

CARGILL

United Methodist Church

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Information

Church Phone: (608) 752-0548

Website: www.cargillumc.org

Worship

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 9am & 10:30am

Childcare is provided during
all worship services.

Sunday School

PK-5 start in 10:30 worship

Adult Class 10:30am

On Sunday mornings

Fellowship (food, refreshment
and friendship) is available after
both worship services on Sunday
mornings in Fellowship Hall.
Please join us!

December Worship Themes at Cargill UMC

December 31/January 1 "What the Wise Men Didn't Know"
Matthew 2:1-12
Rev. Forrest Wells

January 7/8 Rev. Barbara Wells

January 14/15 Rev. Barbara Wells

New Series Begins: Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

January 21/22 Radical Hospitality: "Who Didn't Jesus Like?"
Matthew 22, 1-10
Rev. Forrest Wells

January 28-29 Passionate Worship: "Re-Think Loving God"
Romans 12:1-2
Rev. Forrest Wells



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Cargill Connections

December 2011

Volume 1, No. 10

Connecting people to God, one another, and the world.

2012 Women's Retreat February 10th - 11th

Overnight, both days, or just Saturday
Cargill United Methodist Church



- ◆ Retreat begins Friday evening with a potluck dinner
- ◆ Sleepover is optional (but doesn't it sound fun?!)
- ◆ "Travel" to each of the seven continents
- ◆ Spend time in Bible study & worship
- ◆ Enjoy the friendship and laughter of other women
- ◆ Spend time in quiet reflection
- ◆ Explore God's amazing love for you!
- ◆ Cost is \$21 per person plus lunch cost (TBD).
- ◆ Registration cost includes continental breakfast, Wonder Full World tote bag, journal, CD and charm!

Contact Lynda Naatz Richter at 608-201-6915 or lyndabob1@charter.net or Johanna Mahnke in the church office or johanna@cargillumc.org with questions or to register. Brochures and registration forms also available in the church Narthex.

Be always at war with yourself your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man. Benjamin Franklin [Benjamin Franklin](#)

· The object of a New Year is not that we should have New Year. It is that we should have new soul. **G. K Chesterton**

· One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this; To rise above the little things.

· Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto man His Son hath given, While angels sing with tender mirth, A glad new year to all the earth. **Martin Luther**

· We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day. **Edith Lovejoy Pierce**

· New Year's Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take more of my time. **James Agate**

Pastors Page

Celebrate Generosity and Growth in 2011

Eagerly Anticipate God's Providence for 2012

Thank you, Cargill UMC for a marvelous and memorable 2011! Our faith community has been a blessing in mission and outreach as well as providing spiritual care for our membership. I especially thank you for the growing financial generosity that allows us to develop and support new vital ministries and missions that bless those less fortunate than us right here in Rock County, around the USA and throughout the world. Here are only some of the blessings received and missions we have blessed in 2011:

- ◆ The Live Nativity! A spiritual blessing and gift to our community
- ◆ Bountiful Blessings, a free community meal now in its 4th year
- ◆ Leadership Incubator, in depth faith and congregational development
- ◆ A multitude of small group and bible studies
- ◆ GIFTS homeless shelter
- ◆ ECHO food pantry; LOVE INC caring connection
- ◆ Assistance to the homeless youth
- ◆ Mission partnership with East Angola Methodist Church
- ◆ Adult and Youth mission teams to Georgia and Louisiana
- ◆ Music and Worship for congregation and community
- ◆ Caring Ministry Visitation of hospitals and homebound individuals
- ◆ Growing Children's, Youth and Family Ministries
- ◆ The Cargill Foundation whose endowments help underwrite ministry at Cargill and provides for scholarships and more
- ◆ Church renovation that has been supported by the generosity of so many people.
- ◆ Cargill Christian Pre-School and Day Care that is a ministry of our congregation and reaches so many people

There is so much to celebrate and be grateful for as we look back on 2011. But, God always calls us forward. 2012 will be a new adventure. Ponder God's call on your life to grow and to give of yourself for Christ. Pray with me that we might be faithful in our vision to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." Together we can do great things, for nothing is impossible with God! God's Richest Blessing and mine for 2012

Forrest R. Wells

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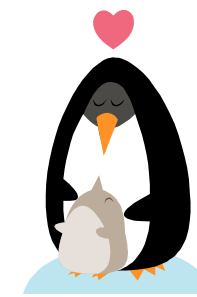
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Events/ News Shorts



Childcare Needed for Your Next Meeting?

Does your group or activity need childcare provided? Please email Jessica Benewich, Childcare & Family Ministries Coordinator at Jessica@cargillumc.org to make arrangements. Early notification is helpful.

GIFTS

! An eye witness account from New York City, on a cold day in December, some years ago: A little boy, about 10 years old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, "My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window"!

