



God's Love in Action for 175 Years

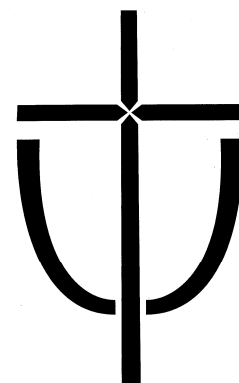
# STILL SPEAKING

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



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It happens every year. What seems like an endless summer stretching out before us on Memorial Day is over in the twinkling of an eye by Labor Day. So September begins...and the second Sunday of September this year is not only **Renew Union Sunday**, it is also the decade anniversary of September 11th and the horrific events that changed our world, our nation, and each of us. We will resume our full program on September 11 with some significant changes (please see the schedule on pages 6-7). In worship that day, we will focus especially on the anniversary with the theme: **Remembering, Renewing and Reconciling**. We will share the Lord's Supper, and we will also officially welcome our new Music Director, **Dr. Courtney Sherman**, as she leads our returning Chancel Choir. The morning begins with Bell Choir rehearsal at 8:00 a.m. and concludes with our traditional Corn Roast and Potluck. Join us and bring a dish to share!

Renew Union Sunday is the official beginning for our 2011-2012 program year. But its name very appropriately leads us into a new chapter of our church's life. We will be concluding our 175th Anniversary Celebration in worship on Sunday, September 25. So, as we tie a bow on our past, the question that faces us is, **What next?** This fall, we will be intentionally working on giving flesh to that question's answer. Beginning last spring, your Common Ministry and a Purpose Discernment Team have been reading **Changing the Conversation** by UCC minister and consultant Tony Robinson. As we're getting to know Tony Robinson through his writing, we are discovering that he is both provocative and prophetic for us as we engage in a proactive process to claim our future. That process includes two very important opportunities for all of you...opportunities that I hope you'll each prayerfully consider investing with your time and your hearts.

**The first** is the **All-Church Retreat at Moon Beach** on September 16-18. Our leader will be Dr. Michael Lukens. Michael will introduce us to Tony Robinson's work and lay the foundation of what is (the current church realities of cultural setting and institutional health). Besides all that, Moon Beach is a spectacular place to meet God with church members and friends. Please contact the church office (437-9266 or [office@unionucc.com](mailto:office@unionucc.com) for more information and to register).

**The second** is the last weekend of October – Reformation weekend, October 29-30 – when Tony Robinson will be with us. Tony will lead us in an all-church Saturday event and will be with us on Sunday morning, both before and after worship, as well as in the pulpit. You won't want to miss it!

But it doesn't end there! We will be continuing our purpose discernment process in small groups in November, December and January as we work our way toward our Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012.

Why are we doing all this? After all, we are a strong and stable congregation. Yet, even as strong and as stable as we've been, the world around us is changing.

in ways that challenge us to examine how we live and express the love and the faith of Jesus – both individually and in community. On August 28, my sermon was titled, *New Occasions Teach New Duties*. The following is an excerpt from that sermon that I want to share with those who were not in worship on the 28th, and emphasize with those who were.

There is a new occasion in this season, this year 2011, for the church: not just for Union Church, but for the whole church. The church didn't create it, but we're caught up in it. And the occasion is a sea change (words that you're going to come to know very well), a sea change of reorientation and decline. In this new occasion for the church – because it's not an occasion of great growth and triumph – there is a lot of blame that goes around. Why are things not like they used to be? And the easiest target to blame in that question is the leaders. It's the leaders' fault. It's the preachers' fault. The sermons are too long, you know, and they're too boring (don't go to sleep!). The music...it's so yesterday. Friendliness...well, you know, we're pretty stuffy, and we only like the people who we know. We have all kinds of things to say about that. And this week I learned that, across the board, the decline in the church is twice as great among those who do not have a college degree as it is among those who do. It's not a comforting fact, but it's interesting, isn't it?

In his book, *Changing the Conversation*, Tony Robinson says pretty clearly that Christendom is over. Christendom: that's the great Constantinian synthesis that lasted seventeen hundred years. When Emperor Constantine made the Christian faith the official religion of the Roman Empire it began, and now, says Robinson, it has come to an end. This synthesis between church and state is done, and we can see that because, if you watch and listen to society, society no longer calls on the church to bless it or to give it legitimacy. Society just doesn't need the church in that way anymore. The only role that society has for the church these days is charity and benevolence, especially when public sentiment for social programs is drying up. The church should fill that gap but, otherwise, the church has no real place in today's society.

