

CONGREGATIONAL GOLDUMNS

May 29, 1994

Congregational Home to Mark 20th Anniversary at Special Service

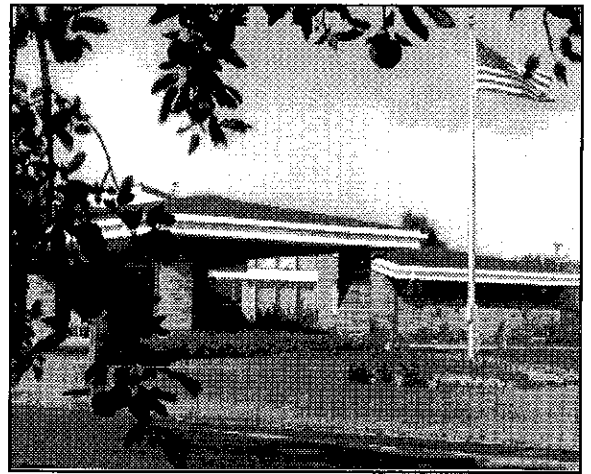
On Sunday, June 19, Congregational Home will celebrate its 20th anniversary and express appreciation of support provided by First Congregational Church with a special service and reception at the church.

It was through the congregation's gifts in the early 1970's that Congregational Home was able to begin construction of this facility in Brookfield. These gifts, when added to the gift of land purchased for the Home by the Church, brought the total contributions to the Home, at its beginning in June, 1974, to more than \$1,000,000.

In the ensuing 20 years, many, many gifts in time and talent by volunteers, together with financial aid provided by hundreds of donors, have helped make Congregational Home and the more-recently constructed Congregational Apartments a special place for the 130 residents.

On Sunday, June 19, this very successful Christian endeavor will be celebrated with the membership in the church's worship service. Preaching will be by the Home's chaplain, the Rev. Robert L. Woodbury. Assisting him will be Fred Rennebohm. Following the service, a special celebration of appreciation will be hosted by members of the Home's Board of Directors and staff.

Underwriting the construction and providing the continuing direction of a full-facility retirement home by one church is a rare accomplishment. It is a beautiful testimony



Congregational Home celebrates its 20th Anniversary with a special service and reception at First Cong. Church. to the Christian, giving spirit of our First Congregational Church members. ■

*by Fred Rennebohm, Director of Development,
Congregational Home*

Parsonage Sale Facts

- The parsonage is offered at \$159,000.00 as supported by an outside appraisal
- House is offered on an "As Is" basis
- All offers need to be in writing on "Wisconsin Residential Offer To Purchase" form.
- All offers are due in the church office by 5:00 p.m., June 13, in a sealed envelope.
- Board of Trustees will review all offers on June 13th. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all offers.

New Members, WELCOME!

Tim and Jamie Casey are two of the ten new members at First Congregational Church. Tim is the Director of Economic Development for Milwaukee County and Jamie is an independent



Jamie, Megan, Caitlin and Tim Casey of work for Johnson Controls. The Caseys have 5-year-old identical twin daughters, Caitlin and Megan. Sparky, a Cocker Spaniel, is the newest addition to the family. They enjoy family activities such as trips to the zoo and Tim likes cooking and exercising.

video producer currently doing a good deal

elementary school for emotionally disturbed children and Gary is a principal at a treatment center for emotionally disturbed boys. They have two sons: Nick, 4; Dylan, 2 1/2; and a third child expected in July. Gary is a collector while Margaret enjoys woodworking and other crafts.

Jacque Quirk and her daughter Katie Quirk also recently became members. Jacque is an insurance agent in Elm



Katie and Jacque Quirk

Grove with her husband Bob and she also works as a

dental hygienist. Katie just earned her Master's degree from UWM in rehabilitation counseling and is currently searching for a position in that field. Mother and daughter both enjoy watersports and reading. Jacque also likes flower gardening and cross-country skiing while Katie enjoys biking and other exercise. Jacque and Bob also have another daughter Barbara.

James Stodola owns an insurance agency, Mutual Insurance Company-

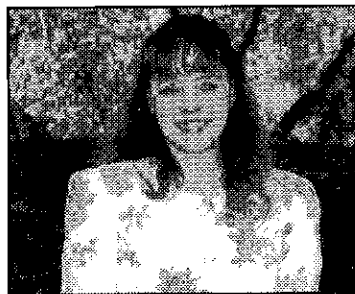


James, Sara, and Karen Stodola

with American Family- and Karen Stodola is the Manager of Benefits for Time Insurance Company. James and Karen have a 2 1/2-year-old daughter, Sara. As a family, they enjoy outdoor activities in north-

ern Wisconsin such as: skiing, kayaking, and canoeing. James also enjoys singing and playing the guitar while Karen likes stitchery.

Shawn Lempke is a secretary for Equifax Commercial Specialists and is



Shawn Lempke

engaged to another church member, J.J. Lund. In addition to happily planning the August 20th wedding, Shawn keeps busy with biking, walking, and crafts.

Be sure to make each of the new members feel welcome as you see them. ■

photos by Sally Schulenburg



Clockwise: Karen, Tom, Jessica, Erin & Heather Healey

Tom Healey, is a part-time ministerial student and full-time

engineer. He has a wife Karen and three children: Jessica, 11; Erin, 10; and Heather, 8. Tom is a history buff, stamp collector, and enjoys taking walks.



