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*Inviting ALL to follow Jesus in faith & action*

**God, you are  
always doing  
“a new thing”  
(Isaiah 43:19)  
in the world &  
in my life.  
On the cusp of  
this new year,  
open my heart  
to your good plans.**



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## Interested In **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

If you are interested in joining Zwingli UCC, please contact the Church Office.  
All are welcome to become part of this faith community.



*Happy New Year*

## Church Office Hours

**Monday–Friday**

**8 a.m.–12 p.m.**

## Closed Holidays

These are scheduled open office hours. Other hours are available by calling  
**608-938-4369.**

## Important Online Offerings For You



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**www.zwingliucc.com** - This **Website** has all you need to know about Zwingli United Church of Christ, programs offered, current newsletter and videos, and devotionals as well as information on all things Zwingli!



**Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello)** – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts!



The Pastor is in – Call 828-817-9055 to speak with the Pastor!!!! You can also text message at the same number! **Email:** [mtpreach.59@gmail.com](mailto:mtpreach.59@gmail.com) or [zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com](mailto:zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com)

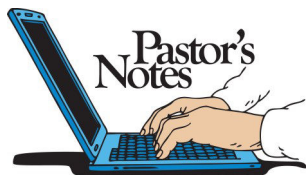
## Lighting The Way For Others

When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (Igggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?





Every year I have people question why we do not sing more Christmas carols in December. Well..... traditionally, in the Church Calendar, Christmas by Christians was not celebrated until the night of Christmas Eve. The time prior to Christmas Eve was known as Advent, a time of reflection and preparation for the coming of the King. On midnight, Christmas Eve, the **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BEGINS!** The great news is that the Christmas celebration was not just one day but lasted until Epiphany which is 12 days later! Wow, 12 Days of Christmas..... HMMM.

Our current culture not only muddles the Birth of Christ with all sorts of non-Christian symbols and rituals but it begins right about the time all the Halloween decorations are being stored away. Carols are blared over and over adding a sense of urgency to our preparations. We go through our days reviewing the list of things that we need to accomplish by December 25th and we inevitably think we are late! This idea works well with the consumer buying frenzy our society tacks on the Birthday of the Son of God. The culture makes us believe we can purchase enough to compensate for our failing. When Christmas Day arrives, we are all celebrated out!



December 26th the carols disappear into a sea of popular songs and elevator music. It is funny, culture has changed this to a season of anticipation and diminished our feelings of gratitude and joy.

This year I have inadvertently celebrated a more traditional Christmas. My Pastor's notes for December had little to do with God's blessing of Immanuel.



So, in this issue, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas. I pray that you will see, feel, and taste the God that has come to walk among us. I pray that you may see the face of the Christ in all you meet. May you feel God Incarnate, Christ Immanuel, as you journey throughout the year. I pray that God's blessings will be so apparent in your life that you can't help but sing praises at least through Epiphany and perhaps, extend carols and praise all year round!

Peace,

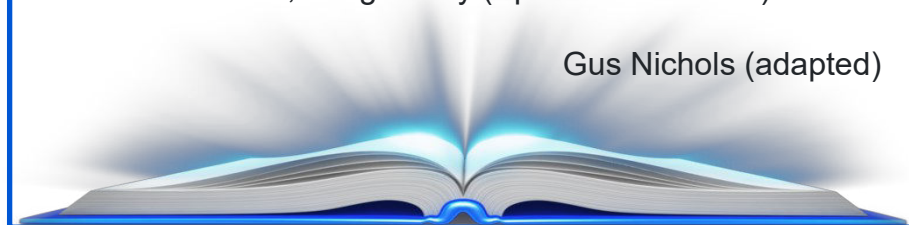
Pastor Lance



### ***Biblical Resolutions***

- H**old firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- P**ray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- P**etition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
- Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
  
- N**otice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)
- E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
  
- Y**earn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
- E**xercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
- A**im for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
- R**edeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Gus Nichols (adapted)







## Coordinator of Caring Ministries

*"As we lose ourselves in the service of others,  
we discover our own lives and our own happiness"*

Duter F. Uchtdef

**New Year, New Goals, New Ways** to approach life to add quality, or to improve ourselves. In many situations, as we reach out to others, we will receive more than we give. My faithful volunteers of the **Caring Network** are rich indeed.

