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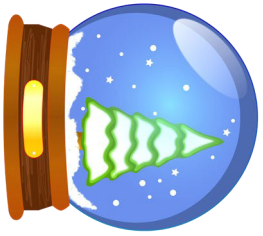
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Interested In **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

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



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

<https://www.youtube.com/@ZwingliUnitedChurchofChristMon/>



This is our **YouTube Channel**. Most of the videos we have recorded are found here! If you subscribe to this channel, you will get email notifications of newly posted videos. Many smart TVs are able to stream this channel as well.



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! **Zwingli UCC Stream** – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar to watch the Livestream @ 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.



Email us @ zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

God in Church or Nature? Yes!

Church isn't designed to be an alternative to the real world. Worship is a time and space apart from the world in order for us to find our way out into the world. Worship isn't a man-made place distinct from the beauty of the natural world; at its best, Church is a place where we realize God's glory in the world we find ourselves in. ... Do I find God in a Church? Or out in nature? Yes. ... In Church I hope to sharpen my senses so I can discover the house of God everywhere.

James C. Howell, Everywhere Is Jerusalem






From Our Interim Minister

Dear Zwingli UCC Family,

Here is a prayer to start the year off right! I would like to suggest, that we all read it out loud wherever we are and whatever we are doing as we begin 2025 in love and grace and without fear.

Dear God, as we step into the new year of 2025, we come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging your constant presence and love. Thank you for the blessings of the past year, even through challenges, and for the fresh start that this new year brings. Guide us with your wisdom, strengthen our faith, and fill our lives with purpose. Help us to let go of the past, embrace new opportunities, and live with compassion and kindness. May we be instruments of your love in the world, bringing light and hope to those around us. In this new year, grant us good health, meaningful relationships, and the courage to pursue our dreams, always aligned with your will. Amen.

Peace, Blessing, and Good Cheer!
Rev. Bev Davis



Caring Ministry Moment

Soon the Christmas decorations will be tucked away. I entered the new year with the anticipation and encouragement that the Advent season presented. I pray for you that the hope of the newborn King's birth lives in your heart throughout the year. I encourage you to use that hope to empower you to reach out to others. Don't store that away in a box until next year.

Return to those feelings of Advent throughout the year. Continue to greet people with a welcoming spirit from your heart. Call that person the Lord has nudged you to reach out to. Send a card to let someone know you are thinking of them. Don't let the cold bleak days of January slow you down from extending good cheer and the Love of God through small gestures.

***In His grace, God has given us different gifts.
If you have a gift for showing kindness to others,
do it gladly. Romans 12:6 -7 paraphrased***

Upcoming Events

Valentines for Veterans
College Care Packages

Cindi Ritter, Coordinator of Caring Ministries
care4zwingli@gmail.com 262-993-5435



Daily Bible Reading



Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love, and mercy.

And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; He is the hope of the world right now. Oswald Bronson



Epiphany Sunday, January 5th



Like the Magi, we can respond with our best gifts — our industry, our devotion, our very lives. We disciples are Christ's tangible presence in the world. That same Child whose light brought such joy to the Magi now, through us, offers his mercy to every person.

Through us, every day, Christ feeds multitudes; he heals, teaches, and guides countless people. Through individual volunteers and major institutions, through simple acts of kindness or worldwide coordinated efforts, the world can encounter, through the Christian community, the enduring, tangible presence of Christ.

Michael Simone



Mark Your Calendar Meeting

Who: Representatives from all Church Groups.

What: Mark Your Calendar Meeting.

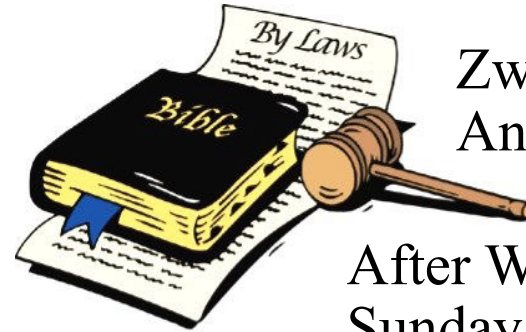
When: Following Worship Service on January 5th, 2025.

Where: In Fellowship Hall during Social Hour.

Bring: Your calendars and the events your Church Groups plan to host throughout 2025.

