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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

The adulation of sports fans is never a constant. A baseball player who is playing great is cheered by everyone. But if that same player happens to have a slump, a stretch where maybe they're not playing so well, they may hear some boos from the fans. 1982 was a great year for baseball in the city of St. Louis. The Cardinals had an outstanding season which led them to a World Series victory over the Brewers. The entire Cardinal baseball team was revered after winning that World Series. There were parades, celebrations, and the re-naming of local streets as a way to honor the players. The entire team became local celebrities and received considerable adulation from the fans in the St. Louis area.

Everyone had high expectations for the Cardinals in 1983. There were a number of key contributors from that 1982 championship team who were expected to come back strong. Unfortunately, it was not the best of years for the St. Louis Cardinals. Some of the players who did so well the year before were not able to produce. The Cardinal starting pitchers ended up with a dismal record. The hitters didn't hit the way they were supposed to. Whenever you have high expectations and they're not met, disappointment is likely to set in. By the middle of the 1983 season you could start to hear some boos trickling down from the stands. The same players that had been revered and celebrated just months before were now the subject of ridicule and scorn. It's amazing how quickly people can turn from cheering you to booing you.

As human beings, we are fickle, no doubt about it. We can change our minds in a hurry when it comes to fashion, music, and hairstyles. Of course, some things never change. One constant that we can all rely upon is the love of God shown to us through Jesus Christ.

The account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem given in John's gospel is much shorter than Luke's or Mark's report. All that is emphasized in this text is the delirium of eager welcome that surrounded Christ as he rode into the city; an excitement which is here ascribed very largely to the raising of Lazarus. The streets were lined with dense mobs of excited and enthusiastic folk. But fame can be very fleeting. And human nature has showed that people will change their mind in a hurry. Later in the week, some of those same people who were shouting Jesus' praises would be the ones demanding his crucifixion.

Why the change in only 5 days? One minute you're loved and the next minute you're hated. Even Jesus' own disciples deserted Him in his time of greatest need; denying that they knew Him. And I wonder...are we as fickle in our lives? We think we are sincere lovers of the truth, that we want progress, and that we want to follow Jesus' way of life. We want to be part of His flock. And yet how often do we stray from our good shepherd when He demands things from us that we don't want to do? Jesus is the opposite of everything that is fickle—he is stable, constant, trustworthy, steady, reliable and dependable. May you always cheer Him on

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

Sunday School News

By Margaret McFarlane



Our “Fun, Float, and Fellowship” was held on Saturday, March 14. We had 14 people join us at this event.



To find out about the many camps available at Pilgrim Center, go to their website: uccj.org/pilgrim-center.



Our annual Easter Party is set for Saturday, April 4, at 1:00 p.m. Join us for the fun!



There is no Sunday School on Easter, April 5.



Don't forget our Mexican Children's Refuge project. Donations should be turned in by April 19. Make checks payable to “Mabel's Building Mission”.



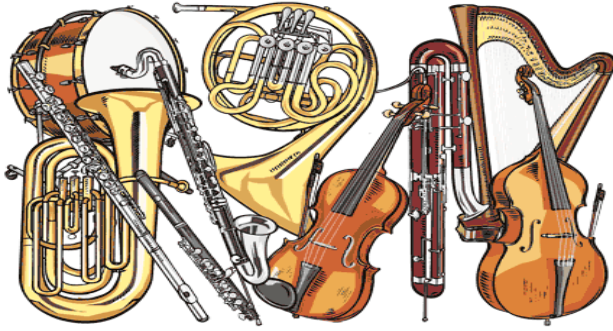
Thanks to those who participated in singing on March 15. The Sunday School choir will sing, again, on April 19. Grades 5 & 6 will have a special part before the choir sings.



Vacation Bible School 2015

Planning has begun for VBS 2015. Classes will be held June 15-19 at our Church. Please contact Margaret at 643-6327, Pastor Bill, or the Church office if you can help with leading a class, crafts, snacks, story telling, or assisting a teacher. **WE NEED YOU! Even volun-teering one day is helpful!** (Volunteers need to have completed 7th grade.)





