



# The Millburn Church

## MESSENGER



August 2011

### *From the Pastor's Desk:*

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On Saturday, June 25th, we sent our high school youth off on their mission trip to West Virginia. I am heartened beyond description by the number of youth that went on this trip: seventeen. Amazing! Plus four adult chaperones. This is an astounding number for a small church.

We're definitely on to something with our emphasis on missions. Indeed, I would say that Millburn Church is gradually becoming a mission-oriented church. Our congregation is doing a fabulous thing here: it's providing training in discipleship. It is teaching and modeling faith – an active, vital and vibrant kind of faith. One that's meaningful and relevant.

There's a version of Christian faith that's very popular right now, but one that I hope we never become party to teaching. It goes something like this: "God will take care of me, no matter what. If I pray hard and always keep the faith, life will always be good, and predictable. So it really doesn't matter what I do, or don't do. Because God will take care of me, no matter what."

If they didn't already know, our young mission trippers learned that authentic Christian faith doesn't work this way. They learned that Jesus calls us to put aside the comforts of life and follow him into the real world, which is often troublesome and chaotic. They saw things they'd never seen or imagined before, some of which caused them pain and sadness.

But on that journey they also learned that they can trust Jesus and their God to see them through even the most trying of circumstances. Now they have the deepened faith and inspiration they'll need to move on to the next adventure, the next call and the next opportunity for service.

Thanks to everyone who made this trip possible. Thanks to the adult chaperones – Gary Garland, Cathy Knight, Cindy Medina and Margo Paramski. Speaking of Margo, she (as always) invested a huge amount of time and labor to make this trip go. It definitely wouldn't have happened without her. So please thank her for her efforts and continue to praise her ministry at Millburn Church.

Peace,  
*Pastor Jed*



Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we worship God as a spiritually  
alive church, welcoming all and  
reaching out with love as Christ's  
disciples.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Pastor Jed Watson

Monday – Thursday ..... 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... Pastor's Study Day  
Friday ..... Day Off

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### Worship

**8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

*Nursery Care and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.*

**Summer Worship Hour 9:00 a.m.**

**Held in Great Room**

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## DEADLINE

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The deadline for article submissions is the **second Sunday of each month**. Next deadline is **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**. You may email your articles, comments, kudos, criticisms and other correspondence to the Messenger Editor, Church Secretary, or Messenger Publisher. You can also drop off your submissions to the Church Office.

### WHY DOES THE MESSENGER LOOK DIFFERENT?

We offered to step in for this month, because John has been swamped and needed a break. So this Messenger may look a little different. John, you do such a great job that you left some big shoes to fill! We hope we did ok. Hopefully September's issue will be back into John's capable hands.

*Kris Franks and Nanette Thorson*

## Millburn UCC is UNCORKED!

Whether you want to learn more about wine or just enjoy an occasional glass, you'll enjoy our new wine tasting group! Of course, anyone who isn't from the church is welcome to join us.

We're trying to keep it as simple as possible, and this is how it works:

**WHERE/WHEN** -Each group will have no more than eight people (we will probably have several groups,) and couples will be considered as individuals. We'll meet once a month at someone's house (or the place of their choice) at 7:30 p.m.

**THE WINE** -Every time we'll all just bring one bottle of wine that costs no more than \$20, unless a theme calls for it. For the first event, we'll just bring our favorite wine. Afterwards, the hosts for that month determine the wine sampled for the next month (for example, they could request a type of wine, brand of wine, or wine from a certain country.)

**FORMAT OF THE EVENING**- We will have a blind tasting and simple scoring (everyone bring their wine in a paper bag) for the best wine. Afterwards, we can discuss the wine brought, or not. This is basically a social event that is founded on wine.

**FOOD**- The person who won at the previous party will be required to bring the cheese and crackers for the party (that way nobody will win twice in a row, and the hosts don't have to make something for the party.) For the cheese and crackers, we don't need anything fancy, nor do we need different types of cheeses. This is just to cleanse our palates between the different wines – not considered a meal.

So, if you are interested, a sign-up sheet will be posted in Lauren Hall the entire month of August. We hope to get this up and running sometime in September.

Should you have any questions, please contact either Holly Ellis or Nanette Thorson.



