

Cable UCC NEWSLETTER

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Welcome New Members

On Sunday, August 17th, six new members joined UCC. We're excited to welcome these folks into our church community. They bring with them many gifts and talents to share.

We look forward to worshipping with you!



Left to right: Michelle Simone, Susie and Ron Ulmer, Steve Thon, Barb and Scott Mika

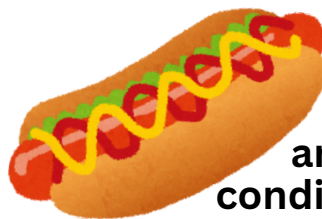
And we welcomed very dear members back for a summer visit, Deb Pyne and Lynn Larson.

Deb and Lynn served as co-pastors at UCC from 2007 - 2013. Before that, Lynn was here full time beginning in 1982.

Annual All-Church Picnic

10:00 on Sunday, September 21st
at Cable Community Park

Worship ... Food ... Fellowship
Come and Enjoy!!



The UCC Board
will grill hot dogs
and provide the buns,
condiments, and lemonade.

Please bring a favorite side dish
to share. There is seating at the picnic tables
under the pavillion, but you may wish to bring
lawn chairs. Let's gather to celebrate the
changing of the seasons.

Wear your UCC teeshirts!



To Give is to Receive...

Hebrews 13:16. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

The Giving Committee, "to do good and to share with others", is seeking your input on nonprofit entities that would benefit from donations from UCC. Forms to complete are in a pocket on the bulletin board by the side doors. There's also a copy of one on the last page of this issue. Please keep in mind that your requests need to be for a charitable organization with a 501c3 tax status. All the information on the form needs to be completed. Please include any brochures or other pertinent information about the organization with your request.

We need your requests turned in no later than October 1st so that our committee can give them due diligence in the selection process.

The Giving Committee members: Patty Anderson, Lisa Arthur, Marilyn Hemsey, Phil Jensen, Cathy Rosebush, Kathy Uffenbeck, Shelly Wilson

Donation Requests Due 10/1



Take Note



Our own UCC Singers will sing during worship at the All Church Picnic on Sunday, September 21st.

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!!



Thank you to our amazing "special" musicians!

**“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.”**



The earth is composed of six layers like a cake. The similarity is carried even further with all the nuts sprinkled on the top.



Now when you hear of someone making their living from the soil, it is probably someone who owns a laundromat.



(And of course a groaner!)

**Did you hear about the student at the police academy that graduated at the top of this class?
*They called him a Phi Beta Copper!***



- **Thank you Kris Cooper for hosting our Women's Fellowship Picnic at your lovely home.**
- **Thank you Ron Anderson for your recent audit of the church's finances. We appreciate your financial skills.**
- **The 2nd Chapter Garage Sale is on the Home Stretch!**
Three more weeks to go before the season wrap up at Fall Fest!

In spite of being rained out and delayed a couple of times, we're doing well with our sales, but could use more volunteers on Saturdays. Please consider volunteering for setting up, sales or taking down. The Sign-up sheet is on the table in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered!

A Prayer for Peace by Ana Gobledale

**Peace,
Your promise,
Our hope.**

We pray for:

Peace in our communities...

Unite us to raise our voices against violence in our homes in our churches,
in our schools, in our workplaces.

Peace on our earth...

Unite us to take a stand, to act to become eco-churches to go green in our
homes and communities, to demand powers support agreements and
protocols, to protect our lands and rivers from harm.

Peace in the marketplace...

Unite us to make a difference, to promote sustainable production and
consumption, to support ecological security over national security, to put our
money to work for justice through fair trade and fair taxes

Peace among people...

Unite us to be peace makers building peace among people promoting human
rights, churning arms into ploughshares

Peace perfect peace.

Show us how to walk the peace path.

Your hope.

Our promise.



