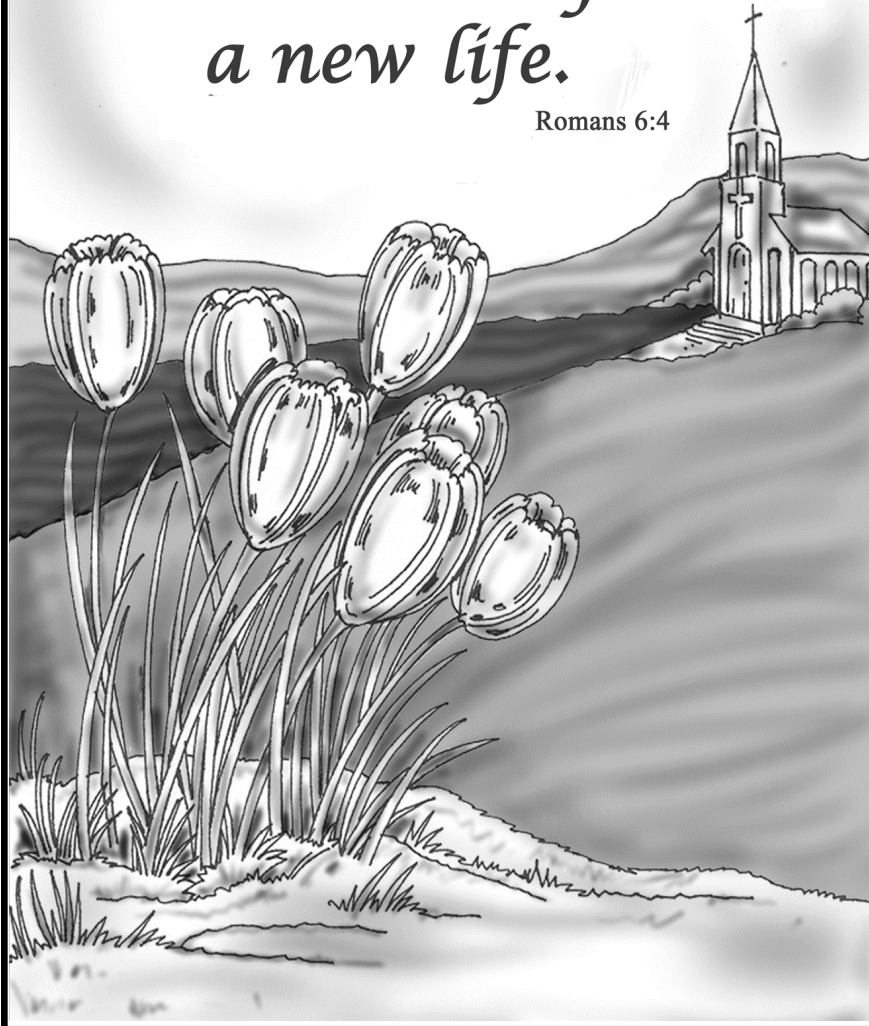


The Carillon

*As Christ was raised
from the dead...
we too may live
a new life.*

Romans 6:4



First Congregational United Church of Christ in Genoa City
April 2011 Newsletter

FROM THE PASTOR

In Hayden's oratorio entitled *The Seasons* in the movement called "Spring," the chorus sings: "As yet the year is unconfirmed, and oft-returning winter's blast, the bud and bloom destroy." What an apt description of the blustery month of March and its late season snowstorms. But no matter, we know that soon energy will be pouring out of the ground and into every blade of grass, into every flower, bush, and tree. We know that soon the robins will join the geese and "The sky will be filled with the thunder of the sun, the shaggy mountains will stomp their feet, and the wild, blue waves will toss high and clap their hands." Overhead and underfoot, and all around, we shall soon see, hear, and smell, the juice and joy of spring!

But suppose for a moment that bad weather was here to stay. Suppose that April would never come, that the earth spun out of its orbit and was headed for the icy immensities of space. Not only would that be a horrible prospect, but also, according to St. Paul, a fitting analogy for the state of humanity without Easter. Not one to hedge his bets, Paul put all his Christian eggs in one Easter basket: "If Christ had not been raised, then your faith is futile."

