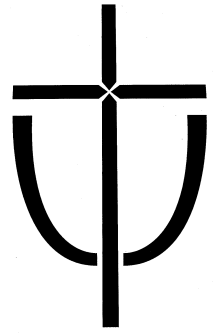


Still Speaking



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

October 2024



Daylight Saving Time
ends November 3

Tom Friese Exhibit

At its best, art helps us to see things in new ways. It can deepen our convictions, expose us to new perspectives, even motivate us to action.

Over the past several years, Union has hosted a series of mission-aligned art exhibits in our church hall with the hopes of doing just that: grounding our convictions, revealing perspectives we may not have understood before, and even inspiring change.

We're excited that this pattern of periodic art exhibits will continue this month with an installation by Union member Tom Friese. A lifelong artist, Friese's studies began at age 5 when he began taking lessons from an artist who lived next door, learning about color and composition, drawing and painting shapes and objects. Further studies took him to Albion College and the University of Michigan, where he earned an MFA in printmaking. His professional career took him to Mankato State University, where he taught lithography, block printing and drawing, to Green Bay where he put his artistry to work in the field of interior design.

Tom's Artist Statement about this series:

The inspiration for this series of paintings is a 1967 journey to Mexico; my first trip across our Southern Border. I traveled with my undergraduate ceramics professor and his family to catalog and document pre Columbian ceramics. We went from one small village to another searching little museums with treasured collections.

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The Inside Scoop

Newsletter Deadline

Our next newsletter will be published the week of **November 20**.

The deadline for that newsletter is Friday, **November 15**.

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Lectionary Readings**October 27****23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and
 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) or
 Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126
 Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

November 1**All Saints Day**

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 or
 Isaiah 25:6-9 and Psalm 24
 Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 3**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146 or
 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and
 Psalm 119:1-8
 Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 10**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and
 Psalm 127 or 1 Kings 17:8-16 and
 Psalm 146
 Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 17**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 1:4-20 and
 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or
 Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16
 Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
 Mark 13:1-8

November 24**Reign of Christ**

2 Samuel 23:1-7 and
 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) or
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93
 Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

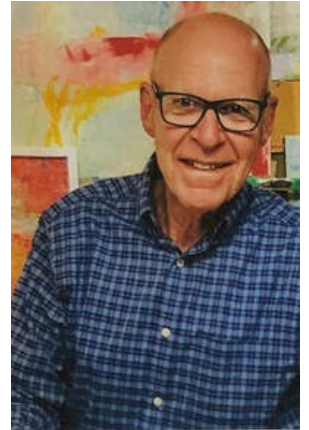
November 28**Thanksgiving Day**

Joel 2:21-27 and Psalm 126
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Matthew 6:25-33

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We pitched our tents on the edge of town. We were welcomed in homes, shops, market and small cultural museums made all of local adobe bricks.

Only one person in our party, the professor's high school son with one year of Spanish, could try to communicate. Our attempts at conversation involved lots of laughter and gestures. Our new friends were open, friendly and gracious. This trip was an awakening for me, affirming that we are all one people.



Tom Friese

The colors are chosen from the serape and woven cape that I purchased from the local weavers — deep yellow, rich red, black, strong blues and white.

The paintings are abstractions of the long term impact of this trip. Black and white signify our current lack of compassion and understanding for our southern neighbors, red — blood shed while seeking a better life, blue — a sky filled with hope, and yellow — tomorrow's sunrise.

All are invited to view this stunning and impactful collection in the church hall now through December 4 whenever the church building is open: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Sundays 8:00 a.m. to noon, and by appointment, and please join me in thanking Tom for sharing his gifts. He plans to be available in Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 10 to talk with people about this collection.

If you know of other mission-aligned art installations that might be appropriate for our church hall art series, please contact Pastor Bridget.

Our Church Family

This month's Our Church Family corner is full of celebration! We rejoice with...

And all are invited to join with the Northeast Association of the UCC and First United Church of Christ, 509 S. Webster, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 10 as we install **Derek Elkins** as their new pastor.



Union Church's
Heifer Living Gift Market
on Sunday, October 6
raised close to \$5,150!
(photos taken by Heather Collins)



Union Church's 7th Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale

We are in the planning stage of our Christmas Tree and Wreath sale. Our tree lot will open on Friday, November 22 and be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from then until December 15 or when all trees and wreaths are sold.

We are asking for your help in supporting this fundraiser by purchasing a tree and/or a wreath and by volunteering to staff the lot for a 2-hour shift. Lot hours will be the same as last year: Friday (4 to 6 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Sunday (noon to 4 p.m.) A Google Doc will be used to sign up for shifts.

We will also be asking for volunteers to help decorate the wreaths starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 16. Other than that Saturday, there will not be scheduled times to do the decorating, so we ask you to come at times that are convenient for you during normal office hours (8-4, M-F). Supplies and wreaths will be available in the church hall.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to another successful season selling trees and wreaths.

