Friendship News, December 2023

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First Congregational United Church of Christ, Brainerd

An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Church Office Hours: Wednesdays – Fridays from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Pastor Leslie’s Drop-in Hours: Wed. 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Thurs. 11:00am – 1:00pm

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**Schedule a 1 to 1 (in-person or by Zoom or Phone) with Pastor Leslie:**

[www.calendly.com/pastorleslieucc/1to1](http://www.calendly.com/pastorleslieucc/1to1)

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.*

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**Pastor’s Pen**

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***The Gift of Being Present***

Advent can be filled with worry about finding the perfect Christmas gifts. Deep down we want people in our lives to know they are special and that we love them. But sometimes we overlook the greatest gift of all… our very presence. Our spiritual ancestors were also worried — often about survival in the midst of political occupation. And the response of the scriptures is “the Holy Living One is with you.” Like a shepherd who never leaves the flock, we are held close. This season, we are invited to be the gift of presence for our loved ones, for our communities, for those who need it most.

So, I hope you will join us each Sunday during this Advent Season, remembering that you are the gift that God decided the world needed on the day you were born.

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The Holiday and Christmas season is upon us!

It is a time that I contemplate all that I am thankful for: friends, family, a comfortable warm home and food on the table. And when I am talking to God, usually driving, or walking somewhere, I always express my thanks.

Last night when I was walking home from my brothers, staring up at the stars and finding them breathtaking, I as usual, said my thanks for such a spectacular sky; I thought of all of you, who I have met here at First Congregational United Church of Christ, and that too took my breath away.

I believe that God or angels take us on the paths we need to travel. And the path to this Church has been a true blessing in my life. Thank you all for traveling on part of my path. Your passion, generosity, humor, and love of music both humbles me and lifts me up in the good and challenging times of my life. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Moderator, thank you!

Blessings and joy to you all during this holiday season and throughout the year!

Mary Reardon

**First Congregational UCC News & Updates**

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**Pastor Leslie’s Workday Schedule**

**>> Sunday through Thursday (Days off are Friday and Saturday) <<**

**December Pastor’s Drop-in Hours\***

**Wednesdays 2:00 – 4:00pm Thursdays 11:00am – 1:00pm**

**Beginning in January Drop-in Hours\***

**Wednesdays 11:00am – 1:00pm Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00pm**

***During Thursday afternoon Pastor Leslie will be joined by Daisy “Minister of Fur Therapy”***

\*Drop-in hours are times set aside for “drop-in” conversations, much like a professor’s office hours. Pastor Leslie is typically working at the church the rest of the week, but it is possible that she may be in meetings, at a community event, or working off-site.

Pastor Leslie typically works off-site on Tuesdays for sermon research and writing.

Everyone is encouraged to make an appointment if the above times are not convenient.

You can go to [*www.calendly.com/pastorleslieucc*](http://www.calendly.com/pastorleslieucc/) and select a day and time that works for you, or you can email Pastor Leslie at [*pastorleslieucc@gmail.com*](mailto:pastorleslieucc@gmail.com) or call/text at 218-656-0096.

**Pastor Leslie will be out of the office**

**December 28th through the January 12th**

**Church Office Hours**

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**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Please call Terri at the office 218-829-2528 or

cell 218-537-1636 for further assistance.

**Terri is taking vacation days Thursday, December 21st & Friday the 22nd.**

**The office will be closed Friday, December 22nd.**

**How to watch Sunday worship** The worship service is **broadcasted on the church Facebook page and the church's YouTube channel every Sunday at 10:00 am.**  
To watch worship on Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/uccbrainerd/live>  
Live stream videos are saved and can be viewed at any time.

**Financial Help Available** Your Church Council voted last year to allow the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to be used to assist church members and others in the Brainerd area who are experiencing financial distress during this time. We received many generous donations! If you need assistance, please email, call, or text Pastor Leslie. Let her know what your situation is and how the church might be of help.