Valentines for Veterans

On **Sunday, January 12th**, Valentines for Veterans will be available for you to sign so they can be mailed in bulk to the Veterans Administration. Cards are then delivered to area Veterans. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

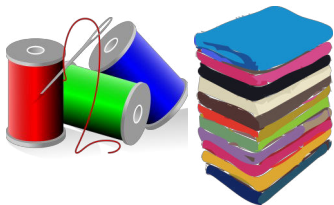


Zwingli's Annual Meeting

After Worship On
Sunday, January 26th

The PieceMakers

The 3rd Thursday Crafting group has changed its name to **PieceMakers**. We chose this name because we will be using donated pieces to create mission projects.



We welcome items such as buttons, zippers, & fabric that can be sewn and that are washable. Donations can be dropped off in the Caring Ministry Office.

The current project is Fidget Pads ([see photo](#)). These will provide an activity for anxious hands. They will be available to those you know who would benefit from having something in their lap that they can fidget with. Meet in Labyrinth Room **January 16th & 23rd**.



Welcome Table



Don't Eat Alone! Join us for a **FREE Community Supper.** Free & open to everyone.



Monday, January 27th
Blessing Promptly @ 5:30 p.m.
Zwingli UCC, Monticello

January Meal Hosted by the
Jeff & Anita Zuber Family

All free-will offerings go to the Zwingli Church Community Fund.



Thanks to the Search Committee for hosting the Community Meal in December, 2024.



To volunteer, contact Cindi Ritter at care4zwingli@gmail.com or 262-993-5435 or call Roann in the Church Office 608-938-4369.



Thank you

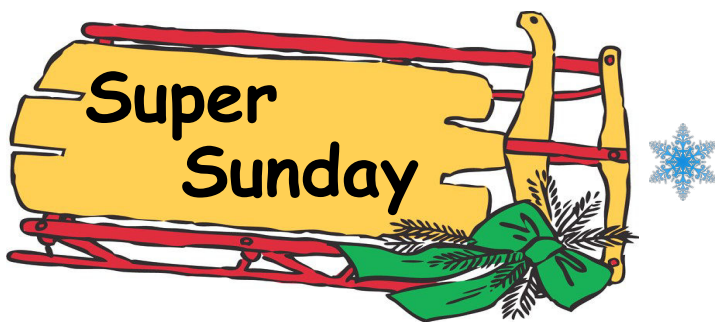
to all who brought mittens, hats, and

scarves for our Mitten Tree!!!!

Your items are donated locally.



Thank you!!



Due to Zwingli's Annual Meeting, we will NOT have Super Sunday in January.

Join us for the next

Super Sunday after Worship on February 23rd!!

Super Sunday is an interactive program wrapped around stories of the Bible and includes crafts, activities, and Fun!! All ages are welcome!!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and made purchases at the Zwingli Women United Pre-Christmas Bake Sale!

Our annual event is held on the second Saturday of December in Zwingli's North Room. It is wonderful to see the support in baking and buying that this fundraiser provides for Zwingli Women United. This year, we raised \$1,028.00 dollars, which is down from last year's Bake Sale by around \$420.00. Also, thank you to everyone who donated cookies for the Brotherhood Cheer Boxes. This year, the Men's Brotherhood packaged around 40 Cheer Boxes immediately following the closing time of the Bake Sale.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

We truly appreciate our set-up/clean-up crew & sale helpers.

Sincerely,

Event Chairpersons, Karen Brugger & Barb Pluss
+ Men's Brotherhood





PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS

The cabinet in the Caring Ministry Office is full of Prayer Shawls. If you know of anyone who you would like to give a Prayer Shawl to, please contact Cindi Ritter.



Lenten Study



The Chosen, Season Two

Tuesdays, February 25 - April 8
Starting at 1:00 p.m.

Hosted by Nancy Karlen at her home.

You do not need to read as we will watch episodes.

For those who prefer to read; books are available through the Monticello Library for personal check out. Also available through Kindle and Audiobook.



