

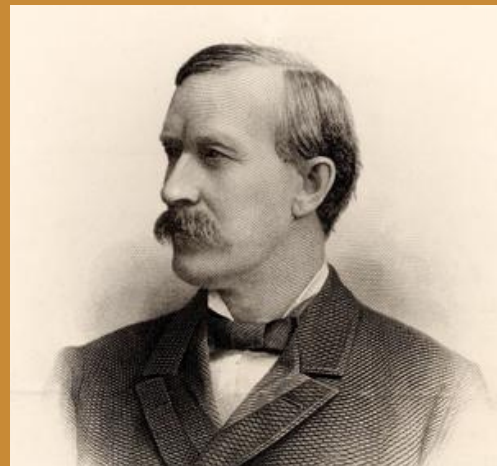
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Prayer for the Month of September

BY REV. ENNO LIMVERE

Almighty and Generous God, we thank you for this day and your presence in it. We lift up our youth as they go back to school and the teachers who guide them. In the month where we celebrate Labor Day, we also lift up all who contribute to our society, especially those who struggle to make a living wage. Help us to love others as you love us each and every day. We proclaim we are made in your image; the universe and world are yours, and your kingdom is just. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Members walk the labyrinth at Pastor Enno's weekly Heal the Earth gathering by the harbor.

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Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River Amos 5: 24

Worship in August

September 3, 14th Sunday after Pentecost, on this Labor Day Weekend, we uplift Rev. James Kyle, a Congregational minister who as a Senator, helped create Labor Day as a federal holiday. Paul's letter to Rome tells us to work to contribute to the needs of the people, may we continue to do this in our day and age.

September 10, 1st Sunday of the Season of Creation (Creation), we consider two creation stories, one in Genesis about the story of Eden and the other in the Gospel of John that all creation came through the Word and became flesh. May we learn anew the goodness and blessedness of our creation, of flesh, and grace and truth that never can be diminished.

September 17th 2nd Sunday of the Season of Creation (Blessing of the Animals), Jesus in the 'Sermon on the Mount' tells us not worry and asks to consider the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. Let us take time to appreciate all life around us, especially the animals and pets who are family. This worship will be outside and everyone is invited to bring all their family.

September 24th 3rd Sunday of the Season of Creation (Wilderness Sunday), in the Gospels we have two messages of the wilderness. One centers on John the Baptist who baptizes and all people flock to him to get out of their regular lives to someplace different and find a great experience. The second is Jesus who goes into the wilderness to fast and finds a tempter who tries to lead him away from God. What is it about the wilderness that can be so affirming and dangerous at the same time?

A Moderator's Moment

BY TOM YUHASEY

A few years ago, I thought I'd try my hand at growing raspberries. When I was a kid, it was pretty much an essential part of our family's routine; work, play, church, garden. Raspberries were number two in the garden category, just behind tomatoes.

It was a bit of a bumpy ride for me, I guess I have forgotten a lot about raising these things. I put a lot of effort into those first raspberry bushes. I built a fine bed of the best soil, but in spite of everything, they withered away.

I usually get frustrated when things don't work the way I hoped they would. The question became—do I continue to try to make this work, or do I direct my energies elsewhere.

Well, I really enjoy raspberries and, let's face it, it's good for communities to have places where good fruit is produced, so I figured it deserved another try. Not wanting to fall short again, I decided to try a different approach. I reached out to other raspberry lovers and learned how they had responded to similar challenges. With their help, this year I was able to realize a modest degree of success.



I always had the option to let that raspberry patch expire and the weeds, that mostly don't produce good fruits, would have happily taken over. You can see this process in action by watching the daily news where "weedy" entities seem to be always waiting in the shadows for their opportunity to "root" themselves into areas where caring tenders of the earth have stepped away.

Our church has always been filled with gardeners of the soil and of the spirit. I am hopeful they will always find a way to work together and reap a vigorous harvest of ideas and blessings upon our church and our community.





Pastor's Column

BY ENNO LIMVERE



Breathe Deep! Breathe Deep the breath of God! as an old 90's Christian pop song goes. The verses are the rapid fire of lots of different people, but then the verse slows and invites us to breathe deep. Each breath is precious and holy, which is why when we sneeze people say, "God bless you" because God's spirit/wind is not in us. There are other ways we can breathe deep: listening to music, watching the sunset, playing peek-a-boo with a child. Reading a good book is a good way for me to breathe, even if it is mind-candy (not a serious book but helps us let go for a while).