—Christmas Tree and Wreath Committee

Memorial Sunday Ofrenda

On November 17, Union will celebrate Memorial Sunday in which we lift up in prayer the lives of our members and friends who have died in the last year, as well as all our loved ones who are deceased.

This year, we again invite all who worship with us to bring a picture or memento of any loved ones you would like to commemorate. We will create something similar to an Ofrenda, or Dia de los Muertos altar, to honor and celebrate their lives. You may place your items on the altar when you arrive, or during the offertory after the ushers have passed your pew.

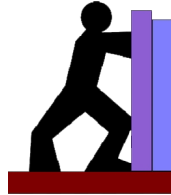
Please remember to retrieve your items after worship. Those worshipping with us online are encouraged to place their items near their screen during the service.

Because of YOU Our Church Changes Lives

Please remember to return your pledges to fund our ministries in 2025 by Sunday, November 10, when we will consecrate them in worship and have a special coffee hour to celebrate.

New Bible Study Date and Time

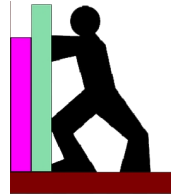
Our Lectionary based Bible Study is moving to Wednesdays at 1 p.m. starting November 13. Drop ins and all levels of familiarity with the Bible are welcome.



Your Church Library

For Youth Readers

by Cathy Putman



If you've just seen [The Wild Robot](#) movie or have been meaning to read this immensely popular book and its two sequels, we have copies of all three in the church library in the basket under the photographs.

You'll also see some books there from the [Amulet](#) graphic novel series that were donated to us during the spring book sale. While our chapter book section is small, we are willing to add items that young readers request.



Leaves are Gold

Not just talking about the change in hue this fall. This year's crop of caterpillars, the main food for birds, is wrapped in the leaves that fall from the trees. When we drag them to the curb we are trashing nature's investment in continuing life.

When you clear your lawn, do what you can to put some of the windfall around trees and use the leaves as garden bed cover. Native bees and some butterflies also overwinter in the leaves. This practice is key to habitat restoration according to leading entomologist, Doug Tallamy, author of [Nature's Best Hope](#). It means you won't have to invest in mulch next spring and you'll enrich the soil. While not as tidy as what we have grown used to, exchanging sterility for soil and insect riches is worth a bit of mess (IMHO).

—Cathy Putman

Union’s River Rock Travels to Heritage Hill

Earlier in October, several cubic yards of Union’s river rock travelled to Heritage Hill State Historical Park. The rocks serve as a river-like foundation, binding three voyageur sculptures together outside the entrance to the park. It took 36 containers of stone and a few car trips by Heritage Hill Acting Director Elizabeth Jolly-Haslitt, Cathy Putman and Barb Koller, but the effect is quite pleasing.

This use was a brilliant imagining of Barbara Koller. She coordinates the Watercolor Wednesdays program at the park and lent her artistic eye to this project. She also kept the flame burning through delays in putting into the idea into action. Thanks, Barb, so much! And Liz, despite your schedule in the busiest month in the year for the park, you pitched in and got us going!

Removal of the so much river rock and underlying landscape cloth was an unexpected challenge in the ongoing transformation of the west side strip along the parking lot arm into a planted bird habitat.

—Cathy Putman



Voyageurs sculpture area at the entrance to the Heritage Hill now bedded in a river rock flowage.

Priscilla Circle Meets November 26

Priscilla Circle returns at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, in the English Room. Sandy Polarek will talk about good books available for both adults and children. Questions? Contact Helen Krueger at chkrueger@new.rr.com.

Election Day Sale

Outreach Ministry will hold an Election Day soup and bake sale to raise funds for Outreach's general fund which supports Outreach service projects. Here's how you can help:

- Make and donate a quart or three of your favorite soup. There are containers in the kitchen. (see below)
- Make and donate baked goods. Please package the items in portions for sale. (see below)
- Take a shift selling on Election Day. Shifts are available starting at noon till the items sell out!

Please contact Christie Reese at 920-273-5349 (call or text) if you would like to help sell soup or baked goods.

NOTE: Soup and baked goods can be dropped off in the kitchen between Sunday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 5. If you bring a contribution after 10 a.m. on November 5, please take it directly to the sale location (**near the Mayflower entrance**). Please label your soup and baked goods so people know what they're buying!

Thank You!



Women’s Advent Evening of Reflection Theme is “Christmas Around the World”

All who identify as female are invited to our Women’s Advent Evening of Reflection on Monday, December 2. At the event, various church members decorate one table and provide dessert for those seated at the table. We have a time of song and reflection followed by dessert and companionship to ground us as we head into the holiday season. This year, a “little women’s” room will be offered for toddlers and grade schoolers.

If you would like to attend, host or cohost a table, sign up at Union Central or email:

Denise Olson (myersolson22@gmail.com) or

Cheryl Myers (myers.america@gmail.com).

