



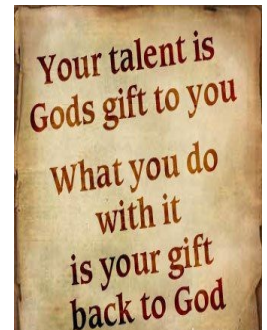
The Spire

September 2023



A Message from Our Pastor, Pat Pluss . . .

On June 25th I shared a sermon on the parable of talents told by Jesus. To coincide with the scripture lesson and sermon of that day, an anonymous giver provided \$5 for each person in worship – with the challenge to take the \$5 or “talent” and add to it with either additional monetary talents, or natural talents that you have such as woodworking, painting, baking, or knitting and use it to bless someone.



The congregation got busy. Sixty-four people in worship that day, accepted the \$5. Many took that money and purchased supplies to create something wonderful. A bazaar was held to sell those items, it included everything from handmade book marks, to dish cloths, to baked goods! Others added additional money to the \$5 and blessed a wide variety of organizations that help those in need. Here are some of the recipients of the money that was shared: Second Harvest, Sugar River Senior Center, WisCares, St. Jude, Green Haven, NG Fire Dept., NG EMS, Compassion International, Keep WI Warm Green County, HOPE of the United Church of Christ, Green County Food Pantry, and Habitat for Humanity. Many of you also added to the 5 dollars and purchased school supplies for BBBS!

Originally **\$320.00** was given out in church with the challenge to increase it. I would say you met the challenge because to the best of my knowledge and with the help of Marlis (our financial secretary) keeping it straight – the total that was given to blessed others including the original \$320.00, was **\$2190.95!** I would say that is an awesome return on the money given, thank you for your generosity and creativity in giving!

Listen to the words Jesus spoke as He told the parable of talents found in **Matthew 25:23** *“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things: I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”* Continue to be creative using all the gifts “talents” God has given you – look for ways to bless others daily!

Blessings,
Pat



MISSION / EVENTS / NEWS

Mission Committee

To keep reporting easier, and to work more efficiently we have combined our Joyful Hearts Mission committee and our El Salvador mission committee! These are the highlights of our discussion at our recent Mission Committee Meeting. If you would like to serve on our mission committee – let Pat know. Our meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month, 7am via ZOOM.

- August's mission was collecting for Green Cares Food Pantry – both food items and financial donations.
- We are planning on supporting NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in September.
- The Committee agreed we should plan on supporting the community "Treat or Treat" event on Sunday, October 29.
- We discussed possible missions for November/December. We are considering supporting two missions - one worldwide need and one local need. Two possible suggestions for the worldwide mission were Amazima ministries and Soul Hope. Further discussion will take place at our September meeting.
- Information regarding a mission event to help the children in El Salvador is being discussed.

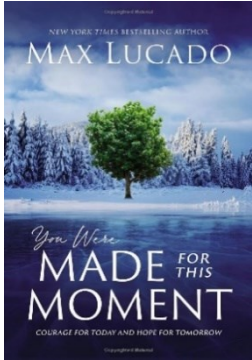
Cause for celebration – a car full of school supplies was given to Dane County BBBS and a check for \$530.00 was mailed to BBBS of Green County! Well done church!



Church News cont'd. from Pastor Pat Pluss . . .

A Special Opportunity to Give –

The United Church of Christ is issuing a special appeal to provide essential items and long-term support to those impacted by wildfires across **Hawaii**, including the deadly wildfires on the island of Maui. Through this Hawaii wildfires appeal, the United Church of Christ will increase support to immediate relief efforts and be present for the journey ahead, enabling long-term aid for persons who require assistance with their recovery. Swiss Church will collect funds through the **end of September** for this cause. Thank you for helping those in need!



Our **September Book Club** will read the Max Lucado's book: Made For This Moment. In this book author Max Lucado reminds you to put your hope in God, trusting Him always. It also cultivates courage for the challenging times in life, as well as looking at how God can use your experiences and circumstances to join Him in His holy work.

This book club will meet in the lower level of the church office (bank building) for 3 Tuesday mornings 9:30am -11am, Sept. 5, 12, & 19. The cost of the book is \$15 if you would like one, please be sure to let Pat know. Invite someone to join you – all are welcome!

New Members Class

Would you like to consider becoming an official member of the Swiss UCC Church. While everyone is welcome and is an important part of the fellowship of our church – here is what I believe is important about church membership.

- Church membership allows you voting privileges on some of the most important decisions of the church.
- Church membership makes your commitment visual. It is like waving a red flag to say I am a part of something bigger than myself.
- Church membership keeps us accountable. You will be asked to serve in a some compacity.
- Church membership connects us in a special way with each other!

There will be a new member's class held in September the date TBA. If you would like to consider becoming a member of the Swiss UCC – please email me at pat@swisschurch.org or call me at 608/558-6063. Thank you!



Confirmation

A Confirmation informational meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 10th – 10am** following worship. All students, parents, and mentors of the current confirmation class are encouraged to attend. Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, October 4. For more information or if you have a student who is interested in attending confirmation classes, please contact Pat or the church office.

