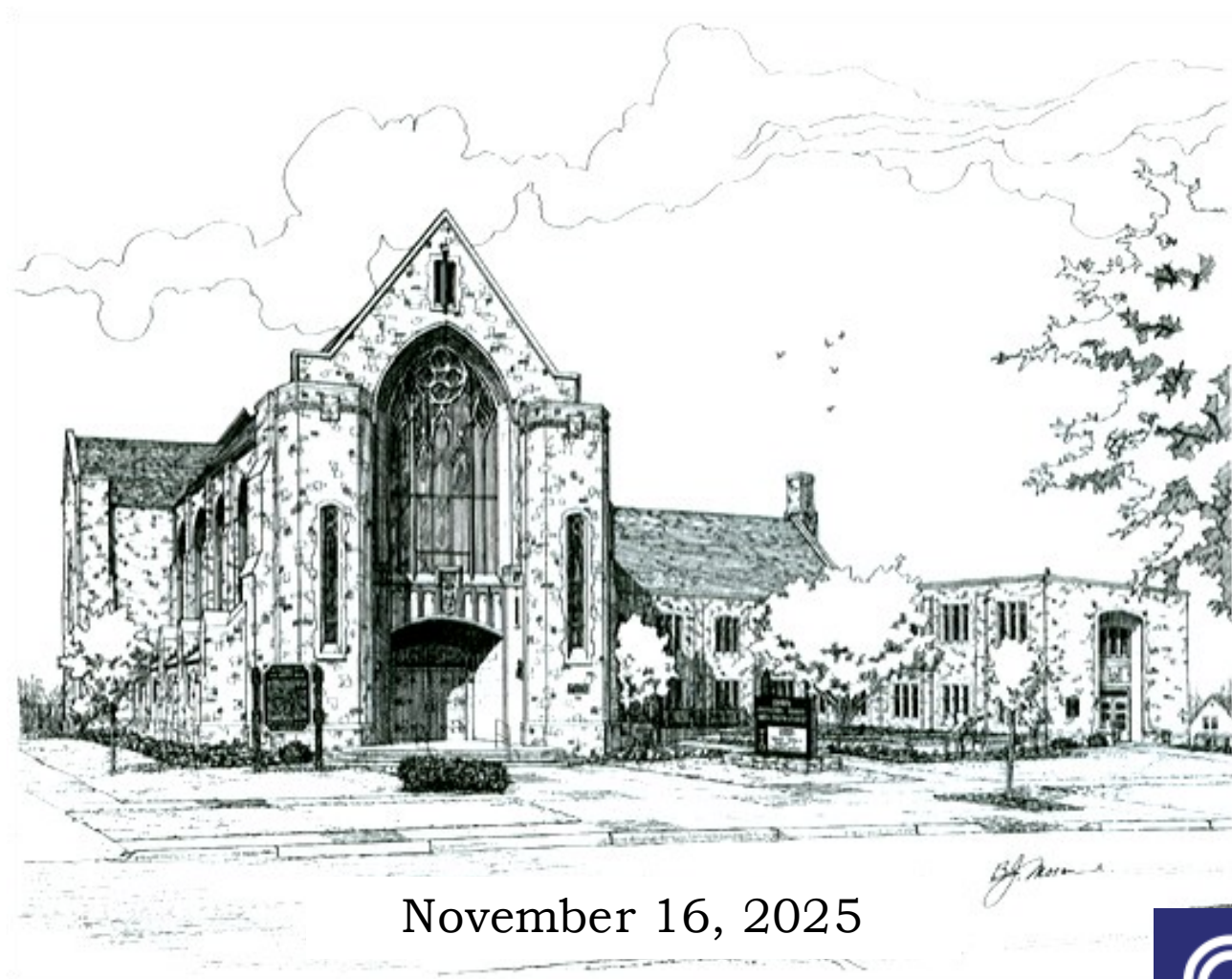


Union Congregational United Church of Christ



At Union, we are all the body of Christ together:
Through our voices, Christ is still speaking
Through our hands, Christ is still serving
Through our hearts, Christ is still loving



November 16, 2025

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. You can access the loop by activating the T-coil in your hearing aid. If you do not have a T-coil, you can request a portable receiver from an usher.



Welcome to Union Church!

- Today's service is being live streamed via Facebook and YouTube.
- During the Children's Moments, the live stream will display a graphic, in order to protect our children's privacy.
- Please see an usher if you would like a children's activity packet or if you need help finding the nursery.
- Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card at the usher's station or email office@unionucc.com to receive our weekly email newsletter.
- Visitors, if you would like more information about our church, please take home a yellow "Welcome to Union Church" folder located at either sanctuary door. If you have trouble finding them, ask one of our friendly members to help you locate one!
- We encourage those who are COVID positive or have cold or flu symptoms to worship from home and to consult with your healthcare provider to ensure you are engaging in best practices regarding masking, distancing, and receiving vaccines/boosters, particularly if you or someone you live with have health concerns.

