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First Congregational United Church of Christ, Brainerd

An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Church Office Hours: Wednesdays – Fridays from 10:00am – 2:00pm

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*No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.*

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**Pastor’s Pen**

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From your Pastor and Teacher –

Tradition Five from Alcoholics Anonymous –

*“Each group has but one purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”*

Tradition Five from every 12 step group and spiritual tradition –

*“Each group has but one purpose – to carry its message to the person who still suffers.”*

It isn’t rocket science and I am not trying to sell anyone anything except the experience, strength and hope of my own spiritual journey. There is suffering in our lives. All of us experience moments of loneliness, fear and isolation.  All of us have experienced or will experience grief and loss and change.

The prophetic work of Bill and Dr. Bob was to name and claim this truth for folks who were powerless over their addictions. It drew from ancient wisdom and spiritual truths that were a part of every faith tradition. The promise of God or your Higher Power was to “be with you” in your suffering.

All recovery is the work of Incarnation and Emmanuel. It is the work of Resurrection and Salvation. It is healing work and saving work and it invites us into a posture of listening. We have just one purpose. It is the work connection between my story and your story. It is the work of humility and thanking God or HP for walking with me moment by moment, hour by hour and day by day.

Do you see the connection? Do you feel the invitation? The beginning of every spiritual path is the moment when we recognize we are powerless. Jesus called that place “poor in spirit” (Matthew 5:3).

Our purpose is clear in this season of Pentecost where all are gifted with understanding even when speaking different languages. No matter where we come from or which story of suffering we carry, we say to each person, “you are welcome here”. No matter who are or where you are on life’s journey we will meet you with hope. As long as there is suffering in people’s lives and in the world, we will gather in this place for worship and to be in community with each other.

Please hold each other in prayer and gratitude as witnesses to a deeper truth and understanding. Invite others to this possibility as well.

See you in church,

T. Michael

*Rev. T. Michael Rock has been an ordained minister, liberation theologian, and educator in the United Church of Christ and is currently a Professor for Spiritual Formation and Contextual Education at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. T. Michael also guides the Contextual Education and Spiritual Direction programs for United. He has served as a Spiritual Director and teacher of Spiritual Direction for over 20 years and has 30 years of congregational leadership serving UCC congregations in Minnesota, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Throughout his career T. Michael has volunteered as a trauma-informed chaplain for prisons, police, at George Floyd Square, the World Trade Center, Occupy Wall Street, and other places of tragedy, violence, and transformation. T. Michael is also an activist on the local and national level and an experienced trainer in nonviolence, civil disobedience, and sexuality education.*

**First Congregational UCC News & Updates**

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***“First Congregational UCC is a welcoming, inclusive, and progressive community committed to promoting social justice, spiritual growth, and love for all people. We reject discrimination and advocate for equality and dignity for marginalized communities. Through worship, education, and service, we work to make a positive impact on the world and invite all individuals to join us in this journey of faith and service.”***

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**Pastor T.Michael’s Workday Schedule**

**>> Friday, Saturday & Sunday <<**

**Fridays 10:00am to 4:00pm**

**Saturdays by appointment as needed**

**May 10 through May 18**

**May 31through June 1**

***Leading Worship Services:***

***May 5, 12, 19 & June 2***

***Rev. T. Michael will join Pastor Leslie for June 9***

you can email Pastor T. Michael at [*tmichaelrock@gmail.com*](mailto:tmichaelrock@gmail.com) or call/text at 612-275-0387.

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**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Please call Terri at the office 218-829-2528 or

218-537-1636 (cell) for further assistance.

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**How to watch Sunday worship:** The worship service is **broadcasted on the church Facebook page and the church's YouTube channel every Sunday at 10:00 am.**  
To watch worship on Facebook, go to [*https://www.facebook.com/uccbrainerd/live*](https://www.facebook.com/uccbrainerd/live)  
***\*\*Live stream videos are saved and can be viewed at any time. All memorials, weddings and 12th Night Concert are on our church Facebook page.***

**How to stay connected with First Congregational friends and members:** Join the private group for our Facebook Connections Page at [*https://www.facebook.com/groups/uccbrainerd*](https://www.facebook.com/groups/uccbrainerd)

**Follow Pastor Leslie on her blog during Renewal:**[*renewal24.weebly.com*](https://renewal24.weebly.com/)*.*

**Financial Help Available** Your Church Council voted last year to allow the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to be used to assist church members and others in the Brainerd area who are experiencing financial distress during this time. We received many generous donations! If you need assistance, please email, call, or text Pastor Leslie. Let her know what your situation is and how the church might be of help.