*A boy was watching his father, a pastor,  
write a sermon....*

*"How do you know what to say?" he asked.*

*"Why, God tells me." answered his father.*

*"On, then why do you keep crossing things out?"*



## CIRCLE OF PRAYER:

We are holding in prayer the following persons:

Jeff Rendl, who's aunt passed away; Lucille Engh; Deborah Pineau's niece, traveling to Africa to volunteer at a hospital; Joan Schroeder healing from shoulder surgery; Joyce, inoperable cancer; Spencer Burris; Allie Grandos, recovering from wrist surgery; Lisa Heinze, suffered a stroke; Melanie's friend, Karen, with cancer; Bob Tscahnenn's friend, Barry, recovering from flood damage; Cathy Knight's brother in-law, Steve, in failing health; and the family of Dick Schubert, who died recently.

**If you wish to have someone added or removed from the prayer list, contact Shirley at the church office or speak to Pastor Jed. PLEASE NOTE: A new "Circle of Prayer" list will begin the first Sunday of each month.**



## MYLO

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 church ladies met to make sundresses for girls in Africa. Ruth Young, Mary Lester and Kris Franks provided the fabric and trims. We made 40 dresses!!



On July 17<sup>th</sup>, MYLO invited our church family and friends to join them for brunch at the Bristol 45 Diner in Bristol, WI. 21 people took the short trip north. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

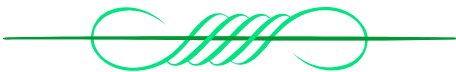
Our next meeting will be on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The program will be to make Linus blankets. These are no-sew blankets. Please bring 2 coordinating pieces of pre-washed fleece (1/2 to 1 1/2 yards each piece) and a pair of scissors. You can also purchase no-sew blanket kits at local fabric/craft stores.

*Stewardship message....*

## Teach Your Children Well

Here we are at the end of school vacation, children still running around enjoying summer, while many of us in churches are starting to plan our fall program for the children in our churches. It's a good time to ponder what we teach our children about generosity in all parts of their lives, including the church. How do we help them build Christian values about how they use their money that will carry them into adulthood? Do our Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth programs include discussions of giving and values about our attitudes toward our possessions? If they do not, how do we expect them to grow into adults who will not only give to their church, but also challenge our society's assumptions about wealth?

As Israel formed itself into a nation, leaders like Joshua and the prophets would occasionally say that the people were commanded to do something and then commanded to explain to their children why they did it. Children are naturally observant and inquisitive; knowing this, God encouraged leaders to take advantage of those qualities to instruct. Talk to your children or grandchildren, and to the children of your church, about why you give and how you make choices about using your money. When you do, you build a firm foundation for the future of God's work in the world.



*Work Hard....*

*Do your Best....*

*Keep your Word.....*

*Never get too big for your britches.....*

*Trust in God and never forget a friend.*

On June 13th, the Church Board met to discuss several items as they plan on changes for the 2012 church year. Much of the time was spent reviewing the Visioning Committee's findings and planning for the implementation of the changes, which were approved by the membership. Todd, Gary and Pastor Jed are very active in setting up the procedures we hope to follow and will be presenting these procedures to the Church Board at the July meeting.

One part of the visioning discussion was on the Youth Worker Project. The initial job responsibilities have been approved and now we will proceed with the writing of the job description and the hiring process. The funding for the startup of this project, as you may not remember, was provided by a memorial gift. Our intention and hope is to make this Youth Worker position a permanent part of our church staff.

One member of the Board brought up the possibility of having a permanent sound system in Lauren Hall. Many activities are held in Lauren Hall, which would benefit from a sound system. More discussion will be held with a sound engineer to get ideas for installation and cost.

At the time publication of this article in the Messenger, the parking lot should be finished and re-stripped and the tuck-pointing should also be on its last few days. The painting of the outside of Lauren Hall was delayed, first by the weather and then our painter injured himself on another job and was delayed in finishing his commitment to Millburn Church. We are confident this project will be completed and appreciate everyone's patience.

A reminder to all members of Millburn Church that are web site and Facebook page are very active and need your input. IF you have an item of interest for other members of Millburn, perhaps one way to inform them and others is to post it on Facebook or put it on the church's web site. These are important tools to inform the members and friends of Millburn and also to get the work out to prospective members and friends about who we are and how active and committed we are in our church life. Don't underestimate these tools of information; they are very valuable to us.






