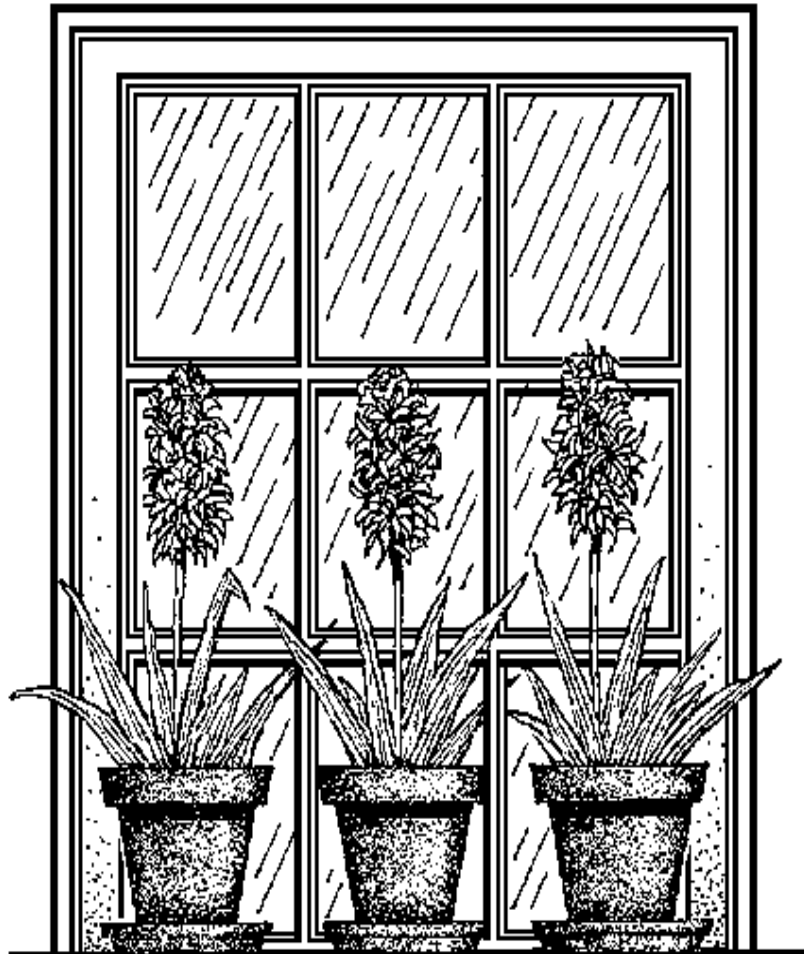


The Carillon



March

First Congregational United Church of Christ in Genoa City
March 2010 Newsletter

MODERATOR'S CORNER

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

_Psalm 122:1

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, Our Maker!

_Psalm 95:6

Sunday morning, 7:30 A.M.

Time to get moving—

kids have practice at 8:30,

grass needs cutting,

laundry to do,

shopping to be done.

Why go to church? Why worship? Why leave that warm bed? Why not practice my chip shot? Why worship? Because you promised you would. When you joined the church you promised to worship regularly. Not now and then, but regularly. Not when the weather was right or when you felt like it. Not when you had nothing else to do. But regularly.

Imagine someone saying, "I want to belong to my neighborhood association, but I'm not going to attend any meetings." Or, "I want to be a Mason or join my professional organization or be part of a fraternity/sorority, but don't ask me to become involved in anything the group does, and of course I will be absent when the group meets." Ridiculous. But too often this is the case when it comes to church members and worship.

Perhaps we need to sharpen our definition of worship or, better, first decide *what worship is not*. It is not a show performed by the choir, the organist, and the minister in which the offering is the price of admission. It is not a ritual performance guaranteed to bring good luck or secure favor from some deity. ("God, I've been a good person. See, I've come to church. Now, you be good to me okay?") Worship is more than voluntary gathering of a club called church, and it surely is not a social event for the purpose of displaying a new wardrobe.

If the above defines what worship is not, what is it?

One definition of worship is that "it is the celebration of the presence of God." Another: "Worship is our response to God's love and gifts." Still others: "Worship is the work of the church." "Worship is our response to the experience of encountering God on God's terms."

The first nine verses of Isaiah 6 are helpful for an understanding of worship. In highly symbolic language Isaiah describes how he was called into the ministry, how he became a prophet. But we find a bonus: a moving experience of worship and a vivid listing of the elements (or steps) of worship.

6:1-4 Praising God; knowing the might and power of God.

6:5 After "Seeing" God one is forced to "see" self. The result is confession of sin and recognition of life as it is.

6:6-7 The worshiper is aware of God's love and forgiveness. There is hope for the human situation.

6:8a In worship, God speaks.

6:8b In worship, we respond, "Here am I, Lord! Send me."

