

Cable UCC NEWSLETTER

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UCC Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting, like the past several years, will be conducted via email, rather than an in-person meeting at church. The Board approved conducting our meeting this way because it allows for members to thoroughly review full ministry and committee reports, and to participate in voting, whether they are present in church or not.

Check your email, on or around **August 16th**, when above said reports and voting details will be sent out to members. *(As an aside, this would be a good time to check that your email address is correct in the online church directory with breeze. If you need help doing this, contact Scott Smith or Becky Milam.)* To ensure that your vote is counted, **please return your vote electronically by August 26th**.

Birthday Girl, Corrine Rasmussen, Celebrates 96 Years Young!

We were happy to help Corrine celebrate in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, July 13th with delicious cake and ice cream.

Happy Birthday, Corrine!





A Prayer for All of God's People...

Loving Creator, we are thankful today that your Spirit continues to live and move and have being among us and within us. We offer our prayers today remembering those who are struggling, those names and situations we've mentioned in worship and the prayers that are on each of our hearts today. Give us the wisdom, we pray, to share the Love of God, the Compassion of Christ, and the Still-Speaking Presence of the Spirit. And as our on-going journey of life and faith continues, may we expand our quest to discover common ground with others, to find harmony with nature, and to seek a closer connection with you.

May we seek to connect with those on the fringes of society; the lonely, the forgotten, the mentally ill, the LGBTQIA+ community, those who are suffering abuse, those affected by gun violence, and all people around the globe who are suffering the ravages of war. In this moment, Sacred One, may they be filled with your presence, may they know they're not alone, and may each of us know the abundance and the fullness of your grace.

May we all, finally, come to know your peace.
We offer our prayers to that end.

Cable Senior Dining *Come and join us!*

*Site opens at 11:30 am
Lunch at 12:00 pm*

Menu for Monday, 8/4

Roast Beef
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Mixed Green Salad with Dressing
Dinner Roll
Dessert
Milk and Coffee

Menu for Monday, 8/18

Lakewoods Salad with
Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
Strawberries
Dessert
Milk and Coffee

CABLE AREA FOOD SHELF



Little Free Food Pantry

We're looking for help!

We will need help at the Cable Area Food Shelf for receiving and unpacking the food donations on Wednesday, August 13th. Then on Thursday the 14th, from 11:00am to 6:00pm, it's UCC's turn to volunteer at the food shelf. There is a sign up sheet at the church.

It's amazing how quickly the Little Free Food Pantry shelves can empty out! We appreciate everyone who is helping to keep them stocked as best we can.

As always, a big THANK YOU for helping our food insecure neighbors!

August Birthdays

Pat Parsons, 8/1
Judith Benedict, 8/6
Joanne Cleary, 8/7
Karen Gran, 8/14
Beda McKinney, 8/14
Marilyn Hemsey, 8/17
Mark Milford, 8/18
Trish Kruse, 8/22
Mimi Crandall, 8/28

*If your birthday isn't/hasn't been listed and you'd like it to be, please let us know by emailing
marilynhemsey@gmail.com*

KNOW YOUR FELLOW WORSHIPPER ...

Jan McCauley



Jan with all of her nine children taken at a family reunion in 2019, camping at Lake Owen.

Jan McCauley is not a native midwesterner, having been born in Portland, OR. She met her future husband, Ron Maciocek, who was stationed at the Portland Airforce Base there. They married in 1954. Seven kids and eleven years later, they moved to Cable, WI.

And we're glad they did!

While Jan kept the household running smoothly and raised the kids, Ron worked for the Johnson family at Lake Owen. In the meantime, Jan had two more kids, for a total on NINE! All nine children, four daughters and five sons, attended the Cable/Drummond Schools, went to college and moved away, taking jobs across the country. The oldest, Loretta, earned a Master's degree in social work, and is now a retired case worker living in Superior, WI. Doreen is now retired from teaching high school English in Clintonville, WI and lives in the Cable area. Ron Jr., is retired from his golf business and lives in Palm Desert, CA. Patricia is a retired veterenarian, living in Scranton, PA. David works as a building contractor in the Minneaplis area. Stephen is retired from United Health and lives in the Cable area. Juli now lives in Cable, having retired from teaching school in Lake Holcomb, WI. Michael is a researcher for disease prevention and lives in Edina, MN. Philip is a building contractor and lives in Washburn.