*Jack Geary*, Church Board President

## Church Board Notes

# August 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3	4	5 	6
7 9:00 Worship & Holy Communion 9:00 Summer Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Hour	8 7:15 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Church  Board Meeting	9 7pm Forest Trails Homeowners  Assoc Mtg  7pm Mission Comm	10 6:30 pm Adult Handbells	11 7pm Knit Night	12	13 
14 <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b> 9:00 Worship & Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Hour	15 6pm Millburn Clovers 4-H Club Mtg 7pm CE Committee	16	17 6:30 pm Adult Handbells	18 7:30pm Compassionate Friends	19	20
21 8:00 Blood Drive 9:00 Worship & Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:15 Teachers Mtg	22 <b>Meals-On-Wheels</b>	23 9:15 Messenger Collating  <b>Week for</b>	24 6:30 pm Adult Handbells  <b>Millburn Church</b>	25 7pm Knit Night  <b>Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> through</b>	26 <b>Aug. 26th</b>	27
28 9:00 Worship & Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Hour	29 	30 9am Millburn Church Early Learning Ctr Get Acquainted Day	31 9am Millburn Church Early Learning Ctr Get Acquainted Day 6:30pm Adult Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir			

# September 2011

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4  9:00 Worship & Holy Communion 9:00 Summer Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>5 LABOR DAY</b>  	6  7pm Boy Scout Troop Mtg	7  6:30pm Adult Handbells 7:30 pm House Band	8  7pm Knit Night	9	10  
<b>11 Rally Home Messenger Deadline</b> 9:15 House Band 9:30 Registration 10:00 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 Coffee Hour	12  7:15 pm Deacons 7:30 Church Board	13  7pm Boy Scout Troop Mtg	14  6:30pm Adult Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir	15  7:30pm Compassionate Friends	16  	17  12:30 Doll Collector Group  4:30 Brian Haley & Beth Garrett Wedding
18  8:30 Worship 9:15 Adult Choir 10 Worship & Sunday School 11 Coffee Hour 11:15 Youth Handbells	19  6:pm Millburn Clovers 4-H Club 7pm CE Committee	20  9:15 Messenger Collating  1pm Town & Cntry Homemakers Assoc 7pm Boy Scout Troop Mtg	21  6:30pm Adult Handbells 7:30 pm House Band	22  7pm Knit Night	<b>23</b>	24  
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# COFEE HOUR HOSTS



Special thanks to all the coffee hour hosts/hostesses who served and/or provided refreshments during the months of July and August.

- July 3rd ..... MYLO
- July 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Mission Trippers
- July 17<sup>th</sup> .....Open
- July 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Open
- July 31<sup>st</sup> .....Dairy Queens

- Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> ..... MYLO
- Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> .....Barb Coon, Margie Petroff
- Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> .....Open
- Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> ..... Open

Hosts are needed each Sunday. Drinks and a light snack is all that is needed. Please consider signing up to host a Sunday. Signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in Lauren Hall.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN LAUREN HALL FOR THESE SIGNUP SHEETS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

**Ushers, Lay Readers and Coffee Hour Host** - Several open dates available.

**FLOWERS FOR ALTAR** – Please consider providing flowers to decorate the altar. Cost is \$27.00.

**“UNCORKED”** wine tasting group. See article in this Messenger (page 3).

**Building & Grounds Repairs** – if you see something that needs fixed.... put it on the list.

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**“THESE DAYS”** for August and September is now available in Lauren Hall.

# August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Cloonan  
Abigail Tate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Frentz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yvonne Meltzer
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kristen Chivers
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tami Powell  
Brett Tussing
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jesse Colin  
Holly Ellis  
Krystal Manna  
Margie Petroff
- 7<sup>th</sup> Kirsten Deacetis
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mary Kate Burnett  
Pastor Jed Watson  
Derek Zaloudek
- 9<sup>th</sup> Robert Clark  
Marcia Doolittle
- 10<sup>th</sup> Diane Grimes
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ethan Jesse
- 13<sup>th</sup> James Draper  
Muriel Kaminski
- 14<sup>th</sup> Melanie Dillon
- 15<sup>th</sup> Janet Cappon  
Megan Dahnert
- 16<sup>th</sup> Arman Zarinebaf  
Kian Zarinebaf  
Mitra Zarinebaf
- 17<sup>th</sup> Christine Grolmes
- 18<sup>th</sup> Scott DeYoung  
Oachi Galiger
- 19<sup>th</sup> Joey Draper
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nancy Burnett
- 22<sup>nd</sup> William Hartman
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jacob Cardinell
- 24<sup>th</sup> Vera Myers  
Sarah Storaasli
- 25<sup>th</sup> Meghan Krohn
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan McGuire
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jack Engle  
Virginia Hagen
- 28<sup>th</sup> Adam Hughes  
Nancy Reding
- 31<sup>st</sup> Kathleen Nowack

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

By Margo Paramski

We held a potluck picnic after our Promotion Service on May 15 with games, and our favorite clown, Stubbles! Unfortunately, the rain prevented us from playing in the Moonwalk! Thank you to the Christian Education Committee Cindy Batz, David Cunningham, Melanie Dillon, Jennifer Frentz, Nila Grahl, Stacy Messner, and Jim Zradicka for their hard work all year and helping with the set-up and running of Promotion Sunday. The Church School children and teachers did a wonderful job officiating the Sunday Promotion Church Service. Thanks to all the teachers, co-teachers, floorwalkers, and rotation teachers who made this year a success. Thank you to the parents of our Church school children also who realize the importance of their children's religious education and bring them to Church each week.

