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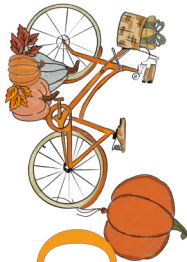
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Interested In **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

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



Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, *"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."*

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!

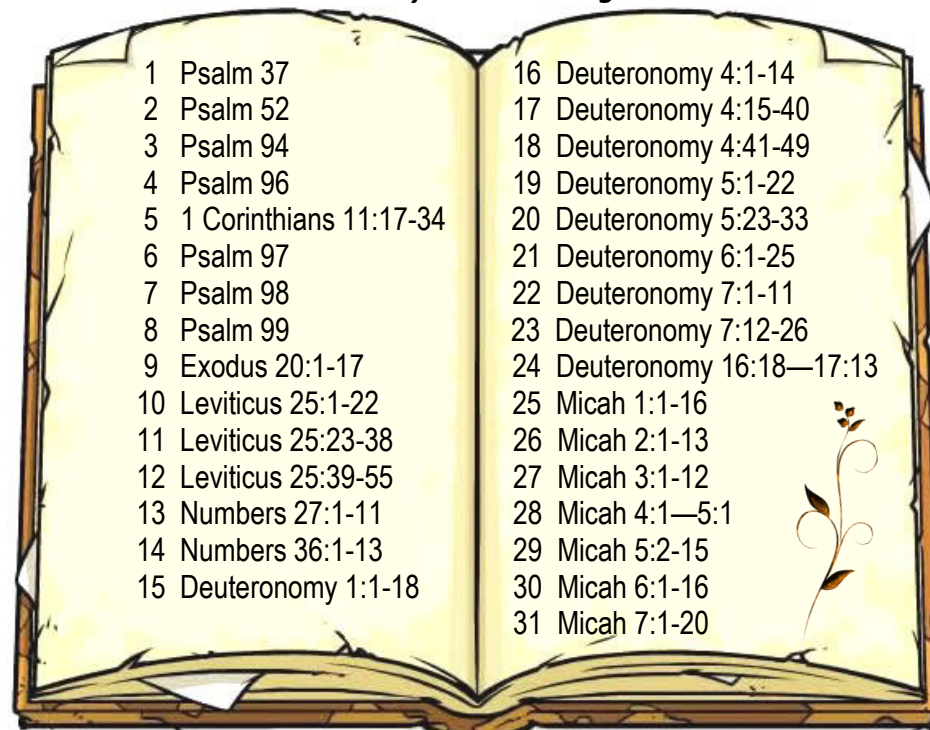


Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello) – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts! **Zwingli UCC Stream** – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar to watch the Livestream @ 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.



Email us @ zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

Daily Bible Reading



From Our Interim Minister

*"But now this says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:*

*'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.'"*

Isaiah 43:1



Hello! I am Jim Iliff, your new Interim Minister. Sunday, September 14th, was my first Sunday with you. I am planning to be with you as you continue your search and ultimately call a new pastor.

I have been retired for five years, having served churches in Indiana and Wisconsin during my 28 years of full-time ministry. Since retirement, I have served as Interim Minister for several congregations in southern Wisconsin. I have been married to Stephanie for 45 years. Together, we have three adult children, two grandchildren, and another on the way—all within an hour's drive of our house on the southwest side of Madison.

I know that this interim time has been discouraging and frustrating for the Zwingli congregation. It can be difficult to sustain the ministry of a church when it feels like you do not have a pastoral leader in place.

But passages like the one above from Isaiah remind us that God is always there, even in times of difficulty and trouble. 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.'

Hearing these words can be comforting. Sustaining that feeling of comfort can be challenging. One of the goals for my Interim Ministry will be to provide some consistency and stability for you, not only to provide comfort, but also confidence as you continue the search for your new pastor and sustain and strengthen the ministry of this congregation.

