

Dear Friends,

What a glorious summer we had this year. We were busy in the life of the congregation, both individually and collectively. Thanks to everyone who helped with fundraisers, ministry projects, and attended worship.

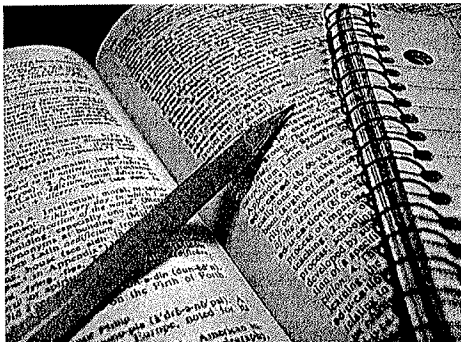
For me it was a special Sunday on August 27, when Violet and Amelea Harring were dedicated. We were glad to welcome their extended family to worship with us that day. The girls had picked several of the songs for worship and it was great to hear their voices joining with the congregation. Perhaps you were reminded of the time your child was baptized, or even your own baptism, confirmation, or consecration.

Autumn is a favorite season, though to be honest I love all four. I love the changing colors, the bounty of the harvest, the decrease in humidity and the anticipation of coming winter. Please look for information on some of our autumn activities. I hope to see you at these activities and in church.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Denise

BIBLE STUDY



You are invited to be part of the October Bible Study! The first Sunday of Advent we begin a new worship year. The lectionary texts for the new year will focus primarily on the Gospel of Mark. We will be reading the Gospel of Mark in October to prepare. The first gathering is Wednesday, October 4 at 7 PM in the church lounge. The group will meet on October 4, 11 & 25. Sign-up during worship, or just bring your Bible and come on October 4.

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The Literacy Project continues to be going strong. We needed to restock the supply of books at Sauk Prairie Hospital in July. Our plan is to purchase a larger supply this fall. This purchase is in our budget of regular offering receipts, but if you would like to add to this ministry designate your additional offering for the literacy project.

Have you noticed our beautiful church is recently painted?

The cost of the painting project is \$5000. The paint can poster in the church entry is divided into colored portions to indicate how much money has been raised and help us track our progress towards our goal. The church board voted to try to raise the money through fundraising efforts first, instead of just withdrawing the entire amount from the building maintenance fund. At the end of our fundraising efforts, the difference remaining will then be withdrawn from the maintenance fund to cover the \$5000 cost. Please consider donating to this fundraiser. To do so, please mark your envelope or check memo line with "Painting Project." We hope to see the paint can poster filled to the top to cover this upcoming expense.

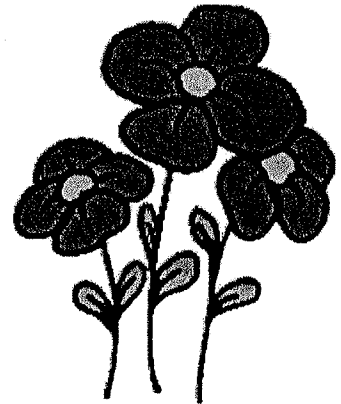


The 4th Quarter: conversations on the Fourth Quarter of our lives.

Did you spend the first quarter of your life preparing for the "rest of your life"?

Are you now in the middle half of your life and looking ahead?

What questions do you have about life's needs in the 4th Quarter of your life?



** We are holding the final conversation on Saturday, September 30!
Please join us at Mazomanie UCC.

Topics will be 'SAFE at Home' and 'Long Range Planning'.

You and your friends are invited to attend Saturday, September 30 from 10 AM - 12 NOON at Mazomanie United Church of Christ, 109 W Hudson Street.

You may call (608) 354-1201 for more information.

