

Lay Coordinator ♦ November 2009

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Beautiful fall, time of pumpkins, wood smoke, fall colors, stewardship campaigns and that special time we all look forward to- putting together the new church pictorial directory! In the words of my late mother, "It is like pulling teeth," to get everyone to get their photos taken, nobody wants to. I completely agree but I also hear regularly how helpful it is to new members to be able to look at their church directory and put names to faces. When your church asks you to get your picture taken, just do it. Think of it as what we are called to- radical hospitality!



The youth at **Madison First Congregational** know how to have fun and enjoy the season. Sixth graders thru high schoolers are going to visit the 15-acre Treinen Farm Corn Maze November 8. They earned money for their Mid-High Mission projects by providing *already carved* pumpkins for sale after worship!

The youth of **Sauk City First UCC** also enjoyed fall fellowship with a visit to the Treinen's Corn Maze. I think I will have to check this out next year, a maze is always so much fun!

Mark your calendars- Margaret Trost, the author of *Feed My Lambs*, and Bryan Sergio, from the Haiti Partners, are going to put on a concert at **Madison Lake Edge** at 7:00 on November 12. Bryan will sing and Margaret will share stories of her mission work and all proceeds will go to support Feed My Lambs and Haiti Partners. The Lake Edge Youth Group will sell home-baked goodies at the concert.

The Quilting Group at **Madison Orchard Ridge** meets the first and third Wednesday of every month 9:30 to noon. Recently they have been donating their quilts to The Road Home. They also raffled off a quilt and with the proceeds were able to purchase more batting and backing to keep going!

They aren't our only SW Association quilters! The Olivet Quilters from **Columbus Olivet** have completed 27 quilts that they recently delivered to Orion Family Services in Madison. Orion is one of our service ministries and a member of the Wisconsin Council for Health and Human Service Ministries.

Lowell First UCC will hold their Annual Fall Chicken Dinner Sunday, November 8.

Paoli Zwingli UCC will hold their Annual Fall Bazaar on Friday, November 6.

Madison Lake Edge has a full slate of cookie baking workshops scheduled throughout November in preparation for their Cookie Walk December 5.

The All-Church Dinner at **Belleville First UCC** November 14 will include a bake sale, craft sale and woodworking sale this year. All proceeds will go towards their Building Fund. The menu includes turkey, ham and roast beef. This will be their 27th year for their dinner! The Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held at **Platteville First Congregational** November 7, 9:00 to 1:30 pm. They will join with **Cornelia Mt Zion** on November 22 after worship to celebrate a Fall Feast. Members are asked to bring a traditional dish their family enjoys to share with others.

Saturday, November 29 is the Fourth Annual Ring Don's Bell Event sponsored by **Madison Plymouth UCC**. Members can sign up for two-hour shifts to ring Salvation Army Red Kettle bells in honor of the late Don Cottom who was a staunch supporter of the Red Kettle Bell fundraiser every year.

Reeseville First UCC will host the their third annual *Repeat the Sounding Joy*, an evening of beautiful music, on Saturday, December 5.

Madison First Congregational is collecting five-dollar coupons to restaurants like Subway and McDonalds to have available to give out to people with needs for food. They also collect financial donations to give to folks for bus tickets. This seems like such a good, workable idea. I can donate some five-dollar coupons, I bet most people can.

Madison Lake Edge has some interesting book title they will be discussing this fall. They will be reading *The Faith of Barack Obama* by Stephen Mansfield, *The Blood of Flowers* by Anita Amirrezvani and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson.

Just because it is getting chilly out there, doesn't mean we can forget about our exercise. **Monroe St John's** is still holding their St John's On the Move walks every Tuesday and Thursday evening. In bad weather they walk in their Fellowship Hall.



I have been struggling the last two weeks with a terrible cold. I am participating in a UW Cold Study so they were *thrilled* they had a participant with a real live cold! Like lots of life, I guess your attitude depends on your perspective! Anyway, in this season where we are all concerned about flu and colds, here is a funny. What is the difference between bird flu and swine flu? One needs tweetment and the other needs oinkment!

Go and serve.
Nancy