And Isaiah went to work! (The order of worship is often referred to as the *liturgy*, which derives from an ancient word meaning "the work of the people.")

You will find, in your church's order of worship all of the above elements. You might even find them in the above order; but regardless of order, these ingredients of worship are present. In any event, the church needs worship to live. Take away worship service of the church and soon there will be nothing left. This has already been acknowledged by the author of Hebrews as non-worshippers are addressed. (see Hebrews 10:25.)

The importance of regular worship to the life of the church can be compared to the burning coals of fire. When they are together they put out their combined heat. Separate one coal from the rest and watch that coal slowly cool and become gray, cold ash.

To this point what has been said concerning worship could be generally applied to other faiths---surely to the Jewish faith and to the faith of Islam. What differentiates these from Christian worship? One word---or two---Jesus Christ!

We worship "in the name of Jesus Christ." In worship we are confronted by his word; we are members of his church; we pray in his name; we have set aside as a special day of worship the Day of Resurrection; we bear witness to him as the Savior and the Son of God, just as the first-century followers did. With Paul we exclaim, "We preach Christ crucified" (1 cor. 1:23). The central act of worship revolves around his "breaking the bread ... and giving the cup." Worship takes place within a fellowship of persons who bear his name, *Christ-ian* (those belonging to Christ).

In great thanksgiving for the blessing of God, as made known and given through god's child, we worship. Without this thanksgiving there is no worship.

So come, join the fellowship. Come and worship. You've got the greatest reason in the world---there, in worship, is One who has died for you, who will meet you, speak with you, send you out into God's world and mission.

Please, come join Bible Study to learn more with us.

Bob Ferger

Contributors to the Carillon:

Items for the Carillon are due on the 15th of the month. If this falls on a weekend then the due date will be Monday. Items received after this date will not appear in the current issue.

Bob Ferger

Moderator

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 2, 2010 In Attendance: Bob Ferger, Annemarie Gleason, Kevin Polheber, Claudia Jurewicz, Nancy Marks, DeAnna Anderson, Maggie Fosdick, Chelsea Police, Sandy Williams, Pat Holden, Peggy Quake, and guest, Rev. Dr. King. Meeting called to order by Bob Ferger; opening prayer by Rev. Dr. King. Member/guest concerns: none.

Minutes of January meeting approved with correction of February 13 wedding date. Motion

by Annemarie, second by Nancy; motion carried. New council members were instructed that minutes are to be read ahead of time from Carillon. It was brought up that confirmands were not in Annual Report and in 2002 baptisms are not in church records. Peggy will check to see if they're in that report. It is the clerk's job to keep the records.

Unfinished Business: 2010 Annual meeting - Safe Sanctuary policy - we need to find policy to review. Genoa City Chili Cook-off: Things are ready to go!

New Business: Building use - 4-H Flamethrowers Lock in March 5/6. Motion by Kevin, second by DeAnna; motion carried to approve date. Bob handed out job descriptions for council members. We are to go thru them and discussion will be held at March council meeting. Hand out for Church Mutual will also be discussed in March. Pulpit supply for Feb and March are Rev. Hazel will be here Feb 7 and 21 and March 7 and 21. Nancy will give the sermon on Feb 14, Women's Sunday. The Youth that will participate in the 30-hour famine will do the church service on Feb 28. Ash Wednesday will be at the Methodist Church. Other dates will be filled in. Interim Pastor - hand out for phases to go thru was handed out. Discussion followed with Rev. Dr. King. Motion by Nancy to get interim ministries list from Rev. Dr. King to set up meeting to decide what is offered by those available. Motion second by Kevin. Kevin brought up we should have a full-time interim, not part time. Council did agree. Motion carried. The council will have a special meeting on Feb. 18 at 7:00 to discuss questions to ask and what to offer. Bob will check why attendance is not being put in Carillon. Christian Ed committee will be contacted about taking over Bible Study.

Treasurer's-Financial Secretary's reports: Gas bill is high. Thermostats need to be replaced. Maggie stated she will purchase what is needed. Kevin will pick them up and Pat will install them. Thank you Maggie! Claudia will check into

professional development fund to see what the contract states. The church has received \$3000.00 for Theodore Humfeld estate. Motion by DeAnna, second by Kevin to accept reports; motion carried. **Christian Ed:** Maggie-no report due to no meeting. **Properties:** Pat-Thermostats will be replaced. **Women's Fellowship:** DeAnna-Have given \$13,031.01 in gifts, purchases, scholarships and general find money. Thank you ladies! They also have been given a \$1000 donation. It was decided that the Silent Auction money will be used to purchase a commercial vacuum cleaner that is desperately needed. **Worship:** No report. **Stewardship:** Kevin-was an exciting year. **Youth:** There are approximately 11 signed up for 30-hour famine. **Nominating:** Bob asked if they might have a suggestion for a search committee chair person.

