



The SPIRE



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September/October 2024

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?” —Micah 6:6 (NRSV)

I remember sitting in the pew of my childhood church waiting for the end of the worship service to finally arrive. After the offering, after the final hymn, after the benediction given by the pastor, it arrived. The whole congregation stood, feet clapping on the wooden plank floor and eyes lifting toward the altar. The people around me would begin singing the simple tune, many from memory:

What does the LORD require of you? What does the LORD require of you?

Then the high voices would break in with the harmonic part:

To do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly, with your God.

The low voices would layer onto that:

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

The final time through the song was the loudest, the mightiest. I could feel all three parts reverberating through my body, my soul, as the pew shook with song beneath me. I can't remember when the church first started concluding worship services with this song, but when I think of my faith formation during my childhood, I distinctly remember this holy moment during each service. Like the people rising to sing the song, my spirit would rise in knowledge that all God wishes for is a kinder world through God's justice.

This is the song that led me from worship each Sunday into the world to reflect and think about faith. It's based on Micah 6:6-8, and the prophet's encouragement to think of justice and kindness as God's requirements left me in awe. As a young person growing up in the church, I would often wonder 'What does it mean to be Christian?' 'What does God require of me?'

According to the Bible, it's not about condemning people who are different or "sinful," rather it's about justice.

Our worship theme this fall is "United in Christ, a Just World for All." My professor for New Testament studies, Rev. Dr. Ted Jennings, would say that the Apostle Paul used the word "love" as a verb. Not love as

in the emotion one feels when you fall in love, or the love you might have for ice cream. But love as in how far I would go to show you how much you matter. For Paul, Love was synonymous with Justice.

I believe that God's love is given extravagantly to all of us, no matter who we are. And God's love cannot leave us where we are, it transforms us and changes how we see ourselves, and how we relate to one another. When Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment is, he responds, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:36-40)

I believe that love is an essential part of our faith. And because love is a part of faith, it also means that justice

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Prayers...

For Health & Healing: **Preston Osteen** (healing from car accident); **Janet Vossekui** (knee replacement); **Tina Solberg's** mother-in-law, **Margaret** (mammogram testing); **Jeanne William's** oldest sister, **Virginia Rouleau** (hospitalized with heart issues); **Kaite Del Ponte's** friend **Eric Backhaus** (motorcycle accident); **Audrey Conant** (strength, healing); **Kih Bergin** (health); **Ken Hill** (cancer, Myasthenia Gravis); **Steve Arbaugh** (stroke, health); **the new Afghan family's 3 year old** (spina bifida); **Wendy Smith's** daughter, **Hannah** (melanoma); **Tammi Kenton** (cancer, health); **Katie Del Ponte's** cousin and **Tony Reilly's** niece **Jessica** (cancer); **Grandmother Cindy** from the **Berndt/Selz's family** (cancer); all who are experiencing health issues and are in need of prayer; all who are undergoing **medical tests** and awaiting results.

For peace in **Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine**, and around the world.

For **refugees** around the world and here at home.

If you wish to see your prayer request listed in next Sunday's bulletin or The Spire, please notify the church office.

Welcome!

We've been anticipating your arrival! It's true, because we believe that every person who comes to join us for fellowship was sent by God. We look forward to getting to know you and to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church and beyond. If you've been thinking, praying, searching, or hoping for a place to belong, we would like, again, to say Welcome! We're glad you found us.



- Pastor *Jeffrey Dodson*
- Christian Education *Ashley Dodson*
- Moderator *Penny Allard*
- Vice-Moderator. . . *Jeanne Williams*
- Clerk *Justus Paul*
- Treasurer *Andy Lyke*
- Choir Director *Kurt Dietrich*
- Faith Formation *Ruth Retzlaff*
- Finance. *Tim Lyke*
- Historian *Robin Patzlaff*
- Maintenance Officer *Gary Scholtens*
- Membership. *Bev Christ*
- Nominating. . . *J. Christ, T. Konecny*
- Organist. *Maria Dietrich*
- Outreach *Dawn Scholtens*
- PPRC *Jeanne Williams*
- Women's Fellowship *Susan Osteen*
- Worship *Kathleen Hones*