Ron passed away in 1978. It was after his passing that Jan started playing piano at various local diners. She actually started at Lakewoods! She played "wherever there was a piano". Then in 1992, Jan had "finished raising kids and ran away from home". First to Scranton, PA for five years, to be near her daughter Patricia, where she played piano as well. Then to Clintonville, WI to be closer to Doreen. She even changed her last name back to her maiden name of McCauley. Jan retired to Eau Claire about ten years ago. But then there were rumors amongst her children that some were moving back to Cable. By way of 'being at the right place at the right time' (her good friend Joan Allen was selling her home in Cable after living here for twenty-five years), Jan beat them to it! Soon after, three of her children followed and moved back to the area: Juli, Doreen and Stephen. Jan is blessed with thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jan has a two-year-old cat, Claire Bear, who came via plane all the way from Scranton, PA. She keeps Jan company. Jan says she's done traveling now, but enjoyed many wonderful trips back in the day. She particularly loved touring Europe. A memorable highlight was seeing Michelangelo's Pietà at the Vatican. She also had great fun riding on the back of a camel in the desert while touring Egypt. In the winter months, Jan loves all the wildlife who visit her backyard, especially the deer that she feeds in winter. Jan is now into pot gardening ("not that kind of pot", the kind where you plant in pots as opposed to the ground). She enjoys reading and doing puzzles of different kinds, even jigsaw puzzles on the computer so you can sit comfortably and not worry about losing any pieces!

When looking for a church, Jan liked that there were no 'religious hoops' that she had to jump through to join UCC. She appreciates that this church is welcoming and caring about everyone in the community of Cable. "The baby grand helped too!" "I'm so happy to be a part of this beautiful church and feel all the love of such wonderful people."

We're happy to worship with you, Jan!



Take Note



The UCC choir was invited to sing the National Anthem and *America The Beautiful* at the Veteran Triangle Dedication on Saturday, July 19th. They were joined by some of the members of the St. Ann's Catholic Church choir.

"Maybe we're getting famous!!" was a choir member's quip!

On Sunday, July 20th, for Special Music during the worship service, members of The Garland City Chamber Players shared their talents. They also gave a concert at UCC at 3 PM that afternoon.

Our own UCC Singers will sing during worship on Sunday, August 17th and Sunday, August 31st.

We are always looking for Special Music for Sunday morning worship. If anyone would like to share any sort of music, please reach out to Helen Zasada, 612.710.3554 or Helenmzasada@gmail.com.

ALL MUSIC & MUSICIANS ARE WELCOME, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!

OUR NEIGHBOR, THE FOREST LODGE LIBRARY, CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



On Sunday, July 20th, many area residents enjoyed a much different 'going-to-the-library' experience! Music, games, storytelling, food and fun were all available to help celebrate the library's centennial. Congratulations! And here's to another 100 years!!

Cable Namakagon Historical Museum Has the Scoop ...



...The ice cream scoop, that is! Many enjoyed a delicious ice cream sundae or root beer float, topped with Carol Elliker's homemade chocolate or strawberry sauce, at the recent fundraiser held on a very hot Sunday, July 27th.

Thoughts from Pastor Phil



The Affirmation of Humanity by Rev. Phil Milam

“The burden of being black and the burden of being white is so heavy that it is rare in our society to experience oneself as a human being. It may be, then, that the most revolutionary thing one can do is to affirm one’s humanity.” Howard Thurman

Affirming one’s humanity, affirming one another’s humanity. Isn’t that what Jesus taught over and over again? Whether it was the despised Samaritan, a suffering leper, or a woman who longed to be restored, Jesus affirmed their humanity. Their nationality, their religion, or the color of their skin didn’t matter to him; he had compassion for them in their suffering, and he did what he could to help them.

Across our nation today, we’re experiencing the opposite of what Jesus taught. Instead of affirming one another’s humanity, our government is devaluing humanity. In deference to Thurman’s assertion, being brown carries an additional burden of distrust and rejection in today’s America. The current policy of ICE is to stop individuals who “look like they might be undocumented.” Whether a citizen or non-citizen, having brown skin constitutes a reason for suspicion. And when undocumented individuals are detained, they’re sent to detention centers and holding facilities to suffer under deplorable conditions. Camps that conjure up images of the Japanese internment camps of the 1940s.

And make no mistake, this is not only un-American, but also un-Christian. Jesus, when asked which of the commandments was most important, didn’t hesitate to answer. “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. (Matt. 22:37-39) The treatment of our Latinx neighbors by our government is anything but loving.

So, what can we do about it?

Well, Dietrich Bonhoeffer put it quite plainly: *“The church has an unconditional obligation to the victims of any ordering of society, even if they do not belong to the Christian community. The church must not simply bandage the victims under the wheel but jam the spoke in the wheel itself.”* Bonhoeffer goes on to say, *“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”*

Theologian Cameron Tremble, reflecting on Bonhoeffer’s statement, offers the following: *“This is that moment,” she writes. “When the state builds camps, people of good faith must build refuge. When the state funds fear, the people must fund courage. When the state demands silence, the Spirit demands witness. None of us is exempt from this calling.*

Let us not say later that we didn’t know. We do.

Let us not say later that we didn’t see it coming. We did.

Let us not say later that we were waiting for a sign. This is the sign. And even now—especially now—we are not without hope. Hope is not wishful thinking.

It is the discipline of refusing to surrender to despair.

