

# The Tower

First Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
Madison, Wisconsin

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## All Saints Day

All Saints Day has a long history in the Christian Church. In the early church, Christians would celebrate a martyr's death for Christ, and this was known as the Saint's "birth day." In some cases, there was an all-night vigil, and the communion was celebrated over the tomb of the saint, or at the place of the saint's martyrdom. During the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian (284-305), there was a general persecution of Christians throughout the Roman Empire. Estimates are that more than 3000 were killed and others tortured and/or jailed because of their refusal to deny their faith. It was during this time that the idea was developed to have a single day in the church each year when those who had been martyred for their faith would be remembered. In the western church (Roman Catholic and then Protestant), November 1 ended up being the day when all the saints of the church (Christians who had died) were remembered and commemorated.

I believe this is a good thing to do. Our lives of faith – our beliefs and actions – are not simply our creations alone. Instead, they are dependent on all we have been given by those who came before us. Isaac Newton, whom some people consider the greatest physicist or scientist of all time, once said in a letter to a friend: *If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.* As brilliant as Newton was, he knew that all his scientific work was based on the work of those who had come before him.

The same is true for us in the church. Certainly the practice of faith enacting itself as acts of love in the world is a tradition which was part of this church before most of us were members. And the fact that this church does enact its faith as love in turn influences the faith of the members. That's just one small example. Of course, in our personal lives, there are also many people who helped us learn about and develop our faith. Sometimes parents or other relatives share stories about the ways their faith has influenced their lives. Our faith may also be affected by a Sunday School teacher, or a friend of our parents, or other people. But however it developed, it did not develop in isolation. In many ways, our faith is a gift from people who influenced us.

In worship on Sunday morning, we will read the names and remember the lives of members of our church who died in the last year. We will list in the bulletin bequests made to the church, people in whose memory memorial gifts were made to the church, and a list ways memorial money was spent during the year.

Also, there will be tables set up in the front of the sanctuary with white paper table cloths on them. There will be magic markers on the tables. You are encouraged to come to worship early enough to write the name(s) of people you remember from your past – family members, friends, teachers, others – who had a significant role in forming you in some way. Also, please consider bringing some article or object which reminds you of that person and place it on the table during worship. **Both of these actions are ways of symbolizing the importance of particular people in our lives.** (Those items will only be on the table for the duration of worship on Sunday. They are to be picked up and taken home when you leave.)

Few of us will know all the people who have died in our church in the last year. Certainly none of us will know all the people whose names are written on the white table coverings or whose lives are symbolized by objects placed on the table before worship. Their presence is for personal remembrance and honor from the person placing the object or writing the name. But for all of us, it might stimulate our memory and our thanksgiving for those known and unknown people who blessed us with their presence and teaching.

I hope to see you in worship on Sunday morning.

Curt Anderson



## JOIN US FOR MORNING SERVICE

**Sunday, October 30, 2011**

**Worship at 10am in the Sanctuary**

**All Saints Sunday**

**Scripture Readings: Matthew 5:1-12,**

**Matthew 23:27-28, 33-36**

I think most of us associate the end of October with Halloween. In Celtic tradition, October 31, "November Eve," was a day when supernatural power was likely to break through, and the future was foreshadowed by omens of all kinds. In our Protestant tradition and in the tradition of this church, All Saints Sunday has become a day of remembrance and reverence for all the people--the saints--who have touched our lives by their example of faithfulness and courage. In that remembrance and reverence we may experience the kind of spiritual breakthrough, a renewal of our faith and commitment, that the Celts looked for in those dark nights in Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

I believe the saints can help us resolve the tension in this week's preaching texts. The first reading from Matthew gives us the Beatitudes, that great list of human qualities that Jesus most admires and that turn our view of the world upside down. The list includes "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God."

In the second reading, we see a very different kind of Jesus. The whole twenty-third chapter of Matthew is devoted to Jesus' excoriating the scribes and Pharisees, the ruling officials of the Jewish community in Jerusalem. In the final verses he calls them a "brood of vipers" who will rot in hell.

These two texts raise a fundamental question for Christians: how do you make peace with a brood of vipers? Jesus is clear: peace is good and injustice is bad and must be opposed. How do we reconcile the claims of peace with the claims of justice?