**Donate to the church online!**We are now accepting your offerings and donations using **PayPal.** You do not need to have a PayPal account to make an online donation with a credit card. To use PayPal, go to: [*https://www.paypal.me/uccbrainerd*](https://www.paypal.me/uccbrainerd)

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Ellen Pishko May 3

Terri Chidester May 5

Sue Hadland May 9

Laura Raedeke May 16

Carla Benjamin May 17

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Shon Boman May 22 Janice Morton May 22 Nancy Waller May 25 Preston Newgord May 26 Anthony Newgord May 29

**Church Directory Updated 2024**

**An updated directory will be emailed out in May. If you need a copy mailed to you, please let Terri know in the office. Note: The Connection letter provides what is needed for any updates in the directory. If you have not done so already, please fill out the form and send it in to the office asap.**

If you did not have a picture taken by Dan Hegstad, please send us an updated photo. Email your photo to Terri in the office at [***uccbrainerd@gmail.com***](mailto:uccbrainerd@gmail.com) A jpeg is the best format. Or you may bring a photo into the office or mail it and Terri will scan it for you. Please note if you would like the photo returned.

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***Not Organized - No Agenda - Join us!***

**Wednesday, May 1st** @ **11:45 am**

Location: Black Bear - Baxter

\*Wives/partners invited to join us!

\**We are looking for a new permanent venue*

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**Saturday, May 4th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

The trustees are gearing up for their annual grounds clean-up project.

We are looking for a minimum of 10 people to help with:

-Picking up debris. -Cleaning flower beds

-Replacing mulch in flower beds -Raking out rain gardens

-Edging along sidewalk areas (trustees will rent an edger).

-Stain church alley and parsonage east side door wooden steps.

-Begin staining of the parsonage wooden fence.

-Change parsonage alley wooden gate door so it opens in, NOT out.

-Begin dismantling of parsonage west deck canopy.

The trustees ask that you bring a shovel, rake or garden utensils as we do not have many of these items. ***In case of rain we will meet after church on May 5th.***

***A lunch of pizza and a cold beverage will be available at 12:00 pm compliments of the trustees.***

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***Everyone is welcome***

***& no reservations are required for either gathering.***

**Women’s Saturday Fellowship: May 11th @ 9:30 am**

UCC Brainerd in Fellowship Hall & Mary Reardon is hosting

**Women’s Week-day Luncheon: Thursday, May 30th @ 11:30 am**  
Location: Sage on Laurel/*Side Room* & Hostess: Kay Cox

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**May 12th 11:30 am:” Mother’s Day Story Circle” -** Join us as we use a story circle process to remember and honor the influence of our mothers on our lives.

**May 19th11:30 am "Meyer Briggs Assessment -**Kay Cox, Rev. T. Michael and Steve Newcom will be presenting information about **t**he MBTI® ([Myers-Briggs Type Indicator®](https://www.myersbriggs.org/my-mbti-personality-type/take-the-mbti-instrument/)) assessment which is being offered to friends and members of UCC Brainerd. Kay and T. Michael will help interpret your assessment. It is designed to help people identify and gain some understanding around how they take in information and make decisions, the patterns of perception and judgment, as seen in normal, healthy behavior. It is your choice whether or not to join in this assessment.

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**Thursday, May 16th at 3:45 pm.**

First Congregational is working with the young people from TheShop (Brainerd/Baxter's Youth Empowerment Center) and are preparing a meal and serving it at TheShop for the participants in the program.

Mary Benson is the point person. If you are interested in helping, please email Mary at [marybenson75@gmail.com](mailto:marybenson75@gmail.com)

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**We meet each Friday morning at 10:30 am via zoom**.

Church Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/uccbrainerdzoom>

We are reading the non-fiction book about animals,***“Eight Bears: Mythic Past and Imperiled Future”*,** by Gloria Dickie. In ***Eight Bears***, journalist Gloria Dickie embarks on a globe-trotting journey to explore each bear's story, whisking readers from the cloud forests of the Andes to the ice floes of the Arctic; from the jungles of India to the backwoods of the Rocky Mountain West. Weaving together ecology, history, mythology, and a captivating account of her travels and observations, Dickie offers a closer look at our volatile relationship with these magnificent mammals. Engrossing and deeply reported, *Eight Bears* delivers a clear warning for what we risk losing if we don't learn to live alongside the animals that have shaped our cultures, geographies, and stories.

