

Cable UCC NEWSLETTER

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June 2025

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FUN (AND DELICIOUS) EVENT

Cable UCC Annual Country Store Chef Salad Bar Luncheon



Friday, June 20th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Includes rolls, dessert and beverage

\$15 per person

**Homemade
Jams and Baked Goods for Sale
11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

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Be sure to check out the  
**2<sup>ND</sup> CHAPTER GARAGE SALE**

Open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Same day. Same place.

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Cable UCC  
Downtown Cable on County Road M  
715-798-3066

# THE 2ND CHAPTER GARAGE SALE IS NOW OPEN

First Saturday sales were fantastic! \$3,800!!

**This is a church wide endeavor that runs from June through September.**

There are many volunteer opportunities available for you to get involved:

- 3 hour shifts to work at the sale on Saturdays: 8 to 11 and 11 to 2, to work at the checkout, to pack purchases, and/or to assist customers
- set up shift from 8 to 9, lifting and carrying required
- take down shift 1:30 to 2:30, lifting and carrying required
- **You can sign up for these shifts on the weekly sign up sheets that are available at church.**
- We also have pricing sessions February - September, as needed. If you are interested in this, contact Patty Anderson or Shelly Wilson. Training to do this is needed in order to keep prices consistent.

**Please consider volunteering in some way.**

**We always manage to have some fun as we work.**

***Sign up at least once (or more!) throughout the summer.***

***Know you are working to support many good causes, including the church.***

***Come have some fun!***

Join us for a...

***Community Mid Summer's Eve Service  
June 21st @ 6:00pm in the UCC Fellowship Hall***

***Same day as "Make Music Day" in Cable, 10 am - 8 pm  
Watch for yard signs!***

## BLAST FROM THE PAST...



Here is a picture of the church board around 1990 (give or take a few years).

Top row: Lynn Larson, Diane Zemke, Joanne Cleary (I think), Pete Simpson  
Bottom row: John Uffenbeck, Earl Manthey, Bill MacLeod, Glenn Reed

# KNOW YOUR FELLOW WORSHIPPER...

## ***Ron and Patty Anderson***

*Patty and Ron love the small town feel of Cable and Drummond. They moved here full time in 2004. And we're glad they did!*



Ron and his family lived in Chetek, Wisconsin until his senior year of high school. That's when the Anderson family moved to Hudson, Wisconsin. Patty grew up in Ellsworth, Wisconsin until 1960, when her family moved to Mt. Horeb. Ron and Patty have always enjoyed the Cable area. They started coming here to cross country ski in the mid 70's and then in the 80's, it was the summers that attracted them to this area.

Both Ron and Patty are alumni of UW Madison where Ron has degrees in Math and Applied Physics, and Patty has a BS degree in Nursing. Ron also has an MS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

It was at UW Madison where the Andersons met. Ron was a teaching assistant there. Patty was dating one of his students. Patty decided to invite him to dinner with the idea for him to meet her sister, but they disliked each other at first sight. Obviously, Ron and Patty didn't, in fact they hit it off quite well!

Ron's career was mainly spent as the CFO for reinsurance companies. Patty has worked part time as a nurse and full time as a mother to their two sons, Erik and Ian. Erik is married to Brenda and lives in St. Petersburg, Florida with their two children, Alexandra (8) and Kurt (6). Ian lives in Madison with his wife Christina and their children, Harper (14) and Rowen (11).

Retired life for Patty and Ron is great! The Andersons enjoy many hobbies and pursuing many interests in the Cable area. Patty loves singing in the UCC choir, gardening, reading and cooking. She also paints watercolors, as pictured here at a recent art exhibit in Hayward. Ron is an outdoorsman, enjoying biking, kayaking and hiking around the area. They both give generously of their time volunteering for various activities at UCC and in the greater community.



UCC was a good fit for Patty and Ron. They believe that we should care for others when they need help. They are active in our church and promote ideas for the greater good of the local and wider communities. Patty has served on the UCC Board, served as President of the Women's Fellowship group, sings in the choir, chairs the Garage Sale Committee, works tirelessly at the garage sale, and has been a member of the Giving Committee. Ron attends the Men's Fellowship group and helped develop the Endowment Fund, also serving on that committee. Ron has conducted audits of the church finances.

