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The Good News Herald

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Practicing Resurrection!



Happy May! The season when Life bursts forth in nature -- when nature 'resurrects!' In my message on Easter Sunday, I shared the concept of practicing resurrection! What does that mean for me? for you? for Zwingli? These are the questions the Easter season invites us to reflect on -- and put into practice. During the 50 days following Easter, we are given the opportunity to develop our skills of 'practicing resurrection' so that we can continue to practice them for the rest of our lives. I leave you with this reflection by June Mears Driedger:

"In the poem Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front, farmer, poet, Jesus-follower Wendell Berry writes: '...every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world ...Love someone who does not deserve it ...Practice resurrection,' he concludes.

Berry challenges us to respond anew to the challenges of our lives . . . to recognize that our faith makes claims on us and invites us to understand the world and our lives in ways very different than the culture around us.

We know all too well the practice of crucifixion. We are living in a kind of crucifixion. We see it daily in the news, social media, and in a culture that advocates, 'Me first.' So, how can we practice resurrection? We can think of new ways to bring the power of Easter to this world—to embody this power daily. We must become conduits of God's love and energy. We are to be everyday reminders to people that sickness and death—in all its forms—is not the final word. Rather, to remember each day that we are called to life, to love, and to each day 'begin again.' We are called to love God and to love

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others. Isn't this what we have experienced: the love of God who doesn't insist that we deserve this love, doesn't demand that we get everything right, doesn't demand us to overcome our fears and anxieties, and doesn't require us to be cleaned up and shiny for Easter morning?

We return each day to the practice of hope, the practice of resurrection. To remember 'that is in God in whom we live and move and have our being,' (Acts 17:20). Continue returning to hope, returning to resurrection until our very beings are united with God."

(https://www.hermitagecommunity.org/2020/07/practice-hope-practice-resurrection-by-june-mears-driedger/)

Resurrection Blessings, Karla



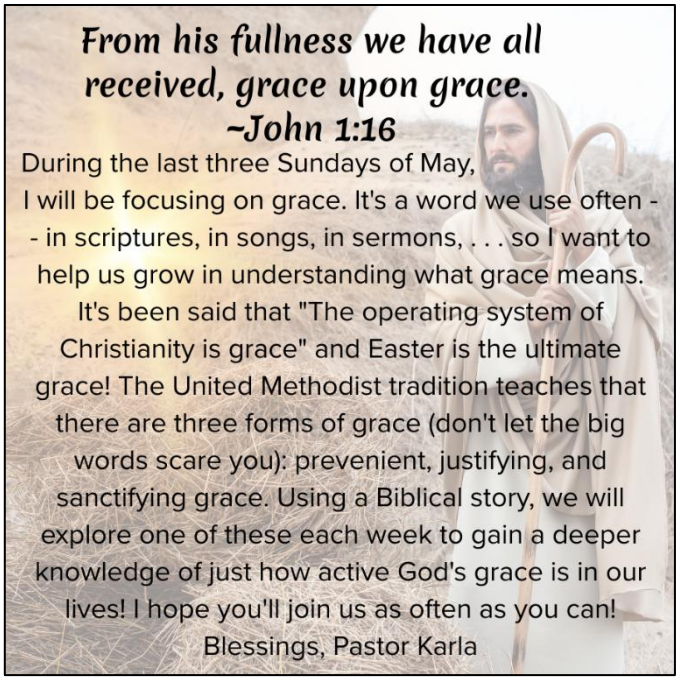
A Message from the

Church Council

May 4: Worship, Work & Friendship Time

We will tackle tasks inside and out, rain or shine, to spiff up the church or attend to repairs. Please dress casually and bring tools (rakes, shovels, trimmers, window cleaner and rags, floor cleaner and mops, etc.) if you're able to do some chores.

We'll have the usual coffee hour treats that you can have as you need energy to keep going! If you're not able to work, please consider donating cleaning supplies. Thanks everyone!



Jazz for Justice

May 8, 5:00-10:00 PM | *Cafe CODA, Madison*

Support JustDane through a night of jazz music, food, and fellowship. The event will feature the music of Hanah Jon Taylor & Dee Alexander.

JustDane is a non-profit agency and Wisconsin Council of Churches ecumenical partner that offers an array of direct service programs for individuals and families involved in the criminal justice system. These services include prison reentry programs and services for children who have an incarcerated parent, community events designed to help people understand what it's like to walk in the shoes of someone newly released from prison, and jail and prison in-reach programs.