Micah the prophet tells us that God requires us to first, 'do justice!' That involves action, thinking, creativity, and lots and lots of compassion and breathing if we don't want to burn out. We have to work on that balance that helps us to love ourselves, love others, and love God. Sometimes we have to love God and love others, though never forget to love ourselves.

This should be a daily practice to help us start the day on a good note, take breaks when we need them, and let go at the night, trusting in God that while we rest, justice, kindness, and mercy are still moving forward. This is why God pushes us into taking (at least) one day off every week to just breathe. This is why God shares that we should let the world and soil rest and not always be in production. This is why we have seasons of rest, planting, growing, harvest, and rest again.

Breath Deep! We cannot give up or give in. To love the world and stand up for those who can't is very important in this world of swirling ideologies, apathy, and greed. But we need the arts, the music, the play, and the beauty for as we grow these, the ideology, the apathy, and the greed diminish because they wilt when creation thrives.

I have a book on my list called "Rest is Resistance: A Manifesto" by Tricia Hersey. In a world that demands we work 24/7, taking time to breathe is revolutionary. Are you ready? Let us breathe deep the breath of God.

Peace



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, 8/22/2023

Board of Directors First UCC Grand Marais Meeting 8/22/2023 via Zoom.

Attending: Tom Yuhasey, Kevin LeVoir, Francie Beaster, Steve Aldrich, Bruce Tyler, Carol Winter, Jenny Delfs, Enno Limvere.

Call to Order 5:07 pm.

Opening conversations- reading of mission statement, sharing joys and concerns, this month's "question" and reading of communications agreement.

Urgent Business and Housekeeping:

1. July minutes were approved online and published in the Aug. Shining Light newsletter.
2. Proposed agenda approved with addition of discussion of Thanksgiving 2023 plan.
3. Financial report – Kevin LeVoir - report approved. Filed in church office.
 - a. There are more donations than expenses and we are still within budget.
 - b. Roof loan will take 26 years to pay off.
 - c. Youth trip expenses paid and there are residual funds in the youth fund for this year's programming.
 - d. There will be expense in Oct. for parsonage sewer.
 - e. Donation of \$5000 expected this month from Kruse estate.
 - f. Getting about \$2000 a month from endowment investments.
 - g. Many thanks to Kevin for his work and consistency.
4. Sept Shining Light deadline – Aug 25. Tom has done Sept's Board Message.
5. Next Board of Directors meeting 9/19 5-7pm on Zoom.

Old and New Business:

1. Pastor Report.
 - a. Pastor Enno unable to attend planned antiracism conference – will look for alternative opportunities.
 - b. Lots of ongoing programming.
2. Mutual Ministry Goal review:
 - a. Mission statement rewrite re introduce at Winter Meeting and start over.
 - b. Community Building -
 - i. Loaves and Hotdish next 9/12at Delfs/Kern home. Gather 530, eat 6pm.

ii. Cancel idea for end of summer Explorer's Club dinner.

c. Outreach:

i. Continue announcements Sundays featuring different nonprofits and charities.

3. Daycare in South Rm –

a. Hunter is waiting for her licensure but still plans to rent/use space starting this Fall.

b. Cleaning out of room continues. Thank you, Buildings and Ground Committee.

c. Art supplies available. Enno will invite Hunter to see if any she wants. congregation has been invited too. Then purge.

4. Parsonage.

a. Workday will be planned in Sept. by Building and Grounds. Date TBD

b. The deck is in poor condition. Can get lumber donated from Hedstroms

5. Memorial committee report—Jody Yuhasey joins meeting for this item.

a. Jody has talked to all 6 families with funds sitting in Memorial funds re: if any particular plans/goals for these funds. Most interested in maintaining/improving building and grounds.

b. Ongoing plan to use Nosker funds for copyright expenses for music used in worship (will be needed for as long as we are putting taped worship service on our website).

c. Other funds will be released to Buildings and Grounds. Vote/Approved.

d. Suggestion made to use Carter funds to refresh the Fireside Rm. that is used weekly by recovery groups. Carter funds are not to go to architect consultation.

e. Going forward, will ask for written direction from families re: memorial funds use closer to the time of donation.

6. Security System - (approved at July meeting).

a. Planned consultation/walk through with Mike Running from LEC re: best placement of cameras.

b. Enno and Nena looking at possible systems. She has offered to cover costs.