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| 01 Nicole Baebler | 17 Catrina Emberson |
| 02 Kathleen Grossen | Glenn Garfoot |
| Lois Hopkins | 19 Melinda Blumer |
| 03 Dan Kubly | Christopher Brockert |
| Jeri Zueger | Kay Dickson |
| 04 Ashley Busser | Jodi Hollis |
| Karen Clinger | Tristan Klassy |
| Robin Murray | 21 Kelsey Pippenger |
| Kortney Pippenger | Scott Zuber |
| 05 Evan Feller | 22 Joshua Kolasch |
| Gary Kuebli | 24 Cassandra Bartelt |
| Angelika Pegel-Quade | 25 Andrew Yaun |
| 07 Matthew Wahl | 26 Jessica Zuber Etter |
| 09 Mackenzie Halvorsen | 27 Sam Powell |
| Rachael Kubly | Alexandria Risley |
| 10 Caitlin Holcomb | Harlow Weeden |
| 11 Erin Balleine | 28 Jeanne Gempeler |
| Ella Disch | Jennifer McCloud |
| 12 Richard Weichmann | 29 Donna Briggs |
| Melissa Yaun | Hayden Disrud |
| 14 Amber Truttman | Richard Smith |
| 15 Marian Gempeler | 30 Tyler Disch |
| | 31 Tim Mahlkuch |
| | Keith Spring |



- 06 Jack & Sally Stenbroten
- 29 Richard & Katherine Marti



All About Attitude

"The way you say 'representative' to an automated system reflects the real you," a friend told me. After we laughed at that truth, I realized *everything* I say matters. Someone is always listening, whether the words and tone are positive or negative.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) says our language shouldn't be "foul or abusive" but good, helpful, and encouraging. Whether I'm peaceful, hurried, joyful, empathetic, frustrated, celebrating, or hurting, I can carefully choose my words (and the attitude behind them). When I'm not ready to speak wholesomely, may God shut my mouth. When a friend needs encouragement, may I listen to God's prompting. When I need to confront, may I do so lovingly.

Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence, and anxiety. In this new year:

- *I'm alone* can become *God is with me*.
- *I can't do this* can become *Anything is possible with God*.
- *I'm failing* can become *Just because I'm struggling, it doesn't mean I'm failing*.
- *I'm not enough* can become *I'm God's beloved child*.
- *I'm tired* can become *God will give me rest*.

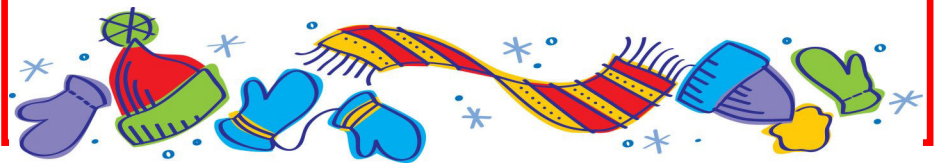
Don't stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

Janna Firestone

ADRC Grief Support Group 3rd Tuesday EVERY month 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

- ◆ No commitment to attend each month.
- ◆ You are welcome to sit in, listen, share your story if you are comfortable.
- ◆ There are no expectations of needing to talk or share with the group when attending.
- ◆ Just know and understand, you are not alone in your grieving journey.

Aging and Disability Resource Center
of Green County (ADRC)
Government Service Building
Call ADRC with questions at 608-328-9499
Multipurpose Rooms (lower level)
3152 State Road 81, Monroe



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Your generosity will ensure UCCI continues to be a place of renewal and inspiration for generations to come. Prayerfully consider making a donation.

Please visit our Website: <http://em.networkforgood>.

Check out ucci.org

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 for a cancellation notice.

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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Information you will need:

Your Checking Account Number

Make Payment To:

Zwingli United Church of Christ

Your Giving Envelope Number

416 E. Lake Ave., PO Box 97

Monticello, WI 53570 608-938-4369

Email: zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

Website: 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**.

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OR - Checks Can Be Mailed to:

Zwingli United Church of Christ

PO Box 97

Monticello, WI 53570

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

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of Zwingli United Church of Christ.

Sun

Mon

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Wed

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Fri

Sat

JANUARY 2025

Dates and times subject to change



1
New Year's Day
Office Closed

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3
7pm AA Meeting

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5 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
Epiphany/Communion
After Worship Social Hour

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8
6:pm Chime Choir
6pm Finance
6:30pm Consistory

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10
7pm AA Meeting

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9:30am Brotherhood



12 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour

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15
2:30pm Search Committee
6:pm Chime Choir

16 By Noon "Chimes"
Info Due
1-3pm PieceMakers

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7pm AA Meeting

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19 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour

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22
6:15pm Chime Choir

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1-3pm PieceMakers
7pm Historical Soc.

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7pm AA Meeting

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26 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
Annual Meeting

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5:30pm Welcome
Table

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29
6:15pm Chime Choir

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31
7pm AA Meeting