Greetings From Your Music
Director! Dennis Kahn

Easter is upon us! Halleluiah! First Choir will again sing on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

But then, as always, summer is rapidly approaching. Every year during summer, we enjoy sharing "Special Music" for as many Sundays as is possible. This year, we have openings for special music from Sunday, June 7th, through Sunday, September 13th. Please contact me, your music director, at 370-6000 or 963-4915 if you would like to share your musical talents with us this year.

Do you, or does anyone in your family: play piano, or perhaps another musical instrument, or perhaps sing? To our students coming home for the summer, it would be so special if they would share their talents with us. Solos or ensembles are welcome! If anyone else has been wondering about how to get involved in music here at First Church, this may be an excellent opportunity for you to give it a try. Enjoying a wide variety of the many different sounds of music during our summer services would bring great joy to all!

I would be happy to work with you to assist you as you prepare a summer music selection, or to talk with you about becoming involved in First Choir in the fall.

♪ **FINALLY, PLEASE RESERVE** ♪
Sunday evening, May 17th,
at 7:00 p.m. for the
3rd Annual First Choir Concert.

Refreshments and fellowship to follow! See you there!

I look forward to your call. Happy Spring!

Bake Off



Second Annual
"Confirmation Bake-Off
Fundraiser"

The Confirmands will be having a "Bake-Off" fundraiser on Sunday, April 19. There is a \$5 entry fee. All treats should be brought to church by 9:30 a.m. and have enough for bite size portions to taste. The Confirmands will be judging the sweet entries during the 10:30 service. They will announce 1st and 2nd place winners at the end of the service. Prizes will be awarded! Following the 10:30 service, everyone is welcome to taste the delectable entries for a donation of \$5 (all you can eat!). All proceeds go to support our Compassion International sponsor child, Dian. Any questions or if you are interested in entering the "Bake-Off", call Theresa Grimes at 643-0172.



CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

First United Church of Christ
March 19, 2015

Present: Pastor Bill, Rose Kleinert (president), Theresa Grimes (vice-president), Deb Tschudy, Tom Litscher, Tim Herbrand, Mark Pierick, and Don Larsen

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill's Report: (1) Lenten Wednesday services at 6:30; Pastor Bill is making communion visits during Lent. (2) Youth Retreat in Wisconsin Dells: March 20-22 (13 youths and 3 adults). (3) Holy Week - Palm Sunday: March 29; Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. service; Good Friday: 1:00 p.m. service at St. John's Lutheran in Prairie and 7:00 p.m. service at our church; Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast to follow (7:30-9:00 a.m.) and 10:30 service. (4) Southwest Association Annual Meeting: April 11 (to meet at First Congregational Camp Randal). (5) Conference Annual Meeting in Green Lake: June 11-14.

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve by Tom, second by Mark, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports: February financial statements were reviewed; motion to approve by Deb, second by Don, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Building & Maintenance: (1) Tim to contact Hasheiders regarding chimney. (2) Reviewed options for shed near building to hold seasonal outside equipment.

Christian Fellowship: (1) Chili-Soup Supper was held on March 11th (free-will offering: \$550). (2) Upcoming coffee fellowship: March 22nd, April 19th, May 17th.

(3) March 29th – Palm Sunday (palms have already been provided). (4) Easter garden to be set up on Saturday, April 4th (anyone wishing to contribute decorations need to have them at the church by 9:00 a.m.). (5) Church cleaning days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 17-18. (6) Women's Sunday is April 19th. (7) Donation for youth retreat was made from Christian fellowship.

Finance: Meeting to be held in late April or early May (date to be determined).

Long Range Strategic Planning: Church Surveys are in review.

Members in Ministry: Actively making weekly visits and communion to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals.

Stewardship: (1) Reviewed Gospel singers Journey Bound that performed on Sunday, February 22nd. (2) Easter Breakfast (hosted by Stewardship Committee) immediately following Easter sunrise service.