Another Fireside Play, "The Child" will be in Nov-Dec. The cost is about \$73 and includes dinner. Contact Bob if interested. Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Closing prayer by Bob.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Quake
Clerk

Thank You

We thank everyone for the prayers, cards and gifts of food during Cindy's battle with cancer. Special thanks to all the people who drove Cindy to many appointments. Thank you Pastor Mark and Sue for their visits and great support for our family. To the ladies of Women's Fellowship and the help of many dishes brought in - thank you for a great luncheon.

God bless you all,

*Brandon Coulman
Howard & Betty Klabunde
Susan & Jim Humphreys
Linda Gudino*



Financial information may be obtained by
Contacting the church office with 24-hour notice.

Join us for
BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 7:00pm



We have a few dates for you to mark on your calendar:

- March 28 Palm Sunday - the Sunday School children will carry the palms during church and also will be singing.
- April 4 Easter Sunday - No Sunday School
- May 23 Promotion Sunday

In Christian Love,
Tammy and Marlene

CANDLE LIGHTING & NURSERY HELPER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL K-12TH GRADE - 2009

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CANDLES</u>	<u>NURSERY HELPER</u>
March	Marcus Page and Alyse Page	Katy Williams
April	Hannah Torstenson and Rachel Radunz	Alec Williams

Happy Hearts Mission
Project for March

BINGO PRIZES

Small bags of snacks
(chips, cookies, cheetos)

Hand Lotion

Liquid Shower Soap

Postage Stamps

Men's Dress Socks

Ladies Earrings
(pierced & clip)

Long Necklaces

Items collected will go to
Burr Oak - Genoa City, and Fairhaven - Whitewater

SUNDAY MINISTRIES - 2010

	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>PIANIST/ORGANIST</u>
March 7	Sally Torstenson	Liane Katzenberg	Mary Ellen Kanthack
14	Bob Ferger		Maggie Fosdick
21	Tammy Popenhagen		DeAnna/Jeanette
28	Kevin Polheber	Sally Torstenson	DeAnna/Jeanette
April 4	Nancy Marks		
11			
18	Sandy Williams	Liane Katzenberg	
25	Rachel Rađunz		

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

March 7
Larry & Peggy Quake

April 4
Ruth Wisnauski

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Don Anderson
Mary Ellen Gifford,
Anthony Montes de Oca
Jeff Jurewicz, Ken Barker
Steve Ruenz
Kevin Polheber
Cindy Wilinski
Austin Popenhagen
Everette Robinson
John Kanthack
Joshua Smith, Jamie Smith
Lisa Torstenson
Glenn Barker
Mike Kautz, Liane Katzenberg
Rachel Radunz
Roger Bottlemy
John Williams, Nate Rismon
Todd Krause, Joyce Kennedy
Peggy Quake
Mark Katzenberg, Brian Rismon
Erin Thornburgh

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Ellen Krikie
John & Jackie Bettack
Kevin & Diane Krause

WOMEN' GROUPS

REGULAR MEETINGS



Women's Fellowship

Last Thurs. of the month at 7:00 pm

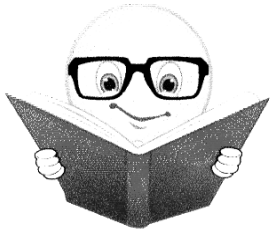
BYKOTA

First Wed. of the month at 1:00 pm



MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

First Thursday of the
month at 7:00 pm



SAVE THE DATE!

THE GENOA CITY LIBRARY FRIENDS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE LIBRARY ON MONDAY, MARCH 15TH @ 7 P.M.

WE'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR MISSION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN HELPING OUR LIBRARY, AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS GROUP SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND IMPROVE OUR LIBRARY.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND ALSO, PLEASE BRING A FRIEND SO THEY TOO CAN BECOME A "FRIEND"!

THE GENOA CITY LIBRARY FRIENDS



**BAKE
SALE**

First Congregational U.C.C. of Genoa City
624 Park Street, Genoa City, Wisconsin

HAM DINNER

Wednesday, March 10

4:30 to 7:00pm

Adults \$7.00 Kids 6-12 \$4.00

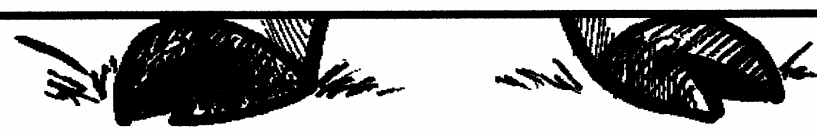
Carry-Outs \$8.00

Drive-Thru Begins at 4:00pm

Enter Church driveway on Park Street

We'll be there to serve you!

Call (262)279-5547





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March 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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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.