**Donate to the church online!**We are now accepting your offerings and donations using **PayPal.** You do not need to have a PayPal account to make an online donation with a credit card. To use PayPal, go to: <https://www.paypal.me/uccbrainerd>

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***Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm  
November 28th - December 19th***  
In-person in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom

Utilizing the book, *Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness*by Amy G. Oden, we will intentionally turn our attention away from the preoccupations that distract us from our current experience and cultivate prayerful attention toward the present moment.   
  
A few copies of the book will be available at church on Sunday. The book is also available on Kindle if you would like to start reading now. *Light refreshments provided but feel free to bring some to share!*

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**Saturday, December 2nd @ 10:00 am**  
Join the Christian Ministry Committee for a festive greening of the church event! Come and help us prepare the way for the Advent and Christmas season.  
We will have refreshments and fellowship so come one and all!

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**December 3rd** – Advent 1: “*Being Present with Hope*” Worship with communion in-person and online at **10:00 am**

**December 10th** – Advent 2: “*Being Present with Peace*” Worship in-person and online at **10:00 am.**

**December 17th** – Advent 3: “*Being Present with Joy*” Worship in-person and online at **10:00 am**.

**December 24th** – Advent 4: Christmas Eve “*Being Present with Love & Light*”

Worship in-person and online at **4:00 pm**.

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**Movie Night – First Friday of each Month!**

**Movie promptly starts at 6:30 pm.**

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You have the opportunity to give a gift in the honor and in memory of your loved one(s). We will use the money to purchase flower arrangements for the altar. All memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

**Please include all of the information below with your gift.**  
**Amount of Memorial Gift:  $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  
**Write your checks to: 1st Congregational Church** with **Memo: “Christmas Flowers”**  
**Include this information with your check and drop it off at the church office, give at worship offertory, or mail it to:** **First Congregational Church**, **415 Juniper Street** **Brainerd, MN 56401**  
**You can also donate online!** We are now accepting your offerings and donations using **PayPal.**

You do not need to have a PayPal account to make an online donation with a credit card. To use PayPal, go to: <https://www.paypal.me/uccbrainerd> **Please memo: "Christmas Flowers"**

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**Sunday, December 10th, 10:00 am**

First Congregational UCC welcomes three new members to our congregation during worship service. We will affirm these new voting members: Debbie Branson, Denise Slipy, and Kim Slipy, and welcome Stefanie Lee as a continuing covenant member.

***Join in the Potluck****! Let’s welcome new members, with one of the things we do best, a potluck dinner! Come down to Fellowship after the short budget meeting. Christian Ministry will provide several soups and homemade bread. Bring your favorite dish/dessert to share.*

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**Sunday, December 10th, at 11:15 am after worship**

**in****-person and via Zoom**

Please attend the congregational budget meeting to review and vote on the 2024 church budget.Meeting packets will be emailed to voting members on December 1st and distributed in person on the previous Sunday December 3rd before the meeting. Please notify Terri in the office if you need a packet sent to you by mail.

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**December Birthdays**

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Mary Harder December 1 John Krueger December 12 Karen Ford December 5 Paige Gustafson December 22

Joy Persall December 7 David Furda December 24

Virginia MacArthur December 8 Marcia Mans December 29

Lisa Wigand December 9 Carol Phelps December 29

Jack Kraywinkle December 11 Dave TenEyck December 29

Greta Norlander December 11 Dorothy Highum December 29 Betty Johnson December 12 Maggie Panning December 30 Greg Johnson December 31

**Church Leadership**

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**Get Involved, Give Back, Grow Connections – Volunteer at Church!**

***There are many other opportunities for you to share your talents!***

--**Treasurer,** serves a 1-year term (may renew for 6 terms). The primary role is oversight of bookkeeping, church finances and Executive Committee discussions. This candidate should have a strong background or interest in finance or banking.

--**Council Member-At-Large:**  Attend council meetings, act as a liaison for church members and council, help with nominations, spokesperson for historically underrepresented groups (HUGS).