I encourage you to share soup, stew, casseroles, and deserts through our **Meal Ministries**. Containers are available on the table outside the Church Office. Be sure to label your containers and place them in the freezer at Church.

Some interest has been expressed for a **Book Club**. Let me know if you would like to participate. I have chosen the book, *"My Two Elaines,"* written by Martin Schreiber.

Marty's story of selflessness and struggle will offer strength for many caregivers as well as a look inside Alzheimer's Disease. Let me know if you would like to meet through a Zoom meeting or in person. I thought we could begin reading in January and have our first group discussion in February. The Monroe Library has several copies of this book. Details to be determined based on response.

Blessing,

*Cindi Ritter*

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Dear Congregational Members,

As promised last month, we have another educational article about our budget and what it takes to keep this Church up and running.

## Learning Session #2 Did you know???

Our largest expense is labor and benefits. It takes people to keep our Church building functioning, to keep connected, to provide programming and services to our members and our community, and to keep track of our finances. Here are the positions we have on staff and most are less than part-time or event based funded:



- \*Pastor
- \*Church Secretary
- \*Caring Coordinator
- \*Custodian
- \*Videographer
- \*Treasurer
- \*Financial Secretary
- \*Chime Choir Director
- \*Choir Director (Not filled at this time)
- \*Accompanists (We could use more people in this area so we have a good rotation)

\*At times we bring in others for special music or pulpit supply

\*Salary Expense for all the above is \$121,185. Benefit Expenses total \$66,420.

What makes up Benefit Expenses you ask? Pension, Life/ Disability/Medical/Dental Insurances, Mileage, SECA, FICA, Medicare, and Continuing Education.

## Church Cancellation Policy

On various occasions it may be necessary to cancel Sunday morning activities of the Church (Worship and Sunday School). Such cancellations will generally be the result of weather conditions including heavy snowfall (often with associated high winds), extreme cold, or icy road conditions.

1. The Congregation President – in consultation with the Pastor – will be responsible.
2. The decision to cancel will be made by 6:45 A.M. on Sunday morning.
3. Either the Pastor or the Congregation President will notify the local radio station (WEKZ) and Channel 15 to make a public announcement regarding the cancellation.

### Guidelines regarding a decision to cancel:

Heavy blowing and blinding snow (whiteout conditions).

Extremely icy roads, Parking Lot, or walkways.

A wind chill warning. Any announcement by the National Weather Bureau deeming conditions to be hazardous.

(Reviewed by the Consistory January 8, 2014)

You can also check our Facebook page or call the Church Office (608) 938-4369.

## Daily Bible Reading

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Colossians 1:1-14   | 16 John 17:1-26     |
| 2 Colossians 1:15-23  | 17 Matthew 16:1-12  |
| 3 Colossians 1:24—2:5 | 18 Matthew 16:13-28 |
| 4 Colossians 2:6-23   | 19 Matthew 11:1-19  |
| 5 Colossians 3:1-17   | 20 Matthew 11:20-30 |
| 6 Matthew 2:1-15      | 21 Matthew 12:1-14  |
| 7 Matthew 2:16-23     | 22 Matthew 12:15-32 |
| 8 Matthew 4:12-25     | 23 Matthew 12:33-50 |
| 9 Matthew 8:1-17      | 24 Romans 10:5-17   |
| 10 Matthew 8:18-34    | 25 Acts 9:1-25      |
| 11 Matthew 9:1-13     | 26 Acts 9:26-43     |
| 12 Matthew 9:14-26    | 27 Acts 10:1-33     |
| 13 Matthew 9:27-38    | 28 Acts 10:34-48    |
| 14 Matthew 10:1-25    | 29 Acts 6:1-15      |
| 15 Matthew 10:26-42   | 30 Acts 7:1-29      |
|                       | 31 Acts 7:30—8:3    |



Thank you  
to all who brought  
mittens, hats, and  
scarves for our  
Mitten Tree!!!!  
Your items are  
donated locally.