Women's Advent Evening of Reflection **Theme: "Motherhood and Christmas"**

All who identify as female are invited to our Women's Advent Evening of Reflection on Monday, December 1. At the event, 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.

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).

Serving Christ . . . Loving Each . . . Affirming All

23rd Sunday after Pentecost New Member Sunday

November 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE: "title" composer
With music and silence we begin worship, praying quietly and opening our hearts to God.

THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome! Please share Announcements, Ministry Opportunities, Joys and Concerns.

PRAISING OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Leader: When we are unsure of where to go,

All: we turn to you for guidance, God of Clarity.

Leader: When we feel stuck in between this and that,

All: we wait for your nudge, Gentle Christ.

Leader: When we are overwhelmed by the enormity of the work of healing,

All: You, Wise Spirit, reveal the next stepping stone.

Leader: Meet us in this place,

All: O God Who Draws Us Forth as we seek wisdom, grace, healing, and love.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

Leader: When we remember all the wrong we have done, the times we have spoken careless words, the times we have shown contempt to those around us, it can be hard looking you in the eye, Holy God. But you gaze at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us, even as we hesitate to speak of the brokenness of our hearts. It can be easy to become fearful of misusing your gifts, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Let us take a moment to offer our personal prayers of confession.

(Silence is kept.)

Leader: Let us pray.

All: In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: the times we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; the ways we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; how we sometimes tear others down rather than offering words of grace; the times we disregard your words which call us to a different way of being.

**Forgive us, God of Mercy, for the ways we hurt you, others, and ourselves.
Speak to us through Jesus Christ, whose very being offers us your tender mercy and gracious hope. Amen.**

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)

Leader: This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our transgressions, not our rebellion. God remembers the depth of their love for us, forgives us, and welcomes us home.

All: God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, let us offer our thanks. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 421:

"We Gather Together"
(see page 5)

KREMSER
The New Century Hymnal

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 65:17-25

p. 696

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps and bring their offering.

Following Children's Moments, all children are welcome to remain in worship.

Additionally, parents are welcome to accompany their children to our "playground" in the south transept to play and pray quietly or to drop them off downstairs to play in the nursery with our paid nursery staff. Activity bags with crayons, etc. are available from an usher.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 21:5-19

p. 85

THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

William Runyan
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INVITATION AND QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

THE BOND OF UNION (in unison)

Giving our all as we have been given all...

We accept the religion of love and service which Jesus lived and taught, and declare it our purpose to strive to do the will of God, and to make the Christ Spirit dominant in our lives and in all human relations.

PLEDGE OF FELLOWSHIP (in unison)

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.

We promise you our friendship, help and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.

By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in knowledge and love of God and as witnesses of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

GREETING, PRAYER AND BLESSING

* PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

(Please turn and offer a sign of Christ's peace to one another.)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HYMN:

"They'll Know We Are Christians"
(see page 6)

ST. BRENDAN'S

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join us in praying the Lord's Prayer in these words or a translation meaningful to you.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Offertory:

"title"

composer

*Praise Response:

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

SEEK YE FIRST

*Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its right - eous - ness,
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Gracious God, as we make these offerings to you, we ask you to consecrate the work of this church once again. We offer these gifts to you as an act of love, praying that you multiply them. Show us how to create a world where the stranger is welcomed, where neighbors know love and belonging, and where justice is our currency. In Jesus' name we humbly pray. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 570:

"We Shall Overcome"
(see page 7)

WE SHALL OVERCOME
The New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"title"

composer

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Karen Ludolph**, and **Ed Tucker** who offered our Children's Moments.

Our Call to Worship is adapted from Liturgies That Matter by enfleshed.
Our Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are adapted from Thom Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies.

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421 We Gather Together

*Netherlands folk hymn, 16th century
Transl. Theodore Baker, 1894
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992*

*Tune: KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
16th-century Dutch melody
Arr. Edward Kremser, 1877*

- 1 We gath-er to-geth-er
to ask for God's bless-ing,
to live in com-mu-ni-ty,
seek-ing God's will.
We come now, as sis-ters
and broth-ers, con-fess-ing
the sins that di-vide
and the wrong in us still.
- 2 Be-side us, for-giv-ing,
en-a-bling, sus-tain-ing,
you call us, O Sav-ior,
to life that is new.
You draw us a-way
from self-cen-tered com-plain-ing.
You lead us and guide us
in ways that are true.
- 3 All praise to the Spir-it,
pro-vid-er, de-fend-er.
You of-fer us free-dom,
to fol-low or stray,
Em-pow-er-ing all by
the hope you en-gen-der.
Grant wis-dom and cour-age
to fol-low your way.

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 20

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 21

8:30 a.m. Costumes & Rehearsal

(sweet rolls & juice available for the cast)

10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant

They'll Know We Are Christians

Text: Peter Scholtes, b.1938

Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S, 7 6 7 6 8 6 with refrain; Peter Scholtes
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1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will



one in the Lord, We are one in the
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
work side by side, We will work with each



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's



stored:
land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our
pride:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.