**Committees needing fresh faces and leadership:**

**\*Christian Education \*Stewardship \*Music \*Arts**

Contact Mary Reardon - Moderator, with your nominations

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**Highlights of Council Meeting, Thursday, November 16th, 2023**

**3:30 pm (In-person and Zoom)**

*~If you would like a copy of the minutes, please contact the church office ~*

Present: Lowell Johnson (Christian Ed), Mary Reardon (Moderator), Leslie (Pastor via Zoom), Terri Chidester (Admin, via Zoom), Alvin Velsvaag (Member-At-Large Mental Health, WISE), Dan Hegstad (PRC and marketing group), Marcia Ferris (Stewardship), Tim Anderson (Assistant moderator), Cynthia Janes (Clerk). Steve Newcom (Social Justice Minister) arrived after a few minutes.

1. No additions or corrections to the October minutes. Approved as read.
2. **Clerk Report**— No activity reported by Barb Stokke.
3. **Financials for October 2023:** Financials through October look promising for a much better financial picture at year end than originally predicted by approved 2023 budget Income was higher. The projection for year’s end is that the budget may well balance with the actual at close of 2023. Motion to accept the report carried out.
4. Committee Reports
5. **Trustees**: Y’des has been contacted to diagnose the parsonage refrigerator problem.
6. **Stewardship**:
   1. Notes on Zoom meeting.
   2. About half of the 40 people who use the UCC “Connections” site are UCC inactive.
   3. During videoed church service offering can we have a pop-up with information. Dan - Do not have the technology to do this at the present time.
   4. Dan - We had 101 views on Facebook last week. Could mean 101 people, but not necessarily. Mary--If a person tunes in and out during the service, they are counted each time they come back in.
7. **Christian Ministry**: They were to meet this week but pastor not available so they will meet Monday.
8. **Christian Education**: Report
9. **Pastoral Relations**: Report, along with supplementary material. (Pls review.)
10. **Member at Large**: Alvin (representing Mental Health) –Verbal report: Does not think WISE is in a very good position now and has been weakened. Alvin has ideas about this but needs to talk with some individuals before he can be more specific.
11. **Care Team Report**: None. Communication with Council needed. Pastor Leslie has talked with the team, strongly requesting that they provide to Council some simple accounting (##s only, not names) of folks they have contacted, tried to contact, sent cards to, etc. Pastor Leslie - Around January would be a good time to have a congregation-wide check-in. Connected to this is our need to document attempts to contact people in membership role who are inactive.
12. **Pastor Report:** Report. “Sabbatical Leave”, below.

**Old Business**

1. Sabbatical leave March 4-June 4, 2024.
2. Pastor Leslie: Implementation team so far is Steve Newcom, Sue Hadland. Marcia Ferris was added in this meeting. We will get a list of possible replacement pastors from Council and choose from among them.
3. Need to finalize schedule and start contacting replacement pastor candidates. -- Pastor Leslie.
4. Survey results dissemination, goal setting - Moderator. Date set for Adult Forum January 7, 2024.
5. Further action needed that have been discussed by Council earlier but need next steps:
6. Update usher training:
   * Thre are 2-3 sets of instructions for the ushers. Need to consolidate and laminate these. Moderator will do this.
   * If there are two ushers, one should ask as greeter.
   * Pastor Leslie: Hospitality is the whole reason for having ushers. Yes, there are specific instrumental activities, but ushers provide warm hospitality to people coming into the service, especially new people.

**New Business**

1. 2024 Budget Proposal submitted by Executive Committee –Mary Reardon, Moderator

The proposed budget discussion topics:

* Predicted giving has been about 15% greater than actual pledges made before budgeting time.
* Salary increases recommended and their rationale.
* Pastor’s benefits projections
* Trustees start to build fund for making repairs as they come up, especially appliance repair and replacement, so that these expenses will not be such a jolt to Trustees budget.

1. New committee: Marketing-- Dan Hegstad

Dan reviewed the committee’s proposal. Discussion—

* The proposal will be framed to be consistent with other standing committees.