Learn more and buy tickets here.



Items of Note

May Birthdays

Judy Batker

Ken Bauman

Raen Leystra

May Anniversaries

Heather & Jason Beloungy

Louise & Larry Brunkow

Jackie & Greg Schulting

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Is anyone in your family GRADUATING this Spring?

Please let our pastor know if you have any High School, 8th grade, College (undergrad or grad students) or Tech School graduates so we can schedule a Sunday to celebrate them!

May events

May 4 - Friendship Time/Worship & Work Sunday

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 18 - Mental Health Sunday

May 25 - Rural Life Sunday

CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the March 16, 2025, meeting are now available in the wall pockets near the mailboxes. Contact the church office to request an electronic copy.

Financial Report

March income:	$ 6,209.16
March expenses:	$ 8,374.42

Pastoral Care

In case of emergency, Pastor Karla can be reached on her cell (608-572-4557), or by email pastor.zwingliuccpaoli@gmail.com.

Download your old Facebook Live videos by June 27!

In February, Facebook started rolling out changes to its storage policy for Facebook Live videos. As you may recall, Zwingli previously broadcasted videos of worship services and funerals.

As part of this transition, Facebook Live videos older than 30 days will be deleted. Facebook wants to make sure you have the opportunity to keep any Live videos Zwingli published, therefore any Live videos published before February 19 will be made available for you to download until June 27. After that, any existing Live videos published before February 19 will be deleted from our Page or profile. Visit your Facebook settings to view your options for downloading Live videos.

Going forward Facebook Live videos will be retained for 30 days by default on our Facebook Page or profile. After 30 days, our Live videos will automatically be removed from our Page and deleted from the Facebook servers.

Looking for an opportunity to express your opinion on US public policy?

As a member of the United Church of Christ, Zwingli is supported with resources by our national offices. Among these resources is an *Office of Public Policy and Advocacy in Washington DC*. This Office gives information to understand the issues and legislation -- and the ability to easily express our opinion to our political leaders. Go to this website to access these opportunities to express yourself (if you do not have a computer, check out your local library).

We will update this announcement with new opportunities (as they are added - bolded) so you can know the current issues you can respond to. You can also get alerts in your inbox by signing up here. Currently, there are opportunities to express your opinion on: This Earth Day, Support Environmental Justice for all! As You File Your Taxes, Say Yes to Peace, Tell Congress to pass a Moral Budget, Support for Humanitarian Aid and Peace-making is non-negotiable; Protect Govt Funding; Protect DEI; Protect Medicare and Food Stamps; Protect Trans, Nonbinary and Intersex Civil Rights; .,Protect Everyday Consumers; Have a Heart for God's Planet; Foreign Aid; Federal Funding Freeze; Supporting Survivors of Human Trafficking; Immigration Policies; Trans Protection; Voting Rights; Affordable Internet; Indian Boarding Schools; and Military Aid to Israel. We know that some of you want to put your faith beliefs in action and hope those of you who wish to advocate find this resource useful.

Spring is the time to Spark Wonder and reconnect with nature…



As the snow and ice have melted and the earth reawakens, Daycholah Center, Moon Beach, and Cedar Valley are bursting back to life.

Spring is a season of **rebirth**, and it's no different at United Church Camps. With gradually warming temperatures and some spring rain, the grass is notably greener, buds are forming on trees, and the male Goldfinches are taking on their brilliant summer plumage.

There was a news story last week about the Princess of Wales. The story talked about the importance of 'time in nature' in Princess Kate's battle with and recovery from cancer. Princess Kate found peace, healing, and transformation when she immersed herself in natural spaces. You can do that too!

It is time to finalize your plans for summer. Summer camps are filling up fast! Check out all the summer offerings at: https://ucci.org/events-calendar/



The Holy Spirit gathers us together. From across the country and the spectrums of human experience, we become united in Christ. And, united, the Spirit commissions us to work for a more just world for all.

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports congregations and leader across the United Church of Christ as they respond to the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a more just world for all. The challenges our congregations face vary:

- Some seek ways to strengthen youth ministry
- Some hope to start new congregations
- Some look for innovative ways to renew existing congregations
- Some need help developing leaders

Watch for more information in the bulletins in May. We will bless offerings for Strengthen the Church on Pentecost, June 8. Your gifts can ensure congregations get the help they need from their conference and the national ministries of the UCC. Together we can answer the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a just world for all.