We Shall Overcome

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.

570

United States traditional

United States traditional

Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21;

2 Cor. 13:11

1 3 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
We are not a - fraid, we are not a -

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
we are not a - fraid to - day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

Garden Thank You

As rumors of snow start to infiltrate the weather forecast, let us offer deep thanks for the beauty that continues to bloom around our church grounds. For the past several years, we've been especially blessed by the incredible work of **Cathy Putman**, who has spent countless hours completely renewing the biblical garden into a native pollinator garden with care, creativity, and hands-in-the-dirt dedication. And we also give thanks for **Kathy Seifert (and her trusty sidekick, Achim)**, who has faithfully served for years as our Garden Coordinator, tending not only to plants, but to the spirit of hospitality that greets everyone who walks onto our grounds.

As Kathy steps back from the garden coordinator role, we're now looking for someone with a love of growing things (and perhaps a good pair of gloves!) to help coordinate this ministry going forward. If you feel a nudge of interest — or even a little curiosity — we'd love to hear from you. Our gardens remind us that beauty and care for the earth are part of our ministry too, and we're so grateful to all who make that possible.

Thank You for Supporting the Heifer Project!

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've raised \$5,125—enough to fund *an ark*! Your contributions will provide animals and vital resources to families around the world, helping them build sustainable livelihoods and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we've made a lasting impact. Thank you for being part of this mission of hope and compassion. Thank you!

—Wendy Woodward

Really Free Market is Saturday, November 22

Outreach Ministry is pleased to support a Really Free Market at the Union Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 22 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). This is a community-powered event offered in partnership with NEW CARE, a local group focused on mutual aid and practical ways we all help each other. The Really Free Market is a “rummage sale” where everything is free. No money, no barter, no trade—just neighbors helping neighbors.

If you would like to donate items, we are looking for clean, usable items, in good repair (clothing, household items, books, toys, and more). Bring donations to the coatroom through November 16. Items not usable for the market will be donated to local organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul, De Pere Christian Outreach, etc. If you have questions about donations or would like to volunteer, please contact Christie Reese (920-273-5349). We have volunteer opportunities—before, during, and after. Last, if you would like to make a donation to support the event, you may do that online through the Union website, through an envelope in the offering, or at the church office, designated for the Really Free Market.

Grace and Gratitude Gathering

A casual evening of music, food, fun and fellowship to benefit EPH!

Thursday, November 20 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. FREE ENTRY!



Stadium View – Traditions Event Hall
1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay

 **LIVE Musical Entertainment by Courtney Paulson**

 **Emceed by Jyll Everman from Fox 11 Living**

**SOUP / BISCUIT BAR • CASH BAR • BAKE SALE
BASKET RAFFLES • 50/50 RAFFLE**


*All money raised from the items above
will go directly to EPH.*

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 **Ecumenical Partnership for Housing** Putting faith into action for families experiencing homelessness for over 30 years.

People of Goodwill Unite for Action: Supporting the Immigrant Community

Saturday, November 22 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Willebrord Parish, 209 S. Adams Street

Clergy of all denominations have called for the humane treatment of immigrants. But how do we, People of Goodwill, translate those clarion calls into action? How do we support the “stranger” in our midst - our friends, neighbors, parishioners, customers and employees?

This inter-denomination event will include local immigrant, dreamer, and deportee stories and it will explore current legal, business, and human responses to the immigration crisis. Booths are available to obtain fact sheets, resource materials and to learn about local agencies. Participants may sign-up for a “ministry” to help those facing these challenging times.

Weekly Planner

November 17 — 22

Monday:

11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch

Tuesday:

3:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Committee

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

5:45 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. Youth Groups

6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

Friday:

2:00 p.m. Tree and Wreath Sale

Saturday:

10:00 a.m. Tree and Wreath Sale

11:00 a.m. Really Free Market

NEXT SUNDAY: November 23 **Reign of Christ**

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

11:15 a.m. Tree and Wreath Sale



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Union Congregational United Church of Christ is an **Open and Affirming Congregation**. We are a Christian fellowship where diverse perspectives may live together in the Spirit of Christ and where all persons are precious children of God without qualification or discrimination because of ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

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Men's Breakfast Group

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 a.m. at Denny's
2894 S. Oneida Street

Our Church Staff

Senior Minister..... Bridget Flad Daniels
Administrative Assistant..... Eric Goska
Financial Secretary..... Katrina Catteruccia
Building & Maintenance Supervisor..... Brad Dorin
Music Director..... Haley Steele
Organist..... Franklin Beyer
Handbell Ensemble Director..... Linda Cook
Librarian..... Cathy Putman
AV Coordinator..... Daniel Hatton

Student Music Interns:

Zeke Fietsch-Huber, Caleb Hale,
Caitlyn Kolter, Ella Hamilton

Nursery Attendants:

Jenna Stevens, London Graham, Katelyn Mertens, Scott Nixon