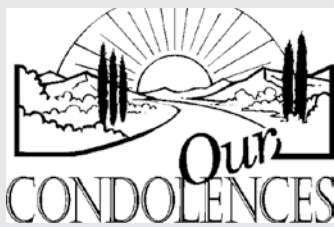
Spire Deadline

Our next Spire newsletter will be for November/December, 2024. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, October 16, at noon. Please submit materials to the church office, or email to Maria Dietrich at dietrich.maria@gmail.com.

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If you need to contact church custodians Rod & Peggy Freeman (or anyone else) please utilize the private church directory.



The **Rev. Catherine Carlson** died on August 8 after battling with Alzheimer's disease. Cathy served our church as pastor from 1991-1994. Please keep Cathy's family and husband **Rev. Michael Bausch** in your prayers. See Cathy's Obituary on page 3 of the Spire for more info.

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is required of us. Micah tells us so. When God's love reaches us, its effect can be seen in the way we treat one another. Jesus helps us to understand that loving God is "like" loving our neighbor, and that loving our neighbor is actually loving God.

Throughout this fall, I invite you to reflect on where justice exists in your life. Where have you experienced it? When have you granted it to others? When has it proved elusive? How have you shown justice to your neighbors? To yourself?

As you reflect on justice, I hope you will see how important justice is to the stewardship of not just our local church, but also to your own faith journey. You see, as a child sitting in church listening to the congregation sing about kindness and justice, I began singing too. It is a song that I still carry in my heart. To me, this is stewardship. The church not only gave to me something precious and worth saving, it helped me to pass it on to others.

Stewardship is a part of our faith story. Stewardship is how we stay in covenanted relationship with one another. It's not just about money, or time, or having specific talents to share with the church. Stewardship is about recognizing the blessings God gives to each of us, no matter how big or how small. It is about experiencing God's love, and letting that love shine through the love we have for our neighbors (and ourselves)!

When our Ripon congregation rises each Sunday to sing the songs of our faith, as our eyes look to the altar, as our voices lift up justice and kindness, I hope and pray that our children are watching. I wish for our visitors to carry those songs out into the world, while also keeping them in their hearts. Your support, your presence, and your love, help this congregation continue to be good stewards of justice and kindness. Participating in the stewardship of this church is also giving to this beacon of light and love to the Ripon area, which needs our voice and presence. Ripon needs this church, and our ministry, and each of us have a hand, and a voice, in singing our song for this community to hear.

May justice be the song in your heart,

Rev. Jeffrey



Catherine Ann Carlson

April 24, 1950 – August 8, 2024

The Rev. Catherine Ann Carlson, 74, of Madison, Wisconsin, died on August 8, 2024, in Agrace Hospice after a 6-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

She served as our pastor at First Congregational Church of Ripon from 1991-1994. In addition, she served as an Associate Conference Minister for the Northern California Conference of the United Church of Christ from 1976-1979, minister or interim minister at Wisconsin churches in Walworth, Oshkosh, Waupun, Kiel, Platteville, Juneau, and Lowell, retiring in 2015.

Cathy left this statement on her desk: "Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling with us—Oh be swift to love and make haste to be kind." (Frederic Amiel)

Please keep Cathy's family in your prayers, especially her husband Rev. Michael Bausch.

A celebration of the spirit of Cathy's life and ministry will be held at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 15th at the McFarland United Church of Christ, 5710 Anthony Street, McFarland, as part of an outdoor Sunday worship service also featuring the Hoot 'n Annie String Band of Madison. Lawn chair optional. Refreshments will follow.





Called to Care Team

Volunteer to visit at-home church members, those in the hospital, or church members in need of community and connection. We will meet monthly to discuss care plans and visits. This NEW Ministry Team is open to any new volunteers. Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. - Pastor Jeffrey



Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. join us in the Chapel for coffee or tea and lively discussions on various topics of the day using faith, politics, and the daily news. All are welcome!