So what are we to do – we who love the church, and belong to it, and support it – what are we to do? Well, one answer is we should make some changes. We should offer up some technical changes: easy things to get our arms around and to accomplish, like when visitors come to see us we ought to give them bread or cookies. And we should have Greeters and Welcomers at every door to make sure people are welcomed here and know that we want them to come. We do those things.

Maybe we should have screens in worship and project the words instead of using paper and books. Some churches do that; we don't. Maybe we need a praise band and worship songs instead of an organ and hymns. We used a praise song this morning and Kathy, you helped us with *Holy Ground*.

Maybe we should install a cappuccino bar. Some places have. The point is to become a one-stop, religious shop so we can get all our needs met at this one place.

Or, maybe we should think about (and we already have) what some churches have already done: changing our name. That's a sore subject. In St. Louis last week, I observed a whole bunch of churches – it must be an infection there – that have changed their names. The Hanley Road Baptist Church now calls itself *The Journey*. The Rock Hill Baptist Church is *The Rock Church*. The Gospel Assembly (this is a great name) is now Enjoy Church. Yes, that's its name! And best of all, the Craig Road Baptist Church is now calls itself (are you ready?) *Have Bible Will Travel*.

Those are technical changes, and none of it makes a difference, you see, unless it reflects and invites us into a new reality. Tony Robinson tells us that new realities come not with technical changes – not with screens or paper or forms of music or cookies or bread – but with adaptive change. And one of the adaptive changes he invites us to consider is a change from our understanding of the church; a basic understanding that moves away from the church as a place where you belong as a member to a place where you live as a disciple. It's a different understanding. It's not a place where your name's on a roll, but it's a place where you're part of a community that lives the Spirit of Christ. An adaptive change is understanding the church as a community of active believers who love Jesus and who strive to make everyday alive with His love in this world. Barbara Brown Taylor, a contemporary theologian, writes:

*In a life of faith, so conceived, God's grace is not simply the infinite supply of divine forgiveness on which hopeless sinners depend. No, grace is also the mysterious strength God lends human beings who commit themselves to the work of transformation. It's being about the business of new life, the transformation of individuals and society...*

And I would add, doing all that with the love of Christ. In adaptive change, Jesus is who we hold onto...Jesus is what does not change...and Jesus informs us (maybe this is the most important part), Jesus informs us about what must change.

This fall, *Changing the Conversation* is our work and our promise. But, as the title suggests, this is a conversation...and conversations don't happen without conversation partners. That means that we must be a community together...that we need you to be a part of the conversation. The past is our prologue – all 175 years of it. Today is what we have – in all its promise and challenge. And the future rests secure in the providence of our God – as we give our hearts and our lives to Jesus. Won't you join us? See you in church!

Chuck Mize



## Renew Union Sunday September 11, 2011

- 8:00 a.m. Nursery** (until 11:30 a.m.)
- 8:00 a.m. Adult Bell Choir**
- 9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Series**  
Julie Macier: Habitat for  
Humanity in China
- 9:00 a.m. Church School**  
(Please see pages 6-7 for details)
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir**
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**Corn Roast and Potluck**  
(in Pilgrim Hall following Worship)

**Renewing Friendships:**

Music Director Emeritus Marshall Moss and  
Pastor Emeritus John Staton. Elaine Moss snapped  
this picture on a recent trip to Ely, Minnesota.

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## Seasons of the Spirit

*How is it with your soul?*

That's a question that makes some of us a little...or a lot...uncomfortable. Yet, even as our God calls us to look outward to work for a world of justice and mercy, of righteousness and peace, so God calls us to look inward and invite the Spirit to increase justice and mercy, righteousness and peace in our own hearts.

Beginning September 25, join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Bagby Chapel as we find a sacred time to make room for the Spirit through scripture, prayer, silence, study and reflection. Join us!

—Chuck Mize

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## Are You An Inquirer?

On Thursday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 12, our New Member Ministry will host Inquirers Classes for those who are interested in knowing more about Union Church and membership. On October 6, we will meet in the English Room of the church at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Then, on October 12, we will meet in Pilgrim Hall at 5:40 p.m. for dinner with the Union Church youth groups, adjourning to the English Room for the balance of our time together.

These classes are a way to introduce persons interested in Union Church to who we are and what we believe – as Christians, as the United Church of Christ, and as a part of Union Church. Child care will be arranged if you need it. We will conclude by 8:30 p.m. on the 6th and 7:30 p.m. on the 12th. On Sunday, October 23, we will receive those who choose to covenant with our congregation into membership.