SUCC Church Picnic in the Park . . .

Our church picnic was a great success! Many faces (we beat the heat by doing it right after church) and lots of yummy food and as always fine fellowship. Thank you to our picnic team of Butch & Chris Kiesz, Nora Lea & Mark Hoesly and Rachel & Dennis Baker. Mark Barnaby gave us some great songs and guitar music. Thank you to all who helped and all that came. Happy Summertime!



Dear Swiss UCC members and friends,

As fall approaches and the kids return to school, I am finding myself reflecting on our Kilby traditions. We are a church that is blessed to be steeped in traditions that date back to 1850. Kilby celebrates both our history and our evolution as a church community, an embracing of the past and the future. Historically, mutton and honey were served, according to the Chicago Tribune (February 14, 1878). However, by 1950, the mutton had disappeared and was replaced by veal meatballs and ham. Pear bread was soon added to the menu. Kilby is also a celebration of homecoming, historically of the farmers' return from the Swiss Alps; in the modern day, a return to school, Sunday School, confirmation class, and fall traditions. The Covid pandemic and the need for social distancing necessitated the change from a sit down Kilby supper to a very successful model of a meatball stand and pre-packaged Kilby meals. Time passes, we evolve, and yet, we still return home.

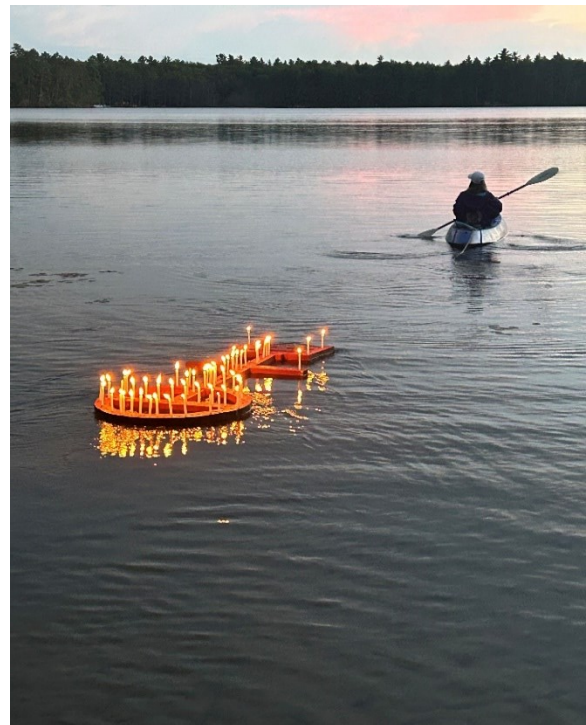
As we return to our roots and our heritage as the autumn equinox approaches, it's also necessary to take stock of the places we call "home." I was blessed in August to spend a week as co-director of Camp AweSum, one of our innovative UCC church camps that provides respite and recreation for families who have a child or young adult on the Autism Spectrum. This camp is held three to four weeks each summer at Moon Beach, our beautiful UCC church camp in St. Germain, Wisconsin. Camp AweSum is unique in that it provides a camping experience for the entire family, with staff providing respite care in the morning for the children (those with Autism and their siblings) and family recreational opportunities in the afternoons and evenings. For those of you who spent any time at summer camp, you know the magic that camp can offer. It is truly a place for campers to build community and develop life-long friendships. What I love the most about our UCC church camps is that they provide open and affirming opportunities to experience nature, community and faith, welcoming to all. They are the very definition of "home." Our UCC outdoor ministry provides traditional camp opportunities such as the Youth Faith Formation Weekend in early November that our confirmation students will have the opportunity to enjoy this year. Camps for quilters, bicyclists, and those who love to bake or want to learn to sail are also offered. However, newer camps were added in recent years

to support families who are providing care for a loved one with Dementia, a child/young adult with Autism (Camp AweSum) and other developmental disabilities (Wonder Camp). Camps are also available to support children touched by foster care and to support non-traditional families. It is a place where all are welcome and cared for, and while hiking in the woods or sitting by the lake, can hear that God is indeed still speaking. In order to help our church members connect with God while experiencing the wonder of nature, the consistory decided at the July meeting to provide for 50% of the cost of attending a UCC church camp, up to \$200 per year. More information about the UCC camps can be found at ucci.org. Camps are located in St. Germain WI, Ripon WI, and in Washington County, just north of West Bend.

As we move toward autumn, let's honor the traditions of our history while we embrace change. Let's continue to celebrate our church family by serving our community, both through our wonderful Kilby meal, and through our radical hospitality to all.

Blessings and peace,

Jessica Swan





Do you know someone who doesn't have a church home?
Maybe someone struggling right now with life changes – divorce,
children grown, a death in the family...

Invite them to join us for our 4-week sermon series called:

Why Church?

Together we will look at why we need church and some of the
struggles folks face that keep them from going.

Join us September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 9am in-person or live stream at

www.facebook.com/swisschurch

Swiss UCC - North side entrance is handicap accessible

Everyone is Welcome!