***We are happy to worship with you, Ron and Patty !***

# Congratulations to our 2025 High School Graduates

**KYLA  
HANSON**

GOGEBIC  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

Major:  
Biology

SPORTS COMMIT:  
Basketball &  
Volleyball



**CAMERON  
KRUEGER**

UNIVERSITY OF  
WISCONSIN-  
MADISON

Major:  
Computer  
Science



**LANEY  
RASMUSSEN**

AMDA COLLEGE  
OF PERFORMING  
ARTS

Major:  
Musical  
Theatre

AMDA



So very proud of  
the 2025  
Drummond Area  
School District  
Valedictorian,  
Kyla Hanson and  
Salutatorian,  
Cameron  
Krueger.



## UCC Scholarship Awarded

“This scholarship is funded by proceeds from Cable UCC’s annual Mardi Gras Pancake Supper. First awarded in 2006, the scholarship was established to honor 1998-99 interim Cable UCC pastor Reverend Robert “Bob” Wilson. It was Bob’s intention to award students more likely to go into the trades than to continue on with a four- year college degree. This practice continues to this day.”



On May 14<sup>th</sup>, at Scholarship Night at Drummond School, two seniors, Ben Westland and Autumn Rikkola, were presented this award by Pastor Phil. Each received \$1,000. Both Ben and Autumn will attend Northwoods Technical College in the fall. Ben plans to study Machine Tool Operations. Autumn will pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy.

Congratulations to you both and good luck!

# Thoughts from Pastor Phil



## A Shamar Relationship by Rev. Phil Milam

The very first command in Scripture wasn't about power or purity, domination or righteousness. It was about relationship. The Lord God placed the human in the garden, Genesis tells us, and he was commanded to till it and to keep it. The word "keep" is interesting here. In Hebrew "to keep" (Shamar) carries the meaning of guarding, tending, watching over with care. It's the same word used multiple times in the Hebrew Scriptures to describe how God kept watch over Israel. It's covenantal. It's sacred.

A few years ago, I changed my gardening approach from just growing edible plants to embracing what I've come to call a "Shamar" philosophy. It's a philosophy that emphasizes my relationship with the earth. Whether tilling, planting, weeding, or harvesting, I constantly interact with the soil. I am in relationship with the earth and this connection has helped me feel closer to God.

Thomas Merton once wrote, "There is in all visible things a hidden wholeness." A Shamar relationship is like that. There's a hidden joy, a not-yet-visible hope, when you put a seed in the soil. And in a very real way you're in relationship with that seed especially as you nurture and tend it.

I think God looks upon us in a similar manner. There's a hidden potential within in every human being, a "hidden wholeness" that awaits it's moment to bloom.

Now, you may not be a gardener. But that doesn't matter, you can still nurture relationships in this same way. You might be called to care for other people, animals, or the environment. There are countless ways to engage in meaningful relationships that bring you closer to God.

Many blessings on the journey  
Pastor Phil

### I Will Sing a New Song By Howard Thurman

The old song of my spirit has wearied itself out.  
It has long ago been learned by my heart;  
It repeats itself over and over,  
bringing no added joy to my days or lift to my spirit.  
I will sing a new song.

I must learn the new song for the new needs.  
I must fashion new words born of all the new growth  
of my life – of my mind – of my spirit.  
I must prepare for new melodies  
that have never been mine before.  
That all that is within me may lift my voice unto God.  
Therefore, I shall rejoice with each new day  
and delight my spirit in each fresh unfolding.  
I will sing, this day, a new song unto the Lord.



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

# ★ Thank you! ★

- A huge 'thank you' to the seven men (Reg Behrends, Terry Dahmen, Phil Jensen, Bill McKinney, Mike Most, Kelly Randolph, and John Uffenbeck) who did yard work at Jim and Marilyn Jenkins' home on May 7<sup>th</sup>. In Marilyn's words "the place has never looked so good"!
- We give a heartfelt 'thank you' to those men and women who served in the Armed Forces of our country, paying the ultimate sacrifice of their lives.
- Thank you to the volunteers at the Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum for all of the many hours spent on creating interesting and informative exhibits. Some of these amazing folks are familiar faces at UCC: Deanne Allen, Sara Balbin, Carol Elliker, Karen Gran, Paul Jenkins, and Sue Rosa.



Along with the race bib, in each participant's race bag there was a loaf of bread from Tilly's Pies, and a jar of tasty jam from Cable UCC (made by Carol Elliker and Judith Benedict).