A Message from Gifts & Memorials Ministry

We are always thankful for the generosity and forethought of our members who have gone before us as they envisioned the future of Union Congregational United Church of Christ. Their legacies continue to grace us through gifts left in their wills which have helped us to remain a vital and vibrant congregation.

We, too, can invest in the future of vital ministries, enabling Union to reach out with Christ's love to future generations.

Please consider including Union Church in your will.

Thank You!

For Those Who Served

On Sunday, November 10, we will recognize and honor those who have served our country in the Armed Forces. Our list of veterans includes:



Joe Bethel, Steve Davis,
Phil Enscoe, Bob Fahres, Don Fenlon,
Richard Garber, Cathy Ghoca, Daniel Ghoca,
Bob Haglund, Bill Johnson, Larry Kabat
John Krueger, Ted Ludolph, Rolf Lulloff,
Tom Martin, Bob Rose, Bruce Shafer,
Mark Smith, Julie Tetzlaff,
Ray Thompson, Ed Tucker, Glen Verstegen,
and Jack Whittemore.

If you are a veteran and are not on this list, please contact the church office (437-9266) 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 our country.

Calling All Angels, Shepherds and Animals!

All are invited to participate in our all ages Christmas Pageant. Sign up at Union Central.



Rehearsal — Saturday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Costume Distribution & Readers
9:45 a.m. Pageant Walk-Through
(rehearsal should be finished by 11 a.m.)

Pageant — Sunday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Costumes & Rehearsal
(sweet rolls & juice available for the cast)
10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, November 3, at 9 a.m.

Why does Communion differ so widely between denominations?

You may have noticed that different Christian denominations understand Communion differently! Some believe that the bread and wine actually turn into Jesus' body and blood. Some believe that this ritual is "just" a memorial to Jesus, not an actual change in substance. Likewise, some denominations restrict Communion to "members only," whereas others welcome all and sundry.

Many denominations fall between these two extremes. Such diversity is not new. Our earliest Christian writings demonstrate variants in the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper and the "instructions" that he gave regarding this ritual. At Adult Education on November 3, Julie Harder will explore both the ancient and the current diversity in the theologies and practices surrounding Communion.

Union Church Calendar

October 27, 2024—November 24, 2024

October 27 Sunday

New Member Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 or stream it online
 followed by Coffee Hour
 in the church hall

October 29 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

October 30 Wednesday

5:00 p.m. HRC Phone/Text Banks
 6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

October 31 Thursday

4:00 p.m. Trick or Treat at Union

November 3 Sunday

Neighbors in Need Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 9:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation:
 Communion Differences
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 with Holy Communion
 in the sanctuary or
 stream it online followed
 by Coffee Hour in the
 church hall

November 5 Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

November 6 Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
 at Denny's on Oneida
 5:45 p.m. Dinner
 6:15 p.m. Youth Group
 6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

November 7 Thursday

6:00 p.m. Sojourner Circle

November 10 Sunday

Pledge Sunday

Recognizing Our Veterans

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 or stream it online
 followed by Coffee Hour
 in the church hall

November 12 Tuesday

4:00 p.m. Education Ministry
 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

November 13 Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Bible Study
 6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

November 14 Thursday

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

November 16 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Wreath Decorating

November 17 Sunday

Memorial Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 or stream it online
 followed by Coffee Hour
 in the church hall

November 18 Monday

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

November 19 Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

November 20 Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Worship Ministry
 5:45 p.m. Dinner
 6:15 p.m. Youth Group
 6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

November 22 Friday

4:00 p.m. Tree and Wreath Sale

November 23 Saturday

10:00 a.m. Tree and Wreath Sale

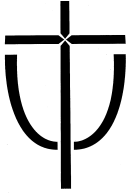
November 24 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 or stream it online
 followed by Coffee Hour
 in the church hall
 12:00 p.m. Tree and Wreath Sale

Our Attendance

| September | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1st Sunday | 95 | 80 |
| 2nd Sunday | 107* | 113* |
| 3rd Sunday | 106 | 105 |
| 4th Sunday | 82 | 89 |
| 5th Sunday | 91 | — |
| Totals | 481 | 387 |
| Average | 96.2 | 96.8 |

* Totals include 64 worshippers at Moon Beach in 2024 and 67 in 2023.



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Blessing Box Food Drive Sunday, November 3

It's time to get the Blessing Box ready for the upcoming winter season. The items listed below are especially helpful. Thank you!

- Boxed Soup Mixes
- Granola Bars
- Instant Oatmeal or Cocoa Packets
- Instant Potatoes or Rice Mixes
- Microwave Chili or Pasta Meals
- Pouch Tuna or Chicken
- Ramen Noodle Packs

Donations can be placed on the cart at the front of the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 3 or on the blue table inside the Mayflower entrance at any time.

Monetary donations are also welcome, and we'll do the shopping! To donate, send a check to Union Church with "Blessing Box" on the memo line, or donate via the church website at www.unionucc.com/giving.



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