A thankful  is a happy 



A THANKFUL HEART OVERFLOWS WITH *Generosity*

Here are a few different ways to give and support our ministry...

CHECK

Make a check payable to either Swiss United Church of Christ, Swiss UCC or Swiss Church.

You may designate a specific fund such as General, Property, OCWM, Cemetery or a different fund on your memo line of the check.

DIRECT AUTOMATIC FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please call the church office to complete an authorization form to authorize a monthly donation from your bank account and return to Financial Secretary with a voided check.

ONLINE

Click the GIVE button on our church website at swisschurch.org

Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund and enter your email address.

Click GIVE and enter your payment method to complete the transaction.

TEXT




Text SWISSCHURCH and the amount to 73256.

Click the link you receive in your text message response.

Select a fund, enter your email address and payment information to complete the transaction.

Thank you for your generous support of the work of our church!

Memorial Donations -

-  In memory of Bert Figi designated to Undesignated Memorial Fund
 -  In memory of Rollie Disch designated to Undesignated Memorial Fund
 -  In memory of Odella Burnard designated to Undesignated Memorial Fund
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Swiss Church Sunday School Registration and Kick-off September 10th

Reminder – Parents are invited to sign up their children for Swiss Church Sunday School, which will start at 9:15 am, on Sunday, Sept. 10th, in the downstairs classroom, immediately following the children's moment with Pastor Pat. Look for the Sunday School Registration form included in this Spire.



**Swiss United Church of Christ
Sunday School Registration Form
Sept. 2023 – May 2024**

Please submit this form to the church office (use mailbox) or drop off on Sept. 10th.

Child Name (First & Last)	Grade (in Sept.)	Birthday (MM-DD-YY)	Allergies? (please list all food/ medical concerns)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Family Info

Parent/Guardian 1

Parent/Guardian 2

Name (First & Last)

Cell Phone

Text Yes
 No

Text Yes
 No

Home Phone

Email

Emergency Contacts

Name & Relationship: _____	Phone: _____
Name & Relationship: _____	Phone: _____

I give the following people permission to pick my child/ren up from Sunday School (can list more than one name): _____

I give permission for my child/ren to walk across the street to Village Park with a group of teachers, volunteers and classmates: Yes No

I give permission for my child/ren to walk to Coffee Hour unescorted: Yes No

I give permission for photographs of my child/ren to be used by Swiss Church in publicity and promotion of activities, both online and in print: Yes No

By signing this form, I grant permission for my child/ren to participate in the Sunday School Program at Swiss Church.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Welcome to the 2023 Kilby Homecoming Celebration Event!

We are excited to be hosting a modified version of traditional Kilby that we are calling 'Kilby Express'. Here are our plans.

A Taste of Kilby – Walking Swiss Meatballs & Food

Stand - Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th

- In tandem with the New Glarus Oktoberfest Celebration, we will be hosting a food stand at the church's south side lawn, offering 'A Taste of Kilby' to locals and visitors throughout the afternoon and into the evening.
- Serving will start at noon on Saturday, and we will conclude around 8 pm.
- Due to the overwhelming success of our food stand last year, we would also like to extend the food stand to Sunday from noon to 4:00 pm (or whenever we run out of meatballs).

Kilby Express – Take Out Dinners on Saturday, September 23rd

- We are offering "Kilby Express" take out dinners again this year. This will include Swiss Meatballs, Swiss Mashed Potatoes, Swiss Green Beans, and some of our traditional Swiss Specialty goodies as well.
- The Take-Out / Pick Up location will be at our 4th Avenue church entrance (at the north / park side of the church). Pick up times will begin at 4:30 pm that afternoon.
- Deliveries will also be available upon request.
- All take-out and delivery dinner orders need to be arranged for / reserved and prepaid by or before Wednesday, September 20th.
- Ways to reserve your Take-Out or Delivery Dinner:
 - Go online to the church website – Click the 'Give' Tab, then select Kilby Dinner from the dropdown tab.
 - Fill out the attached form - Kilby Express Take-Out / Delivery, and return it to the church office along with your check payment for the dinners.

Your Support of Kilby in 2023

While we are not hosting a traditional supper in Fellowship Hall this year, our goal is to serve as many or more people than we have in the past - between the Take-Out Express Dinner and the Taste of Kilby Food Stand. We are excited to see what this year may bring! We ask you to consider helping with the event and consider monetary support as well. Attached you will find the sign-up sheet.

The proceeds from the Kilby fundraising this year will be directed to the Church Campus Repair & Improvement fund. While we have made significant progress on a number of church projects over

the last year, including the roof replacement, there are still a number of deferred maintenance projects that require attention and resources. Monies raised will help us to continue to address those needs. Please consider being a Kilby 2023 Donor in one of the following categories:

- \$25 – Swiss Bell Donor Level
- \$50 – Goat Children Donor Level
- \$75 – Brown Swiss Donor Level
- \$100 – Love & Hugs Homecoming Donor Level
- \$125 – Swiss Yodeler Donor Level
- \$175 – Mountain Climber Level
- \$ _____ - Select Your Amount

You can make your check payable to Swiss Church and mail or deliver that to the church office. Please note “Kilby Donation” on your check.