For more information or to sign up, please call the Church Office at 437-9266.

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# Communion News

By now, you've noticed the communion schedule is anything but predictable. We began changing the schedule in Lent. Because of the late Easter date this year, we decided not to do back to back Communion Sundays. During the summer, we scheduled communion services to maximize participation (avoiding Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day). With the upcoming school schedule beginning in October, the first Sunday communion schedule will return.

One concern remains. We still have difficulty finding enough people to support the communion service – serving, preparing and/or cleanup. The support factor encouraged us to consider communing at the table (coming to the front of the church). We all felt awkward at first, trying something very unfamiliar. But we've come to learn the custom over time. We want to be able to use both options – pew communion and communing at the table.

Communing at the front of the church has symbolic and pragmatic benefits: it physically draws us together as a community; it actively brings us to the Christ's table; it allows us to carry out the sacrament with fewer servers. We also offer pew communion to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

In response to this need, many of you have said, "Why don't you call me? I will help." That is great;

here is your chance. We want people to volunteer or, more precisely, to "exercise their discipleship options." Rather than having someone from the Worship Ministry call folks each month to fill 10 server positions, we are asking you to commit now. Sign up for a Communion Sunday to serve. That commits you to serving that particular weekend; if your schedule changes, report your substitute to the church office (437-9266) so we know who will be serving.

If we have 10 people signed up, we will be able to serve communion in the pews. If not, we will serve communion at the table. Communion not only connects us to Jesus; it connects us to one another. Because it is our community meal, all of us – not just our pastors and the Worship Ministry - need to share in the honor of its service. Jesus teaches us that there is a far greater blessing in serving than in being served. If we all pitch in, we make it happen.

Want to sign up now? Indicate your preferred Sunday by one of three ways:

- Call the church office (437-9266), OR
- Email the church ([office@unionucc.com](mailto:office@unionucc.com)) OR
- Sign up at Union Central

For convenience we've also included the Packers schedule for our Union ticket holders. Thank you for your support.

—Lou Norsetter, for the Worship Ministry

Communion Sunday	Packers Schedule	Names of Servers
October 2	3:15 p.m. Denver at Lambeau	
November 6	3:15 p.m. Away game	
December 4	3:15 p.m. Away game	
December 24 (Sat.)	7:20 p.m. Christmas Day Chicago at Lambeau	
January 8	To be determined Possible playoff game?	

## **Common Ministry Open Forum**

Common Ministry welcomes visits from congregation members who wish 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, 6:30 p.m., Chapel Classroom. Dates of the fall meetings are: Sept. 13, Oct. 10, Nov. 15 and Dec. 13.

As our congregation engages in critical issues and changes in the coming year, including purpose discernment, new opportunities in adult and youth education, new worship opportunities and continuing budget challenges, 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

## **Our Church Family**

## **Adult Bells Begin**

If you hear bells on Renew Union Sunday, it's not your imagination! On Sunday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m., the Union Church Adult Bell Choir will begin anew, under the leadership of Jessica Streed. New ringers are welcome! Please join the group this Sunday in Harmony Hall at 8:00 a.m.!

## **Calling All Singers**

The Chancel Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7 (because of the Packers' home opener on September 8). Our new Music Director, Dr. Courtney Sherman, invites anyone interested in singing with a wonderful group of supportive Christian friends to join the choir at its rehearsals each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Harmony Hall of the church.

New members are especially welcome! If you have ever considered being a part of our wonderful choir, we warmly invite you to visit, meet our returning members, and lift your voice in song!

If you have any questions, or would like to learn more, please contact Courtney Sherman at [shermanc@uwgb.edu](mailto:shermanc@uwgb.edu).



Dear Parents,

Your children and youth are invited to a year of great Christian education opportunities here at Union Church.

### Sunday Mornings

#### **Exciting Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

- **“Kids to Kids: Green Bay and Beyond—Come Travel God’s World”** is our theme this semester. Each Sunday morning, 9:00—9:50 a.m., children will be part of a different mission experience. These will be interactive, fun, and scripture-based. Please see the following page for a complete listing of all the places our children will “travel.” There will be two classes: the 4-year-old through 2nd grade class on the lower level, and the 3rd through 6th grade class in the Fellowship Room.
- **7th and 8th graders** will meet in the YCA room for faith conversation and fellowship.
- **9th through 12th graders** will meet in Pilgrim Hall for Table Talk.

