

THE DASH

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A WORD OR TWO

Greetings All.

There are a couple of things I would like to point out to you in this DASH.

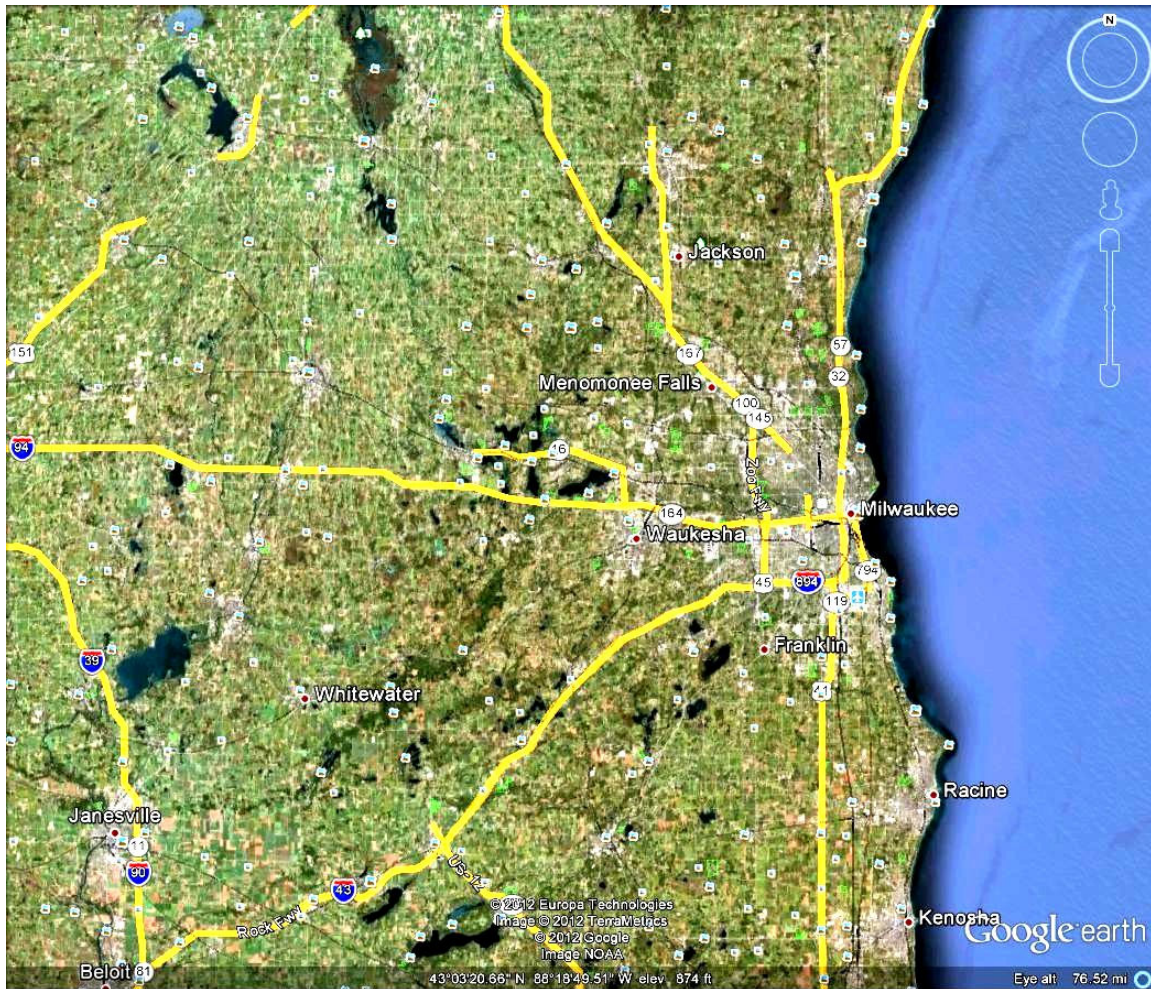
NAME CHANGE: First is the name of this publication. I would like to see if there might be a better name for it. Initially this publication was written and disseminated to replace a more costly and formal “newsletter” that was put together by the Association’s Assistant or secretary. The DASH was a way to get information out to the churches and pastors quickly so they could respond to time sensitive deadlines and so forth. As we begin to mature into the new arrangement, the DASH has become a little more sophisticated in looks but still not a full blown newsletter (which, knowing the volunteer arrangement won’t happen soon, if at all). We decided that the DASH won’t repeat “flyers” past one notification or other information of such nature. Meetings of the Teams will be noted each time. Furthermore, the DASH won’t be created until there is sufficient information to make it worthwhile for the churches and pastors to open and read it or if the information is vitally important to all. With those thoughts in mind, let me hear suggestions for other names your DASH could be named. Just send your suggestions to Tammy at: sewaucc@aol.com.