Kilby Roll Call 2023

The Kilby Roll Call is a long-standing tradition for our church family as we celebrate this Homecoming event. Traditionally, at the in person Kilby Sunday worship service as your Confirmation Class year is called, persons attending stand up to be counted. We also document persons attending who were confirmed in a different church, in a different country, or joined the family of faith in some other manner.

This year, and as we look to the future – we are embracing the opportunity to leverage our Online Worship presence, and our Kilby Roll Call will be hosted both in person at the Kilby Sunday worship, as well as virtually! If you will **not** be attending worship service **in person that day**, enclosed you will find a Kilby Roll Call sheet to please complete and send back to the church by or before Sunday, September 17th. We will tally the replies received from our online attendees and will share our response numbers as well on Kilby Sunday, September 23rd.

We look forward to a successful Kilby Celebration!

Yours in Christ,

Kilby Coordination Team – Tabatha Barnaby, Shelly Johnson, Melodie Ace, & Diana Clark

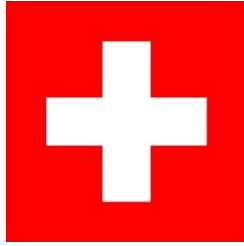
Attention:

Kilby Pie Makers -

Please feel free to make the pies in a square pan or a round pan.



HAPPY BAKING!



SWISS CHURCH 2023 KILBY EXPRESS TAKE-OUT DINNER MENU

The updated menu for the Kilby Express Take-out Dinner includes:

Swiss Meatballs - Swiss Mashed Potatoes

Swiss Style Green Beans - Bread & Butter - Braetzli

Zueribieter - Pear Bread - Pie

- ➔ The Kilby Express Dinner is being hosted on Saturday, September 23rd. Dinners are \$15 each.
- ➔ The take-out/pick-up location will be at our 4th Avenue church entrance (at the north/park side of the church). Pick up times will begin at 4:30 pm that afternoon. Deliveries will also be available upon request.
- ➔ All take-out and delivery dinner orders need to be reserved and prepaid by or before Wednesday, September 20th.
- ➔ Ways to reserve your take-out or delivery dinner:
 - Go online to the church website (<https://www.swisschurch.org>)
 - Click the 'Give' Tab.
 - Click the drop-down arrow next to 'Fund'.
 - Then select Kilby Supper – Take out Meal \$15 each.
 - OR - Fill out the attached form - Kilby Express Take-out/Delivery and return it to the church office along with your check payment for the dinners.
- ➔ All proceeds from this year's Kilby Event will be directed to the Church Campus Repair & Improvement Fund.

Thank you for your Support!

SUCC Volunteer Schedule – Sept. 3 – Nov. 26, 2023

The volunteer schedule has been updated with assignments added from Sept.3-Nov. 26, 2023. Please feel comfortable to schedule your own trade with another volunteer, if you are unable to volunteer on the week that you are assigned to Greet or Host for Coffee Hour. After you schedule a trade with another volunteer, please call the church office (608)527-2119, or notify Diane at diane@swisschurch.org, with the updates. Thank you!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Volunteer – North Door – (facing pool)</u>	<u>Volunteer - South Door (upstairs)</u>	<u>Communion – (Last Sunday of the month)</u>	<u>Coffee Hour – Wkly.</u>
Sept. 3 rd	Nicole, Nate, Jaiden, Lucy, & Jackson Sidwell	Dale Hustad		Tom & Nancy Marty
Sept. 10 th	Rachel Baker	Bonnie Klassy		Diane & Denny Holcomb
Sept. 17 th	Scott & Lindsay Gruenenfelder	Tabatha Barnaby		Jon & Judy Ziltner
Sept. 24th (Kilby Weekend)	Tom & Nancy Marty	Shelby & Ron Fritz	No communion today	Peggy Hartman Jeglum & Angie Rear
Oct. 1 st	Linda & Gregg Smith	TBD	World Communion Sunday – Barb Anderson	Bonnie Klassy & Diana Lehnherr
Oct. 8 th	Brenda Keepers & John Mauerman	Peggy Hartman Jeglum		Sandy & Guy Nelson
Oct. 15 th	Greg, Melanie & Harrison Hubbard	Bill & Jackie Hustad		Tabatha Barnaby & Brenda Bright, Lukas & April Bright
Oct. 22 nd	Jay, Theresa, Kellen & Maya Martinson	Sue & Roy Kempfer		Gloria Bodenmann & Nancy Galhouse
Oct. 29 th	Bob, Michelle & Brock Roth	Mya & Diana Clark	Diane Elmer	Diane & Jim Elmer
Nov. 5 th	Tricia, Jeff, Clara & Connor Winden	Kim & Nicole Burton		Barb Anderson & Cheryl Bartle
Nov. 12 th	Jessica, Sydney & Paige Swan	Carol Holmes		Butch & Chris Kiesz
Nov. 19 th	Dennis & Diane Holcomb	Charity, James, Grace & Rose LaFrance		Mark & Nora Lea Hoesly
Nov. 26 th	Guy & Sandy Nelson	Kay Zimmerman	Barb Anderson	Shelly Johnson & Rebecca Thompson

Note: If you are scheduled with another SUCC member on this coffee hour rotation – please contact them ahead, so you discuss your plan to host coffee hour. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host coffee hour at SUCC.

