acquisitive nature. Knowing God, not knowing more, is the goal." I ask, "How do we do that?"

I believe the best way to know God at a deeper level and to know our true selves, who God created us to be, is by learning and doing spiritual disciplines/spiritual practices that all include deep listening to God in a variety of ways. In the coming months as part of this ministry we will be learning and exploring some of these practices.

We are beginning this process on November 30th with a pilgrimage of sorts by daily reading and meditating on questions from *Lighted Windows* by Margaret Silf. This is a 5-week study that ends on Epiphany. We will do the daily readings individually and get together on Wednesdays at 4:30 before the soup supper and Advent worship service to share what we have learned about God and ourselves. Laura Baum-Parr will be co-facilitating this with me.

Next we will be dipping our toes into the spiritual practice called *Lectio Divina*, which literally means "divine reading". This meditation and prayer practice is intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. This is part of the process that Pastor Torri uses to prepare her sermons.

Our first session of *Lectio Divina* will be Wednesday January 11 after the community meal at 5:30. Please mark your calendars and join us for the introductory session.

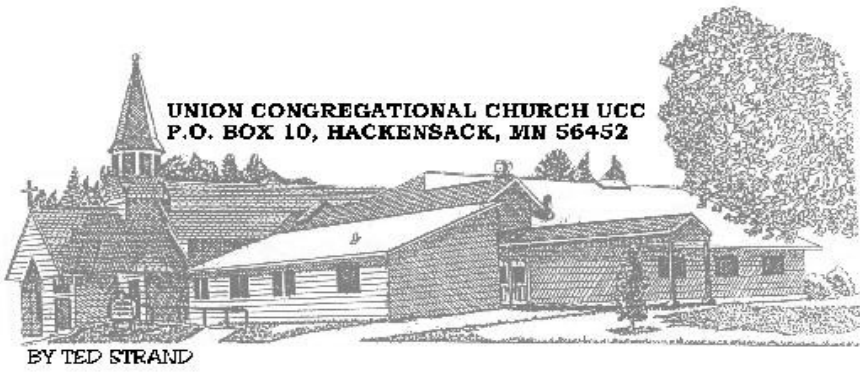
Curious? Afraid? Wondering what I am talking about? Want to go deeper in your spiritual walk? All are welcome as we explore and learn with each other. Join us as we "Journey Within" together.

# Union Congregational Church, UCC, Hackensack MN

# DECEMBER 2022

\* = Community Event held at the church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30pm Justice Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom	2 1:30pm Bone Builders *	3
4 9:30am Worship—Communion; 10:30am Coffee Hour	5 1:30pm Bone Builders * 6:00pm AA Meeting*	6 9:00am Men's Fellowship	7 10:00am Exercise in Friendship Hall* 4:30pm Lighted Windows Devotional 5:30pm Advent Service—St. Paul's	8 11:30am Christmas Luncheon	9 1:30pm Bone Builders *	10
11 9:30am Worship—Family Christmas Service 10:30am Coffee Hour Cookie Sale! 5:30pm Game Night	12 1:30pm Bone Builders * 6:00pm AA Meeting*	13 9:00am Tech Team Meeting	14 10:00am Financial Board Meeting 10:00am Exercise in Friendship Hall* 4:15pm Lighted Windows Devotional 4:30pm Community Meal 5:30pm Advent Service—Union	15	16 1:30pm Bone Builders *	17
18 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	19 1:30pm Bone Builders * 6:00pm AA Meeting*	20 9:00am Tech Team Meeting	21 10:00am Exercise in Friendship Hall* 4:30pm Lighted Windows Devotional 5:30pm Advent Service—St. Paul's	22	23 1:30pm Bone Builders *	24 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service
25 Christmas Day <b>No service</b>	26 Office Closed 1:30pm Bone Builders * 6:00pm AA Meeting*	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed 10:00am Exercise in Friendship Hall*	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed 1:30pm Bone Builders *	31



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**2022**

**Happy Holidays!**  
**Christmas Eve Service at 4:00pm**  
**NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

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