JUBILEE: REMEMBER AND RENEW - 50 YEARS TOGETHER. The churches of the Southeast Wisconsin Association have been together for 50 years now. Biblically this “Jubilee Year” was, among other things, a time of celebration and coming together to reunite with the extended families. (LEV. 25:10). This will be such a time at the Annual meeting: the focus of the meeting will be the covenant of congregations and clergy that form our Association and we will celebrate our history with gratitude and renew our covenant together with hope. Our worship together will also reflect this. Therefore we invite the congregations, at their annual meetings or at a meeting of the church’s leadership, to empower their representatives to the Annual Meeting to act on behalf of the congregation in renewing their covenant with other congregations of the Association.

Peace; Dick Betts, Vice Moderator

50TH ANNUAL MEETING SEWAUCC

JUBILEE: REMEMBER AND RENEW



WHERE: ZION UCC
3301 South 76th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53219
414-543-4646

Rev. Glenn Danz
zion-pastor@sbcglobal.net

WHEN: APRIL 28, 2012 **REGISTRATION:** 8-9AM

“Sound the ram’s horn all over the land. Sanctify the fiftieth year; make it a holy year. Proclaim freedom all over the land to everyone who lives in it – a Jubilee for all: Each person will go back to his family’s property and reunite with his extended family” Lev: 25:10 The Message

**H E A R T S
f o r H a i t i
J a z z
C o n c e r t
& A r t S a l e
February 12, 2012
3:00-5:00pm**



**Brookfield Congregational Church UCC
16350 Gebhardt Road
Brookfield, WI**

**Join us for a relaxing afternoon of favorite jazz standards
from the 30s, 40s and 50s, featuring vocals by
Rev. Tisha Brown & piano by Dave Allen.**

Haitian art will be on sale before and after the concert.

Refreshments will be served.

All proceeds will benefit Haiti Allies, an outreach ministry of UCC and other churches. Haiti Allies works directly with the people of Haiti to help improve their lives and opportunities.

For more information or directions, call 262-786-4155

Suggested donation: \$10

Riverlife Community Builder

Job Description

Kingo Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) individual to staff and grow **riverlife**, an emerging worship community sponsored by Kingo. The community builder's work will focus on Milwaukee's Riverwest neighborhood, building community with local residents and fostering riverlife's growth and integration into the neighborhood.

Responsibilities

- Develop relationships with Riverwest neighborhood residents and organizations and discern community needs
- Encourage participation and engagement in riverlife activities
- Attend riverlife gatherings
- Assist volunteers in coordinating riverlife gatherings, including worship services, service projects, and social opportunities
- Attend biweekly/monthly riverlife planning meetings
- Along with Kingo's pastor, develop partnerships with Greater Milwaukee Synod (ELCA) congregations in support of riverlife
- Assist volunteers in implementation of riverlife publicity, including print outlets, social media, and website/bloggng
- Coordinate and communicate regularly with the pastor and volunteers involved in riverlife
- Participate in trainings as needed to develop skills and programming

Qualifications

- Strong faith grounding
- Familiarity with both mainline theological traditions and postmodern/emerging worship
- Familiarity with Riverwest neighborhood and willingness to engage in community life
- Strong oral and written communication and people skills, comfort interacting with people of all kinds
- Comfortable working with technology
- Persistent and creative problem solver
- Self-motivated
- Willingness to work odd hours (evenings/weekends) to accommodate activity schedules
- College degree preferred
- Seminary training preferred
- Candidates from nonLutheran traditions welcome to apply

Compensation

\$15-20,000 annual salary for half-time position with flexible hours. Compensation commensurate with experience and training

GENESIS FUND AWARDED TO NEW HOPE UCC

To our UCC family-

For Immediate Release

Jackson, WI -New Hope UCC was awarded a Genesis Fund grant from the UCC. The grant totals \$8,000 with two distributions and a required match of \$4,000 raised by our church. The grant money is to be used in Kenya. New Hope started a Kenya mission back in 2006 and this mission has grown into an amazing set of projects. We will begin this grant project specifically at Nyamome Primary School in Feb. 2012. Below is a little about the grant and project and attached is a picture from Nyamome Primary.