In addition to Sunday mornings, I will be at Zwingli one day each week. That will usually be on Tuesday, but not always. And I won't necessarily be in the office all day. So I need your help! If you would like to meet with me, please contact me ahead of time so that I am sure to be in the office. My email is jiliff1955@gmail.com. You can also call or text me at (608) 215-8924. Let me know who you are and the reason you would like to meet. That will help me be ready to address whatever issues or concerns you may have.

I have already met a number of Zwingli members and am grateful for the warm welcome I have received. I hope to meet more of you in the coming weeks. I encourage you to gather with other Zwingli members and friends as we worship on Sunday mornings and engage in ministry at other times. God bless you all!

LORD,
help me to REST
in YOUR presence,
TRUST in YOUR timing,
and find JOY in the simple,
sacred moments.
Remind me that I don't
need to have it all figured out --
just to WALK WITH YOU,
ONE STEP AT A TIME. *Amen.*



Message from the Caring Ministry



Barbara Duerst, Interim Caring Ministries Coordinator

Our Caring Ministry continues to do fantastic outreach to those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, home bound folks, and those celebrating milestones in their lives. Thank you to the Caring Ministry members for the beautiful ways you share Christ's love through your prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards for those who are ill or in need of encouragement. Your kindness brings comfort, lifts spirits, and reminds others that they are never alone. The compassion you show is truly a blessing and it reflects the heart of our Church family. Here is a list of activities for the month:

Prayer Chain: Weekly emails (x 4) to 22 Zwingli members (plus one who receives a hard copy) on the Prayer Chain, including prayer requests for people who are ill, injured, undergoing surgery, Search Committee, etc. The number of people on our Prayer Chains and Sunshine Team emails have been increasing little by little.

CD Distribution: There were 16 CDs distributed to 4 people who are homebound or in assisted living facilities.

Birthday/Anniversary Cards: Cinda Field sent 20 birthday cards and 6 anniversary cards on behalf of Zwingli UCC this month.

Visits: There were 20 visits made in August. In addition, Sue Sinnett delivered a bag of peaches to 8 individuals or couples.

Cards: The Sunshine Team sent 34 cards in August. Types of cards included birthday, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. In addition, the Zwingli Church family participated in a card shower for Don Roe.

Phone Calls: The Sunshine Team made 5 phone calls in August.

Community Dinners: Hosts/Hostesses for Zwingli's August Community Meal were members of the Chime Choir. We served 35 people. The September Dinner is being planned by Nicole Timm and Judy Disrud Pickett and families.

Ritter Celebration of Life: Cindi Ritter's Celebration of Life occurred on August 30th with many of the Sunshine and Prayer Chain members helping out in the kitchen or by providing food items for the luncheon. We gave the family a beautiful Hydrangea plant from Zwingli UCC. The family let us use it for the Worship Service on August 31st.

If you would like to join the email Prayer Chain or Sunshine Team, please let me know. Also, if you would like to have us pray for you or a family member, please let me know. I can be reached by phone call or text at 608-558-4458 or via email at blduerst4@gmail.com.



World Communion Sunday, October 5th "Equals at Communion"

After saving England from Napoleon's threats in 1815, the Duke of Wellington achieved hero status. One Sunday, as the Duke approached the Altar for Communion, a poor man from London's streets, wearing rags, knelt beside him. The indignant minister whispered for the vagrant to move away. "Don't you realize this is the great Duke of Wellington?" he asked.

When the Duke overhead, he responded, "Leave him alone. We're all the same here. The ground is level at the cross."

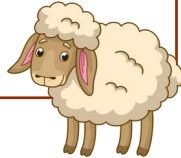


That's the spirit in which we celebrate **World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October**. Paul says believers share the Lord's Supper by partaking of the "one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). **Everyone at the Communion Table is equal in God's sight, needing his forgiveness and grace.**



From Knowing to Becoming
Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him,
the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the
more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow
him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you
become like him, the more you become yourself.