Contact Pat Scott for more information.

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**WISE Food for Thought**: "Most internal interference comes from fear - not only fear of physical harm, but more commonly fear of being judged, making a fool of ourselves, being rejected, or failing." -*Anonymous*



**MAKE IT OK**

The most recent Crow Wing County Community Health Survey found that more than 1 in 4 adults in Crow Wing County expe­rience mental illness. Most will wait an average of ten years before seeking treatment, largely due to stigma. Stigma are a set of negative and other unfair beliefs that society has about something.

The Make It OK campaign is designed to encourage people to talk more openly about mental illnesses and ask for help. When we start talking, we realize that mental illnesses are more common and relatable than we think.

**Friday May 24th 12:00 - 1:30 pm at The Center**

803 Kingwood St. Brainerd

**This is a Lunch and learn meeting.**

***To get your box lunch, you must stop at The Center and***

***pay $5 to reserve your lunch prior to May 24th.***

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**UCC Missions Strengthen the Church**

**The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.**

Please send your donation to First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St. Brainerd, MN 56401.

Or for your convenience use our Paypal account at: [paypal.me/uccbrainerd](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/uccbrainerd)

Make note on your offering “***STC Special Offering”***. Thank you!

**Restore** *https://www.lakesareahabitat.org/restore/*

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For anyone who wishes to join in on making calls or visits, the Care Team meets every month on the first **Thursday at 10:00 am**. The next meeting is **Thursday, April 4th.** *If you know of anyone who would enjoy a call from the care team, please contact one of our Care Team; Barb Hoeft, Jack and Kay Kraywinkle, Pat Scott, Chris Yager, Deb Griffith, and Pastor Leslie.*

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**Hosts, Ushers, Greeters, Scripture-readers**

Sunday morning greeters/ushers and coffee hosts play an important part in making our church a warm and welcoming place for all. Signup below for your first Sunday as the face of the church! [*https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A9A823A5FFC07-hugs/16034811*](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A9A823A5FFC07-hugs/16034811)

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**Our church continues to collect non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Shelf. Please consider bringing items and donating.**

**There are two collection boxes: one in the parking lot entry hallway, the other in the Narthex. Brian Twamley picks up and delivers the food. Thank you!**

**You may also send a money donation to the church;** First Congregational UCC

415 Juniper St. Brainerd, MN 56401. Or for your convenience use our Paypal account at: [*paypal.me/uccbrainerd*](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/uccbrainerd) **Make sure to write in memo “Food Shelf”.**

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**Cooking for Everyone**

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Cooking for Everyone is a loosely knit group of church folks who like to cook and eat good food, and occasionally do fundraisers for the c hutch. If you would like to be included on the email list, contact Lowell Johnson at [*johnsonlowells@gmail.com*](mailto:johnsonlowells@gmail.com)

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**The Columbarium at First Congregational UCC, Brainerd**

The Columbarium is located in the historic space that once was our church’s front entry way.

How appropriate it is that our Columbarium now marks another entry way into a new life — where the Spirits of Love and Truth are always present!

Should you wish to learn more about the purchase of a niche for your own cremains or for the ashes of a loved one, please call the church office at (218) 829-2528 and a packet of materials will be sent you via email or regular mail.

The Memorial Committee has prepared the information packet, and it contains all the details you will need as you consider inurnment here at First Congregational UCC.

Have any other questions? Contact Dawn Stattine at [dawnstattine@gmail.com](mailto:dawnstattine@gmail.com)

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**Church Leadership**

**Get Involved, Give Back, Grow Connections – Volunteer at Church!**

***There are many other opportunities for you to share your talents!***

**--Assistant Moderator:** Serves a 1-year term (may renew for 3 terms). Serve as Moderator in case of absence or incapacity of the Moderator. Participate in the service for reception of new members as the representative of the Church Council. Serve as liaison between the Council and the various small group ministries functioning within the Church. Serve as an ex-officio member of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