"I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply. The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pair of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt you will be more comfortable now."

As she turned to go the astonished kid caught her by the hand and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her, "Are you God's wife"?

Please sign up to help the GIFTS program.



The Church, Politics and Cargill's Tax Exempt Status

In the midst of strong political sentiments in our country, some people have asked what stance our congregation takes about political officials or candidates. Basically the church, or pastors/staff speaking on behalf of the church cannot publically support or denounce any political candidate, nor can the church appear to do so. The following comes from Lisa King our conference treasurer who was addressing specifically the current situation of re-call campaigns, but the principles are the same for any election process:

Conference leadership has received some questions regarding the current effort to recall government officials in Wisconsin, we want to remind you that, as outlined in Federal Government regulations, IRS s. 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organizations such as churches are not allowed to directly or indirectly participate or intervene in a political campaign or on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate for public office. This restriction is not dependent on the extent of the participation or intervention by the church—any method or degree is prohibited. Such illegal participation would include soliciting of signatures for a recall petition of a politician by the pastor(s) and/or other staff of the church acting or perceived as acting in that capacity, by church members at a church function, and/or by anyone on church property.

We are clear this IRS prohibition does not restrict the rights of pastors or other church members, as individuals, to participate in or act in opposition to the recall activities. We are simply asking you to ensure that such participation is not done in any way that would imply endorsement by the church or church leadership in that capacity, as that is not allowed.

If you would like more information on this topic, please see [IRS Pub. 1828](#), "Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations," which discusses political campaign activities of churches and contains over 20 detailed examples illustrating what is and is not permissible.

If you have more specific questions, please contact Forrest Wells.

Mark Your Calendars

- January 1st All Youth Groups Together 5-7
- January 8th Junior High Youth Group 5-6
 High School Youth Group 6-7
- January 12th Salt Meeting 6:30 PM Location TBA
 -Any students interested in Mission trip
 must attend this meeting Thank you!
- January 15th All Youth Groups Together 5-7
- January 22nd Junior High Youth Group 5-6
 High School Youth Group 6-7
- January 29th All Youth Groups Together 5-7

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Prayers Please

On January 6th some of the youth and a few adults will set off on an adventure to Indianhead Mountain in Michigan! All that are going are very excited so please have them all in your prayers for safe travel and safe skiing! Good Luck Youth and Adults!



Note from Ashley: I can not believe that I have been working here for an entire year already! This year has flown by so fast! First I would like to thank my staff family for their support and guidance because without all of you I would have lost my mind months ago! I would also like to thank the congregation here at Cargill for making my transition to this church a delightful one! I have grown spiritually and emotionally since becoming a staff member. Last but not least I would like to thank my youth for making this last year at Cargill AMAZING. You all are so awesome and I am so happy to call myself your youth director. We have so much fun together with games and outings, but we can also have serious talks and conversation. I hope that all of you know how much I appreciate you and thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done! Thank You Again for a great year! ~ Ashley Kloften

New Year "Retreat" to Re-Think

An All Church New Year "Retreat"

2012 is a new year, a new opportunity to begin again! It is time to "re-think" and act!

Re-Think Your Relationship to Christ

Re-Think the Meaning of Church

Re-Think together as we consider:

"Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations:" These faith practices are basic to God's expectation of all Christians as individuals and as the church! Faithful practice of these spiritual disciplines grow our faith and bring health, vitality and growth to our church!

January 21/22 Radical Hospitality

January 28/29 Passionate Worship

February 4/5 Intentional Faith Development

February 11/12 Risk-Taking Mission and Service

February 18/19 Extravagant Generosity

Please prayerfully consider participating in a small group each week to process, question and consider how the theme of the week impacts your life and the life of your church. Sign up for small groups in church, or contact Pastor Barb.

Join us and invite your friends to consider:

Who Am I? What Is My Relationship to God? What Is God's desire for our Church?

Prime Time Seniors



"The Help" Thursday, January 5, at 1:00p.m. (right after Senior Meal) All are welcome. The film is free. Open to the whole community!

Meet Merry Jorgensen our new volunteer to help with Senior Ministry and Prime Time Senior Events.

Recently joining our church, Merry Jorgensen has a impressive background in working with church senior ministry before moving to Janesville. Merry will be working with Pastor Stu in Senior ministries. Her presence will allow us to have more activities and do a better job of promoting senior events.

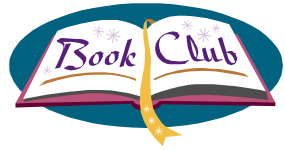
Merry was director of RSVP for the Atlanta metro area as well as developing and promoting programs for seniors in a six county area. That program has some 3000 senior volunteers in six counties. She also headed senior ministry for the churches in the downtown Atlanta area.

