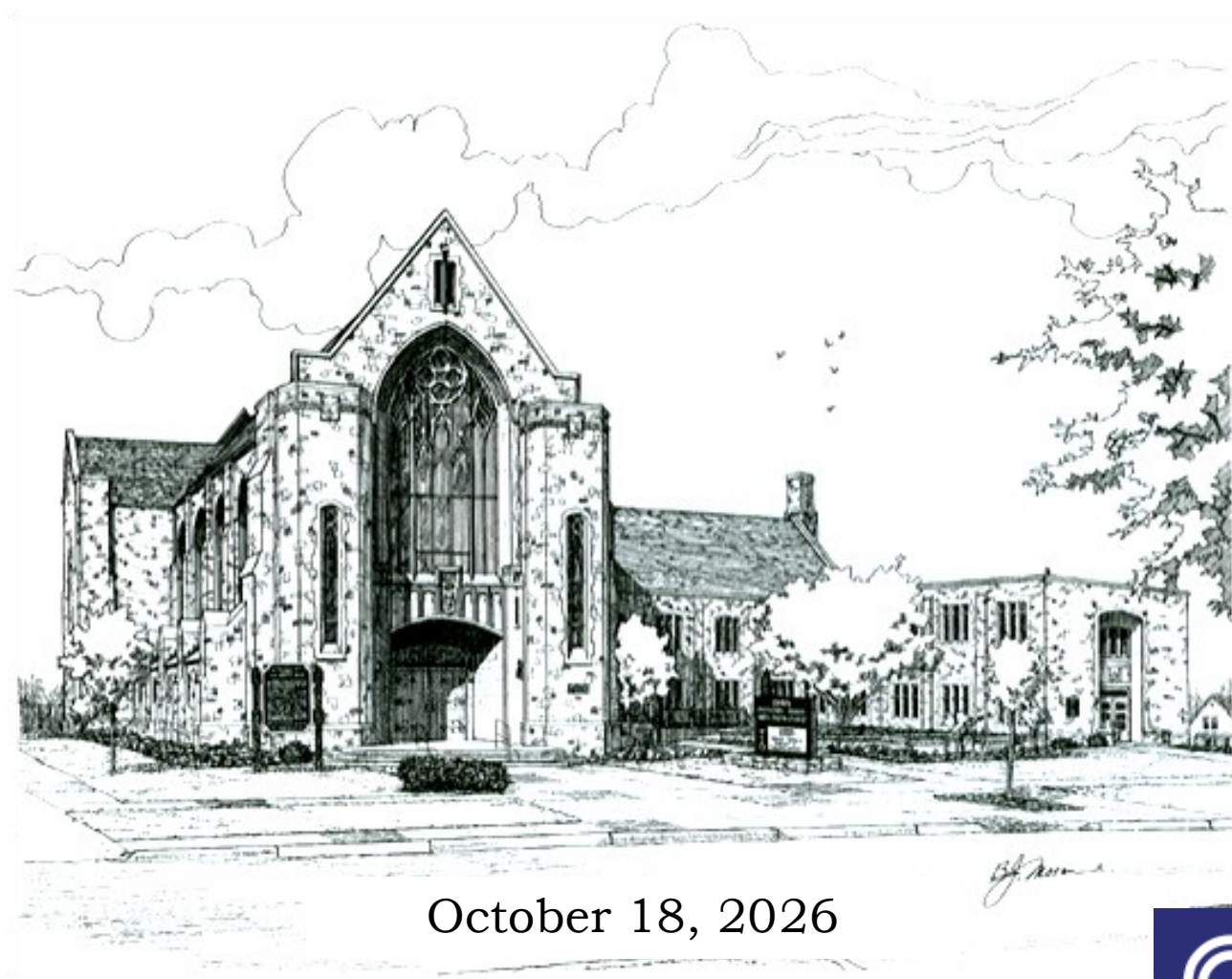


Union Congregational United Church of Christ



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



October 18, 2026

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 one, 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.

Priscilla Circle – Show & Share

Join us for our next Priscilla Circle gathering on **Tuesday, October 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the English Room** for a fun and meaningful time of sharing!

We invite everyone to bring one special or interesting item to show the group and share a little about its story. It might be an heirloom or treasured keepsake, a favorite book, recipe, or photograph; something related to a hobby, a travel memento, or a piece of artwork. Bring something that holds a special place in your heart, brings back a happy memory, or is simply unique, fun, or uplifting. You never know what stories and memories we'll discover!

Participation is entirely optional, but we hope you'll join in the fun. Come ready to share, listen, and enjoy learning more about one another through the items we treasure.