Fall Worship at First Congregational Church
 United in Christ's Love, A Just World for All
 Sundays: 9:00 am Faith Formation

10:30 am Worship in-person (4 pm online) • 11:30 am Fellowship Hour

Sunday, September 1 | Communion Sunday, Labor Day Weekend

Return to 10:30 Worship Time | Justice + Hunger

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

Sunday, September 8 | Rally Sunday and Ministry Fair | Kick-off for Program Year | Justice + Openness

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

Sunday, September 15 | Just Peace Sunday | Justice + Peace

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

Sunday, September 22 | Justice + Caring

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

**Sunday, September 29 | Communion and New Members Sunday
 Justice + Community**

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

**Sunday, October 6 | Worship at Daycholah Center, Neighbors in Need
 Special Offering | Justice + Love**

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

Sunday, October 13 | Accessible to All (A2A) Sunday | Justice + Access

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

Sunday, October 20 | Children & Youth Lead Worship | Justice + Service

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

Sunday, October 27 | Trunk or Treat | Justice + Healing

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

Sunday, November 3 | Daylight Savings Ends | Communion and All Souls Sunday | Justice + Death

Please bring a photo of a loved one who has passed away. We will display photos on the altar.

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE

Sunday, November 10 | Justice + Restoration

10:30 am Worship IN-PERSON | 4:00 pm Worship ONLINE



Help Stock the Pantry

During the months of September and October, the food pantry would appreciate your donations of canned soups and boxed meals. Ongoing needs include paper grocery bags, peanut butter, and personal toiletry items such as a deodorant, soap, and feminine hygiene products. Cash donations are always much appreciated as well. Donations may also be dropped off at the church and will be delivered to the pantry. Thanks for your help!

—Outreach Committee



Altar Flowers

Sharing your special event, memory, or in honor of someone is special with a bouquet of flowers for our Sunday morning worship.

Flower coordinator Julie Mathias is available to discuss an altar flower arrangement requests. We will discuss what you would like, the date you would like to reserve, and your dedication for the arrangement. Contact Julie Mathias by phone or text message. 920-229-2305.

Historical Opportunity

The Ripon Historical Society is seeking new board members. If you are interested, please contact RHS board chair David Sakrison at <sakrison.david@gmail.com> at your earliest convenience.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Our Community Dinners are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, in a drive-through format. Our next dinners will be held on Sept. 24 and Oct. 22, serving at 5:30 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship

Friday Coffee Fellowship takes place at 9:30 AM at Mugs Coffee Shop. We hope you'll join us!



Suicide prevention in faith communities

The Conference WISE Team, which encourages congregations to welcome and support individuals dealing with mental health challenges, will host a daylong workshop on faith communities' role in suicide prevention. The event coincides with World Suicide Prevention Day. All Church Members are welcome to register.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 10

Time: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Place: Daycholah Center

Learn more and register at ...

<https://onrealm.org/wcucc/Registrations/Registrants/29696870-1c01-4885-9a96-b1c70111ffca?congregantView=True>

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!"

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

We will collect the offering on October 6, 2024, as part of World Communion Sunday. We thank you for your support and generosity.

The Outreach Committee

Equal Exchange Deserves Our Support

I went with Habitat for Humanity (HFH) to Guatemala for four weeks back in the 1990s to help finish off three cinderblock homes. They were very small, but much better than a one-room dirt-floored cornstalk hut, with an elevated roof so the smoke from the central fire ring could escape. We Habitat helpers made concrete blocks one at a time, carefully lifting the form we were using to let them sit in the sun to dry hard. I did most of the cement mixing (this is when I was younger and stronger) and I even got a marriage proposal! (Alas, I let the proposer know I had a husband and babies at home in Wisconsin!)

About 10 days after we left Guatemala, a bus was stopped on the lonely dirt road, and the occupants were killed.

Long ago, the Native Guatemalan people were forced out of the lower flat land and forced to live high on the mountains (volcanoes), but they were able to hoe fields they had cleared in order to grow corn — a revered commodity — for nourishment. They even make a hot corn drink for mid-day, to help keep them going. They shared what little they could offer with us, and we with them.

