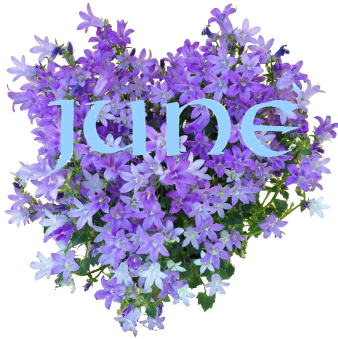


# Congregational Clarion

AMERY CONGREGATIONAL UCC



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**God bless  
all fathers all  
over the  
world**

**Happy Father's Day!**

June 20th is Father's Day

## HOW CAN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST BE "ORDINARY TIME??"

Our church calendar year is divided into seasons beginning with the season of Advent... Christmas... Epiphany... Lent... Easter... and finally Pentecost (otherwise known as "Ordinary Time"). And yet, Pentecost is probably the most boisterous of all the events! As the bible says, about 120 followers of Christ pour into the streets speaking languages from all over the known world. How can that be ordinary?

Well, there's a reason... As you know, May 23, 2021 was Pentecost Sunday. It is a day largely ignored by many in the Christian church, and it shows. We make much out of Christmas and Easter, and while the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus are all impossible to over-emphasize, Pentecost usually gets short shrift (except in Pentecostal churches). We tend to call this season ordinary because we don't allow the Holy Spirit to well up within ourselves between Pentecost Sunday and the First Sunday of Advent... so, of course it feels ordinary.

And yet, Jesus' ministry pointed toward living a life filled with the Holy Spirit after he'd left our planet. Remember: before Pentecost, Jesus told His followers it was better for them if He were to go away. Think about that. Jesus

is the One who healed the sick, fed the multitudes, cast out demons, calmed the storm, made the blind see and the lame walk, and even raised the dead. And Jesus said it was good if He went away? How is it possible that Jesus not being around could be a good thing?

Not waiting for the answer, Jesus answered it, Himself. After Jesus was crucified, resurrected, and ascended into heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to His followers. He said if He did not go away, the Holy Spirit would not come, but if He went away, He would send the Holy Spirit to us. The implied meaning was and is that gaining the Holy Spirit was so good for us that it was worth Jesus leaving the Earth in physical form in order to ensure it happened.

Pentecost is extra-ordinarily important!

Do not get confused, however! Pentecost is not the beginning of the work of the Holy Spirit. The

Spirit of God was at work throughout the whole Bible, beginning in the first chapter of Genesis. We know the Spirit would "come upon" individuals at special times for special reasons to accomplish a task or work God had for them.

But, here's what made Pentecost EXTRA-ordinary... At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given to believers in a different fashion. Instead of the Holy Spirit coming upon someone, the Holy Spirit came to dwell within someone.

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 06/07 Rae Wooldridge  
 06/16 Nancy Sigsworth  
 06/20 Emma Rose Dusek  
 06/20 Layla Rondeau  
 06/22 Bill Faughn  
 06/23 Scott Edin  
 06/27 Samantha Ross  
 06/28 Gabriella Moody  
 06/30 Beryn Scott

By all rights, in your church lady's mind, **June** should be National Ice Cream Month,. But, alas, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed **July** as National Ice Cream Month and established National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday in July. However, the news isn't all bad for all of us ice cream lovers born in June - we do have an ice cream soda day that falls on June 20th of each year. This year, the 20th falls on a Sunday. Wouldn't it be fun to have the trustees serve ice cream sodas after the service?

#### **National Ice Cream Soda Day**

National Ice Cream Soda Day is a day that falls on June 20th and is dedicated to a tasty treat that's been a part of American lives for over 147+ years. It's a holiday on which people are encouraged to make themselves a nice, frosty cold glass of ice cream soda. Anyone who is looking to celebrate an American holiday that isn't the 4th Of July might want to try this one out. After all, few things are as American as the ice cream soda.