For me, the best advice about the tension between peace and justice comes from a modern saint, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King knew a brood of vipers when he saw one. King had faced the police dogs, fire hoses and death threats since the days of the bus boycott in Montgomery.

But King also knew that "Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

That kind of advice is why we need saints among us. Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Fall Walk in the Woods.** Join the Board of Community Life for the Annual Fall Walk in the Woods on Sunday, Oct. 30. Immediately following worship, we will gather together and drive to Roxbury for brunch before going to Indian Lake County Park for our hike. The terrain is rolling and not paved but doesn't require climbing. Enjoy the fresh air and even a bit of remaining fall color. We should be able to arrange car pooling for transportation. Contact [community\\_life@firstcongmadison.org](mailto:community_life@firstcongmadison.org)

**There is a poster** on the bulletin board near the Lathrop Street entrance with information on the new Voter ID law. If you need further information, it includes a tear-off with emails and phone numbers where you can ask your questions.

## FIRST CONG YOUTH

**Youth FOOTBALL PARKING** First Cong Youth are responsible for football parking on Saturday, November 5. The game is at 2:30. Please let Jeff Rabe know if you plan to work. Call the church office or email him at [jrabe@firstcongmadison.org](mailto:jrabe@firstcongmadison.org)

## FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

**UNICEF Costume Party** The Children of the Sunday School are invited to don their festive costumes during class on Sunday, October 30. A special party will provide snacks, entertainment and information about UNICEF.

### Christmas Pageant Auditions

Children from grades 3 – Sr High (change from last year), interested in having a part in this year's Christmas Pageant are invited to Auditions on Sunday, November 13 in the Chapel following worship. Nothing to prepare, just show up! Speaking parts, Solos, and Dance will all be discussed. Any questions or conflicts, please contact Jeff Rabe at the church office. (Pageant is Sunday, December 18).

### MODERN FAMILY

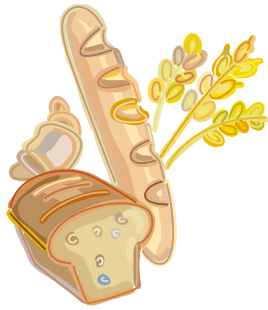
Saturday, November 19 from 10:30 – Lunch  
All Families Invited!

## WAYS TO SERVE

### Bread for the World: Last Week to Get Your Letters Counted and Mailed

The causes of hunger in the United States are rooted in poverty. Millions of Americans earning low wages struggle to put food on the table and make ends meet. We need to create good jobs for everyone who can work, provide adequate work supports, and offer incentives so low-income workers are able to save and build wealth. For many Americans, the U.S. labor market no longer works as a reliable way to build a stable career and support their families. Jobs programs can help benefit millions of families as they work to make ends meet. We must expand access to affordable health care and child care, and strengthen tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, which help working families. Child nutrition programs—school lunches and breakfasts, summer feeding programs, and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program—are critical to ending childhood hunger. When children receive the nutrition they need, they are more likely to move out of poverty as adults.

We conclude our letter-writing campaign this week. Information, address labels, and letter-writing materials can be found on a table at the back of the sanctuary through November 11. Our challenge is to send at least 111 letters in recognition of UCC's Mission 1 Campaign. But think how much impact 1,111 letters would make! Take materials with you and enlist the help of friends and family. Please leave letters in the collection box on the Bread for the World table for our offering of letters on Sunday, November 6.



### MFIS Thanksgiving Hospitality Hosts Needed

Madison Friends of International Students (MFIS) is looking for families who would like to invite international students to their homes for this year's Thanksgiving celebration. It is a wonderful opportunity to share Thanksgiving traditions, food, and family with people from around the world. The warmth and friendship shared will never be forgotten. Thanksgiving is celebrated on November 24 this year. For questions and/or to volunteer as a host, please call MFIS at 263-4010 or email [info@mfismadison.org](mailto:info@mfismadison.org) (email subject: Thanksgiving Hospitality) Deadline November 15. MFIS has served international students at University of Wisconsin-Madison for 52 years and is extending a welcome to international students at Madison College as well! Volunteers will be screened and matched through MFIS.