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BOD MEETING MINUTES, 8/22/2023, CONT'D

7. New office manager review:

- a. Enno and Bruce's 3-month review with Neil Pederson was very positive. Many positive changes since he started. He will stay on.
- b. Reminder that all committees meeting regularly need to submit minutes to office for file and posting on website.

8. Janitor position

- a. MJ Warton will be done and going back to school in Aug.
- b. Amber Knapper will take over this position.

9. Thanksgiving Dinner 2023

- a. Discussion about purpose and hopes for this long-standing church event.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

XPlan to go back to in person for 2023.

- c. Need to start planning meetings end of Sept.
- d. Need to recruit help from other community groups to pull this off.

10. Schedule for Board doing Sunday "news of the community."

- a. Discussed ways to keep this brief as most events are on the bulletin.
- b. 8/27 Steve, 9/3 Jenny, 9/20 Tom, 9/17 Carol, 9/24 Bruce

Committee updates:

1. Pastoral Relations meeting regularly with Pastor Enno
2. Finance committee - weekly updates to congregation. Budget planning meetings to start in Fall.
3. Stewardship committee. Time and talent survey work start back up in Fall.
4. Children and Youth life /faith formation –
 - a. Sunday School is on hold for lack of leadership volunteers.
 - b. Enno will be leading confirmation class.
 - c. Youth gatherings will continue in the evenings monthly. Pizza and Social Justice.
 - d. Hope to offer school release time walk weekly.
 - e. DC trip participants will offer thank you meals and presentation to donors 9/3.
 - f. Opportunity for youth to go to UCC Camp in Oct.

g. New Wed study group for adults on Process Theology to start in September.

h. Ongoing discipleship groups meetings (x2) and plan to start 3rd group soon.

5. Memorial Committee -see above.

6. Building and Grounds –

- a. Parsonage workday in September date TBA.
- b. Ongoing prep of South room for daycare
- c. Hiring plumber to fix outdoor spigots.
- d. Getting wood chips for playground
- e. Ongoing discussion re long range plans for building

7. Outreach – WOW in full swing. Food shelf.

Ongoing donations to Ukraine, Syria, Maui

8. Rooted and Rising –

- a. ongoing work on rain gardens,
- b. prep for butterfly patch,
- c. attended MNIFPL solar seminar – notified board of rebate moneys that could be used 40% back.

9. Worship committee meeting monthly. Bruce will join.

10. Grievance committee has not been needed to date.

11. Food Team – on call when needed.

Adjourn 655 pm.



Treasurer's Report for September 2023 Newsletter

The July 2023 (latest fully available information) Financial Report shows a total income of \$12,153.45 and expenses of \$11,623.04 (See Detail Below). This means the Church's Income was more than Expenses by \$530.41.

Income for July 2023	
Pledged Donations	\$10,069.22
Non-Pledged Donations	\$ 210.00
Loose Plate Offering	\$ 273.00
Building Use	\$ 158.00
Youth Fund	
WOW	
Special Gift	\$ 370.00
Income from Outside sources	\$ 1,069.71
Interest Income	\$ 3.52
	\$12,153.45
Pastor	\$ 6,823.03
Staff	\$ 1,038.83
Business	\$ 1,635.36
Worship	\$ 350.00
Education	\$ 257.06
Building and Grounds	\$ 991.24
Parsonage	\$ 269.89
Loan Principle	\$ 257.63
	\$11,623.04
Difference	\$ 530.41

The full report for June is available in the Church office.

Loaves and Hotdish Gathering/Potluck

Tues Sept 12 @ home of Jenny Delfs
and Jeff Kern 401 5th Ave W.

Gather 5:30pm. Eat 6 pm.