Cable Senior Dining *Come and join us!*

Site opens at 11:30 am

Lunch at 12:00 pm

Menu for Monday, 9/1

**Labor Day
No Senior Lunch**

Menu for Monday, 9/15

Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Braised Spinach
Waldorf Salad
Dinner Roll
Bars

September Birthdays

Kris Cooper, 9/5
Nancy Schemensky, 9/11
Shari Bieber, 9/16
Jim Crandall, 9/16
Warren Parsons, 9/20
Kelly Randolph, 9/25

*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*



CABLE AREA FOOD SHELF



Little Free Food Pantry

UCC served the food shelf in August. We served 27 families, which worked out to be 56 people. Everyone who volunteered did a great job. An official from TEFAP, The Emergency Food Assistance Program of Wisconsin visited the food shelf recently. TEFAP is one of the government programs that provides some of the food that the Cable Area Food Shelf gets each month. The official feels optimistic that the program will continue, in spite of government cut backs. He suggested that things could be even better in the fall, providing more food choices than we have right now. If you are grocery shopping the Little Free Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce/noodles, canned fruit, tuna, canned chicken. Extra items that always go well are ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, spices, and coffee. **Thank You!**

A BLAST FROM THE PAST...

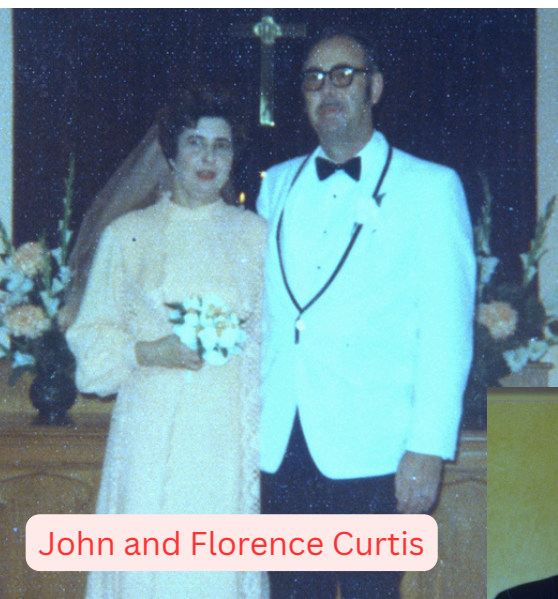
Love has always been 'in the air' at UCC!

Recognize any of these couples?

Let John Uffenbeck know so that he can update the church files.



Kathy and Alan Lang



John and Florence Curtis



Women's Fellowship

This group travels in style! That's 94 year old Ellen Nelsen riding shotgun, with hottie Trish Kruse behind the wheel. The other three ... are wanna-bes!



The weather was dassing. The food was delicious. The fellowship was delightful. All made for a lovely luncheon on the afternoon of August 7th at Kris Cooper's amazing home. Thank you to all who came and especially Kris for hosting.

**Please know that all women are welcome to join us for our meeting at
10:00 on Thursday, September 4th
9:30 for coffee and conversation.**

Bring your thoughts and ideas about this year's recipient of the proceeds from our 2nd Chapter Christmas Sale.

UCC Board

This group met on Monday, August 11th at UCC.

- Final edits were made to the reports to be presented at the annual meeting via email.
- Ron Anderson gave the findings of his audit of our church's finances. We're glad to report that the church is in sound standing going forward.
- Maintenance Committee now has the option to shop online for needed materials for projects, using a newly authorized UCC credit card.
- Plans were discussed for the annual church picnic.

The board will meet on Monday, September 8th at 1:00 pm in the church library.

Thoughts from Pastor Phil



The Expansive Gift of Generosity: Giving Ourselves and Our Resources by Rev. Phil Milam

Introduction

As Summer begins to fade into the brilliance of Autumn, the season of giving thanks, we find ourselves once again pondering the deep and transformative nature of generosity. Often, our understanding of giving is confined to the tangible: dollars in the offering plate, canned goods for the food pantry, volunteer hours for a worthy cause. While these gifts are vital and appreciated, our faith tradition invites us to broaden our vision. What does it mean to be generous, not only with our possessions, but with our very selves? How does our faith call us into a life where giving is not just something we do, but a way of being?