Margaret, Dylan, Nick and Gary Hetzel

Margaret Hetzel is a special education teacher at an

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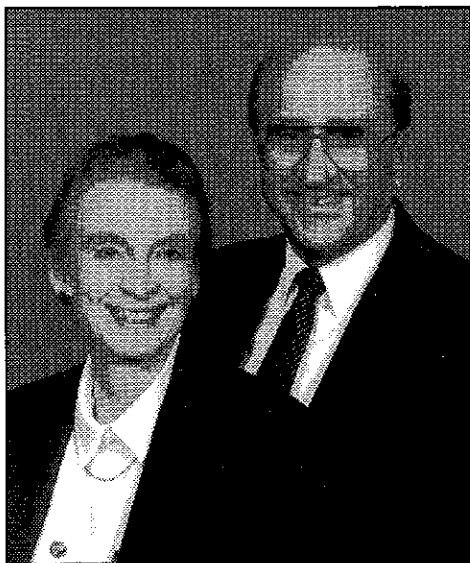
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Interim Senior Minister Has Family Ties to Church

The Reverend Robert S. Wilch was called as Interim Senior Minister by a unanimous vote of those members present at the congregational meeting on May 5, 1994. He assumed his duties immediately, preaching his first sermon to an enthusiastic crowd on May 8.

In December of 1987, Rev. Wilch happily chose early retirement from his duties as a Bishop of the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Synod. At the time, the church was reorganizing due to the merger which created the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). However, after guest preaching in the summer of 1993, All Saints Church in Wales requested that he serve as interim minister and Rev. Wilch accepted.

Shortly before his term in Wales was finished, members of the Search Committee approached Rev. Wilch with an offer to serve as Interim



Sandy and Rev. Robert Wilch Senior Minister at First Congregational Church. The Search Committee got Rev. Wilch's name from a family member who is a member here.

Rev. Wilch said that after considering theological concerns, he was enchanted with the opportunity and his wife Sandy - a past member - was also happy

with the opportunity to become reinvolved.

Rev. Wilch and his wife, Sandy, each have three children. Two of the six, Stephen and Diane, are members at First Congregational Church while the remaining four live in Chicago. Rev. and Sandy Wilch live in Hartland.

Rev. Wilch said that in preparing for the new Senior Minister, he will focus on making the worship services attractive, working with membership development, and assisting with stewardship in Autumn. At this point, however, Rev. Wilch said he needs to examine all areas of the church and see what needs strengthening.

Rev. Wilch also added that he is enjoying working with the staff and appreciates the very cordial welcome he and his wife have received. ■

June 1994 Calendar

Wednesday, June 1 - 11:00, Circle 12: 6:30, Sr. PF

Thursday, June 2 - 4:00, Jr. PF

Friday, June 3 - 8:30, 4:00, St. Vincent Meals

Sunday, June 5 - 9:00, 11:00, Worship Service w/ Communion, Sunday School, Nursery: 10:00, Cherub and Jr. Choir: 2:00, Partners

Monday, June 6 - 7:00, Bd. Fellowship, Bd. Christian Education

Tuesday, June 7 - 7:00, Bd. Deacons,

Thursday, June 9 - 7:00, Rev. Majo - Philippine Missionary

Sunday, June 12 - SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS 10:00, Children's Sunday Worship, Nursery: 11:00, Cool Coffee

JUNE 13 - JUNE 17 Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 13 - 10:00, Sr. Women: 7:00, Bd. Trustees

Tuesday, June 14 - 7:00, Bd. Stewardship

Sunday, June 19 - 10:00, Worship - Congregational Home 20th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday School, Nursery

Monday, June 20 - 6:00, Bd. Benevolences w/ Edsel Bodden: 7:00, Membership Committee

Tuesday, June 21 - 7:30, Bd. Cong. Care

Sunday, June 26 - 10:00, Worship, Sunday School, Nursery

Tuesday, June 28 - 7:00, Church Council

PF "Polaroid Panic"



In Brief

The Editor Thanks: Fred Rennebohm for written materials; Sally Schulenburg for photographs and the office staff for their assistance.

Circle 12 Luncheon Meeting, June 1

A guest speaker from the Milwaukee County Zoological Society will present a slide program. Plan to meet in Friendship Lounge at 11:00 a.m. - Bring your pennies!

Our Church Family

Marriage

John Daniel Gibbs and Virginia Louise Py,
May 14

Baptisms

Nicholas Willim Galfano, son of Thomas
and Paige Galfano, May 15
Stuart James Wong, son of Stuart and Beth
Wong, May 15

Death

Ruth Twet died on May 15

YOUTH CORNER

- Congratulations to newly elected State PF President, Sarah Edens and PF Southeastern Regional Representative, Mike Rosenthal!
- Thank you to the congregation for your support of all of the fundraisers. Jr. PF was successful enough to begin sponsoring a child through Compassion International, a program with which Sr. PF is currently involved. Sr. PF has also used the Fall and Spring Work Days to raise money for charity - part of the money will go to the Salvation Army. In addition, a good portion of the fees for NAPF and Camp will be covered for each individual, a big thank you for your support!
- As the year comes to an end, all the youth programs have been successful enough to resume on the same schedule next year. Rob Fredrickson said that the success of Pre-PF has been especially satisfying as it was a completely new program this year. ■

by Cindy Trask, Sandy Gold & David Dethmers

The Church all came together... in a way not seen enough
To give thanks and praise to people who mean so very much.
Their talents never ending... we are all truly blest
It has now come full circle... in us we gave our best.

So know we think very highly... of the jobs you did so well

We couldn't have done it without you
A heartfelt thank you we do tell.

From the singers to the speakers,
the accompanists to the director,
We also include an electronic wizard
and the delicious homegoods bakers.

Grateful thanks are owed to many,
For without your gifted talents...
The message that we sent,
Surely would have been empty.

Never did we think...
Such a service we would blend.
But with God's guiding Hand...
A beautiful message we did send.

For we honored 3 marvelous persons
Sunday, May 1st was a very special day,
in a more than spectacular way.

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