## The North End Trail Run Saturday, May 24th



Diana Randolph near the finish line in the 5K event.



Rory Krueger and Manny Milam leading the runners in the 5K event. Rory finished first in his age group and Manny finished 2nd in his age group.



Event organizers Mike Most and Kelly Wilson got lots of help from Annie! And from volunteer Cathy Rosebush too!

Thanks to Kelly and Diana Randolph for these photos

# You Can Now See Who's Who at UCC

## by Looking at the Online Church Directory

Becky Milam has created a church account whereby members are able to see the church directory via breeze. Breeze is an online website that can be reached at [www.breezechms.com](http://www.breezechms.com).

1. After typing this in to your search engine, a screen will appear; click on the "Log In" prompt on the top right corner.
2. The passwords needed will be given to you by Becky, by contacting her at [cableuccdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:cableuccdirectory@gmail.com). The church board has asked that the passwords not be shared publicly due to obvious reasons regarding privacy and security.
3. Once you have the passwords, you type those in to the appropriate boxes and then...voila'! There's your church family!
4. If you need to make changes to your information (adding cell phone numbers has been requested by the board for better communication) you will need to contact Becky Milam or Scott Smith [trinord2941@gmail.com](mailto:trinord2941@gmail.com). This directory allows a view only access. In other words, no one can mess with your information or anyone else's. Again, contact Becky or Scott to edit your information.
5. If there isn't a picture that accompanies your data, that's something that Scott Smith can take care of too! Just let him know.

## UCC Financial Status, submitted by Church Treasurer Barbara Mika

|                    |                                              |                     |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Incoming Cash      |                                              |                     |
| Collections        | \$ 3,144.00                                  | \$ 44,801.74        |
| Delta UCC          | \$ 2,280.00                                  | \$ 11,400.00        |
| Online Giving      | \$ 3,021.19                                  | \$ 16,349.02        |
| Women's Fellowship |                                              | \$ 8,700.00         |
| Endowment          | \$ 6,500.00                                  | \$ 6,500.00         |
|                    | <u>\$ 14,945.19</u>                          | <u>\$ 87,750.76</u> |
| Expenses           | * \$ 20,544.08                               | \$ 85,172.10        |
| Actual             | \$ (5,598.89)                                | \$ 2,578.66         |
|                    |                                              |                     |
|                    | * Of which annual insurance expense was paid |                     |
| 2025 Budgeted      | May-25                                       | Y-T-D               |
| Income             | \$ 13,961.92                                 | \$ 69,809.60        |
| Expense            | \$ 13,961.92                                 | \$ 69,809.60        |
|                    | \$ -                                         | \$ -                |

# Little Free Food Pantry



## CABLE AREA FOOD SHELF

In these uncertain times, we all need to do our part to make sure that "no one goes to bed hungry". For anyone who is struggling to put food on the table..The Little Free Food Pantry is open every day of the week and The Cable Area Food Shelf is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

Donations of food and money to this worthy cause are always welcomed.

*Thank you!*

*The*  
**Wesley Bell Ringers**  
will be in concert  
on **Monday**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**  
at **Cable UCC**



## June Birthdays

Velma Volk, 6/4  
Mona Rasmussen, 6/6  
Alan Lang, 6/7  
Sue Rosa, 6/7  
Tom Steube, 6/13  
Lynn Larson, 6/15  
Sue Thurn, 6/16

Mary Lintula, 6/19  
Patty Gillberg, 6/20  
Scott McKinney, 6/20  
Deb Payne, 6/21  
Ron Bieber, 6/26  
Mary Wichita, 6/26  
Ron Gran, 6/30

*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](mailto:marilynhemsey@gmail.com)*

## Cable Senior Dining *Come and join us!*

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

### Reservations Are Required

Please call 715-373-3396

to reserve your meal by noon on the Thursday before the Monday you plan to attend. Reservations are needed to make sure there is enough food for everyone. Leave your name, phone number and the date you will attend.

- Aged 60 or older, suggested contribution of \$3.00 - \$5.00
- Individuals under the age of 60 may sign up for the meal, but will be required to pay \$10.00, the estimated actual cost of the meal.

### Menu for Monday, 6/2

BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Greens & Veggie Salad  
Green Beans & Carrots Mixed  
Fruit w/ Yogurt Dressing Whole  
Wheat Rol

### Menu for Monday, 6/16

Cable Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
Italian Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert

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

*~ Martin Luther King Jr.*

### **Blessing in the Storm**

By Jan Richardson

I cannot claim  
to still the storm  
that has seized you,  
cannot calm  
the waves that wash  
through your soul,  
that break against  
your fierce and  
aching heart.