Ned Erickson



News Board



**Adopt-A Highway
Road Pick-Up**
October 4th, 2025
Start Time 9 A.M.
Following by
Brotherhood Meeting

**Church Grounds
Fall Clean-Up**
October 11th, 2025
Start Time 9 A.M.



October Blood Drive

The third
Monticello Community Blood Drive
for 2025 will be held on **Friday,**
October 17, 2025, in Fellowship Hall at
Zwingli United Church of Christ in
Monticello from noon to 5 p.m.

An appointment is strongly recommended.

For an appointment, call **1-800-RED CROSS**

(1-800-733-2767) OR visit

RedCrossBlood.org and use

Sponsor Code: **MonticelloWI.**

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate by using

RapidPass. Eat foods high in iron prior to donating.

Remember, each donation can help three people.

Stay safe and well. The current blood supply is
very low so we encourage all who are able to consider
being a donor in **October.** The need for blood is always
ongoing. Help fill the need by being a donor.

Be the change. Help change a life. GIVE BLOOD.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross.

Christmas Quilt

If you have a **Christmas Quilt**
that we could hang at the East Entrance
during the season of Advent, please
contact Barb Duerst
at 608-558-4458.

Join Us after the Worship
Service on **October 26th** for

SUPER SUNDAY, an interactive
program wrapped around stories
of the Bible that includes crafts,
activities, and fellowship!!

All ages are welcome!!!



Welcome Table



Join us for a **FREE**
Community Supper!!
Free & open to everyone!



Monday, October 27th

Blessing Promptly @ 5:30 p.m.

Zwingli UCC, Monticello
October Meal hosted by
Zwingli Women United



All free-will offerings go to the Zwingli Church Community Fund.
Thanks to Nicole Timm, Judy Disrud Pickett, and families
for hosting the Community Meal in September.

To volunteer, contact Barb Duerst at 608-558-4458
or Roann in the Church Office at 608-938-4369.

Trunk OR Treat

The Village of Monticello's Trick or
Treating will be held on FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST, 2025, from 4-7 P.M.
We would like to invite Zwingli members
to join us in the ZWINGLI PARKING LOT for
TRUNK OR TREAT.



Decorate your vehicle, dress up, and
bring some treats to share with the
community's trick or treaters. Reserve
your spot in the Parking Lot by signing
up on the clipboard on the ledge
in the East Entrance of the Church.

This has been an especially nice event for
those who live in the country or in a low-traffic
area to be able to experience the fun of en-
gaging with the community on this special
evening. The local children love being able
to gather treats in a concentrated area.

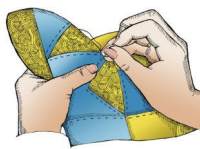
If you have any
questions, please
contact Sue Rieder.



Lord, thank You for the Pastors and Leaders you've placed among us. We pray that You will strengthen and encourage them. Help us honor their calling and support them with love and prayer.



Zwingli Quilt THANK YOU



for the great response to the request for vintage Zwingli T-shirt and clothing items. It seems like we received enough to do something. **PHASE TWO** of this project will likely start next month. This project may take a few months to complete and we are anticipating an **unveiling sometime in the Spring of 2026!!!** More information will be provided next month.

Offering Envelopes

Are YOU in need of
Offering Envelopes
for 2026??

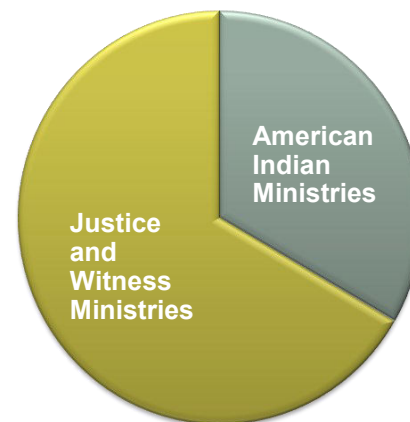
Contact Nancy Karlen
OR contact the Church
Office. Thank you!!