Questions? Contact Julie Thiel at mjthiel@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Heifer Thanks

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Heifer Living Gift Market a resounding success! As of this week, we are well on our way to raising an ark! You've donated \$4,937.89 toward our \$5,000 goal. Help push us over the finish line by placing your donation marked "Heifer" in the offering plate or by going to www.unionucc.com, clicking on the giving tab, and then "Give Online" and the Heifer Project tab.

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

Ricercare on “*St. Anne*”

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

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We gather in the presence of the Holy One, whose majesty fills the earth and whose justice is everlasting.

All: God is great, and God’s love endures through every generation.

One: We come from a world too often shaped by anger, fear, and the desire to strike back.

All: We gather in the name of Jesus, who taught another way: the way of mercy, justice, and peace.

One: God calls us to turn from evil, to seek what is good, and to overcome hatred with love.

All: May our worship shape us into people who practice peace, pursue justice, and extend compassion to all.

One: Let us worship the God who is holy, whose love never fails, and whose vision for the world is greater than our own.

All: May we worship with open hearts, ready to be transformed by the love of God.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)

One: Holy God, you call us to overcome evil with good, yet we confess how easily we are drawn into the ways of the world. All too often, we nurture resentment, delight in the downfall of those we dislike, and sometimes mistake retaliation for justice. We are quick to judge and slow to show mercy, quick to name the wrongs of others and reluctant to examine our own hearts. Let us take a moment in silence to call to mind the prayers we would lay before the Lord.
(Silence is kept.)

One: Let us pray.

All: Forgive us when fear hardens us, when anger consumes us, and when we forget the humanity of those who are different from us. Give us the courage to resist hatred without becoming hateful, to seek justice without surrendering compassion, and to stand firmly for what is right without losing sight of your love for all your children. Turn our hearts toward your way of peace. Make us people who pursue what is good, bless rather than curse, and work for a world where dignity and mercy are not reserved for the deserving but extended to all. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)

One: Hear this good news: nothing, no thing, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus—not our failures, not our fears, not the wrongs we have done, nor the wrongs we have suffered. God's grace reaches farther than our shame, and God's love holds us even when we struggle to love one another.

All: We are forgiven, we are held, and we are invited to begin again. May we receive this grace with grateful hearts and extend it to others through lives shaped by mercy, courage, and compassion. Thanks be to God. Amen

* PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

* HYMN NO. 8:

"Praise to the Living God"
(see page 5)

DIADEMATA
The New Century Hymnal

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Psalms 99

p. 552

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.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Celebrate with Gladness"

arr. Susan E. Geschke

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Romans 12:17-21

p. 162

THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN NO. 391:

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"
(see page 6)

NEW DIMENSIONS
The New Century Hymnal

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:

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. John Carter

*Praise Response:

"Imela"

traditional Nigerian

I - me - la, i - me - la, i - me - la, O - ka - ka.

I - me - la, Chi - ne - ke. I - me - la On - y'o - ma.

Translation

Thank you, great God.

Thank you because you are good.

Pronunciation Guide:

ee-meh-lah Oh-kah-kah

ee-meh-lah Chee-neh-keh

ee-meh-lah Ohn-yoh-mah

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

Generous God, bless the gifts we bring and the lives through which they will work. May our generosity reach beyond these walls, bearing witness to your justice, embodying your mercy, and making your peace more visible in a world that so desperately needs it. Shape us, too, into living offerings: people who choose kindness over cruelty, reconciliation over retaliation, and love over fear. May all that we give, and all that we do, serve your vision of a world made whole. In the name of Christ, who calls us to overcome evil with good. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

***HYMN NO. 448:**

"Take My Life, God, Let It Be"
(see page 7)

VIENNA
The New Century Hymnal

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

arr. John Carter

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Pat Shafer**, and **Brittany Hendrix Malone** who offered our Children's Moments.

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**Changing Hearts and Minds:
Conversational Approach Training**

Sunday, October 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Chapel Classroom

Rooted in applied psychology, this interactive 90-minute training with staff from Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin gives participants the tools to have meaningful conversations and find common ground so we can move forward together.

When it comes to issues we're passionate about, it can be hard not to get caught in a debate when we don't see eye-to-eye with others. It can leave us wondering how to stay true to our values while building connections so we can work together and create the change we want to see. Topics will include but not be limited to immigration and reproductive rights. Seating is limited to 30 to allow for the best conversational dynamics.

Lunch is provided. Additional trainings can be scheduled as interest warrants Sign up at Union Central or by contacting the church office.