Thank you to everyone who sent a card, flowers, or a contribution in Dad's honor & memory. We appreciate the support, compassion, & kindness that everyone has shown to us. Special thanks to Pastor Lance, Carolyn Hilliard, Barb Meier, Zeke Smith, Sue Sinnett, Roann Austin, Cindi Ritter, and the Prayer Chains.

Thank you all and God Bless,

Deb & Steve Broge  
John & Sandie Turner  
Stan & Kay Turner  
Harry Turner Jr. & Chris  
Lisa Turner-Gundlach & Mark



## HAND OF GOD

This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian Church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19).



**Our Next Drive-In Service  
Is Sunday, January 16!!!**

**Come join us @ 9:15 a.m.  
in Zwingli's Parking Lot!  
Listen to the service  
from the comfort and  
safety of your car!**

**In The Beginning...**



**Thursdays @ 7 pm  
Zwingli Church Lounge**

**Join us as we read through the book of Genesis.  
We will be discussing and looking at this old book  
and what it means to us in the 21st Century! We  
will look at the text and some videos and ourselves!**

Don't worry about the future.  
Worry quenches the work of grace  
within you. The future belongs to God.  
He is in charge of all things.  
Never second-guess him.

François Fenelon



## Save The Date For The Next Super Sunday

The last Sunday of each month is designated as **SUPER SUNDAY**, an enriching experience for people of **ALL AGES**. The interactive programs are wrapped around stories of the Bible and include crafts, activities, and **FUN!!** Everyone is welcome. Kids – bring an adult & join us for this special event!

**JANUARY 30th**  
is our next  
**SUPER SUNDAY!!!**  
Join us at 2 pm for the  
Laughter & Learning.



## From Our Records

### *Remembering with Love* *those who have passed*

**Graves Schmalbeck** 05/03/1931-10/31/2021

**Harry Turner, Sr.** 08/01/1929-11/06/2021

**Avis Disch** 09/18/1928-11/16/2021

**Dora Pegel** 06/18/1933-11/24/2021

**Dr. Timothy Bruns** 01/05/1961-11/27/2021

**Jim Meier** 12/17/45—12/07/21

### Undesignated Memorials in Memory of

**Willis H. Babler** by Verlyn & Judy Adamson

**Avis Disch** by Harvey & Patty Kubly, Gordon &  
Carol Schultz

**Harry Turner, Sr.** by Harold & Carol Field, Steve &  
Deb Broge

### Designated Memorials in Memory of

**Robert “Greg” Anderson** General Fund by  
Susan Anderson

**Dora Pegel** General Fund by Roger & Karen Brugger

**Graves Schmalbeck** Window Restoration by Tim &  
Sheri Wichser, William & Kay Dickson, Carolyn  
Hilliard, Jack & Sally Stenbrotten, Buck and Marjorie  
Walls, Larry & Carol Strause, Darlene Broughton,  
Ruth Marty, Barb Getman

Parking Lot by Dave & Sue Wild

**Harry Turner, Sr.** Window Restoration by Sue Sinnett



- 01 Nicole Baebler  
Kathryn Grenzow
- 02 Kathleen Grossen  
Lois Hopkins
- 03 Dan Kubly  
Jeri Zueger
- 04 Ashley Busser  
Robin Murray  
Kortney Pippenger
- 05 Evan Feller  
Gary Kuebli  
Angelika Pegel-  
Quade
- 07 Matthew Wahl
- 09 Mackenzie Halvorsen  
Rachael Kubly
- 10 Cyndi Blair  
Caitlin Holcomb
- 11 Erin Balleine  
Ella Disch
- 12 Richard Weichmann  
Melissa Yaun
- 14 Amber Truttmann
- 15 Marian Gempeler
- 17 Catrina Emberson  
Glenn Garfoot