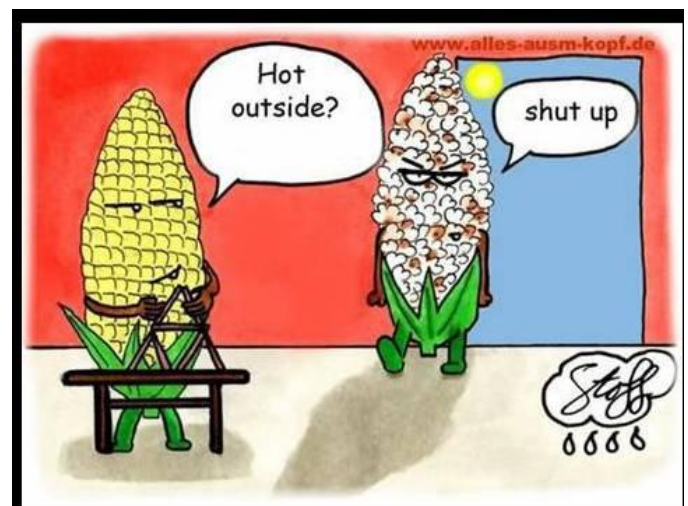
Our Mission Trippers presented to the congregation on July 17 during the 9:00 service. The stories made you laugh, cry or sit in amazement. As one youth said, "We went as friends and came back as a family" We often say that a Mission Trip is a life changing event in some lives and again this came true. Our youth continue to amaze me and all did a wonderful job in Beckley, WV. Thanks to our other chaperones Gary Garland, Cathy Knight and Cyndi Medina who without them we couldn't have gone. A very special thanks to all of you who made this possible. Without the generous giving of our congregation this trip would never have happened. Thank You!

Vacation Bible School is now over and except for the shortened week, 84 children all had a great time! The storm may have stopped us for two days but we made up for it the rest of the week! Thanks to all who volunteered (forty total and too many to mention personally) who made this year's VBS a great success!

Thanks to all whom donated items from the Wish List for our Vacation Bible School program, *Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!* We couldn't do the week long program without you!

It is that time of year again, planning for the 2011-2012 Church School year. We have some openings for the fall in different grade levels. Maybe teaching the entire year is too much for you, so think about being an assigned Substitute/Floorwalker (5-6 Sundays per year) or a Rotation Teacher (4 weeks in January). If you are interested in helping with our Christian Education program, please call Margo at the Church Office.

We will have openings in our Nursery starting in September. Gretal Neils and Lisa Williams will no longer be attendants. Gretal has moved to Kenosha and can no longer carpool on Sunday mornings. Lisa will be "moving up" with her son Kyle this fall and become a floorwalker while Kyle attends our preschool class. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Margo at the Church Office.



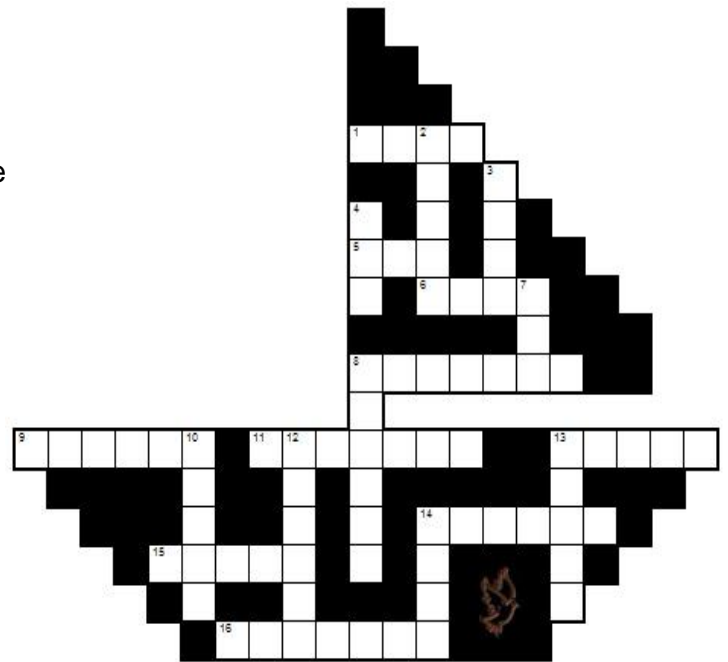
## ALPHA-SEARCH

Can you find the hidden words? Each word ends with the letter **H**. The words may be horizontal or vertical.