An **additional education opportunity** will take place following the Children’s Moments in worship. At this time children 4 years through 2nd grade will move to a time of lessons and activities. 4-year-old through kindergarten children will meet in the lower level classroom and the 1st-2nd graders will meet in the Cloud Room on the upper level.

### Wednesday Evenings

- **Junior Fellowship**, for youth 3rd through 5th grade, will gather for learning, activities, fellowship. (Fellowship Room)
- **Pilgrim Fellowship**, for youth 6th—8th grade, will take on Hot Topics, games, fellowship, service projects and field trips. (Chapel Classroom)
- **Young Christians in Action (YCA)**, for senior high youth, will gather to share in conversation about faith issues, mission work, group building activities, and community. (YCA Room)

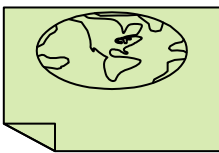
**Dinner:** 5:45 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

**Youth Groups:** 6:15—7:15 p.m. in designated rooms.

**Gathering:** “7:16 at 716”

Join us for a multigenerational gathering in the Bagby Chapel. Youth, parents and all members of the congregation are invited to a time of scripture, prayer and reflection.

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Welcome to Exciting Sundays at 9:00 a.m.  
 “Kids to Kids: Green Bay and Beyond -  
 Come Travel God’s World”



#### 4 Year Olds—2nd Grade—9:00 a.m.

September 11th—Renew Union Sunday  
 Registration and Introduction to our program.

September 18th—All-Church Retreat  
 There will be **NO** church school.

September 25th—Mission Fair  
 Ecumenical Partnership for Housing  
 Howe Neighborhood Resource Center  
 Green Bay Food Pantries  
 Prayer Station  
 Children will taste, touch, create, and get to know our local missions. Bring your passport!

October 2nd—Music Expressions  
 An opportunity to sing, move and make sacred noise!

October 9th—Mission: Haiti  
 Stories, food, make a reusable grocery bag.

October 16th—Mission: The Congo  
 Drumming, stories, music, movement.

October 23rd—Mission: South Dakota  
 Hear the story of the Lakota Indians, make a toy, taste native foods.

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

November 6th—Music Expressions

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

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

November 27th—Thanksgiving  
 How do we help?

December 4th—Music Expressions

December 11th—The Christmas Story

December 18th—Christmas Pageant

#### 3rd Grade—6th Grade—9:00 a.m.

September 11th—Renew Union Sunday  
 Registration and Introduction to our program

September 18th—All-Church Retreat  
 There will be **NO** church school.

September 25th—Mission Fair  
 Ecumenical Partnership for Housing  
 Howe Neighborhood Resource Center  
 Green Bay Food Pantries  
 Prayer Station  
 Children will taste, touch, create, and get to know our local missions. Bring your passport!

October 2nd—Music Expressions  
 An opportunity to sing, move and make sacred noise!

October 9th—Mission: Haiti  
 Come see a PowerPoint presentation and hear the stories of Haiti after the hurricane. Taste foods and share in the fun.

October 16th—Mission: The Congo  
 Learn drumming and make your own drum.

October 23rd—Mission: South Dakota  
 Make dream catchers, eat native food and hear the story of our Lakota sisters and brothers.

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

November 6th—Music Expressions

November 13th—Puppet Workshop

November 20th—Mission: Heifer Project

November 27th—Thanksgiving—Feeding Our Neighbors

December 4th—Music Expressions

December 11th—The Christmas Story

December 18th—Christmas Pageant

# Moon Beach

Moon Beach Camp is in St. Germain, Wisconsin and is part of the Outdoor Ministry program of the United Church of Christ. It is nestled in the Northwoods, between Eagle River and St. Germain on the shores of Moon Lake and Little Saint Germain Lake. Cabins overlook Moon Lake amongst the native pine, oak and birch trees. Here you'll enjoy clear waters, mixed forests with numerous nature trails, and a wide variety of wildlife. Enjoy the peaceful quiet of northern Wisconsin at Moon Beach Camp.

Things you might like to know about the Moon Beach All-Church Retreat.

- Each cabin is furnished, heated and has a bathroom and shower.
- Blankets and pillows are furnished, but you will need to bring your own bedding and towels.
- Saturday afternoon and evening are choices. There will be some planned and impromptu activities. There is a beautiful beach with kayaks and canoes, a fireplace in the lodge and an assortment of games. A service project, ice cream making and nature hike are planned for Saturday afternoon plus an opportunity to talk further with our leader, Michael Lukens.
- Saturday evening offers games and conversation by the fireplace and dance music in the dining room followed by home made ice cream floats and sundaes and a bonfire.
- Financial aid is available (talk to one of the pastors).
- A letter with directions and more information will be sent out.



