

**Kohler, WI** – Grace United Church of Christ announces arrival of first female pastor in the village of Kohler.

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The Reverend Beth Petzke will be installed as pastor of Grace UCC on Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 2pm. The entire community is invited to attend as the members of Grace, conference clergy and community leaders join in this momentous occasion. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided. Grace Church is located at 500 School Street, Kohler, WI.

Pastor began her pastoral leadership at Grace on July 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year after a 14-month search of available candidates. The search committee was impressed by her deep love of Jesus Christ and her gifts of innovative leadership and teaching. “Her references were filled with exemplary praises of her work and leadership” says Paul Green, Search Committee Chairman. “We are happy to have found such an exuberant, joyful person to lead Grace church.”

The daughter of UCC ministers, Pastor Beth completed her formal education with her Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary. Her most recent service was as interim pastor at St. Mark's UCC in Cleveland, WI and St. James UCC in Spring Valley.

Grace Church has a long standing history in the village of Kohler, dating back to 1929. The church is active in the community and has partnerships with local organizations. Grace church provides a place of worship and fellowship with many families of Kohler, as well as several neighboring communities.

Grace Church is an accepting community of faith, committed to growth through change creating a loving space for worship, acceptance and community.

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