But I will wade  
into these waters,  
will stand with you  
in this storm,  
will say peace to you  
in the waves,  
peace to you  
in the winds,  
peace to you  
in every moment  
that finds you still  
within the storm.



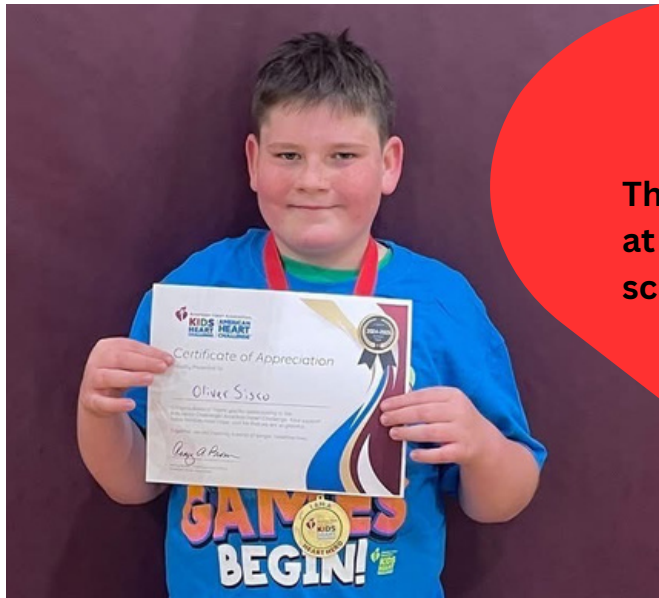
### **Thoughts to Ponder**

-  Borrow money from a pessimist--they don't expect it back!
-  Why is abbreviation such a long word?
-  I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
-  A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
-  Campers: Nature's way of feeding mosquitos.



**“Everything in this closet is available at no cost to the user. Items include wheelchairs, several styles of walkers, crutches, bath benches, raised toilet seats, commodes, bed rails, and a few personal care items (new and in un-opened packaging).**

**If you or someone you know could use this equipment, or if you have equipment you no longer need and would like to donate, call Mike Most 715-307-7484.”**



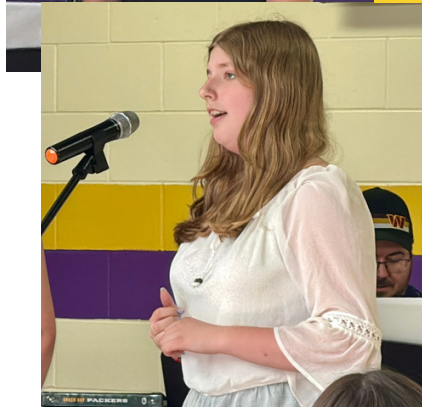
# CONGRATULATIONS!

The Kids Heart Challenge participants at Drummond School for the 2024-2025 school year raised \$3,530.09! Oliver Sisco was the top participant, raising \$633.46. Awesome work, Oliver!



**GREAT JOB** done by all the UCC kids who participated in Drummond School's "Dinner and a Show" on April 27th!

*Top row, l to r: Manny Milam, Laney Rasmussen;*  
*Bottom row, l to r: Claire Parker, Rory Krueger, and Cameron Krueger.*



Junior Cameron McKinney, third from left, was inducted into the National Honor Society this spring.



# UCC Board

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*The Board met on Monday, May 12th.*

- Approved having a church audit done by Ron Anderson.
- Approved Cable Chamber Membership for 2025.
- Treasurer Barb Mika submitted a financial report affirming that the church is doing well in keeping within the budget.
- Learned from Scott Smith, representing the Nominating Committee, that he and Cheri Olson Binder continue to work on filling positions.
- Terry Dahmen on the Maintenance Ministry reports that bids are being sought for the painting of ceilings where light fixtures were replaced, especially in the kitchen.
- Teri Hanson from the Worship/Fellowship Ministry reports that things are going smoothly.
- Shelly Wilson shared a handout to be given to congregants on how to access the church directory on breeze. This provides a read-only ability to see church members addresses and phone numbers.
- Awarded Barb Mika and Becky Milam compensation for the hours spent working at home on behalf of the church. Barb, as church treasurer, spends time with the financials, including investments. Becky spends time with the church website and Facebook page, taping the church sermon and tabulating and depositing the weekly church collection.

*Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.*

## Women's Fellowship

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***Last meeting of the year! Our next get-together will be our annual wing-it potluck picnic at Kris Cooper's lovely home (21760 Junek's Point Road) on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am.***

***Please join us if you can!***

- Details and planning for The Country Store Salad Luncheon were discussed. There will be some different ways of doing things to help ease the workload and the strain on everyone's pocketbooks. The sign-up sheet is out on the table in Fellowship Hall.
- After sleuth Mary Behrend's found the WF mission statement hidden in the archives, it was voted to have it written on a plaque to be displayed at church on 'our' bulletin board.
- Be thinking of local entities that might be good recipients of the proceeds from our annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Christmas sale and that are not 501c3. The decision will be made in the fall.

## Men's Fellowship

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Yard work is on the agenda for this group: getting the gutters cleaned, setting up the staging area for the opening of the garage sale, getting out the flower pots, etc.

## Maintenance Committee

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This group is working with Men's Fellowship to spruce up the place! They are also looking for bids for painting several ceilings in the church, especially the kitchen.

**Politics and the Church**  
by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson  
published on Mar 17, 2025

Every now and then I get correspondence from someone who says: “The church should not be involved in politics.” I also get the occasional message suggesting that I should be ashamed of myself for speaking out on an issue. These responses typically come when there is disagreement with something I wrote or said. Given the diversity of the denomination, there is always someone who disagrees with what I have to say. And that is okay.

As the head of church for the United Church of Christ, the statements I issue are on behalf of the denomination and consistent with the resolutions and witness of the General Synod. I am neither ashamed nor afraid of voicing opinions on behalf of the most vulnerable among us. As a woman, as a woman of color, as an immigrant, as a justice seeker, as an ordained minister and as a person who believes the world can be a better place, I have something to say in the polarized discourse plaguing the United States.

My personal opinions are not factored into my public comments; instead, I look to what has been said, the consistency of our witness and, where issues are emerging, at ways in which the General Synod has spoken that relate to the situation at hand. Typically, my comments are related to issues of justice, speaking out where the poor, the marginalized, and the running list of underserved and underrepresented find themselves beaten by a system that is unrelenting. My personal opinions are private and are nobody’s business but my own.

Politics, by definition, the activities associated with the governance of a country or other area, especially the debate or conflict among individuals or parties having or hoping to achieve power. We are all involved in politics whether we choose to be intentionally so. Choices to vote or not vote are political. Choices to vote for one party over another are political. These are activities associated with governance. Advocacy by its very nature is political. When we express expectations of just and compassionate leadership and governance that, too, is political.

There appears to be confusion between being engaged in politics, which is participation in the public square, and partisan politics which aligns a person or organization with one party and is unquestioning in that support. Partisan politics are a violation of the separation of church and state. The church should not be involved in partisan politics, telling people how to vote, or endorsing political candidates. Partisan politics are very evident in these days where so called “Christian” nationalists have no qualms about who they voted for and why. They use faulty theology to justify support for candidates while claiming God’s presence on their side over the other.

The church should be a place of safety for all. A place where the human rights and civil rights of all are affirmed and defended inside and outside the walls of the church. If the call for justice and advocacy for “the least of these” is the action that deems us political and involved in politics, may the church always be that! Silence in the face of tyranny and oppression is antithetical to the prophetic call to seek justice. Ignoring the hungry, the naked, the unhoused, the uneducated, the undereducated, the sick, the anxious, and those whose very existence is threatened by injustice is to deny the example set by the ministry of Jesus who spoke out against the empire of his day and against the religious leaders who were amassing power and position as they contributed to the oppression of the people. Jesus had a lot to say about the religious elite who cozied up to the emperor and the empire while collecting temple taxes and tithes.

The call for justice has been relevant regardless of the political party the president represents, or which party controls the House of Representatives or the Senate. There has not been a time in the United States where the church has been silent and now is not the time either. The prophetic witness is not easy, it never was and it never will be. There is a price to be paid for answering the call to speak truth to the powers that are of this day. The church must be present in the public square. Advocacy, political activism, and the call for justice and fairness should be nonpartisan and rooted in justice. Justice for all is paramount. Silence is violence. That is not okay.