ARCH, BATH, BEACH, DEPTH, DISH, EACH, EARTH, ENOUGH, FINISH, FRESH, HIGH, LENGTH, MARCH, MONTH, MYTH, PEACH, RICH, ROUGH, SCRATCH, SMOOTH, STOMACH, TOUCH, VANISH, WASH, WATCH.

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Puzzle Choice

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### Across

- 1 We have here only five loaves of bread and two \_\_\_\_ (Matt 14:17)
- 5 And all that handle the \_\_\_\_, the mariners (Ezek 27:29)
- 6 fishermen's gear (Mark 1:18)
- 8 the ship struck a \_\_\_\_ and ran aground (Acts 27:41)
- 9 One of his disciples, \_\_\_\_, Simon Peters brother (John 6:8)
- 11 Jesus left there and went along the Sea of \_\_\_\_ (Matt 15:29)
- 13 "I'm going out to fish," \_\_\_\_ Peter told them (John 21:3)
- 14 A safe place to anchor ships (Acts 27:12)
- 15 they saw a bay with a sandy \_\_\_\_ Acts 27:39
- 16 they decided to run the ship \_\_\_\_ if they could (Acts 27:39)

### Down

- 2 rear part of a ship (Acts 27:29-30)
- 3 where he found a ship bound for that \_\_\_\_ (Jonah 1:3)
- 4 the men did their best to \_\_\_\_ back to land (Jonah 1:13)
- 7 the God of heaven, who made the \_\_\_\_ and the land (Jonah 1:9)
- 8 weighed anchor and \_\_\_\_ along the shore of Crete (Acts 27:13)
- 10 roaring of the seas, the roaring of their \_\_\_\_ (Ps 65:7)
- 12 they lowered the sea \_\_\_\_ and let the ship be driven along (Acts 27:17)
- 13 Jesus crossed to the far \_\_\_\_ of the Sea of Galilee (John 6:1)
- 14 Your hand will lay \_\_\_\_ on all your enemies (Ps 21:8)

Answers to crossword puzzle will appear in Sept. Messenger

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never put a period  
where *God has put a comma*



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## Why Do You Love Your Church Contest

According to the United Church of Christ website, here are the top 10 reasons why people love their church:

1. I love my church because it's sort of like The Wizard of OZ – it's about having a heart and a brain. And courage!
2. I love my church because when we cried together on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, we cried for the whole world.
3. I love my church because the Sunday School teacher gives out prizes to the kid who asks the best questions.
4. You know, if you want a church where you can pretend for an hour or two that everything is just fine with you, with your family, and with the world, then we're probably not for you. But if you want a church where you can tell the truth about how it is and know that it's okay, maybe you'll find a home here.
5. What I love about the UCC is that it's just about Jesus—not just Jesus who's on our side, but Jesus who calls us to walk by his side.
6. I'm single and I love my church because it's the only place I don't feel like I need to buy a family size to belong.
7. What I love most about my church is that it's a place where we feel free to "think out loud together."
8. I love my church because the building committee got together last week and cut out part of the pews so wheelchairs could be down front in the sanctuary.
9. You know why I love my church? Because for 1 hour every week I get reminded that life is more than getting up and going to work, dealing with problems, and worrying about everything under the sun.
10. I love the UCC because we're giraffes not turtles: we aren't afraid to stick our necks out. We ordained the 1<sup>st</sup> African-American in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the 1<sup>st</sup> women in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the 1<sup>st</sup> gay man in the 20<sup>th</sup> century! That helps me stick my neck out and take a risk every now and then.

**Okay, now it's your turn!! Why do you love Millburn UCC?**

Email your reasons to Nanette Thorson at [Nmthor@gmail.com](mailto:Nmthor@gmail.com). In the subject line put "**Why I love MUCC.**" Make sure you include your name in the body of the email. Your responses will be printed in the next *Messenger*. Children are encouraged to send in their responses as well.

*Nanette Thorson*, Welcome Committee Chairperson