



BLOOD DRIVE @ ECUMC

Use this QR code to make an appointment to donate blood on Saturday, 1/31, from 8 AM to 12:30 PM in Celebration Hall.

Please donate and invite others to give the gift of life!



ECUMC NOW HIRING:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Our current Administrative Assistant, Mattie Bridgewater, has announced her plans to retire and relocate, so our church will be looking for someone to fill the duties of reception and greeting, preparing bulletins and newsletters, handling mailing and filing, and supporting our staff and congregation in mission and ministry.

The current office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM, and the position is expected to be 20-25 hours/week. With the right skills and interest, this job could be combined with our open position (10 hours/week) of webmaster/social media coordinator which may be done in the office or from home.

If this sounds like a good fit, please speak to Pastor Matt or SPRC Chair Jeff Schmidt. We'd love to hear from you!



ECUMC: THE WEEK AHEAD

NOTE: No eNews this week.

Sunday, January 18

- 8:30 AM Worship (S)
- 8:30 AM Children/Youth Sunday School (V)
- 8:45 AM Adult Study (CL)
- 10:00 AM Worship (CH)
- 11:00 AM Confirmation Class (YR)

Monday, January 19 Office Closed

- 7:00 PM Church Council (CL)
- 7:00 PM 4:12 Singers (MR)

Tuesday, January 20

- 11:30 AM YAHAS (CH)
- 6:30 PM Spirit Ringers (MR)

Wednesday, January 21

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 PM Women's Study (FH)

Thursday, January 22

- 6:00 PM Men's Choir (MR)
- 6:30 PM Women's Choir (MR)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (MR)

Friday, January 23 (Office closed)

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Z)
- Youth Depart for Winter Retreat

Saturday, January 24

- 8:30 AM ECUMC Community Breakfast (CH)
- 12:00 PM Celebration of Life (Matt Ciolkosz)

Sunday, January 25

- 8:30 AM Worship (S)
- 8:30 AM Children/Youth Sunday School (V)
- 8:45 AM Adult Study (CL)
- 10:00 AM Worship (CH)
- Youth Return from Winter Retreat

ROOM KEY: 112-Room 112; AP-Ark Park; CH-Celebration Hall; CL-Chapel Lounge; FH-Fellowship Hall; MR-Music Room; N-Nursery; S-Sanctuary; V-Various; YR-Youth room; Z-Zoom

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YAHAS MEET THIS TUESDAY

Join the YAHAS on Tuesday, January 20, for lunch and a presentation by Dawn Hinton, RSVP Program Manager, about the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program and the Eras Senior Network.



Gather at 11:15 AM for a spaghetti lunch followed by the program. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Matt's office. Plan to bring a salad or dessert and a friend!



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

February is fast approaching, and the Children's Ministry team invites you to connect with ECUMC children and youth through Prayers from the Heart.

You'll be paired with a young person whom you'll pray for and send postcards and cards to once a week during the month. This is a wonderful way to share God's love and build connections across the generations of our church family.

Materials can be picked up today or next Sunday.

ECUMC COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, 1/24

Come this Saturday at 8:30 AM to enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and a steel drum! A free-will offering offsets food costs.



Percussionist Jordan Kamps, who just completed a sabbatical in Trinidad, will speak about and play the steel drum for us. Jordan is a professor in the music department of University of Illinois-Chicago (and the son of ECUMC members Greg and Kathy Kamps).

Community News
January 18, 2026



Announcing a One-Day Program Sponsored by
the Wisconsin Affiliate of the Association for Research and Enlightenment, Inc.

The Healing Power of Soul Stories

Transforming Accounts of Angels, Visions, NDEs & Reincarnation

Featuring noted storyteller **John Sumwalt** with guests, *Six Minutes in Eternity* author, **Philip Hasheider**, and **Jodi Blazek Gehr**, Benedictine Oblate and Soul Collage Facilitator.



Feb 7th, 2026

Registration 9am

Program 9:30 am -3:15 pm

Registration \$50 in advance, \$55 at door

Lunch is provided

Unity Center
1717 N 73rd St
Wauwatosa, WI

*A zoom recording of this program will be provided to all who register
You need not attend the day of the program*



Vision stories both empower and heal the soul. The right story told at the right time helps a soul knit together the broken pieces of past and present lives. Stories work in the unconscious mind slowly over time, healing our spirits as we absorb their truths. Recounting our numinous encounters helps us to know things about ourselves, our relationships with others and the source of being that we could not discover in any other way. Stories evoke a more powerful response than doctrine or precept. They transmit real life-changing power to the hearer. A narrative tends to do what it tells, mediating suffering and healing.

We will spend the day immersed in transforming Soul stories:

- Visions of the Holy in Ordinary Lives: Angels, Healing Dreams, & Reincarnation
- Six Minutes in Eternity with Phillip Hasheider, a Near Death Experience
- SoulCollage: A Portal to the Divine with Jodi Blazek Gehr
- Creating A Safe Place to Tell Visions

REGISTER online at <https://wisconsinareaffiliates.regfox.com/john-sumwalt-020726>

Register by mail: Write to Sally Yakel, 2918 Brookridge Ct. N Waukesha, WI 53188.

Include title of program, Soul Stories-in Person, \$50, Zoom only, \$40.00. Checks payable to ARE Volunteer Affiliates.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT, 1/23-25

The Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Lake Lucerne is next weekend, January 23-25. Each Youth will be responsible for paying \$50 of the total cost, with ECUMC paying the remainder.

When you register, please indicate that ECUMC will be paying your fee. Then submit your \$50 payment to Anna Schoenenberger via check made out to ECUMC. Sign-up here:



SOUPER SUNDAY 2026

It's not too soon to start planning for Souper Sunday!

You'll enjoy a variety of soups and subs from 11 AM – 12:30 PM after worship on Sunday, 2/8.



Chefs – this is your opportunity to show off and garner votes! Bring 2-3 gallons of your best recipe and let Rick Kohlmann know you'd like to participate: Richard.Kohlmann71@yahoo.com.

A freewill offering will be collected.

CHURCH COUNCIL TOMORROW



The first Church Council meeting of the new year will be Monday, 1/19, at 7 PM in Chapel Lounge.

REMINDER: The Church Office is closed tomorrow for MLK Day.

NOTE: NO eNews this week.

ARE YOU HANDY? TECH-SAVVY?

The Trustees could use your help with routine building maintenance around the church. If you have some time and would like a way to contribute your skills, talents, and know-how to help the church, contact Gary Morgan.



Are you good with computers, applications, and equipment? The Tech Team could use your help recording Sunday morning services - youth assistants are paid! Savvy about computers and equipment? Want to learn and possibly add to your college application or resume? Contact Gary Morgan or David Rohr.

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Chocolate Falls (N88W16733 Appleton Ave.) is hosting a fundraiser in memory of Bill Gay, ECUMC member and former library board member.



30% of sales will benefit the Menomonee Falls Library Friends, which funds programs, resources, and events at the library.

Stop in from 10 AM - 5 PM this Saturday, 1/24, buy a sweet treat, and support reading in our community.