Sunday School/Church Youth Program:

(1) Collecting donations for Mexican Children's Refuge. (2) Easter party on April 4th at 1:00 p.m. (3) Confirmation fundraisers: Bake-Off on April 19th; continue to sell Culvers gift cards. (4) Sundaes Sunday is scheduled for May 17th. (5) Confirmation Sunday is May 31st.

On-Going Business: (1) Water and chimney issue. (2) All committee meeting review.

New Business: (1) *Tim Homar was elected to provide Consistory with Finance Committee updates; motion by Don, second by Theresa, motion carried.* (2) *Campital Campaign* is underway for Pilgrim Center & Moon Beach – more details will be provided in April.

Next Consistory Meeting: *Thursday, April 16th, at 6:30 p.m.*

Motion to adjourn by Don, second by Deb, motion carried.

Closing prayer from Pastor Bill – Lord's Prayer

Christian Fellowship **Minutes of March 10**

From Debbie Tschudy

In attendance: Pastor Bill, Charmaine Carter, Dorothy Kundert, Sherry Pieper, Mark Pierick, Debbie Tschudy and Fritz Wyttenbach

Old Business

Coffee Fellowship

February 22 (Journey Bound Gospel band at church)

March 11 – Soup/Chili Supper – 4:00 to 6:15 p.m., Emily Fuchs is Chair and Co-chair is Shirlee Lendved – we host the Ecumenical Lenten service at First UCC, and we will have coffee and dessert after the service

New Business

March 22 – Coffee Fellowship – 4 people signed up – Great!

March 29 – Palm Sunday – purchase palms – we will not need to purchase any this year

April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service -6:30 a.m. – help Stewardship committee with breakfast that morning - Fritz meeting with our committee – would like us to help at breakfast and also to make some Danish, cinnamon rolls, etc.

April 5 – Easter – have an Easter garden again with donated flowering plants – and purchase 7 Easter lilies – Debbie will order/buy

Any other new business?

April 19 – Women’s Sunday Service - Pastor Bill is gone and Sunday School sings – Rose will do the sermon, Charmaine offered to make calls – Rose will help with program

April 17-18 – Spring Cleaning – starting at 9:00 each day

April 19 – Coffee Fellowship

May 17 – Coffee Fellowship – Charmaine offered to chair this one

Voted to donate some funds to Youth retreat

Next Meeting – April 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous Church Items or Dates:

March 29 – Palm Sunday

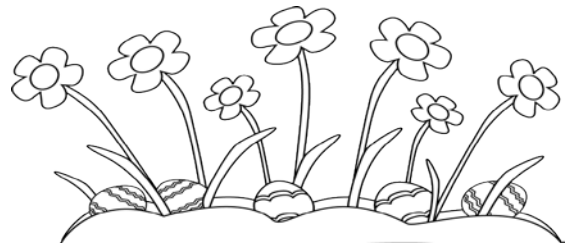
April 5 – Easter – Sunrise Service: 6:30 a.m.; Stewardship breakfast: 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

May 7 – Mother/Child Banquet

May 10 – Mother’s Day

May 17 – Sunday School Sundaes Sunday

May 31 – Confirmation 10:30 service



*You decorate the seasons, Lord,
Each one a work of art;
And cover the earth with flowers,
That cheer and warm the heart.
You hear our prayers and answer, Lord,
In ways we do not know.
Your blessings overwhelm us, Lord,*

Until we overflow!

Clay Harrison



American Red Cross Sauk Prairie Blood Drive

When: Monday, April 6
Time: 12:00 Noon-6:00 p.m.
Where: Evangelical Free Church
1375 Lincoln Avenue
Prairie du Sac

For an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Walk-Ins welcome!

***The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.***

First U.C.C. has been asked to furnish 7 pans (9X13) of bars and to help make sandwiches and fill trays with bars and sandwiches during the Red Cross Blood Drive.

If you are able to bake or work at the Blood Drive, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Baked goods are to be brought to the north side door of Sauk Prairie Evangelical Free Church, 1375 Lincoln Avenue, Prairie du Sac, by 11:00 a.m. on April 6.