Pastor Leslie suggested that a smaller amount ($250) should go into budget as a placeholder.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Janes, Cleark of Council

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**Next Regular Council Meeting: *Thursday, December 21st, 2023, 3:30 pm***

**in-person and via Zoom** [tinyurl.com/uccbrainerdzoom](http://tinyurl.com/uccbrainerdzoom)

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**Date Update!**

Meal cooking is **monthly on the SECOND Thursday of the month.**

**The next cooking date is December 14th at 3:45 pm.**

For the last several years, UCC volunteers have provided a meal to the youth at TheShop - Brainerd Baxter Youth Drop-in Center. A number of youth from TheShop come over to our kitchen and help prepare a delicious meal that is then brought back to TheShop for the hungry and appreciative teens there.

Mary Benson is coordinating the meals, so if you are interested in joining and enjoy cooking with youth, please call or email Mary. 218-839-4990 or [marybenson75@gmail.com](mailto:marybenson75@gmail.com)

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**December Adult Forum - 11:30 am after worship**

**December 3rd – “Make It Ok”:** A presentation regarding **"Make It OK."** A community campaign to reduce stigma by increasing understanding and creating caring conversations about mental health and illnesses. Presented by Alvin Velsvaag and Kay Cox, members of WISE.

***2023 W.I.S.E. Resolution: This Adult Forum is part of our ongoing study of mental illness and the WISE program.*** *First Congregational UCC Brainerd will devote time during the next 12 months learning about mental health issues to become a WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged around mental health) Congregation registered with the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network. After a year of study and raising awareness around mental health, a vote will be taken at our annual meeting in 2024 to reconfirm our WISE Covenant which will allow us to be designated as a WISE Congregation in the United Church of Christ.*

**December 17th - Justice Action Teams:** Each team will have 3 minutes to provide an update on their work with an additional 5 minutes for Q & A and discussion. This is your opportunity to hear what the teams are planning and add your perspective. If you want to join a justice team, email Steve: [snewcom17@gmail.com](mailto:snewcom17@gmail.com) and plan to join us in December.

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**Saturday, December 16th at 9:30 am** **in Fellowship Hall**

**Contact Marcia Ferris for information.**

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**Thursday, December 28th at 11:30 am. At Grizzly’s in Baxter**

**Contact Kay Cox for information.**

All updates will be posted on the Connections Facebook Group and RSVP’s may be made in the comments under the post at: [www.facebook.com/groups/uccbrainerd](https://www.facebook.com/groups/uccbrainerd)

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**A book cover of a group of people

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Our group is reading the book,***“Gutsy Women”***, by Chelsea and

Hilary Clinton.

**We meet each Friday morning at 10:30 am via zoom**.

Church Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/uccbrainerdzoom>

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**You are invited to a casual fellowship at various locations in the Brainerd Lakes area.**

Weekly Rotating Schedule:

1st Wednesday: B-Merri - 19624 Co. Rd. 3 Brainerd  
2nd Wednesday: Four Seas - Brainerd  
3rd Wednesday: Dunmire's East - Hwy 210 Brainerd  
4th Wednesday: Black Bear - Baxter  
5th Wednesday: Wings Airport Café – Hwy 210 Brainerd

**Contact Jack Kraywinkle for more information 612-396-3480 or email:** [kraywinklej@gmail.com](mailto:kraywinklej@gmail.com)

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**Sunday December 24th**

This month we have an opportunity as we give our Special Offering to the Christmas Fund UCC Missions. Administered by the Pension Boards on behalf of the church, helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retirees, emergency assistance to clergy families in need and Christmas gift checks to hundreds of annuitants. Please send your donation to First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St. Brainerd, MN 56401. Make sure to note on your offering: “Christmas Fund”. Thank you! Or for your convenience use our Paypal account at: [paypal.me/uccbrainerd](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/uccbrainerd) Be sure to note on your offering “Christmas Fund” in comments.