For the past five years, New Hope UCC has managed and directed a program in Kenya, Africa. New Hope UCC has housed all operations for what we call Project Kenya Charity. Project Kenya is an extension of our church. Project Kenya has worked with many UCC churches in our entire conference. Every year we host booths both at our association and at our conference annual meetings. We are annually supported by St. John's UCC, Random Lake and even have members from their church serving on our Kenya Team. Project Kenya has shared the principles and beliefs of the UCC with Kenyans by showing our open minded and heart-felt attitude toward all of God's people and creation.

Purpose and Description of the Project:

Knowledge, education, and information help to create well rounded individuals who can live in a society filled with diversity. Injustice, discrimination, and intolerance thrive in areas lacking education and access to information. New Hope United Church of Christ's Kenya mission team would like to bring resources to the public primary and secondary schools, as well as communities of Kenya by installing computer labs, libraries, and resource rooms.

Our biblical inspiration emerges from the 8th century B.C. prophet, Micah, who addressed a divided people and disharmonious culture. Micah ushered words that hold eternally true, "He has shown you oh people what is good and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." We find in this spiritual directive both focus and value for our mission work on behalf of a God who calls for fairness and equity in creation.

In Kenya, discrimination and injustice can be seen everywhere. Women experience a wide range of discriminatory practices that not only limit their political and economic rights, but also their right to education. The Constitution extends equal protection of rights and freedoms to men and women, but only in 1997 was the Constitution amended to include a specific prohibition of discrimination on grounds of gender. Women and girls are challenged by their gender to achieve. It is impossible to teach both men and women stories of justice from around the world and within Kenya when female and male students have no access to a book, a webpage, or even a newspaper article.

Resource rooms are essential in our schools, in our universities, and in our communities. These facilities and technological advances will level the playing field and open the minds of many. The United Nations statement on promoting tolerance lists access to education and access to information as two of five key initiatives in fighting intolerance. The UN states, "Intolerance is very often rooted in ignorance and fear: fear of the

unknown, of the other, other cultures, nations, religions. Greater efforts need to be made to teach children about tolerance and human rights, about other ways of life. Children should be encouraged at home and in school to be open-minded and curious.”

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CAMP NEWS:

Summer Camp Information from the SE Education Team

It's hard to think about summer camp when the snow is falling and winter has finally decided to show-up, but online registration is now available on the Pilgrim Center/Moon Beach website via ucci.org. If your summer calendar is ready and waiting, take a look at the camp choices and begin the registration process. The Education Team will be updating the SE Scholarship Form soon and it will be posted on our website with directions for mailing.

Questions? Contact Kathy Lyles, Acting Chair of the Education Team at:
lyleskathy@yahoo.com

Churches Currently Searching for a Pastor:

Genoa City – First Congregational UCC

Walworth – Immanuel UCC

Waukesha – First Congregational UCC

Upcoming Association Meetings/Gatherings:

A-Team Tuesday, Feb. 21st Christ Church – Milwaukee 6:30 p.m.

Mission Team Tuesday, Feb. 21st Calvary Memorial–Wauwatosa 1:00 p.m.

Church & Ministry Thursday, Feb. 2nd Christ Church – Milwaukee 1:00 p.m.

Burlington District Tuesday, Feb. 7th Immanuel UCC 9:30 a.m.

Milwaukee MUC Tuesday, March 13th Milwaukee Public Market 11:30 a.m.

SEA Annual Meeting Saturday, **April 28, 2012**

If you have anything you would like to include in the next DASH, please email it to me at

sewaucc@aol.com.

Tammy Wallsch

Administrative Team Secretary

(Don't forget to check out our website at <http://www.sewaucc.org>)