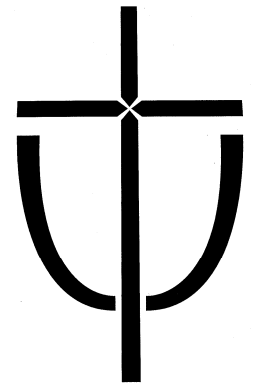


STILL SPEAKING



Indeed, the word of God is living and active...

-Hebrews 4:12

The Lord hath more truth yet to break forth out of His Holy Word.

-John Robinson

NOVEMBER 2011

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

THE INSIDE SCOOP

Newsletter Deadline

Our next newsletter will be published the week of November 14. The deadline for that newsletter is Friday, November 11, 2011.

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TANSTAAFL: for those who are not familiar with this acronym, it simply means, *There ain't no such thing as a free lunch.* And it goes right along with *It's too good to be true,* and *You don't get something for nothing.* The reality that all of these phrases capture is that the things that matter to us have a cost ...or, conversely, we can determine what we most value by how we spend our money. An interesting exercise that our computerized culture has made much easier is categorizing our expenses. Every time I open my financial management software at home, it stares back at me with a multi-colored pie chart that displays our personal spending in a dramatic way...and just as dramatically displays what we value the most.

Our contemporary culture is riddled with fear and resentment about any spending that constrains our freedom and diminishes our financial resources. This mood is increasingly suspicious and angry. Its twin themes are victimization and scarcity.

In many things the good news of God's love is counter-cultural and works to transform suspicion and anger into trust and reconciliation. Most importantly, scripture and our Lord teach us that we are people of great promise and power, not victims. And God has blessed us with an amazing abundance, not shackled us with scarcity. What a transformation that gracious perspective can make! Instead of focusing on how much of our dwindling resources we can keep for ourselves, we focus on how much of our abundant resources we can use to praise God and serve others.

The transformation isn't just about how we spend our money. It's also a transformation in how we understand ourselves. Are we children of God who have been blessed beyond our imaginations? Or are we something much less? Are we people of scarcity, or of generosity?

This year, Union Church will approach the financial needs of its ongoing ministry in new ways. A Generosity Team is being assembled by **Jeff Gibson** and **Bruce Shafer**. Instead of conducting an Every Member Canvass as a once-a-year event that is an obligation to be done with, we will be working to build a culture of generosity whose impact and blessing are woven through the whole year. Instead of asking you to give what you've always given and add just a little more because it's your duty, we will ask you to claim and use the tremendous blessings God has given you for God's work. Yes, we need Money for the Church's Ministry. But we want your part in providing that to be motivated not by what you *need* to give or *have* to give...but by what God is giving you the power and the possibility to give. So set aside what you've pledged in the past...and consider what a generous spirit will offer.

A phrase from the Statement of Faith of our United Church of Christ sets our theme:

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship...

Cost, because cost indicates what we value...and joy, because following Jesus is the Christian definition of what it means to truly live. Can there be a joy to cost? Yes, there can, if the purpose of the cost makes life rich, and full, and precious.

The Cost and Joy of Discipleship: look forward to hearing more soon from our Generosity Team about the shape this theme will take in our life together. But, for now, open your hearts in prayer to God's transforming Spirit...the Spirit that can turn scarcity into abundance and suspicion into generosity. Of the early church St. Luke records this observation in the book of Acts:

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

--Acts 2:46-47

May those words come to accurately describe Union Church. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

Our Church Family

Our Attendance

| October | <u>This Year</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|----------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1st Sunday | 196 World Communion | 165 World Communion |
| 2nd Sunday | 185 (+15 at 7:16) Renew Union Sunday | 234 Jeremiah Porter |
| 3rd Sunday | 143 noon Packers game Michael Jahn preaching | 156 noon Packers game |
| 4th Sunday | 161 (+13 at 7:16) New Members | 210 New Members |
| 5th Sunday | NA | 235 |
| Weekly Total | 713 | 1,000 |
| Weekly Average | 178 | 200 |