**--Clerk:** Serves a 1-year term (may renew for 6 terms Be a member of the Church Council and serve as Council secretary and keep a written record of all congregational meetings. Prepare a written summary of the actions of the Council. Maintain an accurate record of Church member’s names with the date and mode of their reception and removal as members. Maintain a record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths. Issue letters of transfer and/or certificates of membership upon request. Prepare, or direct preparation by Church staff, of a roster of members prior to each congregational meeting listing all members and their active/inactive status. The roster shall be used to determine eligibility to vote at congregational meetings and shall be the basis for reporting church size and for payment of per capita assessments. Preserve on file, all official documents, including the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, minutes, memorial gifts, contracts, reports, and correspondence of the church. Serve as, or appoint a Church Historian to keep a record of events of historical interest to the church.

--**Treasurer:** serves a 1-year term (may renew for 6 terms). The primary role is oversight of bookkeeping, church finances and Executive Committee discussions. This candidate should have a strong background or interest in finance or banking.

--**Council Member-At-Large:** Attend council meetings, act as a liaison for church members and council, help with nominations, spokesperson for historically underrepresented groups (HUGS).

**Committees needing fresh faces and leadership:**

**\*Christian Education \*Stewardship \*Music \*Arts \*Trustees**

*Contact Mary Reardon -Moderator, or Tim Anderson-Asst. Moderator with your nominations*

**Highlights from the Council Meeting, April 18th 2024**

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**Thursday, 3:30 pm (In-person and Zoom)**

~ These are highlights. If you would like a copy of the full minutes, please contact the church office ~

*Present: Mary Rearson (Moderator), Alvin Velsvaag (At-Large—Mental Health), Deb Griffith (Trustees) Dan Hegstad (PR/Marketing), Kay Cox (PRC), Steve Newcom (Justice Ministry, ZOOM), Marcia Ferris (Stewardship), Cynthia Janes (Clerk), Sue Hadland (Christian Ministry), Terri Chidester (Admin. Asst.,Zoom), Tim Anderson (Assistant Moderator, ZOOM), T. Michael Rock (Pastor, Zoom), Absent: Lowell Johnson (Christian Ed)*

**March, 2024 Council Minutes**—No additions or corrections. Approved as read**.**

**Clerk Report** — Lance James died Friday, March 29, 2024. His service will be Wednesday, April 24, 1:30 PM, in the sanctuary.

**Review of Financials -** Our income in March from Giving Units was down, but Terri explained there had been two large donations in January and February.

**Reports**

**Annual Connections Letter information**: Terri said that she is still getting the annual connection letters back. Non-members will continue to get weekly emails and Newsletters per their request. Marcia reiterated that non-replies will be carefully reviewed and that contact with some will be attempted.

**Care Team**: No report received. Some discussion about the Council’s need to get some kind of feedback from the care team about what they are doing.

**Christian Ed.** Report. Additions:

1. Update on WISE survey: WISE pre-commitment survey ran from Monday, April 1 through Monday, April 8. Surveys or survey links were emailed to 141 households, 60 people completed the survey, for a return rate of 43%, which is decent.

2. Update on book launch: It went well. It was held in St. Joseph’s Hospital cafeteria April 14. About 80 people were present, many from our church. The book, *Bold Yet Seldom Told*: *Crow Wing County Stories* contains testimonials by marginalized people of many types who live or have lived in the Brainerd Lakes area. All are encouraged to view the companion video, which is available on the Energized You Tube website. [*https://youtu.be/KInFDauGEc4?si=-GBmOuMIUHX5XUQ0*](https://youtu.be/KInFDauGEc4?si=-GBmOuMIUHX5XUQ0)*.*

**Christian Ministry**: Report. The committee will organize an event to recognize Leslie’s return.

**Justice Ministry**: Report by Justice Minister Steve Newcom. Some of the points Steve mentioned at the meeting: Justice tables will meet after Fellowship on April 28. Steve will sit with the Poverty group. Steve highlighted his plan to create a “Faith in Public Life” series beginning with “Faith and Mental Health,” on a weekend in October.

**Marketing:** Report. Dan remarked that the doors on the church front lawn are the “best marketing tool we’ve ever had.” The committee will soon consider some kind of display to follow the doors. The church name change will be brought forward in late summer or early fall.

**WISE Mental Health**: (verbal) Alvin reported that the WISE team will meet briefly during Fellowship time to begin discussion of the May 26 worship service, which the group will head. They will discuss the worship service preparation when the Justice tables meet on April 28th.