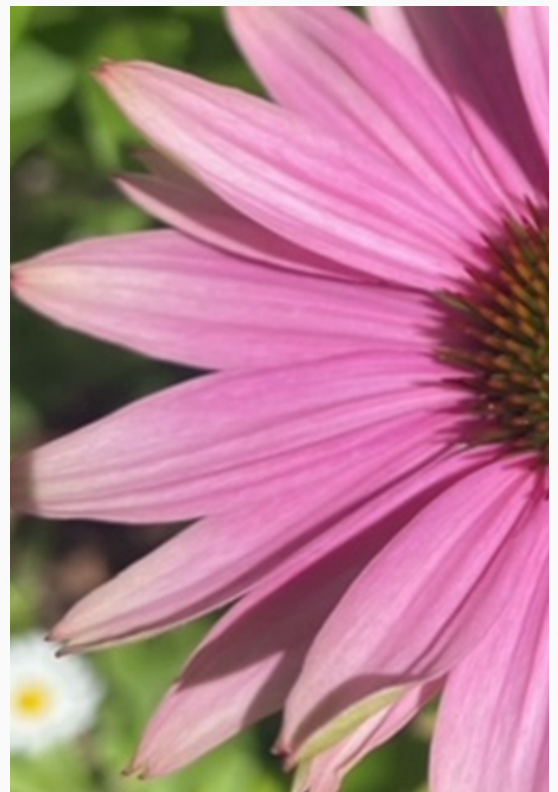
Come when you can, leave when you
must.

If you can't bring a pot, bring the luck.

All are welcome.

Construction is ongoing on 5th Ave so
you may have a block or two hike to the
house.

Please let us know if you need a Jeff
shuttle. 218-370-0979.



FAITH FORMATION

Sunday School – At this time, we have no leaders or volunteers to put together a program or class for our young ones. If you are interested in creating something for the children, please contact Pastor Enno.

Confirmation – Confirmation will begin on September 13th and meet every Wednesday that we don't have a Pizza and Social Justice gathering on Wednesday's. Any youth in 7th – 12th grade are invited to be a part of this. We will walk through the basics like: Who is God? What is a Christian? and How was the Bible written? We will also be looking at faith practices of Christians, the church, and our history and what may be the future.

Pizza and Social Justice – In September, our youth who went to Washington DC will be giving their presentation after they serve a lunch on September 3rd following worship. We are working on a Family Night out at Carol Winter and Kirk Dornfeld's who have an outdoor pizza oven. Our first Wednesday night gathering will be on October 25th.

Adult Study – Process Theology. We will gather starting September 20th on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 pm to learn about this new way of thinking about God and universe. We will begin with watching short videos together and then some more in depth ones to fuel our conversation and curiosity. These gatherings will be hybrid, in person in the media room and people can join on Zoom.

“Following Jesus doesn't mean believing outdated creeds or literal understandings of scripture or turning my back on science. I respect my childhood church. But God is so much bigger. I believe God is alive and as real as my next breath. God wants me to grow and explore new ideas. Now I realize that faith is a journey and not a destination, and God is with me with in all my questions and doubts. God's love includes everyone, including people who ask questions and have doubts!”

– Bruce G. Epperly, [Process Theology: Embracing Adventure with God](#)

FALL CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENT

OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 8

LOCATION: OSPREY WILDS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

AGES: GRADES 6-12

COST: \$125/YOUTH, \$100/ADULT LEADER

[REGISTER HERE](#)

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?.” ~Mary Oliver
So often we have people in our lives who ask, “What do you plan to do?”, as if we must have a perfect answer. Through this time together, youth and adults will practice shifting our language that is more about curiosity and wonder rather than having the “right” answers. Through playful discussions, activities, and music, we will reimagine our “wild and precious life” that speaks to who we are, what we value, and how our faith can guide us in the world.

Musician and faith leader Hans Peterson⁷ will help shape the weekend and offer space to wonder together.

Born and raised in Alaska, Hans Peterson moved to the Midwest to attend Luther College. He spent the past 25 years recording, playing guitar and piano and getting people singing with Dakota Road Music, a grassroots performance/publishing company. Hans currently serves as pastor at River of Hope Lutheran Church in Hutchinson.

He enjoys ultimate frisbee, hiking, biking, cooking, and also has a soft spot for ice cream. In all that he does, Hans prays and works for a world where all creation is seen as sacred.



SEASON OF CREATION

September 1st - October 4th

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God.

Invitation to join Season of Creation 2023
This year we will unite around the theme, “Let Justice and Peace Flow.”

The world humans have known, enjoyed and celebrated is changing rapidly beyond repair. Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The hope of keeping average temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius is fading. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. Industrialization, colonization and the extraction and consumption of resources have created great wealth, unequally distributed. We are presently more aware than ever of the link between fossil fuels, and violence and war. The Season “Celebration” begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Following the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebrated in the Northern Hemisphere, we begin in February the Season of Creation “Preparation” to reach local leaders and call our communities to participate actively by raising awareness of the theme, and how to respond to the cry of creation where the Lord calls us in our diverse contexts. The stage of “Preparation” is key to prepare together for the Season of Creation, creating bonds and relationships as the People of God caring for our common home.