Memorial Sunday November 20

November 20 is Thanksgiving Sunday. On this Sunday when we give thanks for the abundance of God's blessings and that Christ is the King of our lives, we will also give thanks for the lives of those who have died and to whom our church has ministered in the past year. We do this each year on the last Sunday of the Christian Year to remember what has been, to proclaim again that Christ is Lord of both the dead and the living, and to prepare for the beginning of a new church year with the first Sunday in Advent (November 27). The persons for whom we will be giving thanks are: **Jodi Glasheen, Howard Angell, David Vlack, Robin Spears, Allison Bush, David Wilsmann, Jeffrey Borkovec, and Jeanne Skogg.**

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

This year's ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by GIFT – Gathered In Faith Together – will be held at Union Church on Tuesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. An ecumenical choir led by our own **Courtney Sherman** will sing...**Ray Thompson** will lead worship at the organ...and **Fr. James Nielsen** from St. Norbert College will be bringing the message. A monetary offering for St. John's Homeless Shelter will be received. GIFT is a community of religious leaders gathered from downtown congregations. Join us as we give God thanks and praise together!

—Chuck Mize



Front Row (L-R): Nicole Kinjerski, Zander Kinjerski, Cady Kinjerski, Rusty and Mary Kay Bishop

Back Row: (L-R): Jamie Kinjerski, Domenick Marcantonio, Holly Trasti and Ruth E. Baker

photo by Laurie Beauchamp

Union Church Welcomes Seven New Members

It was a joy to welcome seven new members to the faith and fellowship of Union Church of Christ on Sunday, October 23! We welcomed our new members at a reception and salad potluck luncheon (sponsored by our New Member Ministry) in Pilgrim Hall following worship. (Please see the insert for more information on our new members.)

Help the Parson's Purse

A utility bill...rent...food...car repair...medicine: quietly yet consistently, the Parson's Purse offers emergency help to members and friends of Union Church. Last February you responded with very generous contributions to the confidential care and compassion that the Parson's Purse offers. After nearly a year, the resources of the Parson's Purse are nearly exhausted. If you can and are moved to support this ministry, please make your contribution payable to Union Congregational United Church of Christ and label it **Parson's Purse**. Thank you!

—Chuck Mize

Get Ready to Cook



Union Church will be preparing and serving meals at St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter this winter. Our first date is **Thursday, Dec. 8**. We will need volunteers to cook, transport food, serve, prepare leftovers and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet at Union Central.

- Cook at Union Church (3-5 p.m.)
- Clean up, transport food (5-5:30 p.m.)
- Serve, prepare leftovers and clean up (5:30-7:45 p.m.)

Our first meal will be the traditional taco meal, but we are open to a different menu or service on a different day in future months if there is interest in the congregation for alternatives. Thanks for your help.

For more information, please contact Cathy Putman (435-1540 or cputman@new.rr.com).

—Outreach Ministry

Altar Flowers

Please consider providing flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. Below are dates available for you to provide flowers:



Nov. 6 or Dec. 4 or Dec. 11

Please call the church office at 437-9266 or sign up on the board next to the office if you would like to provide altar flowers for one of these Sundays. Thank you.

For Those Who Served

On Sunday, November 6, we will recognize and honor those among us who have served their country in the Armed Forces. Our list of veterans includes:



Paul Bilty, Steve Davis, Roland DeMond, Bob Fahres, Buck Greenlaw, Hayden Groy, John Grunseth, Bob Haglund, Henry Hall, Loren Hart, Bob Hoffmann, Lon Johnson, Rick Johnson, Bill Johnson, Jerry Kalkofen, Dick Lathrop, Tom Martin, Marshall Moss, Mel Polarek, Carol Rivera, Bill Schuler, Bruce Shafer, Dave Strom, Ray Thompson, Ed Tucker, Jack Whittemore, Chuck Zanzig and Kim Zelton.

