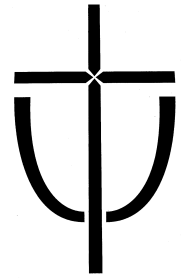


# Still Speaking



Indeed, the word of God is living and active...  
-Hebrews 4:12

August 2022

## The Inside Scoop

### Newsletter Deadline

*Our next newsletter will be published the week of **September 15.***

*The deadline for that newsletter is Friday, **September 9.***

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## Make a Joyful Noise!

Music is often central to the ministry of a church. Music helps us to pray, to get out of our heads, and to praise with our whole beings as well as our words. Musicians often note that they make music in worship both as an offering to the congregation as well as a practice of prayer themselves.

Union is blessed to have a truly remarkable history of a truly fine music ministry. We are so blessed by the vocalists, instrumentalists, and staff who have shared their gifts over the years and enhanced our worship and community life, not the least of whom is Seong-Kyung Graham, who has been our Music Director since 2018. Seong resigned this summer, and will be remembered fondly for the amazing work she did to keep the music alive at Union amidst COVID and her overall commitment to musical excellence.

Because of our tradition of musical excellence, I want to make sure we move into the next chapter of Union's music ministry prayerfully and intentionally.

Therefore, in consultation with the Personnel Committee, church leaders, and our current music staff, I have secured the services of an Interim Music Director who will lead our music program from September 2022 through January 2023. During that time, we will conduct listening sessions with both those who have been active in our music ministry as well as the congregation at large, to discern what we would like this next chapter of our music ministry to sound like. Watch your church communications for details about these listening sessions.

With that as the update on our process, it is my great joy to welcome Haley Steele as our new Interim Music Director. Many of you may recognize Haley as one of our cantors over the last several years, and her husband Sam as one of the musicians who formed part of the house band for Jazz at Union. I hand over the rest of this column to Haley to introduce herself, and know that you will give her a warm Union welcome.

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## Lectionary Readings

### August 28

#### 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
 Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7  
 and Psalm 112  
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

### September 4

#### 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and  
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1  
 Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

### September 11

#### 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14  
 Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10  
 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

### September 18

#### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9  
 Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113  
 1 Timothy 2:1-7 and Luke 16:1-13

### September 25

#### 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and  
 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
 Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146  
 1 Timothy 6:6-19 and Luke 16:19-31

### October 2

#### 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6 and  
 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137  
 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9  
 2 Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 17:5-10

### October 9

#### 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12  
 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111  
 2 Timothy 2:8-15 and Luke 17:11-19

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*My name is Haley Steele, and I am pleased to begin serving Union as the interim music director. I am originally from Sedalia, Missouri, where most of my family still resides. I completed my undergraduate degree in voice performance in 2014 at the University of Central Missouri before singing with the Kansas City Symphony Chorus for a year. Soon after, I began my masters in voice performance at the University of Northern Iowa where I met my now-husband, Sam Stranz, as he pursued his graduate*

*degree in jazz pedagogy. After graduation, I joined Sam in Green Bay in 2018, and we were wed (finally, and safely!) last month in Madison. Most of our days involve much teaching and music-making, but we are also enthusiastic about our garden, Italian cuisine, coffee, and many kinds of outdoor recreation. We are so excited to get further acquainted with the congregation at Union and to support the long tradition of musical efforts at the church.*

Welcome, Haley! We look forward to making music with you and are grateful for your leadership.

**Note:** the Chancel Choir will resume music leadership in worship on ReUnion Sunday, September 18, and they're always looking for additional voices. Contact Haley at [haleysteelesoprano@gmail.com](mailto:haleysteelesoprano@gmail.com) to learn more, or simply come to the first choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6 in the choir room.

## Feasibility Study

Union Church's Common Ministry has commissioned a Feasibility Study to be conducted this fall to determine the congregation's readiness to undertake a Capital Campaign in 2023.

Jason Ferry, Jeff Gibson, Tim Harder, Mary Hemminger, Gail Hohenstein, Achim Siefert, and Pastor Bridget are working with the James Company to prepare for the study and will have information to you in late September. Surveys, interviews, and listening sessions will be conducted throughout the fall. Watch for details!

## Union Church Faith Formation 2022-23

Faith Formation kicks off with an open house on September 18. Children, parents and teachers will get to know one another in their classrooms, with K4-1st and 2nd-4th graders in the Mayflower I and II classrooms on the lower level of the church and 5th and up in the Fellowship Room on the second level.

The curriculum we will use this year will be "Shine," a dynamic Faith Formation curriculum that engages Christian communities and families in their life together through Bible Stories, spiritual practices, peacemaking, service, and more.

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—————→ **Faith Formation Open House is Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m.** ←————

**Youth Group Orientation is Wednesday, September 21 at 5:45 p.m.**

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Our Wednesday night programs begin on September 21 with dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by Youth Group. Youth will engage in mission, projects, learning, relationship building, and all-around fun.