- 19 Melinda Blumer  
Christopher Brockert  
Kay Dickson  
Jodi Hollis  
Tristan Klassy  
Phillip Thompson
- 21 Larry Foley  
Kelsey Pippenger  
Scott Zuber
- 22 Joshua Kolasch
- 24 Cassandra Bartelt
- 25 Andrew Yaun  
Shirley Zumkehr
- 26 Jessica Zuber Etter
- 27 Alexandria Risley  
Harlow Weeden
- 28 Jeanne Gempeler  
Jennifer McCloud
- 29 Donna Briggs  
Hayden Disrud  
Richard Smith
- 30 Tyler Disch
- 31 Tim Mahlkuch  
Keith Spring



- 02 Hans & Kathleen Sulzer
- 06 Jack & Sally Stenbroten
- 29 Richard & Katherine Marti



**Thank you!!**

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the **Women's Guild Virtual Pre-Christmas Bake Sale**. It is wonderful to see the support that this fundraiser provides for Zwingli's Women's Guild. By December 15th, we have received \$600.00 dollars. Not bad for zero calorie cookies.

If you would like to donate to the Women's Guild, you still can by dropping funds off at the Church Office.

Hopefully Covid will not be a concern for **2022** in order to have our annual event on Saturday, **December 10th** in Zwingli's North Room.

Thank you to everyone!  
Sincerely, Event Chairpersons  
Barb Pluss & Cyndi Blair



**ZWINGLI UCC IS SEEKING**



**A MUSIC DIRECTOR** to select music for the Church Year, lead and organize our Choir, and conduct special events.

Approximate time commitment is 15 hours per month.

This is a paid, less than part-time position.



**ORGANISTS/PIANISTS** who can play piano or organ proficiently for our Sunday morning services and other special events. This is a paid per practice/event position.



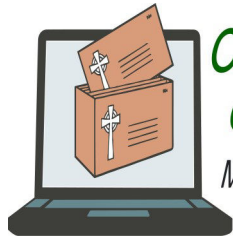
If you are interested in any of these Zwingli UCC positions and would like more information, please call 608-575-7175.





## Several Ways To Give To The Church

Set up your Church giving contribution using your **Bank's online bill pay feature!** You decide the amount, the date you want it sent, and finish making the contribution.



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Your Giving Envelope Number

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Email: [zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com](mailto:zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com)

Website: [www.zwingliucc.com](http://www.zwingliucc.com)

**OR** - Go to our **Website** and click on the hand to bring you to the **giving page**.



**Credit/Debit** - Click on Give button below for **Credit/Debit** options.

**GIVE**



**OR** - Checks Can Be Mailed to:  
**Zwingli United Church of Christ**  
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Monticello, WI 53570

**OR** - Drop off your Donation in the Drop Box at the East Entrance to the Church.

**If you are using Online Banking or Credit/Debit please call Susan Hefty at 608-938-9039 and let her know!! Thank You So Much!!!!**



## A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

*Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.*

Do not seek **re**\_\_\_\_ or bear a grudge against anyone among your \_\_\_\_ople, but **love** your **neig**\_\_\_\_ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do **right**; seek jus\_\_\_\_. Defend the \_\_\_\_pressed. Take up the cause of the \_\_\_\_less; plead the \_\_\_\_e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go\_\_\_\_. ...

To act **justly** and to **love** me\_\_\_\_ and **to** walk \_\_\_\_ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

—	father____
—	pe____
—	____venge
—	____od
—	____rcy
—	op____
—	____hbor
—	humb____
—	cas____
—	____tice

So in \_\_\_\_ything, do to ot \_\_\_\_ what you would \_\_\_\_ve them  
d \_\_\_\_ to you, for this s \_\_\_\_ms up the \_\_\_\_w and the Proph \_\_\_\_s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

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7pm Genesis Group14  
7pm AA Meeting

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