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For anyone who wishes to join in on making calls or visits, the Care Team meets every month. Contact the church office for upcoming dates and times.

***If you know of anyone who would enjoy a call from the care team, please contact one of our Care Team; Barb Hoeft, Jack and Kay Kraywinkle, Pat Scott, Chris Yager, Joey Halverson, Deb Griffith and Pastor Leslie.***

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The teams will meet again on December 17 during Adult Forum time. Each team will provide an update on their work with time for Q & A and discussion. This is your opportunity to hear what the teams are planning and add your perspective.

**WISE - Mental Health**: Alvin, Kay C., Chris, Tracy

**Creation Care**: Mark, Kay K, Mabel **Community Building**: Kim, Denise, Jan

**Children & Families in Poverty**: Georgia, Kim, Deb, Mabel

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**: Tracy, Jack, Chris

If you want to join a justice team, email Steve Newcom Justice Ministries at [*snewcom17@gmail.com*](mailto:snewcom17@gmail.com) and plan to join us in December.  It is an open, welcoming process.

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**Our church continues to collect non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Shelf. There are two collection boxes: one in the parking lot entry hallway, the other in the Narthex. Brian Twamley picks up and delivers the food.**

**Please consider bringing items and donating. You may also send a money donation to the church;** First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St. Brainerd, MN 56401. Or for your convenience use our Paypal account at: [paypal.me/uccbrainerd](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/uccbrainerd) **Make sure to write in memo “Food Shelf”. Thank you!**

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**Hosts, Ushers, Greeters, Scripture-readers**

Sunday morning greeters/ushers and coffee hosts play an important part in making our church a warm and welcoming place for all. Here’s a secret; it’s FUN!! If each household committed to 3 Sundays a year as greeter/ushers and/or coffee hosts, we would have a full complement of participants. Are you ready to take the leap into RADICAL HOSPITALITY? Give it a go and signup below for your first Sunday as the face of the church! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A9A823A5FFC07-hugs/16034811>

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**The Columbarium at First Congregational UCC, Brainerd**

The Columbarium is located in the historic space that once was our church’s front entry way.

How appropriate it is that our Columbarium now marks another entry way into a new life — where the Spirits of Love and Truth are always present!

Should you wish to learn more about the purchase of a niche for your own cremains or for the ashes of a loved one, please call the church office at (218) 829-2528 and a packet of materials will be sent you via email or regular mail.

The Memorial Committee has prepared the information packet, and it contains all the details you will need as you consider inurnment here at First Congregational UCC.

Have any other questions? Contact Dawn Stattine at [dawnstattine@gmail.com](mailto:dawnstattine@gmail.com)

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**Save these Dates in January 2024!**

**Events & Activities at UCC Brainerd**

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**18th Annual Twelfth Night** **Concert**

**Sunday,** **January 7, 2023, at 7 p.m.**

First Congregational UCC of Brainerd extends a warm welcome to please join us for our 18th Annual Concert in Celebration of the Twelfth Night of Christmas!

***Volunteers are needed as we prepare and organize the event. Call or text Cynthia - 218-513-3956.***

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**Volunteers for the Warming Shelter**

**Bridge on 7th**

**Our church is scheduled to volunteer early January.** Please call Deb Griffith to learn more and to sign up. 218-851-2949.

Sign up link: <https://whocanbethere.com/SignUp/week-of-dec-4/1V4mz3t0wPg>

Training video: <https://ministrygrid.lifeway.com/#/easy-link/WPGQ/45c4e6e3-e5dd-4aee-ab62-1f71c6a061bf>

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**Mantra - Breath - Meditate**

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**Monday, January 15th, 2024**

**6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Upstairs Forum Room (Youth Room)

UCC Brainerd 5th & Juniper St.