#### **The History Of Ice Cream Soda**

The ice cream soda was first invented in 1874 by Robert McCay Green, an operator of a soda fountain in Philadelphia. He wanted to create something new and different that would attract the attention of customers who've been buying his competitor's soda fountain drinks. He decided that he would use a combination of vanilla ice cream with soda water and one of sixteen different flavored syrups. The result was the ice

cream soda—a drink so delicious it not only allowed him to pilfer customers from his competitor but also remained in the American food lexicon for almost 150-years.

#### **Old Fashioned Ice Cream Soda Recipe**

##### **Ingredients Needed:**

1 Cup Of Whole Milk  
 3/4-Cup Of Chocolate Syrup  
 4-Cups Of Cold, Carbonated Water  
 8-Scoops of Vanilla Ice Cream  
 Whipped Cream  
 Cold Ice Cream Soda Glasses-4 In Total.

##### **Directions:**

Put 3-Tablespoons Of Chocolate Syrup Into Each Glass.  
 Add 1/4-Cup Of Whole Milk To Each Glass.  
 Add 1-Cup Of Carbonated Water To Each Glass.  
 Stir The Concoction Until Foamy.  
 Add Two Scoops Of Vanilla Ice Cream To Each Glass.  
 Top With Whipped Cream, If Desired.  
 Serve While Cold.

#### **Golden Age Manor**

220 Scholl Street  
 Amery, WI 54001  
 (715) 268-7107  
 Dave Waterman

#### **Evergreen Village**

611 Harriman Avenue  
 (715) 268-6640  
 Marian Peterson  
 Gussie Fennern

#### **Christian Community**

##### **Home**

2650 65th Ave  
 Osceola, WI 54020  
 Evelyn Halverson Rm.

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#### **Memory Care**

215 Birch St. W  
 Amery, WI 54001  
 Jeanne Murphy  
 Bob Holms

#### **Baldwin Care Center**

650 Birch St.  
 Baldwin, WI 54002  
 Mary Monson Apt. 27

#### **Riverbend**

475 Golfview Lane  
 715.268.9949  
 Beth Sorensen

## **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

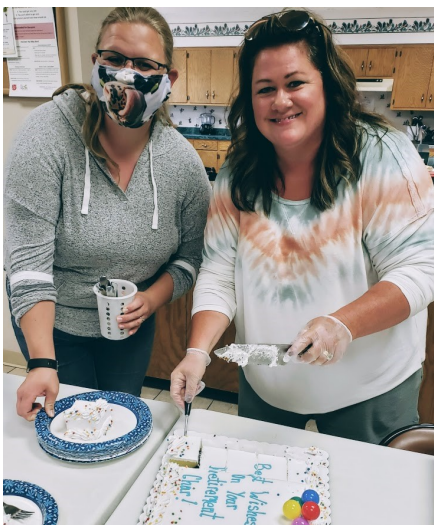






## Char, Thank you, happy “retirement” and good luck on all your new endeavors. We will miss you!

Charlotte Gillen has been more than our youth director for over the past five years, she's been a super hero. From braving lock-ins to serving



early mornings at Ruby's Pantry she's done just about all of it. Char took our youth program to new heights. The kids who come are often kids who haven't had church in any other form, and we can see their hope

renewed. Char has answered late night phone calls, driven to graduations, dance recitals, and simply been a taxi service. We've had amazing youth services twice a year to enjoy with her creative eye. She's hosted pool parties, many

Christmas celebrations (in July too), service and fun days, and confirmation activities. Under her leadership our youth have made tie blankets for shelters & hospitals, have done yard work for those who may not be able to anymore, and have helped serve the Northwoods Homeless Shelter in different ways. We've participated in Faith Used in Everyday Life activities with other churches in the community, and we've gone through the Fall Festival Parade and Light-Up Parade (and won trophies for our light-up float). I was told to try to cover the big things she's done, but I think the list is all too long. Simply put she has been the best extra mom these kids could ask for, she's lead them to serve others, to serve Christ, and serve themselves by believing in themselves for all they are worth. Our youth will miss her greatly as well as our congregation and our community. She has truly brought our youth program to the next level. Thank you Charlotte for your time as our youth director and personal super hero!