I guess what I'm trying to convey is this: Equal Exchange is a real nonprofit, organizing those who wish to form a coop. and being able to sell their Organic product at a fair price without a middleman to deal with. When Equal Exchange gets the organic product, they do all the packaging, shipping, etc., their ingredients come from all over the world. Isn't it better to know this? Big Fincas are only interested in their own profit. If someone dies while working on one of these big plantations, a family must rent ground to bury them until they have enough money to pay their tax to the government. Then they can bring their family member back home.

Isn't it better to do our buying from those we know are good people trying to live their lives for the betterment of their people? If you'd like to know more, visit <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/pages/about-us>.

Love you all! With gratitude. Janis Edwards, Outreach Committee

Maintenance!

The Maintenance committee continues to work for our church. We have contacted Ripon Area Builders to do some long-needed wind damage repairs around the outside of the building. As of this writing, we are still waiting for them to work on the items needing attention.

C & S electric has been in the sanctuary to look into the light fixtures that aren't working. We are waiting to hear back from them.

With the change in the type of classrooms that the school district will be bringing to our building, we took to opportunity to patch, clean and repaint the two main rooms downstairs. Between Rod & Peggy Freeman and Gary Scholtens, more than 40 hours were put in to get the room in shape. A BIG thank you to the Freemans for all their time in getting the room ready for a new school year.

If you know of anything around the building or grounds that needs attention, please let one of us know.

Thank you.

Gary Scholtens, Dave Iserman,
Erik Dietrich, Dan Halwas



Be Sure to Vote!

Election Day is just around the corner and so much is at stake! Remind your neighbors, friends, and colleagues of the importance of exercising our right to vote.

#OurFaithOurVote

#VoteWithLove



Creation Care Team offers resource options for voters

The Wisconsin Conference Creation Care Team has assembled a short list of faith-based and other organizations working to get out the vote in November and, beyond that, sustain our creation justice ministries. The list is an important reminder that one of the most important ways we make a difference in a democratic society is through the ballot box, where we can vote for policies aimed at weaning us from the fossil fuels that cause global warming or that point us toward a more sustainable future.

EcoAmerica, a UCC partner, provides information about voting, evaluates candidates and policies, and organizes around environmental issues. ecoamerica.org

Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement Campaign helps congregations become more engaged around voting, though not exclusively around creation care issues. www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org/wivec.html

Faith in Place (formerly Interfaith Power and Light in Wisconsin) works in our state, Illinois and Indiana to educate and advocate around issues of environmental sustainability. www.faithinplaceaction.org/

Wisconsin Conservation Voters advocates for sound environmental laws and policies, for electing pro-conservation candidates, and for holding them accountable. conservationvoters.org/

Wisconsin's Green Fire promotes science-based practices and long-term vision in environmental protection and natural resources management. wigreenfire.org/

Citizens' Climate Lobby is an international grass-roots organization that trains volunteers to develop relationships with elected officials in order to address climate policy at the local level. citizensclimatelobby.org/

Sierra Club is one of the largest and most effective organizations in the nation addressing local and global policies to protect land, air and water, and endangered species, and to combat climate change. www.sierraclub.org/

RENEW Wisconsin is a nonprofit that works on policies and programs that expand solar power, wind power, renewable fuels, local hydropower, building electrification, energy storage and electric vehicles. Its "Solar for Good" program has helped many of our churches install solar power systems on their properties. www.renew-wisconsin.org/

First Congo Kids!

Rally Sunday

September 8

Kickoff our NEW Program Year!



Sunday School Open House @ 9 am



Learn about the Bible and your faith



Register for Faith Formation Programs



Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship at 10:30 am



Enjoy Lunch after church



FIRST CONGO KIDS
The First Step Shows The Church's Light To The World

Join us!

YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAYS 6-7 PM



First Congregational Church of Ripon
220 Ransom Street

INTER-GENERATIONAL ALL ARE WELCOME

Rally Sunday

KICK OFF THE NEW PROGRAM YEAR AT FIRST CONGO!