The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, at the same time

that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. Instead of despair, hope can be created if we work together as the People of God. By the Creator’s infinite love and mercy, streams can rise in the desert. An economy of peace can be built instead of an economy based on conflict. Our prayers, sermons and liturgies must call for justice not only for humans but for all Creation. Justice, allied with peace, calls us to repent of our ecological sins and to change our attitudes and actions. Righteousness demands that we live in peace, not conflict with our human neighbors, and building right relationships with all of Creation. Our individual actions during the Season of Creation are important. We must also recognize that, for a mighty movement of justice, individual actions are not enough. Justice also includes paying historic debts. At a global level, nations with power and wealth have a duty to deal justly and honestly with communities that suffer most from the climate and ecological crises.

Global South nations, working together for more than 30 years, have just managed to win a victory at COP27 in making wealthier nations realize their moral duty to provide for financing for loss and damage. The recent decisions at COP15 to preserve biodiversity are also hopeful and required similar perseverance. These victories have been achieved by those with less power working together. Together we can be a mighty river of justice and peace, that brings new life to Earth and future generations, a river that can move the mountains of injustice.

As an ecumenical family, we can engage in these actions and contribute to ensure that the web of life is preserved and cared for. Through prayer, practical advocacy and sustainable actions, this 2023 Season of Creation can prophetically renew our ecumenical unity and care for our common home. May we journey together in communion as the people of God to let justice and peace flow!



Minnesota Conference News



CONFERENCE YOUTH SET OFF FOR JUSTICE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

JULY 26, 2023

Our summer High School Youth Trip is in full swing, with 71 youth and adults in Washington, DC, for a week of service learning and legislative advocacy! Youth from throughout the MN Conference are lobbying members of congress about issues important to them, learning about root causes of systemic oppression through direct service opportunities, and touring significant sites. This post will be updated throughout the week so check back!

Friday, July 21

Youth and adults settled into two hostels and enjoyed dinner from We the Pizza. Bree from Mayflower UCC and Liam from St. Anthony Park UCC led ice breaker activities before we settled into our small groups. We ended the night with information about what to expect at the Holocaust Museum.



Saturday, July 22

We headed to the Holocaust Museum where we saw the atrocities of World War II, heard from survivors, learned about resistances, and explored the role of the U.S. in the build-up to, during, and after the war. The museum also had an exhibit on the crisis in Myanmar and the Rohingya (Muslim minority group) who have been tortured, killed, and forced from their homes and businesses.

After lunch in the park, we visited the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial to prepare for the next day. After debriefing about our experience at the Holocaust Museum, we ended with reading several children's books by African-American authors in our small groups to prepare for our time at the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Sunday, July 23

We worshiped with the welcoming First Congregational United Church of Christ on Capitol Hill. We spent some time in fellowship with the congregation before having lunch and hearing from the curator of culture and music, Dwandalyn Reese, about what to expect when we visit the African American Museum. Thaddaeus Elliott, Justice and Peace Policy Fellow at the UCC Office of Public Policy and Advocacy in D.C., also discussed some of the prep work the youth would be doing around gun violence and environmental justice (two of the three issues the youth wanted to discuss) with legislators.

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In the afternoon we walked from the church to the museum, passing by Ford Theater where President Abraham Lincoln was shot. Later that night, we had a discussion with three young adults—Liam Magistad from St. Anthony Park, Cecilia from New Brighton, and Isaac Van Wert from Mayflower—who shared their experiences in youth groups and members of the UCC church. They remarked on how their churches helped them find meaning and purpose in their respective work in the church, a non-profit organization, and the military.

Monday, July 24

We had a guided tour through the U.S. Capitol. Youth learned about the history and symbolism of the building and discussed how much work is still to be done for equity and dignity for all humans.



Tuesday, July 25

We spent the day with the UCC National Setting DC office staff: Rev. Michael Neuroth, Director of the Washington Office; Jessica Quinn, Online Communications Specialist; and Thaddaeus Elliott, Justice and Peace Policy Fellow. After discussing their personal faith journeys that called them to their work, the three prepped our youth with what to expect when meeting with their legislators and senators.