Mary now lives in Janesville and works with her son Jason, a State Farm Insurance Agent. She also is a temporary tax consultant for H and R Block. We are very pleased to have her on our Cargill volunteer staff.

In January we will be inviting our senior church members to small groups of ten or so. We want to explore ways to make senior ministries better and reach more people.

Happy New Year

Bits and Pieces



Cargill Christian Preschool and Day Care wishes to thank all the families who had their carpets cleaned during our Clean Carpets for Kids fundraiser. We really appreciate you helping us raise funds for our new infant and toddler playground.

We want to wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year!
Daycare Preschool Staff and Children



The Fellowship Time Committee would like to thank the many Cargill members who contributed time, money and baked goods to the fellowship time after each Sunday Service in Fellowship Hall.

Host groups in 2011 consisted of thirty church committees, six families celebrating birthdays, baptisms and anniversaries, seven groups of friends, the church staff, four groups of church celebrations honoring church school teachers, graduations, confirmation and Fall Fest. There were four "cookie" Sundays which gave everyone a chance to contribute.

Diane Quade assisted every Sunday. Other members of the Fellowship Time Committee are: Pastor Barb, Marilyn Heshelman, Bev Koch, Mardel Wien, Donna Devine and Virginia Douglas. Billie Jo Calkins, Marla Verdone and Sara Pedersen are new members.

United Methodist Women

A time for change—call to prayer and self-denial-gift of love.

Saturday, January 21

9-11am

Cargill UMC Lounge

Betty Teuscher—Leader

Elizabeth Circle—Hostess

Cargill Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday January 25 in Room 111 from 9:30-11:30am. Please join us as we explore the book: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. This book is from The 2012 UMW reading program list. All are welcome.



Dear Cargill Family,

We children of Mirabel and Roy Deming want to thank you for the love, care, and generosity shown us for Mirabel's memorial service and during this past year. Thank you for the lovely meal; it was a labor of love, and we appreciate it so much. Thank you for supporting Mirabel with visits, calls and cards. She was grateful for all and wished she could have responded more. Thank you for your gifts in her memory. You know she would be so happy to support these important missions. We will keep you in our prayers as we ask you to keep us in yours. Gratefully,

Joan, Marty, Laurie, Jim and Barb Deming



Holiday Greetings from my family to yours. May the magic of the season find you and your family happy and healthy.

Blessings

Becky Saliby-Kitchen Ministries Coordinator

Children & Family Ministries

Ladies Nights Out



Holiday Party

Monday, January 9, 7-9pm

Meet at Cargill UMC in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass and the recipe.



Craft Café

Monday, January 23, 7-9pm

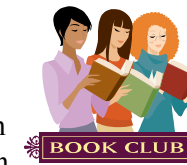
Meet at Cargill UMC in Fellowship Hall. Come for fellowship and bring your current craft or scrapbooking project. Snacks & treats to share are always welcome!



New!! Book Club

Monday, February 6, 7-9pm

Meet at Mocha Moment (1121 Center Ave.) Join us by the fire curled up with a nice latte for an open book discussion of "The Shack" by William P. Young. Copies can be borrowed from both the church and public library or purchased inexpensively from Amazon.com. Bring your unwanted coupons for sharing after the book discussion.



Important Dates to Note

- ◆ January 1—No Sunday School
- ◆ January 4—No Wonderful Wednesday Meal or Programming
- ◆ January 8—Rotation 3 begins—Zacchaeus
- ◆ January 22—Spirit Singers Sing at 10:30am worship service
- ◆ February 12—Family Worship Sunday



Wonderful Wednesdays!

Schedule

Dinner* 5:15—6:15pm

Kids Choirs 6:00—6:30pm

Mid-Week Programs for ALL Ages 6:30—7:30pm

See website for more details.

*Free will offering (suggested donation of \$3 per person, max of \$15 per family)

January 11— Tuna Noodle Casserole

January 18— Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Fruit

January 25— Turkey Soup, Sub Sandwiches

February 1— Chili, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches



Theater Event

Lord of the Flies

(age requirement 8+)

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Show Time 2:30pm

\$20 per person

William Golding's acclaimed novel brought to the stage in a wildly energetic and riveting production. The play reveals the powerful story of a group of schoolboys whose plane crashes on an uninhabited island, leaving no adult survivors. As they come to terms with the lack of usual rule and order, the castaways find that fending for themselves challenges their sense of self and their loyalties to each other.

Show time is at 2:30pm. Afterwards you can meet the cast, then enjoy dinner on your own, on State Street, or explore the State Capitol building. The bus will leave Cargill in Janesville at 1pm, depart from Madison at 6pm and return to Cargill around 8pm.