It's significant to note that Paul never tries to explain the Resurrection of Jesus. He knows that to explain the ways of God in the light of human experience is like trying to explain the sun in terms of a candle. To the contrary, it's the sun which makes sense of the candle. Likewise, we don't prove the Resurrection; rather, it proves us. The key point is this: Easter, faith doesn't ask us to believe without proof, but to trust without reservation.

With the greatest of hope,

Rev. Tom

Dear Friends at UCC,

On behalf of Loaves & Fishes, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all your wonderful donations!

We are also grateful to all of you for your continued help and support in our effort to feed many families in need.

Sincerely,

Loaves & Fishes

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Of all family members

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

If different than street address

Telephone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

May we share this information with others in the congregation?

Yes _____ No _____

May we use e-mail to notify you of important information or notices that don't appear in the Carillon, which is now on our website at www.gcucc@genevaonline.com?

Yes _____ No _____

Please return this to the church office or drop in the offering plate at your earliest convenience.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 7, 2011

Members present: Chris police, Tom Badtke, Nancy Marks, DeAnna Anderson, Scott Popenhagen, Margaret Fosdick, Jill Page, Pastor Tom, Eileen DiMarco.

Also present: Pastor/Parish Relations committee members - Sally Torstenson, Peg Quake, Mark Katzenberg.

Items presented by P/P committee: Kelly has requested a new fax machine and a performance review. More church cleaners are needed. A member list with updated phone numbers and addresses is needed.

Minutes of last meeting and financial reports were accepted following a motion by Margaret, seconded by Eileen.

Financial Secretary: Financial outlook is dismal.

Pastor Report: Quarterly health insurance premium is due. Request made for church's donation to OCWM. One great Hour of Sharing information received. Camp catalog received. 30-Hour Famine raised \$1200 in cash, 13 dresses for Haiti, and a shopping cart equivalent of food donations. The Southeast Annual Meeting is April 2 and we are allowed two delegates. The Annual Conference is slated for June 10-12. Confirmation is scheduled for May 22.

A request for use of Fellowship Hall for a pancake breakfast fund-raiser has been received from the Explosion softball team for either April 2 or 3. Motion made by Tom, seconded by Nancy to approve request. Work is being done on a new web page to spread the Church's message and presence in the community.

Women's Fellowship: Ham Dinner on March 16. Plans being discussed about a H.I.S. concert in conjunction with an ice cream social.

Stewardship: Tom will make efforts to keep stewardship in the forefront of every members thinking.

Some issues left unfinished and slated for future meeting.

Motion made by Nancy to adjourn, seconded by Eileen.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen DiMarco

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

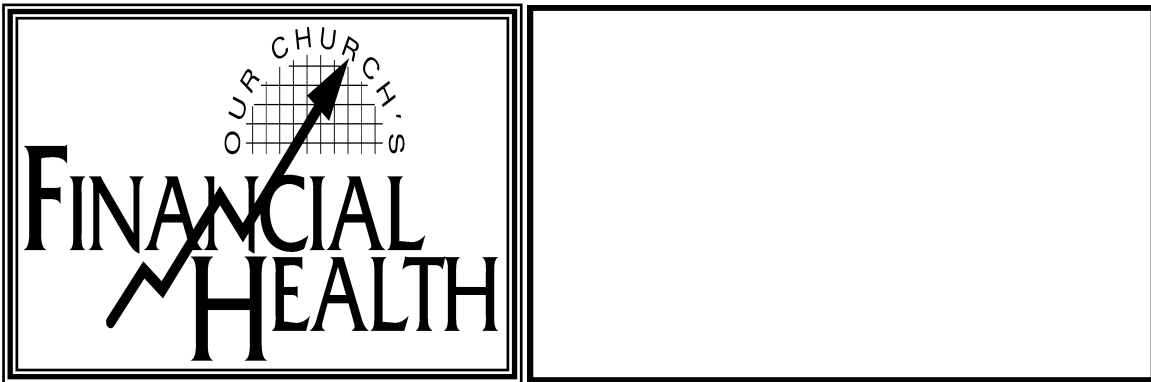
As part of the Funeral Luncheon Committee since January 1999, I can't thank the members of our church enough for all of their work and contributions. I never get a "no" when soliciting contributions for a funeral lunch, and people usually volunteer their help. (I don't ever have to ask.) Preparing, serving, and cleaning up is a task too big for one or two people so we appreciate the help of those who volunteer.