We once again have a tremendous slate of teachers, leaders, aides, cooks, and bottle washers lined up, but we need more. As with everything at church, our child and youth formation ministries don't work without the ongoing efforts of our members and friends. It is critical to the success of these ministries that both parents and other church members pitch in to help with all of these efforts. These programs simply cannot exist without you.

Registration materials will be mailed home to all households in our database with grade school and middle school children or by contacting the church office. Additional copies will be available in the classrooms the first day of Faith Formation.

### Wednesday Youth Programs

Our Youth Groups will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month this year starting on September 21. A typical Wednesday evening will be:

5:45 to 6:15 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b>
6:15 to 7:30 p.m.	<b>Youth Group</b>

## ReUnion Sunday is September 18

**8:45 a.m. Nursery Opens**

**9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Open House**

The open house takes place in Mayflower I and II and the Fellowship Room

**10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion**

**Potluck** (in Pilgrim Hall following Worship)

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## Heifer Help Needed!

Heifer Sunday and the Live Market is a favorite event at Union. We need your help. We are looking for one person to assist with the coordination of the event. We are also looking for volunteers to host animal tables at the Live Market.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Heather Collins [hblue@gmail.com](mailto:hblue@gmail.com) or 920-639-8821.

## Priscilla Circle News

Priscilla Circle will reconvene Tuesday, September 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the English Room. We plan to meet on the fourth Tuesday of October and November as well.

Priscilla Circle is a group of women who meet for a program and socializing. We share beverages and treats and a short devotional. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Questions? Please contact Helen Krueger at [chkrueger@new.rr.com](mailto:chkrueger@new.rr.com).

## PRIDE Alive September 23-24

Union is excited to again have a booth at NEW PRIDE Alive at the Brown County Fairgrounds September 23 and 24. We will have treats, information about Union, a gallery of LGBTQIA+ family photos, and will offer glitter blessings!

Volunteers are needed to staff the booth, to talk about why you love our church and to offer glitter blessings (we'll have instructions and glitter!). Sign up at Union Central or contact the church office to take a two-hour shift or two on Friday (hours TBA) or Saturday (noon to 6).

## Seeking Faith Formation Leaders!

We have a solid base of teachers, aides, and youth group advisors, but really need more volunteers in specific areas. In particular, we're looking for one more teacher to volunteer once or twice a month with the 2nd-4th grade and one or two more to lead the 5th and up room, also once or twice a month on Sunday mornings (9 to 9:45). We could also use a couple more teachers aides to volunteer one or two Sundays a month. We're using the "Shine: Living in God's Light" curriculum which is published collaboratively by the United Church of Christ and the Mennonite Church. This curriculum is easy to use and has a lot of options for teachers to choose.

Contact Education Ministry Vice Chair Beth Lyman Piontek at [beth.e.lyman@gmail.com](mailto:beth.e.lyman@gmail.com) to learn more.

Everyone who volunteers regularly with children and youth is required to participate in a Safe Church training every year in which we lay out policies and best practices for mitigating abuse of minors and vulnerable populations. This year, our Safe Church training will be conducted via a written response to a recorded training. All volunteers also agree to a criminal background check.

## If These Homes Could Talk Astor Neighborhood Walking Tour Saturday, September 17 from 9 a.m. to Noon

Union Church will once again be the first stop on the Brown County Historical Society's walking tour of the Astor Neighborhood. Many of the homes in the neighborhood have breathtaking architecture and are among the most historic homes in Green Bay. This guided walking tour will take you to some of the most beautiful homes in the neighborhood to view and learn about their architecture. Some of the homes will be open for tours to come inside or view the garden areas. At each stop, a little history about the house will be given. To begin the walk, visitors will meet at Union Congregational Church at 9:00 a.m. The tour will last approximately three hours.

Tickets are available at <https://browncohistoricalsoc.org/events/>

We could also use one or two additional Union members to serve as docents from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Docents will be provided with materials to familiarize themselves with a particular area or aspect of our beautiful church building and will then help to share this information as we welcome the public into our church home.



Registration Form

2022 All-Church Retreat at Moon Beach Camp

Friday, September 9 - Sunday, September 11, 2022

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	\$165 x _____	=	_____
Children under 18	\$25 x _____	=	_____
	Total Cost	=	_____

All pricing includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals.

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. Scholarships are available (see Pastor Bridget). **Return this form and your check to the church office or via mail by Sunday, August 28, 2022 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!



All-Church Retreat  
September 9-11, 2022

Our All-Church Retreat is a weekend of fun, fellowship, and reflection. The retreat takes place at Moon Beach Camp which is in St. Germain just west of Eagle River and is part of the Outdoor Ministry program of the United Church of Christ. It sits on the shores of Moon Lake and Little Saint Germain Lake. Cabins overlook Moon Lake, and each is furnished, heated, and has a bathroom with a shower. There is a beautiful lodge, and the camp is fully staffed with helpful people.

