

Life Line

Ecumenical Lenten Series 2025



Encounters with Christ

All services begin at 7 pm
fellowship following services

Ash Wednesday
March 5

Plymouth UCC
124 W. Washington St.,
Burlington
Rev. Yvette Eber
Soup Supper - 6 to 6:45 pm

Lent 3
March 19

First Congregational Church
Rochester
103 S. State St., Rochester
Rev. John Gibbon

Lent 5
April 2

First Congregational Church
Mukwonago
231 Roberts Dr., Mukwonago
Rev. Stanton Bockwoldt

Lent 2
March 12

English Settlement UMC
28215 Plank Rd., Burlington
Rev. Tony Allen

Lent 4
March 26

Burlington United Methodist Church
857 W. State St., Burlington
Rev. Mark Hensley

Lent 6
April 9

Plymouth UCC
124 W. Washington St.,
Burlington
Rev. Joe Hackett

All of God's people are invited to worship.

Organized by the Burlington-Rochester-Mukwonago Ecumenical Community.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, March 2 - Transfiguration Sunday, Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Steve and Melinda Dolphin's grandson's Baptism. Choir is singing.

Sunday, March 9- 1st Sunday in Lent, Daylight Saving Time, Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Children's Sunday School. Special Music by Harry.

Sunday, March 16 - 2nd Sunday in Lent, Worship Hour at 10:00 am. Choir singing.
Our Special Guest will be "The Children's Christian Theatre" and they will be performing for us.
Pizza will be served following the service.

Sunday, March 23 - 3rd Sunday in Lent, Worship Hour at 10:00 am. Children's Sunday School.
Special Music by Melanie Mingus, Lora Gensler and Rose Seeger.

Sunday, March 30 - 4th Sunday in Lent, Worship Hour at 10:00 am. Special Music TBA.

FIY!

*Easter Lily
Forms are on
the last page of
this newsletter.*

*Easter Lily
orders are due
by Monday,
April 14th*

LENTEN SERVICES

*PLEASE REFER TO THE FRONT PAGE OF
THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SCHEDULE OF
ALL LENTEN SERVICES.*

Choir Practice Schedule

*Thursday nights @ 7:00 pm.
Please contact Vicki Will, Choir Director,
at 262-343-1326, if you would like to join and
sing or if you have any questions.*

Children's Sunday School

*Sunday School will meet every 2nd and 4th
Sunday of each month.*

*Please see the flyers in this edition about
"The Children's Christian Theatre"
and this summer's WCA Youth Camp 2025*

Something new and coming soon!!! After Easter TBA! The Community Book Club!

The first book will be "Stars Over Clear Lake" By Loretta Ellsworth

*Mesmerizing and romantic, Stars Over Clear Lake transports readers to the Surf Ballroom,
where musical acts became legends in the 1940s and which holds the key to one woman's deepest secret.*

*The first meeting we will vote on the future books. And if you have book selections or questions please
contact Chris Hackett (Pastor's wife). Phone: 414-416-9444 or Email: chackett3913@outlook.com*

Lectionary Readings

3/2 Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, 37-43

3/9 Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1,2, 9-16; romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

3/16 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35; Luke 9:28-36, 37-43

3/23 Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

3/30 Josh 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Prayers and Concerns



Victims of Terrorism

Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide

God's Providence for Israel and the Middle East

Our Nation's Leaders

All military personnel and their families

Casa Bernabe Orphanage

Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister

Tom Eckert

Lori Haley - hospice

Morgan Haley

Daniel Hays

Oscar Jacobs

Cindy Ovokaitys

Elizabeth Joseph

Rev. Stu Merkel

Stephanie Mutz

Matthew Olson

Julie Pagan

Viveca Persson, Agneta's sister

Torin Philips

Reid Shamus

Bill and Jean Thompson

Nancy

Morton Zimmerman



COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS



Pastor's Report

- Baptism of Dolphin grandson still scheduled for March 2, infant's health allowing.
- Lent Ecumenical services will resume and FCCR will host March 19. A coffee hour afterward.
- Holy Week: Maundy Thursday communion service and Good Friday will be here 7pm.
- Easter Sunday April 20 will be here. 10:00 am Worship Hour.

Treasurer Report

- Cash balance is down \$9000 after payment of insurance premium, steeple build costs, and parsonage renovation costs.
- \$61,500 transferred from investment account as planned.
- Parsonage painting costs were \$1400 more than quote. Bill paid.
- Total parsonage costs were less than \$18,000. All have been paid.

Worship Committee

- All March slots for special music have been filled and into April.

Fellowship Committee

- Provided refreshments for the Annual meeting and had a successful February potluck.
- Planning potluck or pizza for March 16, Lenten refreshments on March 19, and coffee after the baptism on March 2.

Mission Committee

- Crafting group will start meeting again this Friday and will meet every other week going forward from 11 to 2.

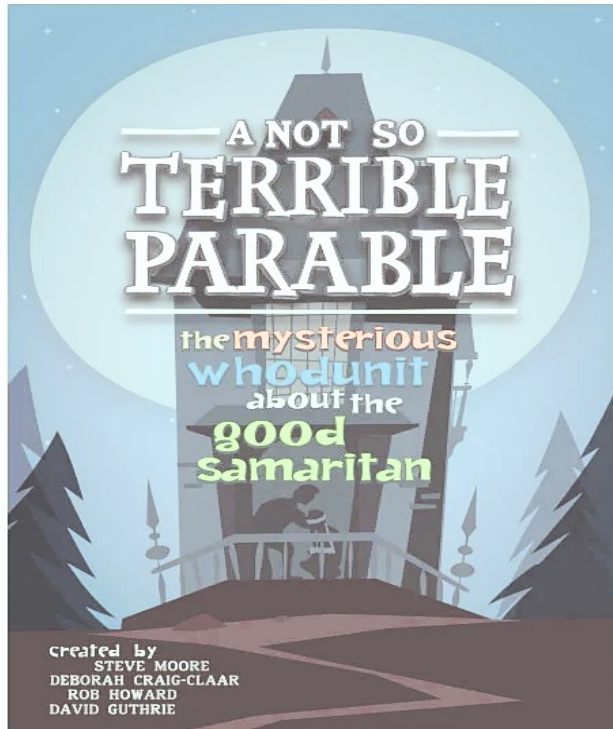
Building and Grounds

- Wayne Ball has been organizing all the work at the parsonage and all contracted work has been performed and paid for.