If you are a veteran and are not on this list, please contact the church with your information including branch of service, rank and years of service. Please plan to be with us in worship as we give thanks for those who have served on the Sunday closest to Veterans Day.

Common Ministry Open Forum



Common Ministry welcomes visits from congregation members wishing to share their views with us. We allot 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting for the forum, and we meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Classroom. Dates of the next meetings are Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

As our congregation engages in critical issues and changes in the coming year, Common Ministry needs to hear from you. Please join our monthly meeting, either at the forum or as an observer, or talk individually with a Common Ministry member. Thank you.

—Barbara McClure-Lukens, Moderator

Union's Green Spot

Union Goes Green had its first meeting on Sept. 24 and numerous focus areas were discussed. Sue Tucker and Steve Jones agreed to co-chair the group. Special thanks to Bob Haglund for creating the "Green Suggestion Box" where members and friends can place ideas or concerns for the committee's attention. You can find it on the table at Union Central in Pilgrim Hall.

November's Monthly Recycle Item: Used Batteries

The Monthly Recycle Item will change every month. In November, we will be collecting used batteries (no car batteries, please!). Look for the recycle item each month in *Still Speaking*. Bring your batteries to the coat room and look for the box labeled "Monthly Recycle Item." Deposit items in that box. In future months, we will be recycling Styrofoam packing peanuts and bubble wrap.

Be sure to watch for the latest activities through postings in the newsletter; meanwhile, please consider the following tips:

- Check the temperature in your refrigerator and freezer to make sure your appliance is set optimally. You can place a weather thermometer inside to check the temperature and adjust the dials until you get the desired results. Check your manufacturer's guidelines, but in general the EPA recommends keeping refrigerators at 37° F and freezers at 3° F. Anything colder is overkill and a waste of energy. That's important because refrigerators and freezers use about a sixth of home electricity.
- When it comes to purchasing coffee, there are several labels you can look for: *organic, #Fair Trade, **bird friendly or shade-grown. Each label is third-party verified and means something slightly different. Certified roast is a good choice for the environment compared with typical coffee which is doused with pesticides and grown on land that has been clear-cut.

***USDA Organic** means the coffee wasn't grown using pesticides, chemical fertilizers or genetically modified seeds.

#Fair Trade-certified means that workers were paid a fair wage and not subjected to unhealthy farming practices, like excessive use of toxic pesticides.

****Bird Friendly** and **Rainforest Alliance-certified shade grown coffee** labels mean that coffee was grown using traditional methods so that rain forest trees on coffee plantations are preserved, rather than clear-cut. (The "bird friendly" means that many of the songbirds that frequent U.S. backyards spend winters in South and Central American rain forests, including shade-grown coffee plantations.)

Wild Ones: Gardening for Butterflies

Wednesday, November 2
In Harmony Hall
6:30 p.m. Social; 7 p.m. Program

Ann Shebasta, the Butterfly Lady from Mishicot, describes the remarkable life cycle and migration of the Monarch butterfly. We'll learn to attract a variety of butterflies using native plants which produce nectar for the adults and food for the larvae. Fall and winter are the perfect time to plan how to attract these beautiful creatures. This presentation is **free and open to the public!**

Second Sunday Series November 13

Carol Bush will talk about art in the Bagby Chapel. Join us at 9 a.m. in Bagby Chapel on Nov. 13 for this third installment of our Second Sunday Series.

Senior Moments November 16 and 20

Senior Moments, seminars centered on financial issues facing older adults, continue in November with a presentation on Taxing Thoughts in Retirement.

Please join us either on Wednesday, Nov. 16 or on Sunday, Nov. 20 in the Chapel Classroom.



Mayflower Moments

Mayflower Nursery School students enjoyed a month of fun in October talking about apples, pumpkins, and autumn in Wisconsin. Now, we are ready to shift our focus to being thankful. We will learn ways to be thankful for our friends, our families, our school and our community.