Swiss United Church of Christ

2023 Kilby Season Silent Auction

The 2023 Kilby Season Silent Auction will be hosted again this year, with bidding kicking off on Kilby Saturday. We are seeking donated gift baskets and items to include in this year's event.

- An online Silent Auction platform has been established. All baskets and donated items will be posted here with pictures and a description of the contents.

Check it out at: www.32auctions.com/2023KilbySilentAuction

- The Silent Auction bidding will begin on Saturday, September 23rd at 12 noon CT.
- Bidding will conclude on Saturday, October 21st at 12 noon CT.

If you would like to donate an item, please contact Melodie Ace at 608/235-0361 or melodie.ace@gmail.com to coordinate for pick up or delivery of the item by or before Wednesday, September 20th.

Variety of donated gift baskets and items is wonderful. Items can be of any monetary value, and are to be in new condition. Below are a few ideas that we have seen in years past.

- Pie of the Season / Month – fresh baked and delivered by the baker to the awarded bidder.
- A Pampered Spa Themed gift basket - (perhaps some lotions or essential oils, bath salts, nail polish / pedicure kit, etc., perhaps a gift card to an area salon, etc.)
- Gardeners Goodies - (Garden gloves, seeds, garden hand tools, perhaps a local greenhouse gift card, etc.)
- Kiddos Creativity - (coloring books, crayons, Go Fish or other card games, sidewalk chalk, etc.)

Please complete the attached form and return it along with your item so we know the minimum bid to suggest, and can provide a good description of the contents for bidders. Also, let us know where you would like your donated item proceeds to be directed and benefit. Our church has a variety of missions and funds that we support. A few to consider: The Church Campus Repair & Improvement Fund, Swiss Church Care & Share, All God's Children, Habitat for Humanity, Youth Missions, etc.

Please feel welcome to reach out with any questions.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to donate and bid on these amazing items! In years past, it has proven to be fun, (even sometimes slightly competitive as bidding commences), and ultimately serves to benefit projects and missions that align with the heart of our church family.

Swiss Church 2023 Kilby Season Silent Auction Sign Up Sheet

Name of Donor: _____

Item: _____

Description of Item: _____

Estimated Retail Value: \$ _____

(This will allow us to establish a Minimum Bid amount).

Bid Proceeds to Benefit: _____

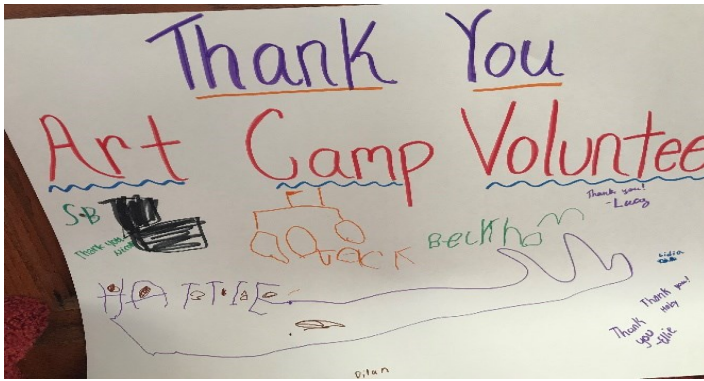


SUCC Art & Science Camp -

A big shout-out and thank you to Nicole Sidwell and Heidi Mondloch for leading our Art and Science Camp held recently.

There were many adult helpers and kids from ages 3-14, some were church members and there were also some new faces. The kids had a blast and couldn't wait to do the next project! So many beautiful and happy faces!

Our guests made lava lamps, catapults, bridges and painted rocks to name a few but the closing experience was to pack an egg with supplied material and drop it from the balcony. That was the best! Great fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone that helped!





“Thanks” to all our local musicians sharing their Talents . . .

Thanks to the Maennerchor and the Alphorn players who entertained us during the church service on Aug. 6th.

“Thank you” to everyone at SUCC and friends who have so generously shared their talents by providing us with beautiful music over the course of many years during our church services. We are truly blessed!



**Volksfest Weekend –
August 6, 2023**

More of Picnic in the Park . . .



“Many Thanks” to the Picnic Committee –
 Mark & Nora Lea Hoesly
 Butch & Chris Kiesz
 Denny & Rachel Baker

GREAT JOB!

“Special Thanks” to
 Marc Barnaby for
 providing us with
 beautiful music!



Thanks to everyone who provided food to share!