Allison Jordan from the Center for American Progress gave a presentation about the gun violence prevention advocacy. Madison Mayhew from Interfaith Power and Light discussed environmental justice. And Thaddaeus finished the discussion with information on the 2023 Farm bill. We then moved into our district groups to discuss strategy, where youth worked on their personal stories, researched statistics, and formulated their questions.



Wednesday, July 26

We were on the Hill today! All Minnesota Conference and Northern Plains youth met the staff of the representatives in each of their districts. Kevin Brown met with Rep. Angie Craig from his district.

We ended with an amazing session with Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith where youth shared their stories of gun violence in and around their communities, and how important the 2023 Farm Bill

is to young and marginalized farmers and those in economic need.

The mayor of DC declared a heat emergency so youth and adults were grateful to return to their hostels and ice cream sundaes!

Thursday, July 27

Our last full day was spent debriefing with the National UCC DC office about our experiences with representatives and senators. Youth noted that some legislators had great responses while others offered “political spinning.” Despite that, all participants were grateful for the opportunity to talk with their representatives and senators and experience everyday life of the Capitol.

The afternoon was spent at numerous Smithsonian museums. With a heat index over 100 degrees, it was a good way to keep everyone cool while seeing the sights. We ended the evening with a wrap-up, Vespers, and a send-off.

Friday, July 28

This morning, we packed, cleaned and ate our leftover food for breakfast, then headed to Baltimore Airport. What a fantastic experience for all! Check back for a final recap early next week.



Hawai'i Conference offers space for grief, prayer for wildfires

by [Kayla Berkey](#) | published on Aug 22, 2023

Responding to the tragic wildfires in Hawaii, the [Hawai'i Conference](#) of the United Church of Christ hosted an online [“Prayer for Maui” service](#) Sunday, Aug. 20.

“Our purpose here is to attend to the spiritual groaning of the residents of Maui, where devastating fires burned through Lahaina and parts of Kihei and Kula,” said Conference Minister the Rev. David Popham as he opened the gathering. “Those three fires are still not fully contained and continue to threaten the island, so this is a fluid and unfolding event for us even now.”

The service acknowledged the grief and devastation of the [wildfires that began Aug. 8](#), moving between Scripture readings and prayers shared from clergy and laity in Maui and across the Conference and wider denomination.

“‘Collective embrace’

Prayer service leaders were joined by UCC General Minister and President the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson and Associate General Minister the Rev. Traci Blackmon. I want you to know that we are praying with you, and we offer our deepest collective embrace as we join you in grieving this great loss for every family member, for every partner, for every child, for every friend, for every relation, for every animal companion that has been taken in these fires,” Blackmon said, offering a prayer of help.

“There is so much grief among us in Maui, in so many places in the world, where our world continues to be affected by climate change, by disasters, by violence that continues to be among us,” Thompson said, and offered a poem and prayer of hope. The full service is available through a recording on the Hawai’i Conference’s [YouTube channel](#).

Space for grief

During the service, a bell was rung for each of the fatalities known at the time. Officials reported that, [as of Aug. 21](#), the death toll was 114, with hundreds yet reported missing.

Anela Rosa, longtime lay minister of [Wailoa Church](#) in Lahaina, offered the benediction. The 200-year-old church building was [destroyed in the fire](#).

“Your words, your hearts, your prayers, your sharing has enlightened me, and I am safe to say that all of my members of safe,” she said. “Several of them have lost their homes. But we’re going to watch out for one another, we’re going to be there for each other, and I appreciate all who have reached out to me and to our members in the way that you have.”

The UCC has issued [a special appeal](#) to provide essential items and long-term support to those impacted by wildfires across Hawaii. Conference leaders have requested that those who live outside of Hawaii offer support through this appeal.

The service recording is available for viewing [here](#).

Mission Statement

First Congregational United Church of Christ is an open, inclusive church that exists to worship God and practice the gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome all people of goodwill who seek to share the love of God and honor the diversity of creation in a spirit of tolerance and flexibility. As a [Just Peace Church](#), we invite all who seek the reign of God to join us in reaching out in healing ministry, working for justice, witnessing for peace and striving to overcome all forms of oppression. We recognize two sacraments:
Baptism and Communion.



Thanks to the Borealis Brass Quintet for Playing!