**Registration Form**  
**All-Church Retreat at Moon Beach Camp**  
 Friday (night), September 16 - Sunday (noon), September 18, 2011

**Theme: "It's A Whole New Church"**                      **Leader: Michael B. Lukens**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Participants:	Adult(s)	Child(ren)/Ages
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Are there any physical disabilities that we should know about?

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Any dietary concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

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Costs: Adults/Youth (over 12)	\$120 x _____	=	_____
4-11 years	\$90 x _____	=	_____
0-3 years	\$15 x _____	=	_____
	<b>Total Cost</b>	=	_____

Financial aid is available; please speak to one of the pastors.

Please make check payable to Union Church and note Moon Beach Retreat on the "memo" line. You may choose to make a deposit of half the total cost at the time of registration with the remainder to be paid upon arrival at Moon Beach Camp. Return this form and your check to the church office or via mail by Friday, Sept. 2, 2011 to:

Union Church, 716 S. Madison St., Green Bay, WI 54301

We're so glad you decided to join us for a special time of getting to know one another better, building relationships in the body of Christ, learning more about how God continues to speak to us, enjoying the beautiful outdoors, and just plain having FUN!

## 2011-12 Killoran Scholarship Recipients

The Killoran Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the Killoran Scholarship recipients for the 2011-2012 school year. They are:

**Elizabeth Jerabek**, Union Congregational UCC, who will be attending UW-Oshkosh;

**Lydia Jerabek**, Union Congregational UCC, who will be attending UW-Stevens Point; and

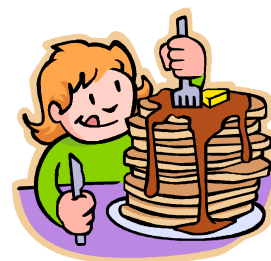
**Brianna Pfefferkorn**, First Congregational UCC, De Pere, who will be attending UW-Green Bay.

The scholarship renewal recipients are **Kayla Johnson**, Union Congregational UCC, who is attending UW-Green Bay, and **Charlotte Haass**, First United Church of Christ, who is attending Lakeland College.

The scholarships are an opportunity for the students of Union Congregational UCC, First United Church of Christ, Green Bay, and First Congregational UCC, De Pere, who are or will be attending any four-year school in the University of Wisconsin system, Lakeland College (Sheboygan, WI), or Northland College (Ashland, WI).

Congratulations to Elizabeth, Lydia, Brianna, Kayla and Charlotte. Our best wishes to all as they work toward their educational goals!

**On September 25,  
Let YCA Do Your Cooking!**



### First, enjoy a delicious Pancake & Porkie Breakfast

**When:** Sept. 25 (8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.)

**Where:** Pilgrim Hall

**Cost:** \$5 adults; \$3 children

### Second, take booyah home after worship

Look for details on the booyah sale  
in the coming weeks!

## Our Attendance

August	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
July 31	159	
First Sunday	97	119
Second Sunday	113	122
Third Sunday	139	100
Fourth Sunday	125	163
		Chuck's Ordination Anniversary
Fifth Sunday		119
Sunday Total	633	623
Sunday Average	127	125

## Altar Flowers

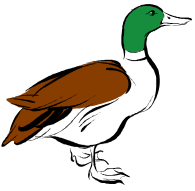
Please consider providing flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. The dates below are available for you to provide flowers:



**September 18 and 25  
October 2, 9, 23 or 30**

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.

## Mayflower Moments



On September 12, we will start our 56th school year at Mayflower Nursery School! The board, parents, teachers and I have been planning all summer, so we are very excited to have the children come through the doors and to begin our year together.

In the first few weeks of school, the children will begin to learn manners at school and also to learn ways to express ourselves and be good friends. We will also spend time in both of our classes, the Bunny Class and the Duck Class, learning and reviewing letters, numbers, shapes and colors.

One fun project that the Duck class has planned to do is a color mixing experiment by using finger paint and putting our hands together! Who knows, we may have a future famous artist among our students?

At the end of the month, the children will learn about safety. A Green Bay Police officer is coming to visit, and our older children will be walking to Fire Station No. 1. It will be a busy few weeks, learning to love learning. Our school year is off to an exciting start!

We still have openings in our Duck class. If you know of a family who may be interested, please have them contact Martha Bonnie. It is not too late to join Mayflower!

