



**Drawing 2:00pm Dec. 6, 2025** (need not be present to win)



SATURDAY December 6, 2025

10:00am to 2:00pm in Menomonie, Wisconsin

## Visit:

RASSBACH MUSEUM 1820 John Russell Road

HOME OF SUPRISES N7886 555th Street

Shop and Enjoy Tea:
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC
420 Wilson Ave.

Admission is FREE

Tour of Homes is sponsored by: WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
First Congregational UCC of Menomonie

## HOME OF SUPRISES N7886 555th Street Menomonie, WI 54751

Come walk through a home overflowing with memories of the past. This spectacular home is filled with surprises in each room and around every corner.

The house itself was built in 2000 with the owners intensely involved in designing spaces, selecting components and finishes and contributing significant sweat equity.

The home includes two floors and a finished basement with beautiful items artfully displayed throughout the entire structure.

In the kitchen you will love the cherry cupboards designed and made by the owner. He also constructed the beautiful banister that is in the entryway. Back in the kitchen, you will find utensils that our mothers and grandmothers used for everyday cooking. Look closely to see the special ways items are displayed.

For his wife, her love of antiques and collecting began at a young age. During her youth in 4-H, she chose a project that involved refinishing a piece of furniture that belonged to her mother. The project intrigued her and began her journey of love for all that is interesting, historical, and has a story to tell. Together, the hunt to find just the right piece has taken years and led to many adventures.

The North Pole Village is extra special and a particular favorite of theirs. The village is lovingly arranged just for Christmas each year. It takes hours to fine tune every item that helps to complete the village. Visitors will certainly be intrigued by all of the creativity seen in this extensive display.

Be sure to allow time to view all that this home has to offer, as we celebrate *An Old Fashioned Christmas*.

Admission is FREE All venues are open from 10:00am to 2:00pm

## RASSBACH MUSEUM 1820 John Russell Road Menomonie, Wisconsin 54751



History comes alive at the Rassbach Museum! From the mound builders of a thousand years ago to Dunn County's friendly communities of today, the museum tells intriguing and ever-expanding stories of this area of Wisconsin.

The collections of the Dunn County Historical Society, celebrating 75 years of service are archived here. Fulton's Workshop is an interactive space for people of all ages to learn, marvel and make. Interesting events, exhibits, and presentations are offered throughout the year.

Thankfully, the Rassbach Museum has preserved artifacts from First Congregational UCC, including the *Tour of Homes*. As a prelude to the museum's *Wakanda Wonderland*, attendees will get a peak at a few of the more than 65 trees that will adorn the museum this holiday season.

Today, during the 61st Tour of Homes the tree decorated by the Women's Fellowship of First Congregational UCC is featured. The tree is fully dressed with Tour ornaments from years past and other unique items from past tours are also on display. It is fun to see how crafts have changed over the decades and to admire the time, effort, and skill involved with many of the projects. None of the items on display are for sale as they are from the personal collections of some members of our faith community, However, our 2025 selection of ornaments, gifts, and other Christmas surprises, as well as candy and baked goods can be purchased as you enjoy the tea at First Congregational UCC. The Rassbach Museum Store will be open today, full of unique books and gift items.

Also, you are invited to return to the Musuem for the Wakanda Wonderland from 1:00 to 7:00 pm on December 13th. There is no charge for this special celebration. View all 65 trees and vote on your favorite, stroll through the musuem, make a craft in Fulton's Workshop, stock up on homemade treats at Sinterklaas Bakery, and round out holiday gift-buying at the Artisans Market and the Museum Store.

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

420 Wilson Ave. Menomonie, WI 54751

First Congregational United Church of Christ has been part of the Menomonie Community since 1861. The current building at 420 Wilson Ave. was built in 1892 with the addition added in 1992.

The *Tour of Homes* has been a fundraiser for the Women's Fellowship for over 60 years. Historically, the women of First Congregational have been active participants and strong financial supporters of the church. Thus, the tour provides an opportunity for members and friends to socialize while working together toward a common goal. The proceeds from the Tour not only go to support church needs but also needs of various community organizations.

During these 60 years, Christmas ornaments, décor, gifts, as well as candy, baked good, and other treats in amazing quantities have been sold during the Tour. Close to 200 homes and other venues have been visited. Thousands of luscious tea cookies have been painstakingly baked by members. Tour participants attending the tea consumed hundreds of gallons of hot coffee and our signature Russian tea, along with carefully selected cookies. A multitude of musicians have entertained guests at teas over the years, while our youth couldn't wait to be old enough to be a server in the tearoom. Then again, there were adults asking just how old you had to be to be chosen to "pour"!

This year the Fellowship Hall at the church will host the traditional Christmas Tea, the Gift Shoppe featuring homemade crafts, home décor and 3 lovely raffle items.

Don't miss the Sweet Shoppe located in the church parlor. There will be a wonderful variety of baked goods, candies and sweet treats along with the Russian Tea mix which will be available for purchase.

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