Marketing/IT

- New entrance signs with arrows have been installed, donated by the Dahms' neighbor.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN THEATRE
Presents



**The Children's Christian Theatre will be
performing at our church on
Sunday, March 16th at 10:00 am.**

Children's Christian Theatre is an Ecumenical Outreach
Ministry Sponsored by Faith Community Church in
Franklin, WI
414-433-0222

Faith Community Church 7700 W. Faith Drive
Franklin, WI

www.childrenschristiantheatre.com
<https://www.facebook.com/childrenschristiantheatre/>

The Wisconsin Congregational Association proudly presents



From the Leadership Team:

A mid-July week at camp is the perfect time to enjoy a bunch of goofy, water-oriented games and challenges with fun-loving friends and counselors. And, of course, the Bible is packed with lots of water-oriented stories, too. So dive into some of those as we sing, play, pray, and discuss our way through a fantastic week!

Who? Students completing grades 3-12 in the spring of 2025

What? A super-fun week of building faith and friendships

When? Sunday, July 13, 3 PM – Saturday, July 19, noon

Where? Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center (near Wautoma, WI)

Why? Many kids call it “the best week of the whole summer!”

How? Registration details are on the following pages. Read on! :))

Where is it exactly?

Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center. Check out Mt. Morris online: www.mt-morris.org

W6016 Blackhawk Road 1.888.MTMORRIS • Fax: 920.787.0072 • mtmorris@bugnet.net

P.O. Box 676

Wautoma, WI 54982 □ This address can also be used to send mail to a camper during the week!

Our Church will have WCA Camp flyers available on the table in front of the church entrance and in the church office.

WCA Camp 2025 information is also available on our website at www.fccrochesterwis.org

More on what WCA Camp is all about

It's about being away from “normal” life, being in a beautiful setting, renewing friendships and making new ones, getting more in touch with your spiritual side, becoming more aware of God's presence and guidance, learning from your peers and from some awesome adult leaders, sharing a lot of laughs, and making memories you'll treasure for a lifetime.

**Activities include
(in no particular order)...**

**Volleyball, Campfires,
Ultimate Frisbee, Crafts**

**Singing, Nature hikes,
Cabin devotions, Swimming,**

Discussions, Soccer Disc, golf, Communion

Basketball, Trivia, Yoga, Spike ball,

**Gaga Ball, Worship,
Biblical reflections, Skit Night,**

**Water Polo, Wiffle Ball, and Great meals
& snacks! AND the “Friday Finale!”**



Signing up ~ Choose your path!

Online (preferred): Print/Mail:

1. Access the form at... 1. Download form at wiscongregational.net/registration. wiscongregational.net/registration. 2. Print form (four pages).

2. Complete both Registration and 3. Complete all sections of the form (section 7 optional).

Health History sections of the form. 4. Mail the form (one for each camper) along with

(Section 7 - Scholarship Application is optional.) \$50 deposit (and optional t-shirt payment) to...

3. Pay \$50 Deposit (and optional t-shirt payment) Debbie Hayden, WCA Camp Registrar

4. Click to Submit (one for each camper). 18740 Hoffman Ave. Apt 1

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You may be asked to complete CAPTCHA. 5. Mail remaining balance due to Debbie Hayden

How much does it cost?

If you register and pay on or before May 31: \$450 (\$50 deposit + \$400 balance).

Starting on June 1, the fee will be \$500 (\$50 deposit + \$450 balance).

The \$50 deposit is non-refundable. But if truly extraordinary circumstances cause you to cancel after paying in full, the balance can be refunded to you.

Need-based support may be available through the Clayton Wakefield Memorial Scholarship Fund. You can apply online at wiscongregational.net/wakefield.

Please contact Rob Fredrickson at rcf474@gmail.com if you'd like to donate to the Wakefield Fund!



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*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

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March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 am Church <i>Dolphin's Family Baptism Choir singing</i>	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday <i>7:00 PM Plymouth UCC Lenten Service</i>	6 <i>7:00 PM Choir Practice</i>	7	8
9 Daylight Saving Time/ 10:00 am Church Children's Sunday School Special Music by Harry	10	11	12 <i>7:00 PM English Settlements UMC Lenten Service</i>	13 <i>7:00 PM Choir Practice</i>	14	15
16 10:00 am Church <i>Choir singing Special Program: The Children's Christian Theatre Performance</i>	17 <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18	19 <i>7:00 PM 1st Congregational Church of Rochester Lenten Service</i>	20 <i>7:00 PM Choir Practice</i>	21	22
23 10:00 am Church Children's Sunday School/ Special Music by Melanie, Lora, and Rose. 30 10:00 am Church Special Music TBA	24	25	26 <i>7:00 PM Burlington UMC Lenten Service</i>	27 <i>7:00 PM Choir Practice</i>	28	29

Easter Lilies Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of Easter Lilies _____ X \$10.00

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

*Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church of Rochester.
Orders are due by Monday, April 14, 2025, and may be placed in the collection plates
or forwarded to the church office.*