The Roots of Generosity in Scripture

The sacred stories we indwell as people of faith are saturated with invitations to give, but the heart of giving is always relational. In Acts 2, we read about those in the early church sharing all they had, breaking bread together, supporting one another “as any had need.” This was not mere charity; it was an embodiment of kinship and radical hospitality. When Jesus speaks of giving, he does not limit his call to material resources. Instead, he offers himself, his time, his attention, his compassion, freely and abundantly. Consider the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan does not only provide for the wounded man’s immediate needs; he also gives his presence, his empathy, and his ongoing care. Or reflect on the widow’s mite: her small offering is celebrated not for its monetary value, but because she “gave all she had.” Generosity, in God’s economy, is measured not by how much we give, but by the depth of our willingness to share ourselves, to risk vulnerability, and to enter into the joys and sorrows of others.

Giving of Ourselves: The Gift of Presence

In our fast-paced, transactional world, presence can be the rarest and most precious gift. Our faith calls us to practice generosity not only with our resources, but with our attention, our compassion, our time, and our talents. This kind of giving is not limited by the size of our bank account or the hours in our day. Rather, it asks us to show up fully, authentically, and consistently.

When we listen deeply to a friend in need, when we stand alongside someone facing injustice, when we celebrate another’s joy or grieve their sorrow, we offer something more profound than money: we offer ourselves. Giving of ourselves means seeing the sacredness in every encounter, refusing to objectify or overlook, and being willing to be changed by relationship.

And I know, it’s not always easy. To be generous with our presence means risking disappointment, fatigue, or even heartbreak. Yet, it’s precisely in these moments of honest connection that we become conduits of God’s grace. As Henri Nouwen writes, “When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who...were simply there for us.”

Our Resources: Tools for Justice and Compassion

The call to generosity still includes our resources. Our tradition recognizes that our wealth, however modest, can be leveraged for justice, healing, and transformation. Yet, the key is intention. When we give, we’re not only meeting a need; we’re declaring that the world’s abundance is meant to be shared, that every person deserves dignity, has value, and that our possessions are not barriers but bridges. This approach to giving asks us to move beyond charity into solidarity. We do not give out of pity or obligation, but out of recognition that we are intricately connected, that another’s flourishing enhances our own. Our financial gifts can fuel ministries of advocacy, support those at the margins, and dismantle systems of oppression. When we share what we have, whether it’s money, food, skills, or space, we participate in the ongoing work of co-creating God’s Realm on earth.

Practices of Generosity: Embodying the Spirit

How do we cultivate generosity as a spiritual discipline? First, we begin with gratitude. Every act of giving flows from the deep awareness that all we have, life, breath, time, resources, are a gift. Gratitude opens our hearts and frees us from the grip of fear and scarcity. As we give thanks, we become more attuned to opportunities for generosity in everyday life. Second, we seek community. Generosity flourishes in relationship. When we commit to sharing our lives with others, to showing up, to listening, to laughing

and lamenting together, we create spaces where generosity becomes contagious. Our church is a living laboratory for these practices, inviting us to risk, to succeed or fail, and to try again. And finally, we remember that generosity is transformative. When we give of ourselves and our resources, we are changed. Our hearts expand, our vision clears, and our souls become attuned to the rhythms of grace.

A Generous Vision for the Future

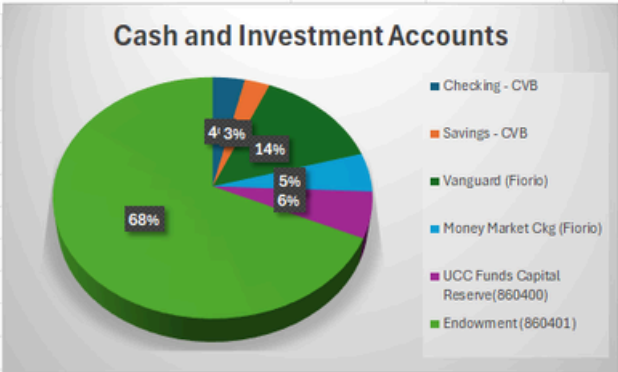
So, as we look toward the future as a congregation, may continue to ask: How can we be generous? Not just with our wealth, but with our time, our talents, our presence, and our hearts? How can we create a church where every person feels seen, heard, and valued, not just as a recipient, but as a giver? And may continue to be a community where generosity overflows, where we invest in each other’s well-being, where we challenge injustice, where we celebrate difference, and where we honor the sacredness of every person, every being, every life.