October 2025 Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN)

support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC Churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

Neighbors in Need Distribution



- Council for American Indian Ministries
- Justice and Witness Ministries

Send donations to:
Zwingli UCC, PO Box 97, Monticello, WI 53570.
Please put NIN in your check's memo line.



October

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Peter Gafner
Julie Grossnickle
Gregory Kleeman
- 03 Amanda Gilbertson
Nancy Karlen
Zachary Turner
- 05 Brian Briggs
Tim Wichser
- 06 John J. Baebler
Allan Hefty
- 07 Victoria Boley
Carol Powell
Marilyn Trumpy
- 08 Doug Hilliard
Tanya Kammes
Matthew Marty
- 09 Patty Gempeler
- 10 Nicki Schlapbach
Keith Von Der Heide
- 11 Keith Christen
Kathy Hefty
- 12 Shianne Broughton
Barb Getman
- 14 Danielle Bowman
Daniel Broughton
Dan LeGros
Derek Schwoerer



- 17 Susan Sherman
- 18 Addison Disch
Desirae Signer
- 19 Lawrence Balleine
Ian Schwartzlow
- 20 Ann Trumpy
- 22 Bonnie Garfoot
Cindy Lederman
Ruth Marty
- 23 Angela Zimmerman
- 24 Anna Marie Davison
Gary Davison
- 25 Joshua Dahl
- 26 Brittany Andrews
Heidi Kassebaum
Coleden Thompson
- 28 Glenn Burgy
Brian Vogt
- 29 Dale Trumpy
Hera Wettach
- 30 Charles Anderson
Jamie Gobeli
- 31 Jonathon Rupp



October

ANNIVERSARIES

- | | |
|--|--|
| 01 Katherine & Adam Hauser | 17 Todd & Julie Grossnickle |
| 03 Dwayne & Gloria Godfrey | 20 Travis & Mandy Balleine
Keith & Connie Von Der Heide |
| 04 Don & Suzy Halvorsen | 21 Richard & Judy Weichmann |
| 05 Todd & Jacqueline Sutherland | 22 Jeff & Diane Reed |
| 07 Erin & Gregory Kleeman
Bruce & Kathy Workman | 23 David & Lacey Stoerp |
| 09 Chad & Brenda Ringhand | 27 James & Dawn Disrud |



*To Zwingli Women United,
Thank you all for such a wonderful
feast following Cindi Ritter's
Celebration of Life.*

*Everything was amazing! We know
how much time and energy was put into
it and we are so appreciative!*

She would have been very proud!

Cindi Ritter's Family

Zwingli Brotherhood Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, November 1st
7 A.M. - 11 A.M.
Dine-In Or Carryout

Tasty Pancakes, Sausage, Cheese,
Applesauce, & Beverage!!

Only At Zwingli UCC
416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello



Free-will donations help with
Brotherhood projects

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:

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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**.

GIVE



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

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



2025



**Dates and times
subject to change**

1
6pm Chime Choir

2

3
7pm AA Meeting

4
9am Brotherhood
Adopt-A-Hwy Road
Pick-Up followed by
meeting

5 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
World Communion Sunday
Neighbors In Need Month
After Worship Social Hour

6**7**

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

9

10
7pm AA Meeting



11
9am Church Grounds
Fall Clean-Up



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

13**14**

15
6pm Chime Choir



16
By Noon "Chimes"
Info Due

17
12pm-5pm Blood Drive
7pm AA Meeting

18

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

20**21**

6pm Stewardship



22
6pm Chime Choir

23
7pm Historical Society

24
7pm AA Meeting

25

26 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour
After Worship **Super Sunday**

27**28**

5:30pm Welcome
Table (ZWU)



29
6pm Chime Choir

**30**

31
4-7pm Trunk Or Treat
7pm AA Meeting