THE CLIMATE STRIKE MOVEMENT 5 YEARS LATER

LEARN MORE | FREE WEBINAR
bit.ly/climatestrike5yearslater | September 13 | 1 PM Eastern

Five years have now passed from when Greta Thunberg and others went on strike from school to launch a movement that reverberated around the world. The movement continues as organizers prepare for more actions this month. This webinar will feature faith-based organizers and activists who will reflect back on the movement and where we are today. The Rev. Jim Antal has recently written a new chapter for his popular book "Climate Church, Climate World" that is entitled, "Trump, Biden, Greta—Years of Upheaval, 2018-2022." Aly Tharp is the Senior Organizer for GreenFaith and is currently organizing faith communities in support of an upcoming climate march in New York City. Gabriela Martinez is an organizer for the Franciscan Action Network and is also mobilizing support for the march.

Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on September 13th at 1 pm ET, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording.

[Register now!](#)

With gratitude,
Brooks





ABOVE: GRAND PORTAGE POW-WOW
BELOW: ST. JOHN'S BIBLE COLLECTION

ABOVE: WEDNESDAY NIGHT SING ALONG
BELOW: VOICE FOR CHANGE AT PAVALION



Seasons of Our Lives

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.
(Ecclesiastes 3)
Time to Celebrate...*

- 9/6 Stein Jacobsen
- 9/10 Steve Deschene
- 9/17 Tom Hedstrom
- 9/17 Brian Silence
- 9/18 Frances Beaster
- 9/18 Suzanne Weber
- 9/25 Jim Beaster
- 9/25 Bev Denyes
- 9/26 Judy Siegle
- 9/29 Annette Smith



SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 9:30 AM PICK UP CHOIR 10:30 AM WORSHIP	28 5:00 ROOTED & RISING 7:00 AL-ANON	29 6:30 PM - ZEN MEDITATION	30	31 10:00 AM TAI CHI 12:00 PM WOMEN'S AA	01 7:00 AM - AA 8:00 AM HARBOR WATCH	02
03 9:30 AM PICK UP CHOIR 10:30 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM WASHINGTON DC LUNCH AND PRESENTATION	04 5:00 ROOTED & RISING 7:00 AL-ANON	05 12:15 PM - HEAL THE PLANET 6:30 PM - ZEN MEDITATION	06 10:00 AM COOK COUNTY MINISTERIAL 6:00 PM SING-ALONG 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION	07 10:00 AM TAI CHI 11:00 AM BUILDING AND GROUNDS 12:00 PM WOMEN'S AA	08 7:00 AM - AA 8:00 AM HARBOR WATCH	09
10 NO PICK UP CHOIR 10:30 AM WORSHIP 2:00 PM WORSHIP AT CARE CENTER	11 5:00 ROOTED & RISING 7:00 AL-ANON	12 12:15 PM - HEAL THE PLANET 5:30 PM - LOAVES & FISHES 6:30 PM - ZEN MEDITATION	13 6:00 PM SING-ALONG 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION	14 10:00 AM TAI CHI 12:00 PM WOMEN'S AA 4:00 PM PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE	15 7:00 AM - AA 8:00 AM HARBOR WATCH	16
17 9:30 AM PICK UP CHOIR 10:30 AM OUTSIDE WORSHIP	18 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS 5:00 ROOTED & RISING 7:00 AL-ANON	19 12:15 PM - HEAL THE PLANET 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS 5:00 PM - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6:30 PM - ZEN MEDITATION	20 11:00 AM - RENEWAL WALK WITH HIGH SCHOOL 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS 6:00 PM SING-ALONG 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION	21 10:00 AM TAI CHI 12:00 PM WOMEN'S AA 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS	22 7:00 AM - AA 8:00 AM HARBOR WATCH 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS	23
24 9:30 AM PICK UP CHOIR 10:30 AM WORSHIP 4:00 PM JOURNEY DISCIPLESHIP GROUP	25 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS 5:00 ROOTED & RISING 7:00 AL-ANON	26 12:15 PM - HEAL THE PLANET 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS 6:30 PM - ZEN MEDITATION	27 11:00 AM - RENEWAL WALK WITH HIGH SCHOOL 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS 6:00 PM SING-ALONG 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION	28 10:00 AM TAI CHI 12:00 PM WOMEN'S AA 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS	29 7:00 AM - AA 8:00 AM HARBOR WATCH 2:00 - 6:00 - PIANO LESSONS	30