For further information about MFIS, visit <http://www.iss.wisc.edu/mfis/index.html>

**For 25 years** our church has been an active participant in the Community Meals program at Luke House/St. Paul's. A small time commitment once a month by individuals has helped to relieve hunger for many clients. There are many ways to help, and the need is great. Call Judy Whipple at 249-7773 to see what you can do. A *reminder*: the next Community Meals day is **November 3**. Be sure to call a sub if you are unable to participate.

### THANKSGIVING WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Every Thanksgiving our church provides a free Thanksgiving dinner for any and all who wish to attend. You can help in this project by participating in any (or all!) of the following activities: providing financial support, donating food, helping with the preparation of



the food, serving the meal, delivering meals to the home bound and the not-to-be-forgotten; clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be placed at the back of the sanctuary starting this Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, call the church office 233-9751, or email the Board of Outreach: [outreach@firstcongrmadison.org](mailto:outreach@firstcongrmadison.org). Our leadership team is still in need of a Home Delivery Meal Coordinator, Dining Room Co-Coordinator, and Kitchen Co-Coordinator. To learn more about these important roles, please contact Jessica Flowers at 347-7716.

## MUSICAL NOTES



**You are invited** to help celebrate con vivo! chamber music ensemble's tenth anniversary with a concert of quintets by Mozart and some dazzling foot work on the organ! Join us on Friday, October 28 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Tickets at the door for \$12/\$10 seniors and students.

**Halloween Concert** Enjoy an hour of Spook-tacular music Friday night, October 28, at 11pm in the Sanctuary. Costumes are encouraged.



# Church Calendar October 30-Nov. 6, 2011

## Sunday, October 30

10:00am Sunday Worship ~ S  
 10:15am Sunday School costume party ~ DR  
 11:15am Cherub Choir ~ Room 301

## Monday October 31

5:30pm Table Tennis Clubs ~ DR  
 8:00pm SA ~ Room 301

## Tuesday November 1

12noon Bible Conversations ~ SL  
 5:15pm NA Women's ~ Room 301  
 6:30pm Boy Scouts ~ DR  
 7:00pm NA ~ Room 301  
 8:30pm UW Table Tennis Club ~ DR

## Wednesday November 2

9:30am Worship Planning ~ MS  
 10:30am Staff Meeting ~ MS  
 6:30pm Coventry Ringers ~ Room 301  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir ~ C

## Thursday November 3

### *Community Meals Day*

6:30pm Friends of International Students ~ LRC  
 7:00pm Mad City Jugglers ~ DR  
 7:30pm AA ~ Room 301

## Friday November 4

5:30pm Madison Table Tennis Club ~ DR

## Saturday November 5

2:30pm UW football parking ~ Youth

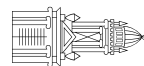
## Sunday November 6

### *Daylight Savings Time Ends*

10:00am Sunday Worship ~ S  
 10:15am Wee Worship  
 11:15am Cherub Choir ~ Room 301  
 12noon BOUNCE ~ YR



BBQ ~ Mid High Bible Study  
 Big K ~ Big Kitchen  
 BOUNCE ~ Mid High Youth Group  
 C ~ Chapel  
 DR ~ Dining Room  
 FIGS ~ Families Including God and Stuff  
 FR ~ Fellowship Room  
 GAS ~ Sr. High Bible Study  
 LRC ~ Learning Resource Center  
 MS ~ Minister's Study  
 S ~ Sanctuary  
 SAGE ~ Sr. High Youth Group  
 SL ~ Student Lounge  
 SR ~ Salad Room  
 YR ~ Youth Room



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
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 Madison, Wisconsin 53726  
 608-233-9751 (phone)

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Worship attendance on  
 Sunday, October 23, 2011 was 210.**

### Staff:

Curt Anderson, Senior Minister  
 Eldonna Hazen, Associate Minister  
 Jerry Hancock, Director of Prison Ministry Project  
 Donald J. DeBruin, Director of Music Ministries  
 Jeff Rabe, Director of Christian Education for  
 Children & Youth  
 Rob Eagle, Bookkeeper  
 Jill Farnsworth, Church Secretary  
 David Krantz, Building Manager

**Office Hours:** 8am-12:30pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm,  
 Monday -Thursday; 8am-noon Friday.