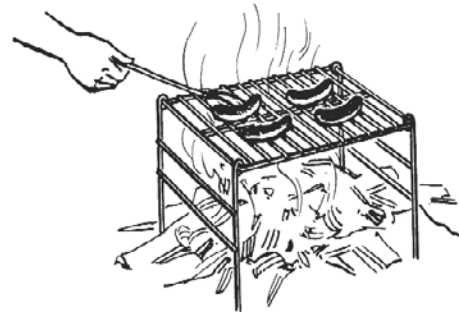
Your support is very appreciated and very important!



Spring Cleaning Days

All are invited to help with our Spring cleaning days on Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. If you have any project to add to the cleaning list, please call the church office.

"Many hands make light work!"



Spring Brat Stand

A sure sign of Spring it's never too early for a Brat Stand and for an opportunity to raise funds for the 2016 First U.C.C. Mission Trip!

Please stop by to see us at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11. We'll have brats, hamburgers, and hotdogs.

Be sure to tell your friends, family, and neighbors! See you there!

Holy Week



April 2: Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service

First U.C.C.

7:00 p.m.



April 3: Good Friday Cantata

St. John's Lutheran Church

1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

and

First U.C.C.

7:00 p.m.



He is Risen!

April 5: Easter Sunday

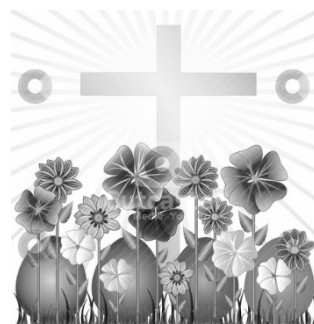
Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.



Easter Garden

This year the Christian Fellowship Committee is going to have an Easter garden inside Church for Easter Sunday. Anyone wishing to bring a flowering plant or flowers from home to be used in the garden can bring them to the Church on Friday, April 3, until Noon or when they come to the 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service that evening or on Saturday morning, April 4, by 9:00 a.m. Please put them on the table in the Education Building entryway. Any plants brought in from home can be taken home after the 10:30 worship service on Easter Sunday. Anyone wishing to donate money toward Palm plants or some Easter lilies can continue to do so. Send donations to the church office or put them in the offering plate on Sunday, designated for Easter plants. Thank you!

Blessings

Women's Sunday: April 27

This year's Women's Sunday will center around the theme, "BLESSINGS". If you are interested in helping with the 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. worship service, please contact Debbie Tschudy at (608)963-4873.



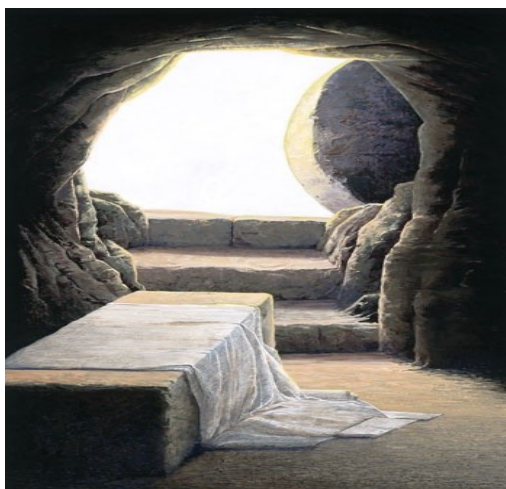
Thanks & A Tip Of The Halo

A special thank you to **Emily Fuchs, Shirlee Lendved, and Rose Kleinert** for all their hours spent preparing for our 2015 Chili-Soup Supper. Everyone enjoyed the yummy food and warm, friendly fellowship! *Great job, ladies!*

A special thank you to **Iris Gavol, Kari Larsen, Rita Larsen, Sandy Larsen, Donna Seitz, and Fritz Wytenbach** for hosting and bringing in goodies to share for our Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, March 22. They were all very delicious!!! Blessings to you all!!

