



*A Summer Slice of...*

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

*As you browse these offerings, recognize that you are entering the hospitality of First Congregational UCC. The church is not a special school or a spiritual hospital, but a living community in which we seek the presence of God in and through one another. Please join us!*

First Congregational UCC

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### INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

**A NIGHT AT THE EXPRESS: *New!*** A summer tradition, picnicking and baseball! This summer let's do it First Congo style. We'll be meeting at Carson Park for family fun activities, a potluck picnic in the pavilion, then it's off to the Express baseball game. First Congo will provide the grillin' meat, please bring a dish to pass. RSVP with the number of attendees so we can pre-purchase tickets and plan food and games accordingly.

**Cost: \$8.00 per person**

**Date: Sunday, June 11**

**Time: 3:00-5:00 PM (games & food in the park)**

**5:00 Express Game**

**Contact: Shannon Joshi, 715.834.2668**

**[shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org](mailto:shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org)**

**FEED MY PEOPLE FOOD BANK:** Come volunteer and learn more about your area food bank! Volunteers can expect to help repack bulk food items such as pasta or cereal or help label cans. Activities are kid-friendly and children as young as 8 are welcome to volunteer with a parent. RSVP contact information below.

**Date: Wednesday, August 23**

**Time: 5:00-7:00 PM**

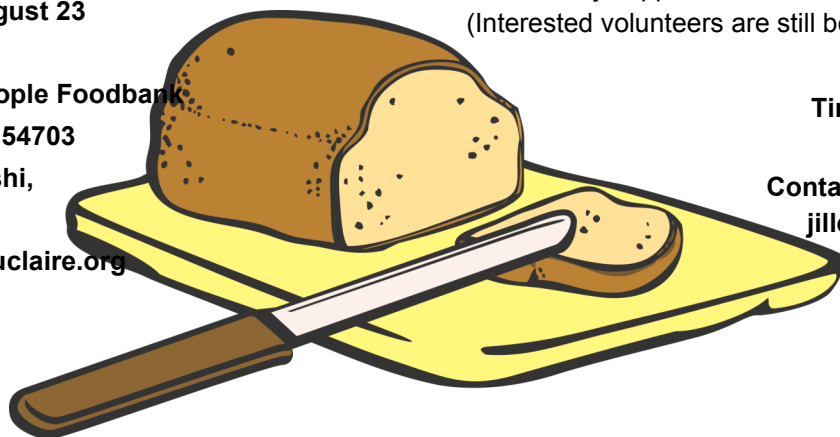
**Location: Feed My People Foodbank**

**2610 Alpine Road, EC 54703**

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### FAMILY FUN

**HISTORIC RANDALL PARK CARNIVAL:** A wonderful time for families on May 21 when our church doors open to the neighborhood with hundreds of students and other families in celebration of this space we call home. There are many games, activities and treats to keep our 500 and more guests busy. Favorite activities are The Balloon Guy, Fish Pond, Cake Walk and the Dunk Tank. Put SUNDAY, MAY 21 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the calendar. Have lunch, take the cake walk and enjoy the sights. If you can't be with us, it can be equally fun to purchase tickets for children who don't have resources. This activity supports our Youth Travel Fund. Join us! (Interested volunteers are still being scheduled!)

**Date: Sunday, May 21**

**Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Location: Randall Park**

**Contact: Jill Christopherson,**

**[jillc@firstucceauclaire.org](mailto:jillc@firstucceauclaire.org)**

## FAMILY FUN, cont'd

### 25th ANNUAL MAKING CONNECTIONS CAMPING:

Grab your tent and pack a swimsuit, we're off for our annual First Congo camping weekend. Campers will enjoy nightly hospitality around the campfire, swimming and games at the beach, and lots lots more.

A First Congo summer tradition! Join us whether it's your first time, or 25th!

**Date: July 21 - 23**

**Location: Coon Forks Campground**

**Leader: Mary Barnes, 715.834.2668**

**maryb@firststucceauclaire.org**

**SUMMER FUN DAY: *New!*** Pack your swimming gear and meet up at the Coon Forks Public Swimming Beach (west side of the lake). Join in for a day of games, food, and fun in the water and sun! This event coincides with our Making Connections Camping event. Not able to camp for the weekend, no problem, join us just for the day! Bring a dish to pass and some sunscreen, we'll do the rest. You'll find free parking, a covered pavilion, and restrooms for our convenience. RSVP so games and food can be planned accordingly.

**Date: Saturday, July 22**

**Time: 10:00—2:00**

**Location: Coon Forks Public Beach**

**Contact: Shannon Joshi, 715.834.2668,**

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## BOOK/STUDY GROUPS

**GOD IS NOT ONE: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World by, Stephen Prothero:** This summer join Pastor Mark and Shannon as they co-lead a 4 part discussion. *New York Times* bestselling author and religion scholar Stephen Prothero argues that persistent attempts to portray all religions as different paths to the same God overlook the distinct problem that each tradition seeks to solve. Delving into the different problems and solutions that Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Confucianism, Yoruba Religion, Daoism and Atheism strive to combat, *God is Not One* is an indispensable guide to the questions human beings have asked for millennia.

**Dates: Thursdays 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, and 7/27**

**Time: 10:30-12:00 (snacks served)**

**Leaders: Mark Pirazzini and Shannon Joshi**

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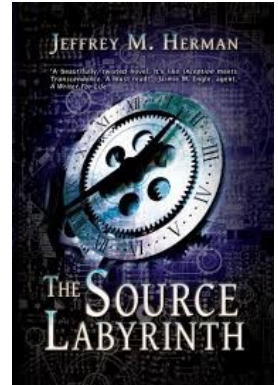
**THE TWELVE:** New this year, a book club for anyone. A new book every other month with a guided discussion by either the author of the book or another member of the church to either kick off or conclude your reading. Join us for one or all of "The Twelve" months.

### July/August: *The Source Labyrinth* by, Jeffrey Herman

A team of scientists opens a door to the source of creation...but do we belong on the other side?

Biophysicist Dr. Dominic Gustav is dying and his only hope rests within his belief that Max possesses the key to unlocking the Universe.

Together, Max and Gustav shatter the confines of space and time to unleash a power that man was not meant to obtain. Max must navigate a treacherous path, endangering his family and jeopardizing his very existence. Will he absolve his dark past and prevent Dominic Gustav from unraveling the fabric of creation? Or will he lose himself within *The Source Labyrinth*?



Join author, Jeff Herman for a guided discussion of his debut novel. Copies of *The Source Labyrinth* are available for purchase both in the library and on Amazon or you may borrow a copy from the church library.

**Dates: Tuesday, August 15**

**Time: 1:00PM and 6:00PM**

**Location: The Gathering Place**

**Contact: Shannon Joshi 715.834.2668,**

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### CHILDCARE INFORMATION

On site **childcare** can be arranged. Please request childcare at the time of registration.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

A generous financial gift assists persons in attending any of the events and all are welcome. Scholarship requests may be made at the time of registration.

Edited by Shannon Joshi

Small Group and Family Ministry:

Mary Burt, Jennifer Eddy, Bob Eierman, Jeanne Herman, Beth Ivankovic, Heath Kampa, Judy Sarles, and Ken Snart.  
*Please let us know how you can be supported within this community. We are looking forward to being with you.*

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