Later in the month, as we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, our children will come together for a Thankful Celebration. We will share a snack, stories, and playtime together. Our older children will have a chance to decorate and set the tables, while our younger children will help prepare a healthy snack.

On November 10 and 11 we will hold our annual Art Show, which is not only a school wide fundraiser, but a way for our children to display the artwork they have been creating in class. Please feel free to come visit and see their amazing creations!

Look for Mayflower families marching in the downtown Green Bay Holiday Parade on November 19! Not only is this a fun event for our children but a great way for us to be involved in our community.

Another way we are connecting with our community is by offering monthly story times for preschool aged and younger children. All are invited and welcome to attend! **Our next community story time will be on Wednesday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Kavarna. Join us for turkey themed stories, finger plays, songs and a craft.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Martha Bonnie, Director
Mayflower Nursery School

JOSHUA In Action

(Justice Organization Sharing Hope and United for Action)

JOSHUA is an ecumenical coalition of 17 faith-based communities in Brown County and is part of WISDOM, a statewide organization of more than 125 member congregations.



J O S H U A

Voter ID in Wisconsin: Issue Proposal at JOSHUA Board Meeting

Charlotte Goska, Core Team member, Union Congregational UCC, presented a one-page proposal regarding Act 23, commonly known as the Photo Voter ID law. She and others are concerned that the law may suppress voting for those who are uninformed about the law or unable to meet the law's conditions for documentation (homeless persons, students away at university, naturalized citizens).

Charlotte proposed that JOSHUA establish a new issues committee, with this mission: every person in Wisconsin who is legally entitled to vote is able to vote on election day. Voter ID will apply to elections in February 2012 going forward. The JOSHUA Board agreed to support Charlotte's proposal to explore the possibility of establishing the Voter ID Law as a new project. The League of Women Voters is pursuing this issue with naturalized citizens and the elderly. The JOSHUA Committee would cooperate with the League and address the needs of other groups.

A meeting to ascertain interest in this new project will be held Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m., at Union Congregational UCC, 716 S. Madison Street, Green Bay. We urge all who are interested to attend, for Voter ID will be active in just few short months!

JOSHUA Annual Banquet: Lighting the Way Together

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2011

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Rock Garden Convention Center
1951 Bond Street, Green Bay

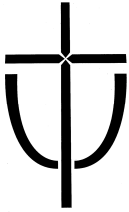
Join the annual interfaith dinner gathering. Celebrate JOSHUA's 2011 accomplishments including work on immigration and economic justice issues. Don't miss our special "Clergy Cake Off!" Cost is \$29 per person. Contact JOSHUA core team members Jan Bilty or Barbara McClure-Lukens for more information.