LET'S CELEBRATE!

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS-
MINISTRY FAIR- TIE-DYE-
BRATS/ VEGGIE/ HOTDOGS-
CORN HOLE- FAMILY PHOTOS

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 9:00 AM	WORSHIP AND BACKPACK BLESSING 10:30 AM	MINISTRY FAIR- FOOD- TIE DYE- 11:30 AM
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SEPTEMBER 8TH | 9:00-12:30



Wear a Halloween Costume to Church on 10/27

Welcome to a New Sunday School Year!

Fall Schedule:

September 8 - Rally Sunday - This Sunday marks the beginning of our new program year! We will celebrate our education ministries during worship and offer a backpack blessing for teachers, school staff, and students. Sunday School kicks off at 9:00 AM with an Open House and free coffee/drink vouchers for parents to go to Mugs. After worship it's time to party! Grab a brat/hotdog/veggie dog and check out the Ministry Fair with tables highlighting the many ministries of our church, ways to get involved, and fun and games for kids and families. Head outside for a game of corn hole and tie-dye a church logo t-shirt.

*Bring your backpack/school bag to worship.

September 20- Parent's Night Out - Drop off your children from 5:30-8:30 pm for an evening of activities, food, and games. Dinner will be provided. Register with Ashley if your child will attend.

October 5-6 -Fall Church Campout at Daycholah Center - Join us for an inter-generational campout! Cook-out over the campfire, eat smores, and stargaze. Wake up and join us for worship at Ley Chapel. Sign up to indicate interest!

October 6 - Worship at Daycholah Center - Join us for worship at Daycholah Center at 10:30 am. Communion will be celebrated!

October 20 - Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles - 3rd graders will be presented with a Bible and the congregation will offer a blessing during the 10:30 am worship service.

October 20 - Youth Sunday - Youth will help lead worship!

October 26 - Corn Maze - Meet at Petals and Plows Corn Maze at 2 pm.

October 27 - Trunk-or-Treat - A fun family event for our church community! Wear your costume to church and bring decorations for your car to church! After worship, head outside to the college parking lot to decorate your vehicles in Halloween-themed decor and pass out candy or other goodies! Other fall themed activities will also be planned. *Due to allergies and food sensitivities, please have sugar-free and gluten-free options available!

November 22 - Parent's Night Out - Drop off your children from 5:30-8:30 pm for an evening of activities, food, and games. Dinner will be provided. We will also be baking pies during this event to benefit Camp Scholarships! Register with Ashley if your child will attend.

November 24 - Pie Sale to Benefit Camp Scholarships - Purchase a pie to benefit Camp Scholarships that support our youth and families attending camp at UCCI, Daycholah Center, Moon Beach, and Cedar Valley!

November 24 - Festival of the Greens - Don your best Christmas Sweater and join us to help decorate the church for Advent! Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided!

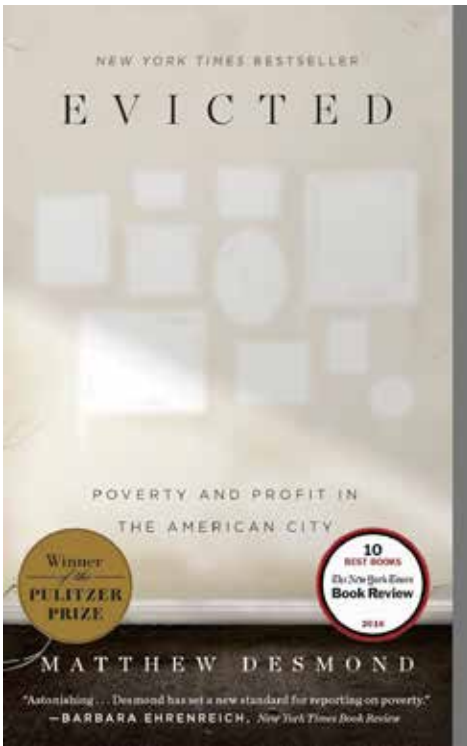
Saturday, December 14 - Christmas Pageant Practice - Gather in the morning to finalize the Christmas Pageant!