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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES:** Curt Anderson's phone is 836-1321, Eldonna Hazen's phone number is 241-8117 and Jerry Hancock's phone is 658-6630.

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## Tuesday November 1

12noon Bible Conversations ~ SL  
5:15pm NA Women's ~ Room 301  
6:30pm Boy Scouts ~ DR  
7:00pm NA ~ Room 301  
8:30pm UW Table Tennis Club ~ DR

## Wednesday November 2

9:30am Worship Planning ~ MS  
10:30am Staff Meeting ~ MS  
6:30pm Coventry Ringers ~ Room 301  
7:30pm Chancel Choir ~ C

## Thursday November 3

### *Community Meals Day*

6:30pm Madison friends of International Students ~ LRC  
7:00pm Mad City Jugglers ~ DR  
8:00pm AA ~ Room 301

## Friday November 4

5:30pm Table Tennis Club ~ DR

## Saturday November 5

2:30pm UW football parking ~ Youth

## Sunday November 6

### *Daylight Savings Time Ends*

10:00am Sunday Worship ~ S  
10:15am Wee Worship  
11:15am Cherub Choir ~ Room 301  
12noon BOUNCE ~ YR

## Monday November 7

5:30pm Table Tennis Clubs ~ DR  
7:00pm All Boards ~ Chapel  
8:00pm SA ~ Room 301

## Tuesday November 8

12noon Bible Conversations ~ SL  
5:15pm NA Women's ~ Room 301  
6:30pm Boy Scouts ~ DR  
6:30pm CROP meeting ~ SL  
7:00pm NA ~ Room 301  
7:00pm Piano Tech Guild ~ FR  
8:30pm UW Table Tennis Club ~ DR

## Wednesday November 9

9:30am Worship Planning ~ MS  
10:00am Staff Meeting ~ MS  
6:30pm Coventry Ringers ~ Room 301  
7:30pm Chancel Choir ~ Chapel

## Thursday November 10

7:00pm Mad City Jugglers ~ DR  
8:00pm AA ~ Room 301

## Friday November 11

5:30pm Madison Table Tennis Club ~ DR

## Saturday November 12

8:00am Women's Book Study ~ SL

## Sunday November 13

10:00am Worship ~ S  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:15am BBQ ~ YR  
11:15am Cherub Choir ~ Room 301  
11:15am Christmas pageant auditions ~ C

## Monday November 14

5:30pm Table Tennis Clubs ~ DR  
8:00pm SA ~ Room 301

## Tuesday November 15

12noon Bible Conversations ~ SL  
1:30pm Worship at Oakwood  
5:15pm NA Women's ~ Room 301  
6:30pm Boy Scouts ~ DR  
7:00pm NA ~ Room 301  
8:30pm UW Table Tennis Club ~ DR

## Wednesday November 16

9:30am Worship Planning ~ MS  
10:30am Staff Meeting ~ MS  
6:30pm Coventry Ringers ~ Room 301  
7:30pm Chancel Choir ~ Chapel

## Thursday November 17

7:00pm Mad City Jugglers ~ DR  
8:00pm AA ~ Room 301

## Friday November 18

## Saturday November 19

10:30am FIGS Modern Family ~ DR, FR, K

## Sunday November 20

10:00am Worship ~ S  
10:15am Sunday School  
12noon SAGE ~ YR

## Monday November 21

5:30pm Table Tennis Clubs ~ DR  
6:00pm Executive Council ~ FR  
8:00pm SA ~ Room 301

## Tuesday November 22

12noon Bible Conversations ~ SL  
5:15pm NA Women's ~ Room 301  
6:30pm Boy Scouts ~ DR  
7:00pm NA ~ Room 301  
8:30pm UW Table Tennis Club ~ DR

## Wednesday November 23

9:30am Worship Planning ~ MS  
10:30am Staff Meeting ~ MS

## Thursday November 24

### **Church Office Closed**

12-3pm Thanksgiving Meal ~ DR  
8:00pm AA ~ Room 301

## Friday November 25

### **Church Office Closed**

## Saturday November 26

8:00am Women's Book Study ~ SL  
TBA UW Football parking ~ Rainbow People

## Sunday November 27

10:00am Worship ~ S  
10:15am Sunday School gift making ~ DR  
10:15am GAS ~ YR  
11:15am Cherub Choir ~ Room 301