2023-24 Consistory Members

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September Joyful Celebrations

Anniversaries

3	Jim & Debbie Legler	17	Dave & Sally Lamp, Gof & Mary Thomson
6	Keith & Ashley Rockett	20	Kevin & Michele McGinley
7	Brad & Gail Beal	23	Heinz & Charleen Mattmann
11	Tim & Mary Usher	26	Dave & Carol Hustad
12	Jim & Debbie Kundert		



Birthdays

1	Jonathon Truttmann, Mark Truttmann Chris Rear	17	Abraham Thompson
2	Heinz Mattmann, Ja-Ae Borth	18	Debbie Legler, Michelle Schieldt
3	Lexi Hanson	20	Jim Kundert, Rose Elliott
4	Vicki Miller	21	Jonathan Mattmann
5	Jon Ziltner, Dana MacLean	22	Jake Roth
6	Ron Fritz, Elaine Grenzow	23	Andy Craven
7	Pete Swenson	24	Jackson Schiro, Charlie Douma
8	Doris Streiff	25	Alayna Truttmann, Greg Hubbard
9	Art Marty, Lacy Krahenbuhl, Pat Jeglum Dave Anderson	26	Jamie Swan
12	Barbara Streiff, Denny Holcomb	30	Douglas Truttmann
13	Kaylie Clark		
14	Josie Wieser, Aleta Martinson, Nancy Marty		
16	Gary Ott, Milo Hoesly		



We are truly very sorry if we missed your anniversary or birthday. The information is taken from Realm the church database. Contact the office so we are aware of your special day so we don't miss it next time.



Notes of Thanks . . .

Thank you so much for the Birthday wishes you sent my way and to those that joined me at my Birthday gathering. It warmed my heart!
Thank you~
Lila Saunders

Green Cares Food Pantry – Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry. Your continued support enables the pantry to continue to feed hungry families in Green County.
Thanks again!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green County – Thank you so very much for the money you donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters for kids in our programs school supplies! It was so great to be able to shop and get exactly what was needed on their school supply lists! The families we donated to were very thankful! We appreciate your support of BBBS of Green County! Thanks again!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County – Tracy of BBBS of Dane County spoke during our church service on July 30th on the benefits and the rewards of participating in the BBBS program, for the Bigs and Littles, both. Tracy also “Thanked” SUCC members for their generous carload of “Back to School” supplies that were donated to BBBS of Dane County. Many “Thanks” to everyone!

National Alliance on Mental Illness- Green County

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

**NAMI Green County will offer their next in person class beginning on
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.
In the lower level conference room at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce Building,
1505 9th St, Monroe WI.**

Please call 608-324- 4677 or email info@namigreencounty.org to register

What You'll Gain

NAMI Family-to-Family not only provides information and strategies for taking care of the person you love, but you'll also find out that you're not alone. Recovery is a journey, and there is hope.

The group setting of NAMI Family-to-Family provides mutual support and shared positive impact—experience compassion and reinforcement from people who understand your situation. Sharing your own experience may help others in your class. In the program, you'll learn about:

- How to solve problems and communicate effectively
- Taking care of yourself and managing your stress
- Supporting your loved one with compassion
- Finding and using local supports and services
- Up-to-date information on mental health conditions and how they affect the brain
- How to handle a crisis
- Current treatments and therapies
- The impact of mental health conditions on the entire family

Swiss Church Worship Services

In-person Worship: Every Sunday at 9:00 am.

Online Worship: Swiss Church sermons and the Children's Moment are recorded weekly and are available on Facebook/Swiss Church or go to the Swiss UCC website at www.swisschurch.org to view.

Scripture Reading and Listening:

For those who want to spend quality time reading the Bible daily or maybe you want to listen to a Christian radio station go to 102.5 FM or 88.3 FM. A good website for scripture readings go to www.biblegateway.com

2023 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

General Fund

	2023	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2023	BUDGET
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	NET	NET
	INCOME	INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	INCOME	INCOME
January	\$14,898	\$15,105	\$17,158	\$18,404	\$18,930	\$16,147	-\$3,506	-\$3,825
February	\$21,565	\$22,976	\$22,409	\$18,517	\$21,744	\$20,326	\$3,048	\$1,232
March	\$24,184	\$21,712	\$20,984	\$18,820	\$21,210	\$18,375	\$5,579	\$503
April	\$25,832	\$22,196	\$20,708	\$17,617	\$19,274	\$17,195	\$8,216	\$2,923
May	\$17,245	\$20,355	\$19,207	\$20,052	\$20,008	\$17,147	-\$2,807	\$347
June	\$15,594	\$13,617	\$13,366	\$20,224	\$20,054	\$16,018	-\$4,630	-\$6,437
July	\$20,846	\$17,585	\$17,765	\$15,959	\$19,019	\$17,046	\$4,887	-\$1,434
August			\$15,623			\$17,255		
Sept.			\$20,071			\$19,279		
October			\$22,284			\$17,809		
Nov.			\$17,460			\$16,523		
Dec.			\$43,305			\$20,855		
YTD	\$140,164	\$133,547	\$250,339	\$129,592	\$140,239	\$213,973	\$10,572	-\$6,691