People arrive Friday evening, partaking of snacks and fellowship time around the lodge fireplace. We are treated to three meals on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. On Saturday morning, adults are invited to interactive learning. This year's retreat leader is Andrew Warner who is a Generosity Outreach Officer for the UCC. Camp staff will once again offer a program for our children Saturday morning at the same time as the adult session.

Afternoons and evenings are up to you. There will be activities, planned and impromptu. There is a beach with watercraft, hiking trails and places to sit, read and reflect. Evening is game time with ice cream sundaes and a bonfire.

Sunday, we enjoy brunch and worship informally. We are usually on our way by 11 o'clock.

Cost for the retreat is \$165 per adult and \$25 per child. Financial aid is available (talk to Pastor Bridget). You can sign up to attend the retreat through Union's website, by contacting the church office, or by filling out a form at Union Central.

*“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*

—Luke 18:16

## Prayground is Now Open!

We are excited to reopen Union’s Prayground! The Prayground is the space toward the front of the church in the alcove behind the piano where adults can take their littles to engage in quiet play during the worship service. The idea is that being in worship and observing the rhythms of prayer is good for our young ones, and yet we’re conscious that sitting still for extended periods of time is not always in their wheelhouse.

When you use the Prayground:

- All children are welcome with an adult
- Please use quiet church voices
- Use side aisles to access Prayground
- Please pick up and wipe down area during the final hymn

## Nursery is Open on Sundays

Union’s nursery is again open from 15 minutes before worship until 15 minutes after, and will be staffed by two trained, vaccinated adults. We don’t have proscribed ages, and while we generally welcome children from 6 months through kindergarten, sometimes even 1st and 2nd graders who need to get the wiggles out will join in the supervised fun. See an usher if you need directions.

## Our Church Family

Our Church Family has been graced to be present in the deepest parts of one another’s lives.

Some of the joys we share include:

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We also accompany one another in our sorrow, especially our church families who are mourning the death of loved ones, including:

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Please reach out to one another to offer the love, support, and care we promise as a church family.

## Attendance

June	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
1st Sunday	73	*
2nd Sunday	71	73
3rd Sunday	73	59
4th Sunday	74	51
5th Sunday	--	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>61.0</b>

July	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
1st Sunday	56	55
2nd Sunday	59	52
3rd Sunday	60	64
4th Sunday	58	52
5th Sunday	58	--
<b>Totals</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>55.8</b>

# Union Church Calendar

## August 28, 2022—October 4, 2022

### August 28 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary  
or stream it online

### August 31 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Garden Angels

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### September 4 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship with  
Holy Communion  
in the sanctuary or  
stream it online

### September 5 Monday

Labor Day  
The Church Office is Closed

### September 6 Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry  
5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Education Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### September 7 Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group  
at Denny's on Oneida  
8:00 a.m. Garden Angels

### September 8 Thursday

5:00 p.m. Membership  
and Inreach Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Common Ministry

### September 9-11 Friday-Sunday

All-Church Retreat  
at Moon Beach

### September 10 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Stock the Box Drive

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### September 11 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship  
in the sanctuary  
or stream it online

### September 13 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)  
5:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry  
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### September 14 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Garden Angels

### September 17 Saturday

9:00 a.m. If These Homes Could Talk  
Astor Neighborhood  
Walking Tour

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## ReUnion Sunday September 18

8:45 a.m. Nursery Opens  
9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearses  
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
Open House  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary  
with Holy Communion or  
stream it online

**Potluck Luncheon in Pilgrim Hall**  
(following worship)

### September 19 Monday

11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch  
at the Village Grille

### September 20 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)  
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### September 21 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Garden Angels  
5:45 p.m. Dinner  
6:15 p.m. Youth Group

### September 23 Friday

Time TBA PRIDE Alive at Brown  
County Fairgrounds

### September 24 Saturday

12:00 p.m. PRIDE Alive at Brown  
County Fairgrounds

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### September 25 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary  
or stream it online

### September 27 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)  
1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### September 28 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Garden Angels

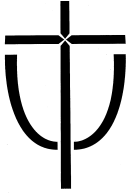
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### October 2 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
10:00 a.m. Worship with  
Holy Communion  
in the sanctuary  
or stream it online

### October 4 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)  
4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry  
5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Education Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir



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## Stock the Box Drive

**Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

Your donations are welcome and appreciated!

### **Our current needs include:**

- Canned Corn, Green Beans or Peas
- Canned Meals: Chili, Spaghetti or Ravioli
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Canned Pork & Beans
- Canned Soup
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Granola Bars
- Instant Rice, Pasta or Mashed Potatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta (Dried, Spaghetti or Other Noodles)
- Ramen Noodle Packs
- Paper Towels, Toilet Paper
- Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Bar Soap

If you're not able to participate in the Food Drive, you're welcome to drop off Blessing Box items any time you visit Union Church. To make a monetary donation, visit the church website and click on the "Giving" tab. Thank you!

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