October 31, 2011 to December 4, 2011

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Building Disciples 10:20 a.m. Church School (4-year-olds through 2nd grade)
 Fellowship and refreshments following Worship; Nursery care provided: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT/SUN |
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| Acronyms Used within this calendar LIR Learning in Retirement PDT Purpose Discernment Team MFNS Mayflower Nursery School | 1 p.m. Bible Study 1 1 p.m. PDT Small Group 3 p.m. LIR Choir 5:15 p.m. Education Ministry 5:30 p.m. Inreach, New Member, Outreach and Worship Ministries 6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal 7 p.m. PDT Small Group | 7:00 a.m. 2 Men's Breakfast Group 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. PEO Meeting 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship 6:15 p.m. PDT Small Group 6:30 p.m. Wild Ones (Harmony Hall) "7:16 at 716" | 6:00 p.m. 3 PDT Small Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 4 MFNS Picture Day | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 5 Confirmation Retreat 8:45 a.m. 6 PDT Small Group After worship Union Goes Green After worship PDT Small Groups (two sessions) |
| | 7 1 p.m. Bible Study 8 3 p.m. LIR Choir 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Ministry 6:00 p.m. Adult Gay-Straight Alliance 6:30 p.m. Common Ministry 6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal | 5:45 p.m. 9 Dinner 6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship "7:16 at 716" | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. 10 MFNS Art Show 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m. Anna Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. 11 MFNS Art Show | 9:00 a.m. 13 Second Sunday Series "Art in the Bagby Chapel" Guest speaker: Carol Bush |
| 14 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 3 p.m. LIR Choir 6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal | 15 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship 6:15 p.m. Senior Moments 6:15 p.m. Prayer Shawl "7:16 at 716" | 16 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | 17 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | 18 19 20 Memorial Sunday 9 a.m. Senior Moments Taxing Thoughts in Retirement After worship JOSHUA Union's Core Team meets | |
| 21 6:00 p.m. Teachers' Meeting (Chapel Classroom) | 22 1 p.m. Bible Study 3 p.m. LIR Choir 6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship | 23 NO YOUTH PROGRAMS NO "7:16 at 716" | 24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING! | 25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | 26 27 |
| 28 1 p.m. Bible Study 29 3 p.m. LIR Choir 6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal | 30 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship Hanging of the Greens "7:16 at 716" | 1 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | 2 | 3 4 Heifer Living Gift Market | |



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Continuing the Conversation Small Group Sessions

Please plan on attending a small group session to share your thoughts about our weekend with Tony Robinson.

Members of the Purpose Discernment Team will lead one-hour sessions, scheduled to provide multiple opportunities to talk about Rev. Robinson's ideas. Sign up at Union Central or contact the church office (437-9266 or office@unionucc.com). Thank you.

Tues., Nov. 1 1:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 2 6:15 p.m.

(notify the church office if you will join the meal at 5:45)

Thurs., Nov. 3 6:00 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 6 8:45 a.m. OR

Choose between 2 sessions at 11:00 a.m.

- For those who have attended a session with Rev. Robinson

- "Tony 101" will be an opportunity for those who missed the sessions with Tony

Questions? Talk with any member of the Purpose Discernment Team: Carol Bowley, Randy Connour, Thompson Ibibo, Sally Killoran, Marlene Lanoue, Pilar McDermott, Joey Taylor, David Thie, Barbara McClure-Lukens or the Rev. Chuck Mize.

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9:00 a.m. "Building Disciples" Time With 4 year old through 2nd graders

Lower Level Classroom

October 30—The Meal We Share—Communion
Bake bread, taste and share breads of the world.

November 6—Music Expressions

November 13—Puppet Workshop
We will make puppets for our Heifer Project activity
on the following Sunday.

November 20—Mission: Heifer Project
"Aardvarks Disembark" and lots of fun! Plan to stay
for our fun worship adventure!

November 27—Thanksgiving—How do we help?

December 4—Music Expressions

Exciting Sundays!

9:00 a.m. "Building Disciples" Time with 3rd through 5th graders

Fellowship Room

October 30—The Meal We Share— Communion
Bake bread, taste and share breads of the world.

November 6—Music Expressions

November 13—Puppet Workshop

November 20—Mission: Heifer Project

November 27—Thanksgiving—Feeding Our
Neighbors.

December 4—Music Expressions

9:00 a.m. "Building Disciples" Time with 6th through 8th graders

YCA Room

Conversation and Fellowship
Teacher: Sandy Polarek

9:00 a.m. "Building Disciples" Time with 9th through 12th graders

Pilgrim Hall

Faith and Current Affairs
Teachers: John and Sarah Gillespie

Anna Fellowship

November 10, 2011

English Room – 6:30 p.m.

All women of the church are invited for
discussion and fellowship.
Please watch the Sunday Still Speaking for
the evening's topic.

Teachers' Meeting

6:00 p.m. November 21st
Chapel Classroom

All-Church Hanging of the Greens

November 30, 2011

Dinner in Pilgrim Hall – 5:45 p.m.