BENEVOLENCE DONATIONS	OTHER FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY					Balance as of 7/31/2023		
	OCWM	Non-OCWM	Net Income					
	Restricted	Restricted	Cemetery	Property	Endow	General		
January	\$707	\$425	-\$372	\$1,570		Property		\$74,106
February	\$1,035	\$2,543	-\$380	-\$11,940		Restricted		\$100,068
March	\$852	\$3,074	\$191	\$2,080	\$2,370	Cash Reserve		\$59,169
April	\$1,217	\$993	-\$1,553	\$2,699		Cash Reserve CD		\$55,196
May	\$727	\$2,391	-\$493	\$15,535		Cemetery Checking		\$50,000
June	\$847	\$278	-\$625	\$820	\$3,030	Cem. Savings		\$9,657
July	\$977	\$3,256	-\$953	\$1,835		Cem. Perpetual Care		\$10,295
August				\$12,599		Endowment Fund		\$57,997
Sept.						Debt Obligation		\$614,745
October						Current Liabilities		\$0
Nov.								\$1,751
Dec.								
YTD	\$6,362	\$12,959	-\$4,186	\$12,599	\$5,400			
Pledge	\$10,000							

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SWISS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Church Offices located above – The Bank of New Glarus - Downtown)

Office Hours -- Monday – Thursday – 10 am – 2 pm

Phone: 608-527-2119

Swiss United Church of Christ
2023 Kilby Supper Sign-up Sheet

Name(s): _____

Phone number: _____

Jobs and shift preferences

Please mark the box next to the shift and job with which you are able to help. Thank you!

Bacon & Onion Frying –in the days ahead of 9/23

Yes, I can help with this.

Kilby Saturday (9/23):

Set-up

9 am

Meatball Preparation at the **High School**

9 am

Potato Making Crews

11am

3 pm

"Taste of Kilby" Food Stand

11 am to 2 pm

2 pm to 5 pm

5 pm to close (~8 pm)

Deliveries

4 pm

Carryout Team

4 pm to 7 pm

Saturday Evening Clean-up 7:30 pm

Kilby Sunday (9/24):

Potato Making Crew

11am

"Taste of Kilby" Food Stand

11 am to 2 pm

2 pm to 5 pm

*Please reply with responses to Diane Elmer by or before **Wednesday, September 13th***

Email: diane@swisschurch.org

phone: 608-527-2119

or mail to Swiss Church,

PO Box 97, New Glarus, WI 53574

Email: _____

Donations

*Please deliver or arrange for your food donation to be at Fellowship Hall by **10 am on Sat, Sept. 23rd.***

Braetzli (a batch - ~100)

Pies (2)

Monetary donation, enclosed:

\$ _____ (Tax deductible)

Or – make your Donation at our church website at: <https://swisschurch.org>. Click "Give" in the upper right corner of the home page; then select "Kilby Fund - Donation" with the dropdown arrow; enter the amount of your donation and your payment method.

Take Out Reservations

of Dinners: _____

Payment for Kilby Express Take Out Dinners enclosed. Cost per meal \$15 or pay via the church website!

*** All Dinner orders must be prepaid in advance. Sorry, there will be no on-site tickets available this year. ***

\$ _____ (Not tax deductible)

*** Pick up at the North side entry will be available beginning at 4:30 pm. ***

I'd like _____ meals DELIVERED:

TO (address): _____

before 5:15 before 6:15

We will work to target these times to the best of our ability on a first reservation basis.

*Please make check payable to:
Swiss Church - note "Kilby Dinner"
or "Kilby Donation" in the memo line*

2023 Kilby Roll Call

(Please complete this for all Confirmed members in your household – if you will NOT be in church on Sept. 24th – Thank you!)

Name: _____ Year Confirmed: _____

Please check one of the following:

- I was Confirmed at Swiss Church
 - I was Confirmed in another Church: _____
 - I was Confirmed in another Country
 - I joined the church in a manner other than Confirmation
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Members of our Household who will be Confirmed in the future. (Name, and current grade in school)

Please return this to the church office (mail, drop off, or email) by or before September 17th, if you are unable to attend church on Sept. 24th. Thank you for participating in the 2023 Kilby Roll Call!

Swiss UCC Consistory Meeting

July 26, 2023

Attending: Kim Bright, Chris Kiesz, Rachel Baker, Ron Legler, Gary Krahenbuhl, Nancy Galhouse, Shelly Johnson, Tabatha Barnaby, Heidi Mondloch
Attending Via Zoom: Jessica Swan
Absent: Pat Pluss

Meeting called to order by Kim Bright at 6:44 pm, and Nancy Galhouse led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Rachel Baker moved to approve the agenda as presented; Heidi Mondloch seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of June Minutes

With the correction of a wheelchair being donated to Swiss Church, the amended minutes were moved for approval by Chris Kiesz; seconded by Nancy Galhouse. Motion carried.

Financial Report by Treasurer Shelly Johnson

As is typical of summer months, our weekly offerings were down in June but still ahead of budget and our expenses were just slightly over budget, resulting in a net loss for the month of \$4,630. This loss is not unusual or alarming for this time of year and we still have a positive YTD net income of \$5,685. Still holding payment on the invoice for the elevator repairs as they have not adequately responded to our dispute yet, but they have indicated that they are reviewing and will get back to us.

