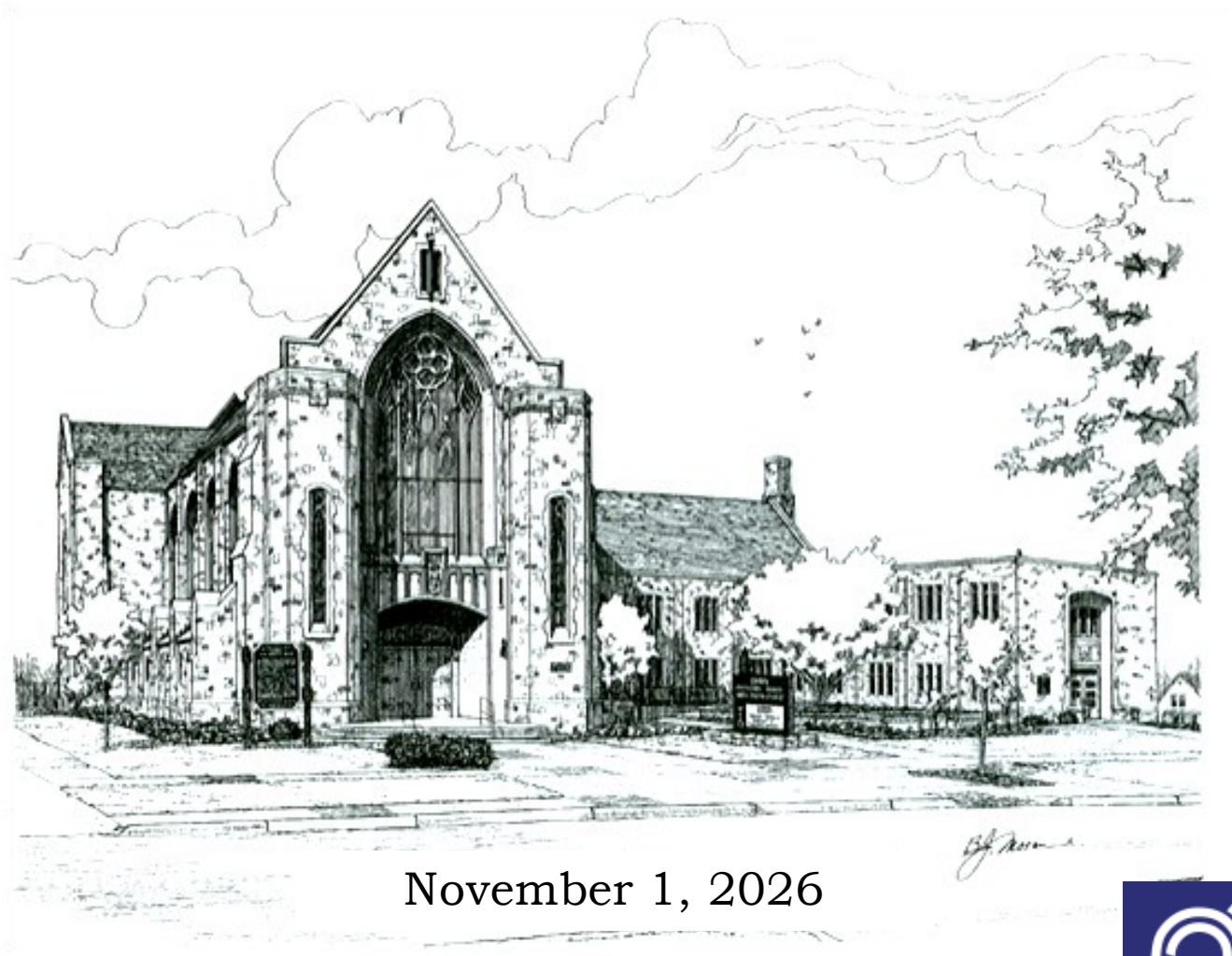
Union Congregational United Church of Christ

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 1, 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.

Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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.
- 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.

For Those Who Served

On Sunday, November 8, 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, Cathy Ghoca, Daniel Ghoca, Bob Haglund, Bill Johnson, Larry Kabat, John Krueger, Ted Ludolph, Rolf Lulloff, Tom Martin, Bob Rose, Bruce Shafer, Julie Tetzlaff, Ray Thompson, Ed Tucker, and Glen Verstegen.

If you are a veteran and 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.

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

November 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

(*) invites all who are able to stand

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"It is Well with My Soul/He Leadeth Me"* arr. Michael Hassell

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.

*GATHERING PRAYER: (in unison)

Holy God, you are the depth of all that has been and all that will ever be.
You are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end.
You are more ancient than the hills, and newer than tomorrow's dreams.
We come together to celebrate all that you have been, and to ask you to set our hearts on fire with what you can be and what we can be together.
With Jesus Christ who is ever ancient and ever new, we pray. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

God of all eternity,
we know that what we really worship is that to which we give most of our thoughts,
whatever we spend most of our time and money on,
whatever we would go crazy without,
whatever we look forward to most,
whatever we long for most of all,
whatever we stare at in adoration the longest.

Dear Lord, please forgive us all of our idols. Help us to remember
that you are the only deserving object of our worship. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (in unison)

God of grace, you are always calling us to be made new, forgiving our misplaced priorities and freeing us to begin again. Thanks be to You, whose love is ever ancient and ever new, and whose grace is still reforming us into the people we are called to be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

*HYMN NO. 439: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* EIN' FESTE BURG
(see page 6) The New Century Hymnal

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34:1-8

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 "prayground" 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"In This Moment of Remembrance"* Dale Wood

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12 p. 25

SERMON: Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HYMN NO. 316: *"We Limit Not the Truth of God"* OLD 22ND
(see page 7) The New Century Hymnal

THE OFFERING

Offertory: *"This is My Father's World"* arr. Franklin Sheppard
*Praise Response *"Imela"* traditional Nigerian

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

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

One. The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;
All. **You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, if ever.**
One. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have fallen short.
All. **Come, all who seek to follow Christ's way. It is Christ who offers to encounter us here.**

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One. The Lord be with you.
All. **And also with you.**
One. Lift up your hearts!
All. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
One. Let us give thanks to God Most High.
All. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

CONGREGATIONAL SANCTUS: *"Santo, Santo, Santo"* anonymous, Argentina

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion servers will pass trays of bread, red wine, and white grape juice through the pews. Please let an usher know if you would prefer to commune with the prepackaged Communion elements, and they will bring one to you. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served so that we may commune together. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup in the center of the tray.

The host at this table is Jesus Christ. In Christ's name and spirit, we invite all to partake of God's grace. Children may participate according to their parents' wishes.

PRAYERS OF CONSECRATION, OF THE PEOPLE, AND OF OUR LORD

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.

PRAYER THANKSGIVING (in unison)

O God of the Reformers,
we thank you for nourishing us and commissioning us
that we might rise from this sacred meal with renewed dedication
to passionately re-form this world into your reign of love.
With Jesus Christ, the model reformer, we pray. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 419:	*"Now We Thank All Our God"* (see page 8)	NUN DANKET The New Century Hymnal
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE:	*"Postlude"*	Carl Kern

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Shawn Malone**, who also offered our Children Moments.