## Monday November 28

10:30am Stillpoint ~ SL  
5:30pm Table Tennis Clubs ~ DR  
8:00pm SA ~ Room 301

## Tuesday November 29

12noon Bible Conversations ~ FR  
5:15pm NA Women's ~ Room 301  
6:30pm Boy Scouts ~ DR  
7:00pm NA ~ Room 301  
8:30pm UW Table Tennis Club ~ DR



## Wednesday November 30

9:30am Worship Planning ~ MS

10:00am Staff Meeting ~ MS

6:30pm Coventry Ringers ~ Room 301

7:30pm Chancel Choir ~ Chapel

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## BIRTHDAYS

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Those celebrating 90+ birthdays are in listed in bold.

1st	Amy Fraser, Teri Kremer
2nd	Robert Lenburg, Forrest Weesner
3rd	Jodi Shaw, Margaret Strass, Mary Tishler
4th	Susan Heneman
5th	Erin Patten, Amy Smith, John Troller
6th	Jennifer Frisinger, Karen Gussert
7th	Sarah Baumann
8th	Aiden Noth-Hazen, Caylin Noth-Hazen
9th	Carolyn Bell
10th	<b>Doris Anderson</b> , Fritz West
12th	Sue Jones
14th	Michael Peters, Julia Sturges
15th	Doug Anderson, Joe Oswald
16th	Kobby Brewoo
18th	Elizabeth Askey, Robert Lovely
19th	Kristin Foglestad, Albert Lanier
20th	Sean O'Connell, Tim Patton, Kaia Stofflet
21st	Marlene Duffield
23rd	<b>Virgie Peloquin</b> , John Quinlan
24th	Emily Flogel, John Kovalic, Kathryn Taylor
25th	Monique Brockley, Dana Rose Parker
26th	Elizabeth Armstrong, Sarah Kissel, Holly Ellickson, Betta Owens
27th	Tom Nordberg, Andre Scott
28th	Judy Francis, Ralph Kiefer, Rachel Vierstra
29th	<b>Charlotte Fitzgerald</b> , Spencer Noth-Hazen
30th	Royce Williams



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## GREETERS

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### First Sunday Team:

Dana Chabot (even-numbered months), Hub and Todd Pinkerton, Amy Smith

### Second Sunday Team:

Jane Deyo, Fannie Hicklin, Austen Wygocki

### Third Sunday Team:

Kathy Gansner, Steve Lerdahl, Betta Owens

### Fourth Sunday Team:

Mary Ellen Gerloff, Karen Gussert, Irene Ilgen, Judy Whipple

### Substitutes & Fifth Sunday:

Beth Cannestra, Robin Craig, Annette Ellstrom, David Ewing, Sarah Kissel, Audrey Marquardt, Mark Rzczowski, Jackye Thomas, Mark Thomas, Jody Varney, John Ehlke

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## OFFICE HOSTS

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**First Sunday:** Fannie Hicklin

**Second Sunday:** Barb Williams

**Third Sunday:** Barb Williams

**Fourth Sunday:** Fannie Hicklin

**Fifth Sunday & Sub:** Janet Schrieber

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## SOUND SYSTEM

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**First Sunday:** Rob Hetzel

**Second Sunday:** Mark Rzczowski

**Third Sunday :** Gary Pine

**Fourth Sunday:** Bob Burns

**Fifth Sunday:** Tom Pugh

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## USHERS

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### First Sunday Team:

Jane Deyo, Cathy Easter, Vicki Lovely, Janet Pugh, Kathy Gansner

### Second Sunday Team:

Bob Burns, Jeanne Marshall, Janet Schrieber, Elizabeth Armstrong

### Third Sunday Team:

Dorothy Brown, Ellsworth Brown, Ed Hasselkus, Tom Rickner, Samantha Rickner, Carol Toussaint

### Fourth Sunday Team:

Katrina Dwinell, Kathy Gansner, Lance & Cheryl Bentley

### Fifth Sunday Team:

Katrina Dwinell, George Elder, Josh Feyen

### Subs:

Robin Craig, John Ehlke, David Ewing, Mark Rzczowski, Greg Ullstrom