**PRC**: (Did not meet.) Kay said that the committee will not meet again until Pastor Leslie returns.

**Stewardship**: Report. Two posters are set up, side by side, for the congregation to note our church - based volunteer roles, as well as community work in which a person is involved.

**Trustees**: Report by Chair, Deb Griffith. It has been decided to make the needed organ repairs, and to use the services of Moe Pipe Organ Repair. The needed repairs will be done in stages. The Foundation has agreed to assist in funding the first stage.

**Pastor’s Report**: Report by Pastor T. Michael.

**Old Business**

1. **MN UCC Annual Conference meeting June 7-8th** at College of St. Benedict (St. Joseph) the annual. Mary Reardon will attend, as will Pastors T. Michael, Leslie and Steve Newcom. Still available is one paid slot for a congregant.

2. **Nominating committee update**: (Assistant Moderator Tim Anderson)

No candidates have been found for assistant moderator or secretary.

NOTE: all candidates will be finalized at the May 16th Council meeting.

3. **Choir director update:** Mary has not been able to pursue this because of her mother’s recent death.

4. Results of March’s “Food Share Month”: An ample supply of food was collected throughout the month. Terri reported that $50.00 was collected in the special offering.

**New Business**

1. **Annual Pride in the Park: Date is September 14.** Council voted to participate and to authorize Terri to pay the $50 entrance fee (booth).

2. **Late summer or fall planning and annual goal setting.** Council decided at its March meeting to set aside some time this fall to do some planning and goal setting. It was decided at the current meeting that a date would be set after Leslie returns.

3. Noteworthy upcoming calendar item: **Wednesday, May 29th Annual reports due to Terri**

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia Janes, Clerk

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**Next Regular Council Meeting: *Thursday, May 16th, 2024, 3:30 pm***

**in-person and via Zoom** [*tinyurl.com/uccbrainerdzoom*](http://tinyurl.com/uccbrainerdzoom)

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**Reminder! Annual Meeting Date Change -– June 16th**

**After Sunday Worship**

Our Annual Meeting will be held in June, a month later when Pastor Leslie will be back from her Renewal Time.

All voting members are encouraged to attend as we elect new committee members and review the last 12 months. Reports will be emailed the second week of June. Please contact the church office if you need a printed copy mailed to you.

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**Brainerd Lakes Area Information**

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**~ Opportunities to Know and Share God’s Love ~**

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Crow Wing Energized, the community health movement supported by Essentia Health and Crow Wing County, is offering several upcoming events and classes. These events are free but pre-registration is required.

**Matter of Balance Classes**: Do you have any concerns about falling? During this class, you will learn about how to manage any fear of falling and increase your activity level. There are two options to pick from**: If you are interested in a Brainerd location, this will be held at Woodland Good Samaritan Home on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The class meets once a week from April 4 to May 23.**

**If you are interested in a Crosslake location, this will be held at Crosslake Lutheran Church on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to noon. The class will meet once a week from April 9 to May 28.** **Classes are free.**

To register for either of these sessions: [*https://crowwingenergized.org/events-classes/*](https://crowwingenergized.org/events-classes/)

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The book, **“Bold Yet Seldom Told”** was launched on April 14. Books are available at CatTales – downtown Brainerd.  
Either link below will allow you to view videos Dan Hegstad made of some contributors to the book telling their own stories. Powerful stories ! 

Crow Wing Energized:

[*https://crowwingenergized.org/story-project/*](https://crowwingenergized.org/story-project/)

Steve Newcom's Justice Table website:

[*https://sites.google.com/kaleo.center/justicetable/bold-untold-stories?authuser=0*](https://sites.google.com/kaleo.center/justicetable/bold-untold-stories?authuser=0)

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**2024 Conference Retreats & Events**

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Below is a brief highlight of each event; you can find full details on the [Conference's website.](https://uccbrainerd.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7358d6fe5c26410d29dfb93f0&id=c1c74424cc&e=5e2c6f93e6)

To help facilitate a more comprehensive and secure registration process, the Conference has implanted a new registration system for overnight events in 2024.  
[*Check out CampDoc!*](https://uccbrainerd.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7358d6fe5c26410d29dfb93f0&id=a15633c55e&e=5e2c6f93e6)