Decorating of church will follow dinner

Advent Workshop
for 4 year olds through 5th Grade
in Lower Level Classroom
Sign-up Sheet at Union Central
for those not in Fellowship Groups

Please watch Union Central for the Christmas Pageant sign-up sheet!

Union Church's Newest Members

Please say hello to our newest members who were welcomed into our congregation during worship on Sunday, October 23. Save this page so you can access this information regarding our new members as needed.

Ruth (Ruth E.) Baker

*1904 Cottage Road, Little Suamico, WI 54141-9243
(563) 359-0127*

Ruth E. and her late husband, Doug, have four children – Dale, Wendy, Douglas and Colin – who reside in Wisconsin, Michigan, Texas and Illinois. Ruth E. has retired after being a church musician for many years. Ruth E. is transferring from First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa.

Mary Kay and Jay (Rusty) Bishop

*915 Kings Point Court, Oneida, WI 54155-8639
(920) 544-8098*

Originally from South Carolina, Mary Kay and Rusty have been married for 34 years. They have enjoyed moving around the country (Clemson, SC; Baton Rouge, LA; Detroit, MI; Blacksburg, VA; Verona, WI; and now Green Bay, WI) and experiencing many friendships along the way. Mary Kay has an MA in agency counseling and was a middle school teacher in Oregon, WI until the move to Green Bay. She enjoys gardening, biking, traveling, reading and people. Rusty joined Schreiber Foods in April 2010 after 18 years as a faculty member at UW-Madison. He enjoys golfing, biking, hunting, fishing, and being Mary Kay's husband. Mary Kay and Rusty have two children: Kathryn (25) who is a pediatric intensive care nurse at Duke Medical Center; and Will (22) a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning. He is currently in Ranger School.

Nicole and Jamie Kinjerski

*3570 Crocus Drive, De Pere, WI 54115-7692
(920) 347-4666*

The Kinjerskis are a small branch of the Kinjerski family. (Anyone familiar with the Kinjerski family will understand.) Their family consists of Jamie, Nicole, Cadence (Cady) and Alexander (Zander). Jamie is a pharmacist with Shopko at the Bay Park Square store, and Nicole works in IS at Shopko's general office. Cady is six and is in first grade at Hemlock Creek Elementary School. Zander is three and attends day care at Kiddie College Academy. As a family, the Kinjerskis had their first successful backyard camping outings!

The Kinjerskis followed a convoluted path to get to Union Church. Both Nicole and Jamie were raised as Catholics. They did not agree with many of the beliefs and decided to find a church that fit their belief system a little better. This led them to try a number of ELCA churches in the Green Bay area and near Madison. They also attended a UCC church in Windsor just north of Madison which they really liked. Most recently, they have been attending St. Anne's Episcopal Church in De Pere. Their search for a congregation that was open and affirming finally led them to Union Church where they have met many wonderful people who have helped them feel that they have finally found their church home.

Holly Trasti and Domenic (Nick) Marcantonio

*1468 Day Street, Green Bay, WI 54302-1955
(920) 471-3362 (Holly's cell); (920) 246-2777 (Nick's cell)*

Holly is a preschool teacher with a room of three-year-olds. She is also a manager at the Exclusive Company, a local record store. She is involved in a local charity group called The Pink Squirrels. She enjoys music, art and reading books. Holly came to Union Church while looking for a church that tied the Spirit of Jesus with love and willingness to help others.

Nick is a certified nursing assistant who works with patients with developmental disorders. He enjoys music, movies, art and helping others. In his free time, he enjoys writing music and performing with his band. Nick came to Union Church while looking for a church home that practices what it preaches and does not exclude people based on their differences.

Holly and Nick have found Union to be open, warm and a positive place to worship which is what they were looking for. They have been attending since April and have found Union Church and its congregation to be a very genuine, positive, diverse and free-thinking faith community that seems to know what it means to practice Christian values in day-to-day modern life.