Kim Bright moved to approve the treasurer's report; Heidi Mondloch seconded. Motion carried. Checks written were reviewed. Heidi Mondloch moved to approve the checks as written; Ron Legler seconded. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report for August 2023

- Sunday Worship Services 9am
- Office hours Tuesdays and Thursday 10am -2pm (includes visiting isolated folks)
- Glarner Lodge Service Thursday, August 3, 10am
- The New Glarus Home Service Sunday, August 6, 10:30am
- Mission Committee Wednesday, August 9 -7am
- Wedding couple meeting Saturday, August 12, 9:30am
- Sunday, August 20, church picnic
- Tuesday, August 29, 9am required clergy meeting
- Confirmation packets to be given to the parents and students the end of August incorporating a UCC Faith Foundation camp weekend, assisted by Jessica Swan.
- Collecting for Green Cares Food Pantry in August.
- July 30 we are hosting Tracy Anderson, an employee of Dane County Big Brothers, Big Sisters, who will share information during worship. School supplies collected will be distributed 50/50 between Dane County and Green County BBBS.
- July 30 we are having a "Blessing Bazaar" to sell various items created with the \$5 worship challenge. Proceeds will benefit HOPE, a UCC organization that responds to worldwide disasters.

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Property Report by Heidi Monloch

- Trying to connect with Herock to finish; estimate has been approved; they are not responding.
- Interior painting is near completion; exterior to be completed soon.
- Gary Krahenbuhl will complete estimate for round tables in Fellowship Hall.
- Holding off on removing tree by Zwingli House; it's looking healthier.
- Next year plan to repair/replace driveway and three of four tower clocks.

Old Business

- Attorneys for the Village of New Glarus and Swiss Church are hoping to meet the week of August 14.
- Sale of Karl Marty painting for \$1,000 has been finalized.
- Kim Bright, Chris Kiesz, and Pat Pluss are revamping committees within Swiss UCC. Shelly Johnson moved to approve suggested changes; Heidi Mondloch seconded. Motion carried.
- Heidi Mondloch presented a camp scholarship policy. Kim Bright moved that we pay 50 percent of camp fees up to a maximum of \$200 per person per year. Heidi Mondloch seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

- Church picnic will be held August 20. Heidi moved that we approve that the details be listed in the events section of the Swiss UCC website. Shelly Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
- Heidi Mondloch moved to host a window reveal in Zwingli House for Adventfest on Christmas Eve; Shelly Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Heidi will chair the event.
- Statue on the south side of the church is in need of maintenance. However, the statue is owned by the Village. Kim Bright will investigate maintenance costs and report back.
- Discussion was had regarding better communication between the Consistory and congregants. Spire articles will be submitted beginning with camp attendance by Jessica Swan. Announcements could be made after the livestream ends and/or during coffee hour.

Shelly Johnson moved to go into closed session; Heidi Mondloch seconded. Motion carried.

Heidi Mondloch moved to go out of closed session; Shelly Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Shelly Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting; Heidi Mondloch seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

SUCC Church services:

- ❖ **Every Sunday – 9 am in-person service held at Swiss United Church of Christ Sanctuary, and online services offered Live and available on Facebook**
- ❖ **1st Sunday of each month – New Glarus Home Chapel**
- ❖ **1st Thursday of each month – Glarner Lodge**

SEPTEMBER

Calendar of Events 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* 9:00 am worship – Services are offered In person in the SUCC Sanctuary and also online services are offered live and available on Facebook.				Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday – 10 am – 2 pm Friday: Closed		
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*9:00 am Worship & online live services New Glarus Home service – 10:30 am	LABOR DAY	Book Club – 9:30am-11am	6:30 pm Executive Committee	Glarnar Lodge service – 10:00 am		
Sunday School-10	11	12	13	14	15	16
*9:00 am Worship & online live services Children's Sunday School starts – 9:15-10 am – Downstairs Classroom Confirmation Info Meeting – 10am		Book Club 9:30am-11am	ZOOM Mission Meeting – 7am	Required Clergy Meeting 9:30am-11:30am		
17	18	19	20	21	22	KILBY Weekend 23
*9:00 am Worship & online live services	October SPIRE Deadline	Book Club 9:30am-11am				Kilby Express Take-out Dinner Pick-up 4:30 pm North side of church/park side
Kilby Weekend 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
*9:00 am Worship & online live services Kilby Roll-call/ Yodel club in worship			6:30 pm Consistory meeting			

Becoming a Church Member?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Swiss Church, please contact the church office at (608) 527-2119 or email Diane at diane@swisschurch.org

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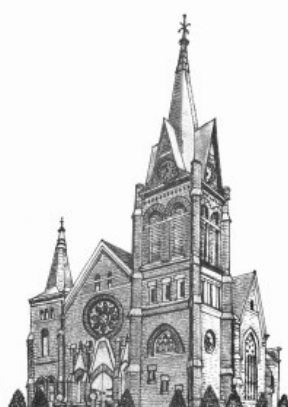
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