Praise to the Living God

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
Ps. 84:1-2 George J. Elvey, 1868

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
Julian Rush, 1985 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Gen. 9:12-16;
Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.

Refrain
Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Blessing Box Food Drive Sunday, November 1st

Time to prepare the Blessing Box for winter. The items listed below are especially helpful. Thanks!

- Granola Bars
- Pouch Tuna
- Toilet Paper
- Instant Oatmeal or Cocoa Packets
- Instant Potatoes or Rice Mixes
- Microwave Chili or Pasta Meals

Please place donations on the cart at the front of the Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 1st** or on the blue table inside the Mayflower entrance at any time.

To make a monetary donation, please send a check with "Blessing Box" on the memo line, or donate via the church website at www.unionucc.com/giving.





Grace & Gratitude Gathering

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



Thursday, November 5th

5pm-8pm • FREE entry

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



Emceed by
Jyll Everman from
Fox 11 Living



LIVE Musical
Entertainment
by Jim Campbell

SOUP & BAKE SALE • CASH BAR
BASKET RAFFLES • 50/50 RAFFLE



**Ecumenical
Partnership
for Housing**

Putting faith into action for families experiencing homelessness for over 30 years.

Interested in Learning More About Union Church?

Interested in learning more about Union Church and discerning whether this is the right church home for you? Our Membership Ministry will be hosting two Prospective Member Gatherings to help people get to know Union, our community, and each other on **Wed., October 21 (5:30 to 7:30 p.m. —includes dinner)** and on **Mon., November 9 (6 to 7:30 p.m.)**. It's helpful to participate in both sessions.

After those sessions, folks who would like to join the church will be received into membership during worship on Sunday, November 22.

Please contact the church office at office@unionucc.com or 920-437-9266, to register.

Memorial Sunday Ofrenda

On October 25, 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.

Come and Explore Union!

Celebrate the church's 190th anniversary and learn all about our building.

Ed Tucker will lead a tour of Union Church after service on Sunday, November 8. If you've ever wondered about the symbols on the stained glass windows or been curious to find "secret" passages, this is your moment to explore and learn.

The tour will begin shortly after service and start from the church hall upstairs. Grab a cup of coffee, a cookie, some conversation, and enjoy learning all about our lovely building.

Christmas Tree and Wreath Help Needed

Your help is needed. Wreath sales start next month and volunteers are needed to set up the lot, decorate wreaths and sell on the weekends. There is a sign-up at Union Central. Also, ornaments are needed to be used for decorating the wreaths. Those can be left in the box in the coat room. Thanks for your help!

- **Saturday, November 7 at 9 a.m.**
Tent and tree stand setup, weather dependent, need 8 volunteers.
- **Saturday, November 14 at 9 a.m.**
Wreath decorating in Fellowship Hall, need 25 volunteers.
- **Friday, November 20 at 2 p.m.**
Lot opens. Need lots of volunteers to staff the lot Friday evenings, Saturday most of the day and Sunday after church for the remaining weekends in November and the first three weekends in December.

Adult Faith Formation Continues

Sunday Morning at 9 a.m. in Bagby Chapel

November 15 — Origins of the Lord's Prayer

Every Sunday, we at Union recite the Lord's Prayer. Where does this prayer come from? The simple answer is "Jesus." A more complicated answer takes into account the fact that our Scriptures provide two versions—one in Matthew 6 and another in Luke 11. This begs the question, "Which version was taught by the Historical Jesus?" You may be surprised to learn the answer is "neither," because both Matthew and Luke based their versions on a third and even earlier one, written in a document called "Q." Julie Harder will explain how scholars unearthed the Q version, and what it meant to Jesus's original hearers. We'll ask, how does this ancient prayer speak to us today?

Weekly Planner

October 19 — 24

Monday:

11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch

Tuesday:

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Prospective Member
Gathering

5:45 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. Youth Groups

NEXT SUNDAY: October 25 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** **MEMORIAL SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation

10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
(or stream it online)
followed by Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m. Conversational Approach
Training (Chapel Classroom)

Faith That Shows Up: 2027 Pledge Campaign

Please return your 2027 pledge card to the church office by mail or in the offering plate by **Sunday, November 8**, when we will dedicate our pledges in worship. You may also pledge online at www.unionucc.com by clicking on the giving tab and then 2027 Pledge Campaign. Or, you can simply email finance@unionucc.com with your intentions.

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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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Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets October 19

**Join us at 11:30 a.m.
at the Village Grille in Allouez**

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

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Zeke Fietsch-Huber, Caleb Hale, Ella Hamilton

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Jenna Stevens, London Graham,

Katelyn Mertens, Scott Nixon