

# Lay Coordinator ♦ November 2010

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We are having a record windy day as I write this. Brrrr, so glad I am cuddled up with my computer! Winter is on the way!



**Barneveld UCC** will have their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 27th at the Barneveld Legion Hall, 102 Wood Street. If you have questions, you may contact Elsie Jane Murphy at 608 924-8491.

Get it on your calendar now! Both **Madison Lake Edge** and **Fitchburg Memorial UCC** will be holding their Holiday Cookie Walks on Saturday, December 11.

**Paoli Zwingli** will be celebrating Polka Fest Sunday November 14 during their 9:30 worship.

**Janesville First Congregational** will host the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot on November 7.

With the chilly winds of winter, book clubs are back! **Madison Orchard Ridge** is reading *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. **Madison Plymouth** is reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* in October and in November they will be reading a provocative title, *How the Relentless Promotion of Positive Thinking Has Undermined America* by Barbara Ehrenreich! **Verona Salem** is reading *Don't Let's Go To the Dogs Tonight* by Alexander Fuller.

On November 13 the Men's Fellowship and the Women's Fellowship groups at **Baraboo First Congregational** will host a joint breakfast meeting. The women have offered to do the cooking and it is "suggested" that the men stay late and clean up!

**Platteville First Congregational** will hold their Annual Church Bazaar on Saturday, November 6. One half of the profits go to Mission Ministry. On November 21 after the service they will join together with **Cornelia Mt Zion** for a Thanksgiving Feast. After the celebration meal they will play Thanksgiving Scattagories!

I mentioned last month that **Belleville First UCC** is holding their Annual Church Dinner on November 13. This year marks their 28<sup>th</sup> year and they are planning "the biggest and best ever"! Besides turkey, ham and roast beef they will hold a Craft, Baked goods and Woodworking Sale along with the meal.

The youth at **Madison First Congregational** will be heading up to Wisconsin's Largest Corn Maze in Lodi WI on November 14.

The **New Glarus Home**, one of the ministries that we all support through the **Council for Health and Human Service Ministries**, has much going on. They recently hosted an open house for their new assisted living apartments, Glarner Lodge. On Sunday, November 14 everyone is invited to an afternoon of Swiss entertainment in their multi-purpose room with the Mannerchor and the Yodel Club putting on their annual concert and on November 19 they will host a free presentation by the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance called *Introduction to Alzheimer's and Dementia: Getting Started*, 1:00 to 2:00. Pre-registration for this event is encouraged, you may call 608-843-3402.

A three-part communion preparation class is being held October 26, November 2 and November 7 at **Madison First Congregational** for children second grade and above to attend with their parents. They are also holding a class on *Christian Parenting 101, When Your Patience Runs Thin* for their FIGS group (Families Including God & Stuff) on November 6 along with a potluck.

Church Women United will celebrate World Community Day at the **Platteville First Congregational UCC** on Friday, November 12 at 2:00 pm with a service followed by dessert and coffee.



It is stewardship time. I leave you with these words from Madison First Congregational.

*" An attitude of gratitude can move us toward developing a lifestyle of generosity. When we are able to see life as an undeserved gift of God, we are freed to be generous people in our dealings with other people and the world. Because God has given us life in all its richness and wonder, we can respond by being generous in our praise, our friendship, our affection and our time. We can respond in ways that increase hope, joy and generosity in others. . . . Let our sense of gratitude lead us in our joyful response to all God has given. And in our gratitude, may we always be generous and compassionate in all we do."*

**Go and serve.**  
**Nancy**