Abby Betzold



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

### By Dave Bowman, Trustee

On behalf of the Trustees and the church at large I'd like to welcome Abby Betzold as the newest member of our church staff. As many of you know, Char Gillen has elected to leave us as Youth Director after 5 years. In those 5 years we have seen the youth program grow tremendously and provide a place for youth to grow in their love of Christ and become a mission voice in our community. Abby has been a significant part of that growth for at least the last 3 years and has agreed to replace Char in this very important ministry. Abby, while working with the youth, has also taken on the leadership role for the upcoming summer mission trip, has been a leader on the Congregational Giving Committee and a significant contributor on the Pulpit Committee and has been a long standing Sunday school teacher. Please join me in welcoming Abby into the role of Youth Director for our church.



### Wednesdays:

June 02 - End of School Celebration  
 June 9 - Summer Youth Group 4:30 –7:00 pm.  
 June 16 - Summer Youth Group 4:30—7:00 pm  
 June 23 - Summer Youth Faith & Fun Day-9am-3pm  
 June 30 - Summer Youth Group 4:30—7:00 pm

**As a reminder: If your child has a fever, is not feeling well or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please have them stay home. Thank you.**

### Youth Director Contact Information:

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 715.268.7390; ext. 12  
 715.715.641.2237 (cell)  
 Youth.ameryucc@gmail.com



## ABBY BETZOLD – NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR IS SHE CRAZY FOR KIDS OR JUST CRAZY?

By Abigail Betzold

Hi Everyone! Most of you have gotten the chance to get to know me for quite a few years now, but in case you haven't, let me introduce myself. I'm Abby Betzold, an Amery native I have fallen in love with my hometown and get to now serve some of its youth. I'm married to my best friend, Alek, who has also grown up in Amery and been a member of



Amery Congo since he was in diapers. Needless to say this wasn't too hard of a choice to try to take on the role of youth director, at our church in particular. My full time

job is being a co-calf manager at Four Hands Holsteins here in Amery. I assure you it takes patience to teach young calves how to eat so

I've got some practice. Outside of work much of my time is spent volunteering. I am a co-club leader of Beaver Brook Badgers 4-H Club, as well as having my fingers in all sorts of things here at our church from committee work to mission teams. I've been volunteering with our youth for a long time now and have gotten the

chance to really know these awesome kids. Beyond all of these things my husband and I are pretty normal, we

enjoy a little traveling, time with our cats, and ordering take-out to watch movies at home (that got to be often with Covid!) I am so thankful for our church putting their trust and confidence in me as I take on this new role. I hope you will all pray for continued success for our youth program, as I know I have big shoes to fill.

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**Community VBS - June 20th-24<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-7:30 in the evening for kids entering 4k-5th grade. Each night supper will be provided right at 5:00. VBS is free to attend, but a free-will offering is humbly and graciously accepted (suggested donation is \$40/child). Donations can be brought to VBS. **Please Sign Up Now!**

Follow the link on the home page of our website or find the link at Amery Congregational UCC Youth Facebook page!

**Any Questions Please Contact Abby Betzold**

## The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,  
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,  
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,  
create persons in your own image,  
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will  
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,  
you have come to us  
and shared our common lot,  
conquering sin and death  
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

## May 11, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Sheldon Betzold: Moderator, Sandy Morris: Clerk, Richard Wooldridge: Financial Secretary, Virginia Ormsby: Treasurer, Garth Schumacher: Interim Pastor, Barry Tulkki: Diaconate, Abby Betzold & Rae Wooldridge: Congregational Giving, Kate Bevington: Missions & Social Concerns

Pastor Garth opened the meeting in prayer at 6:14pm.

The April council meeting minutes were review and approved by Barry, seconded by Sandy and the motion passed.