*Come breathe, chant, and meditate to help relax the body and focus the mind. Being intentional during meditations can create peace of mind and healing for yourself and the world.*

**Guided by Robin Soderlund**

For questions: [robinlynnsoderlund@gmail.com](mailto:robinlynnsoderlund@gmail.com)

*Goodwill offering for facility use.*

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**Brainerd Lakes Area Information**

**~ Opportunities to Know and Share God’s Love ~**

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| December 2023 Calendar |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Leslie Workday  **LeMesa Grp-Meets some Tuesdays @ Gregory Park w/church backup** | **L**eslie Workday | Leslie Workday | Office Hours10am – 2pm  Pastor Drop-in 2pm-4pm | Office Hour  10am – 2pm  Pastor Drop-in  11am – 1pm | Office Hours  10am – 2pm |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | **1**  10:30am Book Grp-**Z**  6:30pm Movie Night in Fellowship Hall-**Y** | **2**  10:00am Christian Ministry Greening the church-**Y** |
| 8:30am Bnrd Frnds-**Y** **3**  10am Wrship & Communion-**Y**&**FB**  11am Fellowship-**Y**  11:30am Adult Forum-Make It Ok/WISE presentation**-Y**  ***Hand out Budget Packets*** | **4**  7pm BACP/BLUE church backup | **5**  2pm EA-**Y**  5:30pm OA -**Y**  5:30pm Small Group Journey through Advent-**Y**&**Z** | **6**  12pm Men’s Fellowship  @ B-Merri-**Y**  1:30pm PRC Mtg.-**Y**  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **7**    10am Care Team Mtg**-Y** | **8**    10:30am Book Grp- **Z** | **9**  9am AAUW Mtg. in Fellowship Hall-**Y** |
| 8:30am Bnrd Frnds-**Y** **10**  10am Wrship & New Member Affirming Service-**Y**&**FB**  11:15am Budget Mtg. Congregation Approval-**Y**& **Z**  11:30am Fellwshp Potluck-**Y**  1pm Northwoods UU Mtg.-**Y** | **11** | **12**  2pm EA-**Y**  5:30pm OA -**Y**  5:30pm Small Group Journey through Advent- **Y**&**Z** | **13**  12pm Men’s Fellowship-@ Four Seas**-Y**  5:30pm Trustees Mtg.-**Y**  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **14**  8:30am CM Mtg.**-Y**  3:45pmTheShop Cooking**-Y** 4pm Executive TeamMtg.-**Y** | **15**  10:30am Book Grp- **Z** | **16**  9:30am UCC  Women’s Fellowship in Fellowship Hall-**Y** |
| 8:30am Bnrd Frnds-**Y 17**  10am Wrship **-Y**&**FB**  11am Fellowship-**Y**  11:30am Adult Forum Justice Team-**Y**  1pm Girl Scouts Mtg.-**Y** | **18** | **19**  2pm EA-**Y**  5:30pm OA -**Y**  5:30pm Small Group Journey through Advent- **Y**&**Z** | **20**  12pm UCC Men’s Fellowship @ Dunmire’s East-**Y**  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **Terri Admin 21 Vacation Day**  11:30am UCC Women’s Lunch @ Grizzly’s-**Y**  3:30pm Council Mtg-**Y&Z**  6:30pm Dist.7 AA-**Y** | **Terri Admin 22 Vacation Day**  10:30am Book Grp- **Z** | **23** |
| **Christmas Eve 24**  8:30am Bnrd Frnds-**Y**   4pm Wrship-**Y**&**FB**  5pm Fellowship-**?**  \*Special Offering-UCC Missions Christmas Fund  **\*Newsletter Deadline**  1pm Northwoods UU Mtg**.-Y** | **25**  **Christmas Day** | **26**  2pm EA-**Y**  5:30pm OA -**Y** | **27**  12pm Men’s Grp @  Black Bear Grill-**Y**  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **28**  **Pastor Leslie out of the office thru Jan.12th** | **29**  10:30am Book Grp- **Z** | **FB –Stream Online**  **Z- our Zoom**  **C- Cancelled**  **N-None**  **? – No update**  **Y- Yes Mtg. in person** |