Having been a part of forty luncheons since I joined the committee, I have become comfortable with the planning process. The thing that makes it very rewarding is the gratitude of the grieving families. They are always appreciative and the always tell us what a wonderful job we do. I am happy to give credit to our church members who are wonderful cooks, bakers, and helpers.

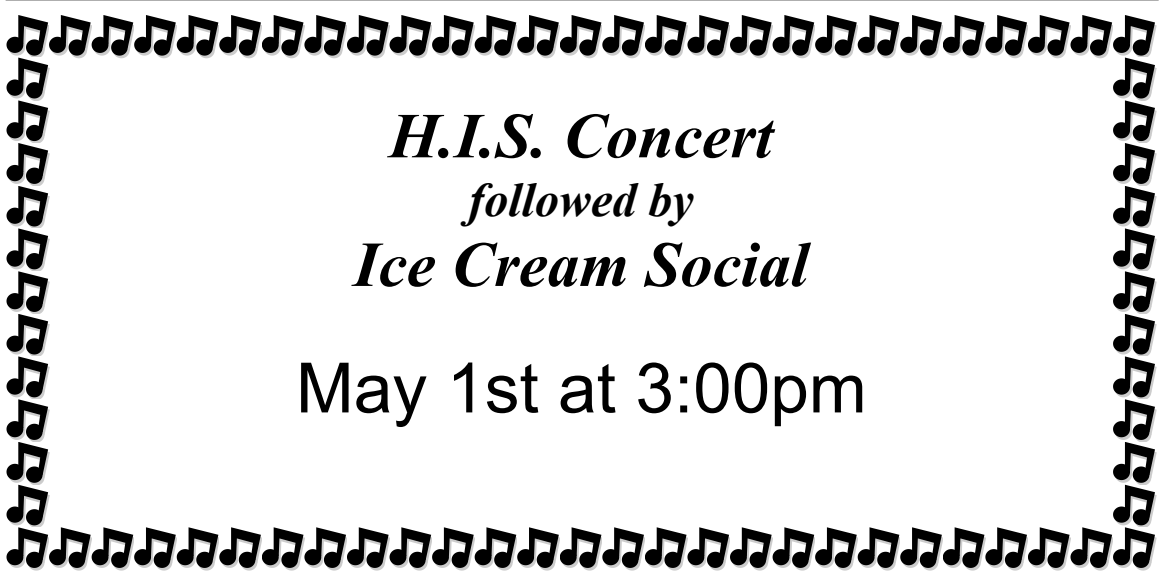
Again, thank you for your contributions throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Sally Torstenson



Financial information may be obtained by
picking up a copy at the office between
8:00am and 11:00am Monday thru Friday.



H.I.S. Concert
followed by
Ice Cream Social
May 1st at 3:00pm



April is a busy month! Our Sunday School students have been practicing Songs for all our April Events.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

April 10 we will be singing at the two Genoa City retirement homes. This will be during Sunday School time. We will have permission slips coming home soon.

April 17 is Palm Sunday. The children will be singing and will need to be here at 8:40am.

April 24 is Easter Sunday. There will be no Sunday School. Happy Easter to all families.

We have sent home words for our songs for the children to practice. Thanks for working with your child/children. Keep up the good work!

Think Spring!

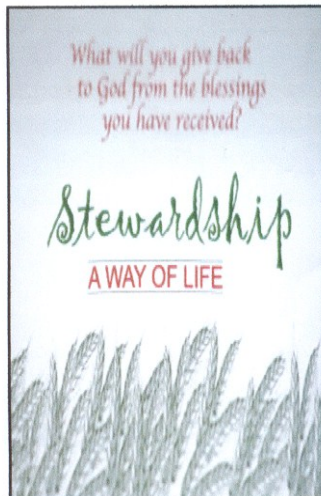
In Christian Love,

Tammy and Marlene

CANDLE LIGHTING & NURSERY HELPER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL K-12TH GRADE - 2011

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CANDLES</u>	<u>NURSERY HELPER</u>
April	Alyse Page & Rachel Radunz	Katy Williams
May	Katy Williams & Claire Kinder	Hanna Torstenson
June	Sam Williams	Aaron Montes de Oca