Sunday, December 15 - Christmas Pageant - Gather for worship at 10:30 AM as the First Congo Kids present their Christmas Pageant and lead worship.

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 4:00 pm

Sunday School - Sunday School returns September 8 with an Open House Format. Please come downstairs with your children to explore the classrooms, fill out any remaining registration forms, and grab a voucher for Mugs & More Coffee House. Sunday school drop-off begins at 9 am and children will be brought back up to worship at 10:20 am.

First Congo Kids Time - During worship children have the opportunity to go downstairs after the Children's Moment in the worship service for a snack and time for play and craft activities. We will bring children to the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour at the end of the service.



First Congo Fall Book Study: “Evicted” by Matthew Desmond

Join us as we dive into one of the New York Times Bestseller and recommended reading for 2024 by the National UCC office. Online rolling discussion and engagement on the First Congo Book Study Facebook Group. Community members are welcome and encouraged to join the online group!

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE • ONE OF TIME’S TEN BEST NONFICTION BOOKS OF THE DECADE • ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES’S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

One of the most acclaimed books of our time, this modern classic “has set a new standard for reporting on poverty” (Barbara Ehrenreich, *The New York Times Book Review*).

In *Evicted*, Princeton sociologist and MacArthur “Genius” Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they each struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Hailed as “wrenching and revelatory” (*The Nation*), “vivid and unsettling” (*New York Review of Books*), *Evicted* transforms our

understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of twenty-first-century America’s most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

Recommended reading for 2024 by the National Office of the UCC.



Worship Participation Schedule

Date	Lector	Ushers/Greeters	Tech Booth	Coffee Fellowship Hosts
Sept. 1	Scott Henke	Aelwyn Tumas/Daniel Volkmann	Gary Scholtens	Solberg and Mathias
Sept. 8	TBD	Michele & Skip Wittler	Daniel Volkmann	Smith and Reilly/Henke
Sept. 15	Debbi Konecny	Rachel & Dave Minch	Tim Lyke	A. Lyke and Flasch
Sept. 22	Justus Paul	Julie & Lyle Mathias	Erik Dietrich	Iserman and G&D Scholtens
Sept. 29	Susan Osteen	Solbergs and Meg Schwemmer	Sarah Seidler-Halwas	Dalziel and TBD
Oct. 6	Daniel Volkmann	Moniz Family	Mike Boscaljon	Worship Committee
Oct. 13	Jack Christ	Seidler-HalwasFamily	Tim Lyke	Grady and Dodson
Oct. 20	Janis Edwards	Lou & Ed Scholtens	Daniel Volkmann	Prellwitz and Solberg
Oct. 27	Mike Boscaljon	Amber Dalziel/Steph. Prellwitz	Gary Scholtens	Mathias and Konecny

Thanks
for your
participation

Please try to meet this schedule. If you cannot help on the Sunday assigned...

- Please switch Sundays with someone else and then notify the church office (748-5898 or office@riponcongregationalucc.org) of the change.
- We all appreciate your participation!

SEPT/OCT 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30 am Worship (4 pm online) 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:45 am Outreach	Labor Day - Office Closed		9:30 Prayer Shawls 6 pm Youth Group	10:30 am Discussion 1 pm Tea & Cookies at Prairie Place 6 pm NA meeting	9:30 am Coffee at Mugs 5:30pm FOG at Isermans'	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Membership comm 10:30 am Rally Sunday (4 pm online) 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:45 am Outreach, Worship committees		6:30 pm Cabinet	9:30 Prayer Shawls 6 pm Youth Group	10:30 am Discussion 6 pm NA meeting	9:30 am Coffee at Mugs.	
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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27	28	29	30	31	November 1	2
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Future Events:
Nov 17 - Stewardship Sunday
Nov 24 - Festival of the Greens

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Enter to Worship—Go Forth to Serve