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



From left to right:  
Congressman Reid Ribble, Congressman Tom Petri and Appleton Mayor Tim Hanna

Over 200 citizens from the Green Bay and Fox River communities streamed into the "Say YES to Transit" rally, held in Appleton on August 11. The event featured responses from Congressmen Reid Ribble and Tom Petri, and was co-hosted by JOSHUA and sister organization ESTHER.

After hearing testimony from transit users and community leaders, both congressmen, who serve on the Transportation Committee, agreed to our "ask" of working with Congress to make transit a top priority and pass legislation to fix the federal funding problem. JOSHUA's Economic Justice Committee will continue its work on this issue. Join us!

Current members of the Union Core Team are Jan Bilty, Cathy Putman, Charlotte Goska, Marlene Lanoue, Barbara McClure-Lukens, Ginny Carpentier, Sue Whitemore and Peggy Feyen.

### JOSHUA CALENDAR September 2011

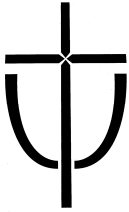
- Sept. 12 – 6:30 p.m., Migration Advocacy Network of N.E.W., St. Willebrord Catholic Church
- Sept. 13 – 6:30 p.m., Immigration Prayer Vigil, St. Willebrord Catholic Church
- Sept. 15 – 9:00 a.m., Economic Justice Committee, St. Matthew's Catholic Church
- Sept. 16 – 7:30 a.m., JOSHUA Fundraiser Breakfast, First United Methodist Church
- Sept. 19 – 5:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, First United Methodist Church
- Sept. 19 – 6:30 p.m., JOSHUA Board Meeting (Goal Setting), First United Methodist Church

# September 5, 2011 to October 9, 2011

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>5</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  LABOR DAY	<b>6</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study  5:15 p.m. Education Ministry  5:30 p.m. Inreach, New Member, Outreach and Worship Ministries  6:00 p.m. MFNS Parent Orientation	<b>7</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group  Noon Retreat Planning  6:30 p.m. Teacher Meeting  7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
					<b>11</b>  Renew Union Sunday  Second Sunday Series Corn Roast & Potluck
<b>12</b>  6:30 p.m. Evangelism Task Force	<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. Memorial Garden Trustees  1:00 p.m. Bible Study  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	<b>14</b> 5:45 p.m. Dinner-Cookout  6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship & Adult Groups	<b>15</b> 6:30 p.m. Anna Fellowship  7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>16</b>  All-Church Retreat	<b>17</b>  All-Church Retreat
					<b>18</b>  All-Church Retreat concludes at noon <b>NO CHURCH SCHOOL</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 5:45 p.m. Dinner  6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship & Adult Groups	<b>22</b> 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry  7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Confirmation Retreat
					<b>25</b> 8:00 a.m. Pancakes & Porkies 9:00 a.m. Senior Moments After worship JOSHUA Union's Team
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study  1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle  6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 5:45 p.m. Dinner  6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship & Adult Groups  6:15 p.m. Senior Moments	<b>29</b>  7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study  5:15 p.m. Education Ministry  5:30 p.m. Inreach, New Member, Outreach and Worship Ministries  6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group  5:45 p.m. Dinner  6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship & Adult Groups  6:30 p.m. Purpose Discernment Team  7:16 p.m. "7:16 at 716" Worship	<b>6</b>  7:00 p.m. Inquirers Class  7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
					<b>9</b>  9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Series Robyn Davis and Kris Olson



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## Senior Moments Begin This Month

Adult educational opportunities expand this fall with the start of “Senior Moments” – seminars centered on financial issues facing older adults. Larry Rose will host this new series with topics including Social Security, Legacy Planning, Income Tax, Long-Term Care and Retirement Income. Guest speakers will make a short presentation and then open the program for questions.

If you are a senior, if you know a senior, or if you expect to become a senior, these programs are for you. The seminars will generally take place on the 4th Sunday of each month (9:00 to 9:45 a.m.) and will be presented a second time the following Wednesday night (6:15 to 7:15 p.m.). In order to match the church calendar and avoid holidays, some variation will be necessary.

Watch *Still Speaking* for dates and times. The first three programs will be:

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 25 & 28 | Social Security – Will it Still be There for Me? |
| Oct. 16 & 19  | Richard DuBois – Leaving a Legacy                |
| Nov. 16 & 20  | Larry Rose, CPA – Taxing Thoughts in Retirement  |

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