### A logo for outdoor ministry Description automatically generated **Great Lakes & West Central Regional Youth Event** **July 17-20 |**Augustana College, Rock Island Illinois

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### **Clergy Family Retreat:** "What Do You Mean We Don’t Have to Plan Anything?" **August 11–13 |**Camp Onomia, Onamia, MN

### **Women’s Retreat: "You Are a Story"** **Friday, September 13 – Sunday, September 15 |** Camp Onomia, Onamia, MN Martha Brunell, Facilator

### **Fall 2024 Conference Youth Event** **October 11–13** | Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center

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| May 2024 Calendar |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Leslie Workday |  |  | Office Hours  10am – 2pm | Office Hour  10am – 2pm | Office Hours  10am – 2pm  ***Rev. T. Michael 10am-4pm*** |  |
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| **Y- Yes Mtg. in person**  **FB –Stream Online**  **Z- our Zoom**  **C- Cancelled**  **N-None**  **? or TBD– No update-To be determined** |  |  | 11:45pm Men’s **1**  Fellowship-Black Bear in Baxter -**Y**  (significant others invited)  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **2**  10am Care Team Mtg.-**Y** | **3**  10:30am Bk Grp-**Z**  6:30pm Movie Night-**Y**  *\*\* Rev. T. Michael not in office today* | **4**  10am – Trustees & Volunteers Grounds Clean-up/Pizza-**Y** compliments of the Trustees/Rainy weather Sunday 5th after service |
| 8:30am Bnrd Frnds-**Y** **5**  10am Wrship & Communion-**Y**&**FB  *\*****Rev.T. Michael**leads worship*  *Testimony-Jan Kurtz*  11am Fellowship-**Y**  *\*\*Myers-Briggs handed out*  *\*Trustees church walk-thru* | **6**  7pm BACP/BLUE church is backup | **7**  2pm EA-**Y**  5:30pm OA -**Y** | **8**  11:45pm Men’s  Fellowship-TBD -**Y**  5:30pm Trustees-**Y**  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **9** 8:30am Christian Ministry Mtg.-**Y**  3:34pm TheShop-**Y**  4pm Exec.Team Mtg**.-Y**&**Z** | **10**  10:30am Bk Grp- **Z** | **11**  9:30am Women’s Fellowship in Fellowship Hall-Y |
| 8:30am Bnrd Frnds-**Y** **12**  10am Wrship -**Y**&**FB** *\*Rev.T.Michael*  *Testimony- River Tatro*  *\*\*Myers-Briggs hand back in*  11am Fellowship-**Y**  11:30am Adult Forum-Mother’s Day Story Circle**-Y** | **13** | **14**  2pm EA-**Y**  5:30pm OA -**Y** | 11:45pm Men’s **15**  Fellowship-TBD-**Y**  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **16**  3:30pm Council Mtg-**Y**&**Z**  6:30pm Dist.7AA-**Y** | **17**  *Terri Admin. Asst. out of office am.*  10:30am Bk Grp- **Z** | **18**  11am – UCC Brainerd hosts Outdoor Ministry Focus Listening Session |
| 8:30am Bnrd Frnds-**Y 19**  10am Wrship **-Y**&**FB \****Rev.T. Michael*  *Testimony - TBD*  11am Fellowship-**Y**  11:30 Adult Forum -Myers Briggs-**Y**  1pm Girl Scout-**Y**  2pm Sarah Gorham Piano Recital-**Y** | **20**  . | **21**  2pm EA-**Y**  5:30pm OA -**Y** | **22**  11:45pm Men’s  Fellowship-TBD -**Y**  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **23** | **24**  10:30am Bk Grp- **Z**  *\*\* Rev. T. Michael not in office today* | **25** |
| 8:30am Bnrd Frnds-**Y 26**  10am Sunday Wrship-**Y**&**FB**  *\* WISE & CM lead worship*  *Testimony - WISE*  11am Fellowship-**Y**  **\*Special Offering STC**  **\*Newsletter Deadline** | **27**  . | **28**  2pm EA-**Y**  5:30pm OA -**Y** | **29**  11:45pm Men’s  Fellowship-TBD -**Y**  7pm AA Common-**Y** | **30**  **Annual Committee Reports due to Terri**  11:30 am Women’s Luncheon @ Sage on Laurel Downtown Brainerd | **31**  10:30am Bk Grp- **Z** |  |