Stewardship is a way of life

Stewardship is a conversion of heart

Stewardship is a disciple's response

Stewardship is an expression of love

Stewardship is part of our vocation

Stewardship is an honor and an opportunity

Stewardship is centered in the Eucharist

SUNDAY MINISTRIES – 2011

	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>PIANIST/ORGANIST</u>
April 3	Tom Badtke		DeAnna/Maggie
10	Nancy Marks	Lorraine Holden	
17	Tammy Popenhagen	Sally Torstenson	DeAnna/Maggie
24	Kevin Polheber		DeAnna/Maggie
May 1	Sally Torstenson		
8	Kevin Polheber		
15	Chuck Schuren	Marlene Torstenson	
22	Tammy Popenhagen		
29			

*We realize in scheduling volunteers there are sometimes complications
and you are unable to serve your scheduled assignment.*

In that case, you may exchange Sundays with other volunteers.

*We ask that you contact the church office ASAP so that changes
can be made in the Carillon and Bulletin.*

Thank you for volunteering!

WORSHIP & MEMBERSHIP



Communion

SCHEDULE

April 3
Lorraine Holden & Cheryl Bolen

May 1
Polhebers & Police

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

APRIL *BIRTHDAYS*

Lindsey Katzenberg
Verle Beak
Joan Barker
Jeff Page
Susan Sheehan
Annette Toynton, Alyse Page
Denise Miller, Everette Dupler
Claudia Jurewicz, Sue Gifford
Patrick Miller Jr.
Mary Osborn, Tom Ruenz
Harold Kautz
Rebecca Polheber
Jodi Klabunde
Samuel Ahler
Wally Swanson
Gerald Robinson
Jeanette Katzenberg
Judy Kautz

ANNIVERSARIES

Britt & Matt Brill
James & Leah McKinley
Chuck & Barb Schuren

WOMEN' GROUPS

REGULAR MEETINGS



Women's Fellowship

Last Thurs. of the month at 7:00 pm

BYKOTA

First Wed. of the month at 1:00 pm



MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

First Thursday of the
month at 7:00 pm

April Happy Hearts Mission
Camp American Legion
Lake Tomahawk WI

Gift Cards:

Walmart, Menards, Office Max

General Supplies:

Paper/Styrofoam plates (sectional type)
Liquid hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent
Candy for candy jars: Miniature Hershey bars, hard candy
Canned goods: #10 (Large size) fruit, pudding, pie filling
Coffee: Decaffeinated
Bathroom anti-bacterial-disinfectant cleaner
Lysol spray disinfectant (no Glade)
Lime-a-Way cleaner
Small sponges
Twin bedding: fitted, flat, pillowcases (all white)
Outdoor flags:
 3 each USA (5x8) , POW/MIA (3x5), WI State (3x5)
Bingo prizes: small, inexpensive, fun give-a-way
Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex

Office Supplies:

Pens/pencils
Postage stamps (forever)

April Happy Hearts Mission (cont'd)

Equipment/Building Supplies:

- VCR's for cabins
- Folding tables, 6', 8'
- Out-board motors, 40-60 HP for pontoon boats
- Marine batteries
- Hand tools/power tools
- Vacuum cleaners
- Batter Charger, heavy-duty automotive
- Fishing poles, reels (closed-in type)
- Fishing line, lures, hooks, bobbers, sinkers

Recreation/Health Equipment

- Weight-lifting bench
- Weights
- Exercise bike
- Rowing machine
- Treadmill/elliptical machine
- Step stools with waist

Transportation:

- Golf carts
- Electric wheel chairs, scooters
- Batteries for wheel chairs
- Boats

*All monetary donations are gratefully appreciated.

Delivery date to Camp American Legion will be May 7 or 8.



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Items for the next Carillon are due by
April 15

SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 -11:45AM
Sept. - May

NURSERY SERVICE AVAILABLE

CHOIR PRACTICE
(first thru third)
Sunday @ 7:45 AM
Sept - May

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United Church of Christ
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of this church shall be to bind together followers of Jesus Christ for the purpose of sharing in the worship of God and in making His will dominant in the lives of people, individually and collectively; especially as that will is set forth in the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.