This month, I invite you to consider where you might be called to give.
Perhaps it’s a financial gift, a listening ear, a helping hand, or simply your presence.
Whatever form your generosity takes, know that it is sacred, that it matters, and that it helps build a world more just world for all people.
Many Blessings on the journey
Pastor Phil

UCC Financial Status,
submitted by Church Treasurer Barbara Mika

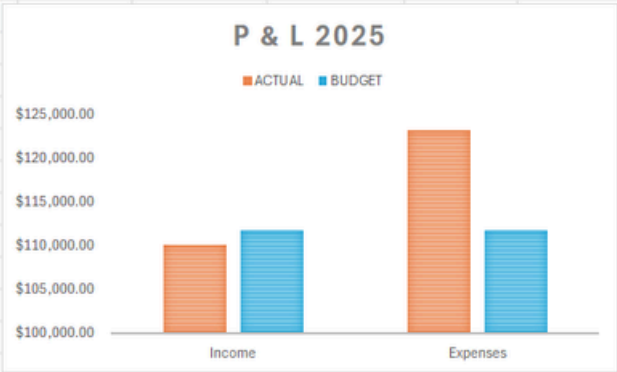
United Church of Christ
Cable, WI

Accounts	8/31/2025
Checking - CVB	\$14,774.99
Savings - CVB	\$11,658.47
Vanguard (Fiorio)	\$58,711.07
Money Market Ckg (Fiorio)	\$21,530.61
UCC Funds Capital Reserve(860400)	\$25,688.28
Endowment (860401)	\$282,970.65
	\$415,334.07



July numbers, statements received 2 weeks into the next month

P&L	ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
Income	\$ 110,172.63	\$111,695.36
Expenses	\$ 123,099.54	\$111,695.36
Net	\$ (12,926.91)	\$ -



	Aug-25	Y-T-D	
Incoming Cash			
Collections	\$ 1,708.00	\$ 56,340.25	51%
Delta UCC	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 18,240.00	17%
Online Giving	\$ 3,195.26	\$ 25,892.38	24%
Women's Fellowship	\$ -	\$ 9,700.00	9%
	\$ 7,183.26	\$110,172.63	100%
Expenses	\$ 13,735.02	\$123,099.54	
Actual	\$ (6,551.76)	\$ (12,926.91)	



Cable United Church of Christ

Donation Request

United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we seek to support local, national, and global organizations that promote justice, provide for basic human needs, and encourage stewardship of the environment.

Cable UCC makes donations to charitable organizations each year in November. To apply, a church member or friend (someone who is actively involved in church activities) **should complete this form and return it, along with supporting materials, to the Giving Committee at cablechurch@gmail.com by October 1, or to the Giving Committee mailbox at Cable UCC.** Typical grants range from \$100 to \$1000. The Giving Committee does not make donations at other times of the year.

Your name: _____ Org. name: _____

Your email: _____ Org. website: _____

Your phone: _____ Org. phone: _____

Amount
requested:

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Check box if you have applied for a donation for this organization in the past. (You do not need to submit all information; provide only relevant updates.

What is the organization's work and impact? Please describe below or attach a separate sheet, and provide documentation from the organization showing its mission and impact, (such as an annual report, or informational brochure) and **evidence of 501c3 (nonprofit) status.**

How does this organization's work relate to the mission of the Cable UCC? Attach a separate sheet if you'd like.

Date application submitted: _____

>>> We will let you know when we have received your application. <<<