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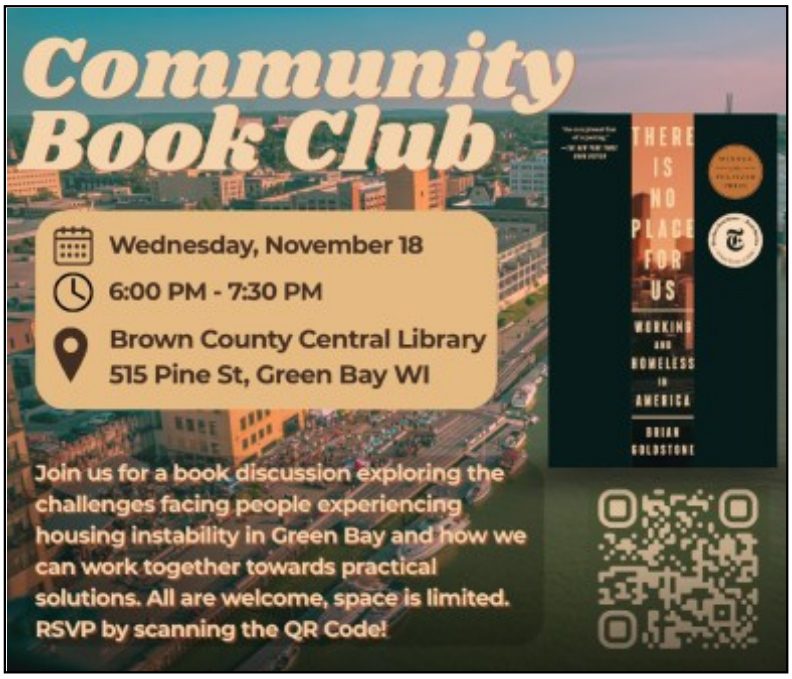

Read. Learn. Discuss. Act.

Join us for a community discussion of *There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America* by Brian Goldstone. This powerful book highlights the experiences of individuals and families navigating homelessness and housing insecurity in today's housing market. Through personal stories and broader systemic realities, it challenges readers to see housing instability through a new lens. **Join us** at the Brown County Central Library (515 Pine Street) on Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. to participate in a discussion of the book's themes and other relevant conversation. Our hope is to bring together people from across the community to develop a shared understanding of the barriers faced by our unhoused neighbors. By learning together, we can foster stronger partnerships, identify gaps and opportunities, and move toward practical solutions that help more people access and maintain stable housing.

Everyone is welcome. The more perspectives at the table, the stronger our collective ability to create positive change.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

439

Martin Luther, c. 1529
Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
Martin Luther, c. 1529
Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, *1930; alt.*

Ps. 46

We Limit Not the Truth of God

Tune: OLD 22nd C.M.D.
Anglo-Genevan Psalter, *1556*

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George Rawson, 1853; alt.

Alternate tunes: FOREST GREEN; ELLACOMBE

419 Now Thank We All Our God

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Johann Crüger, 1647
Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Sir. 50:20–24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

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. 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

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 volunteers to staff the lot Friday evenings, Saturdays, 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
Join Julie Harder to learn the origins of this ancient prayer and how it speaks to us today.

Neighbors in Need Offering

The United Church of Christ offers grants to organizations nationwide engaged in justice work. Our church will support this effort with a special offering on Sunday, November 15. Any gift, no matter the amount, shows we share a hope for a world free of poverty and prejudice.

Grace & Gratitude Gathering, Thursday, November 5

Join us for a casual evening of music, food, fun and fellowship to benefit EPH! This free event begins at 5:00 p.m. at Stadium View, 1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay.

Weekly Planner

November 2 — 7

Tuesday: **General Election Day**
4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

Saturday:
9:00 a.m. Tent & Tree Stand Setup

NEXT SUNDAY: November 8
Pledge Dedication Sunday
Honoring Our Veterans

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary (or stream it online) followed by Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m. Tour of Union Church
11:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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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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Zeke Fietsch-Huber, Caleb Hale, Ella Hamilton

Nursery Attendants:
Jenna Stevens, London Graham, Katelyn Mertens, Scott Nixon

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, Nov. 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 email finance@unionucc.com with your intentions. Even if you intend for your pledge to remain the same as in 2026, it is helpful for you to let us know, as we don't assume.