It is the practice of solidarity, courage, and sacred imagination. Detention camps may be built with concrete and steel

(or even tents in a swamp) But the bonds of human dignity run deeper. Let us not look away.

Let us not remain polite when clarity is required.

Let us not wait for permission to do what we already know is right.”

This is the challenge and the calling of our time

Many Blessings on your journey

Pastor Phil

**“It is cheerful to
God when you
rejoice or laugh
from the bottom of
your heart.”**

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

**Little Things Matter...
“Never stop doing little
things for others.
Sometimes those little
things occupy the biggest
part of their hearts.”**



A tenant told his landlord that the couple living above him shouted and pounded on the floor until midnight nearly every evening. When the landlord asked if he wanted to make a complaint, the tenant said, "No, not really. I'm usually up practicing my trumpet until about that time anyway."



People who tell you never to let little things bother you have never tried sleeping in a room with a mosquito!



(And sorry about this one!) A biologist crossed a skunk with an owl and got something that smells but doesn't give a hoot!



- Thank you to Jane Benson, Marilyn Hemsey, and Dale Kruse for serving on the UCC Board for two consecutive terms. Thanks also to Paulette Smith for volunteering to serve out Tim Sheldon's term on the SPRC and Mary Behrends for volunteering for another term on the Endowment Committee. We appreciate your service.
- **Thank you Jane Benson for using your master gardening skills with the church planters. They give a cheery welcome to UCC!**
- Thank you to John Rosebush and Kris Cooper for enhancing our music program with your talents on the guitar and piano!
- **Thank you Lizzy Bauer for keeping our church building so clean. It truly is 'spic and span'!**

A BLAST FROM THE PAST...



"Ladies of the Church", circa 1965 - 1970

The person front and slight right with dark glasses is Elizabeth Morey. She lived to age 101 and died in 1999 here in Cable.

\$100 to anyone who can correctly name all these ladies!

See John Uffenbeck to claim your prize!!

Women's Fellowship

Rain or shine, this group's annual picnic potluck will be held at Kris Cooper's home on Thursday, August 7th at 11:30 am. Her address is 21760 Juneck's Point Road, east of Cable, off of County Road M on Dam Road (that turns into Juneck's Point Road). No sign-up is necessary, just bring one of your favorite dishes to share. Haven't been to this group's meetings? Not a problem. Come check us out! ***All are welcome.***

UCC Board

This group met on Monday, July 14th at UCC.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via email, going out to all members on or around August 16th. On Sunday, August 17th, Board Moderator Mike Most will present the specifics of this process during the announcements. Voting and committee/ministry reports will be sent to members via email. Members will vote for the nominees for two board positions. Paulette Smith has volunteered to serve out the remaining time in Tim Sheldon's term on the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Mary Behrends has agreed to a second term on the Endowment Committee.

The Cable Hayward Area Arts Council Presents:

ART CRAWL

2025

AUGUST 8TH - 10TH

FRIDAY 10^{AM} - 5^{PM}

SATURDAY 10^{AM} - 5^{PM}

SUNDAY 11^{AM} - 3^{PM}

Find out more at www.artcrawlwi.org



UCC members and friends
Sara Balbin of Dragonfly Studio
 (site # 21) and **Diana Randolph**
 of **Once in a Blue Studio**
 (site # 22) invite you to visit
 their studios on Blue Moon
 Road, just north of Cable, for
 the annual CHARAC Art Crawl.
Brochures with a map are
available in the Fellowship Hall.

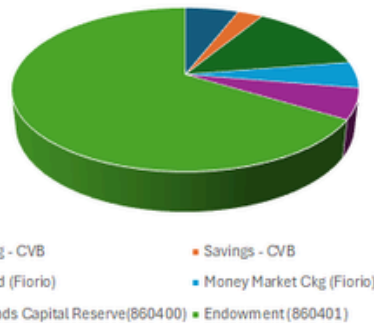
Forty-three artists with a variety of creative offerings will welcome visitors and art collectors and some will demonstrate their skills. These artists are at 22 sites that range geographically from just north of Cable, east to Winter, south to Stone Lake and west to Springbrook - with Hayward the central hub.

Support our local artists!

UCC Financial Status, submitted by Church Treasurer Barbara Mika

Accounts	7/31/2025
Checking - CVB	\$24,729.52
Savings - CVB	\$11,658.47
Vanguard (Fiorio)	\$57,288.36
Money Market Ckg (Fiorio)	\$21,534.26
UCC Funds Capital Reserve(860400)	\$25,088.83
Endowment (860401)	\$276,367.36
	\$416,666.80

Cash and Investment Accounts



June numbers, statements received 2 weeks into the next month

P&L	ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
Income	\$ 102,989.37	\$ 97,733.44
Expenses	\$ 109,364.52	\$ 97,733.44
Net	\$ (6,375.15)	\$ -

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