Treasurer & Financial Secretary Report: Virginia reported that we are doing good financially at this time, we have a very small gap with expenses being slightly over income. She also stated that our conference and mission fund balance will be evened out as it appears in the negative right now from OCWM expenses. Kate made a motion to approve the treasurer and financial secretary reports, Barry seconded, motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Sandy reported we had two member deaths in April (Marion Christensen & Paul Satterlund), taking our member count to 165.

Youth Director Report: Charlotte submitted a written report highlighting upcoming youth group activities including her final night with the youth being June 2nd.

Trustees Report: No one present to report, they will be meeting May 16th

Christian Education: No one present to report, Family Fun Day will be May 23rd starting at 12:30, Community VBS is June 20th-24th at Our Savior's Church, registration will be up soon.

Diaconate: Barry reported they will be working on planning for set-up for outdoor worship, also looking to find volunteers to help Chad Leonard with AV work.

Congregational Giving: Abby reported that there was no April meeting, the committee will be hoping to send out a letter listing upcoming summer church activities.

Mission & Social Concerns: Kate reported that they have been sending birthday cards, and working on library updates slowly. Hoping as COVID restrictions start lifting to go back to prior activities the committee worked on.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Garth reported pulpit committee progress as well as commenting on the wonderful memorial service held for Paul Satterlund.

Pulpit Committee: Abby reported that the profile is now posted for applicants, the committee will be meeting with Rob McDougall for to learn more about the steps going forward for choosing an applicant.

Old Business: Outdoor worship will begin Sunday, June 13th as the mission team hosts a free-will donation cook-out. A team of Barry Tulkki, Virginia Ormsby, & Kris Lindee will put together a calendar of Sundays we will plan to be outside.

New Business: None

Next Meeting will be held on June 8th at 6pm.

Virginia motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sandy seconded, meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Submitted By: Abby Betzold, Chair, Congregational Giving

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Instead of the Spirit being at work for a specific time and function, now, the Holy Spirit is as “rivers of living water flowing from your innermost being.” The Holy Spirit is not merely an external support but an internal presence of transformation.

Two results occurred at Pentecost when those gathered in the upper room experienced immersion (baptism) in and by the Holy Spirit. The first effect was holiness of heart and life, and the second was they gained the power of Christian service. The impact of the Holy Spirit dwelling within a person is that the person has a newfound resource which enables them to live a transformed life, consistent with the character of Jesus. In addition, a promise was given to them for the power for ministry. It is not a power for selfish gain, but to be witnesses of Jesus everywhere.

Pentecost is about transformed lives and power for fruitful ministry. It turned the timid, frightened, unsure followers of Jesus into the Church, the Body of Christ, impacting the world for the glory of God. Let us live in the light of Pentecost! AND... THAT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IS WHY I WILL NEVER CALL THE SEASON OF PENTECOST “ORDINARY TIME.” There... I’ve said it.

Guard, through the Holy Spirit Who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

2 Timothy 1:14



Blessings and love within the Holy Spirit of God in Christ (and within YOU) ,

Rev. Garth Schumacher

## Mission Team 2021 – What We’re Up To

After a year break from our work with Habitat for Humanity our team is back at it! This upcoming August we will be traveling to La Crosse, WI to work on a Faith Build House for a single mother of two young boys. The La Crosse Habitat affiliate is as excited to have us as we are to be working with them. In the meantime our team is missing working as a group so we decided to do a service project for all of you! On June 13th (June

20th rain date) we will be hosting a church cook-out after our first outdoor worship! We will have burgers, brats, potato salad, chips, & dessert along with lemonade & water to drink. Important to note – BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE! (if you so desire).

**We will be encouraging everyone to sit in their own lawn chairs to allow for social distancing.**

This event will be a free will donation with the funds going back to our church. We hope you can all come! Look for more updates coming from our team later this summer!

Abby Betzold, Team Member



Sigsworth Chair



Schumacher Chair