A special thank-you to **Bill Steckelberg** for the paper products that he donated to the Church kitchen.

A big thank-you to all of our members who helped with shoveling and salting around the church, park, and parsonage this winter!!!



From Emily Fuchs, Chair, and Shirlee Lendved, Co-Chair, 2015 Chili-Soup Supper

This year's Chili-Soup Supper was held on March 11 serving from 4:00-6:15 p.m. There was a great turnout! We raised \$550.50! Thank you to **all** who so generously donated:

- the wonderful varieties of soups and chili we served;
- the tasty breads, rolls, and muffins; and the honey butter;
- the wonderful desserts;
- your hours of work – in any capacity: helping set up, serving the food, and cleaning up – including much dish washing; and
- your support of this event in any way. We even had a couple monetary donations that helped buy milk.

We have received many fine compliments, again, this year that “it was one of the best Chili-Soup Supper we have ever had!” SO, a very big thank you to everyone that made food! Or served in any capacity for this year's event.

Pass along a Hug! and a smile! But especially catch the ones Shirlee and I are sending you!

Thank You!



HOW ABOUT SPONSORING A RADIO BROADCAST?

Would you like to remember or honor a family member or friend by sponsoring a Sunday morning worship service radio broadcast!

We have several dates open for 2015: April 12; May 31; June 7, 21, and 28; July 5, 12, 19, and 26; September 20 and 27; October 4, 18, and 25; November 15, 22, and 29; and December 13.

The cost of sponsoring a radio broadcast is \$75.00.

Please call the Church office if you are interested in sponsoring one of our Sunday radio broadcasts.



If you use **Facebook**, please think about being “our friend” at First United Church of Christ-Sauk City.

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE **YTD Through February 2015**

Actual Income: \$26,255.33

Actual Expenses: \$34,788.91
Net Ordinary Income: - \$8,533.58



HELP US COLLECT DONATIONS FOR “THE MEXICAN CHILDREN’S REFUGE” PROJECT

The Sunday School would appreciate you participating in their challenge to collect \$1,000 to build another home in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. All donations can be dropped off at the church office, put in the collection plates, or delivered to Sunday School. Donations will be collected until Sunday, April 19th. *Please make checks payable to “Mabel’s Building Mission”.*



SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Do you eat at Culver's? Why not purchase a Culver's gift card to use on yourself. Our Sunday School earns 10% of each sale. Of course, they also make great gifts. Order forms are in the library or purchase from the Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of each month, before and after the 10:30 worship service.

Memorials Report

Memorials were received in February
in loving memory of

Alma Krenz

Radio Ministry

We thank the March sponsors of our 8:00
Sunday Worship Service radio broadcasts:

Sharal Steuber, In loving memory of
Louis & Minnie Steuber and in honor
of their anniversary on March 17

♥ April Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Rene and Lucile Gasner, 68 years on April 12

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in April!

Ushers

<u>8:00</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Liz Bongard Dave Bongard Phil Bongard Peggy Ganser		Chris, Ella, & Sam Logterman	Brian & Jennifer Cruse Cliff & Jan Lawton		Rick, Jeanann, Bailey, & Taylor Breininger

Communion Servers

<u>6:30</u>	<u>April 5</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>May 3</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Liz Bongard Emily Fuchs Debbie Tschudy		Larry Johnson Bill Steckelberg Duane Woerpel	Rose Kleinert Tom Litscher Mark Pierick Debbie Tschudy		Theresa Grimes Tim Homar Don Larsen Jamie Wittwer

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7); 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:10 a.m.–10:10 a.m. for ages 3 and older

Confirmation: 9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bill Kapp Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.–Noon;
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and by appointment

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“Lord Jesus, teach me to treasure your sacrifice for me.”

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*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by
Leon & Peggy Ganser (AKA Godmother) in
honor and celebration of their great niece's,
Audrey Lynn Brickl, 6th birthday on April 19.
Happy Birthday, Audrey!*

APRIL 2015

- 2 Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service: 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Good Friday: 1:00 p.m. service at St. John's Lutheran Church-Prairie du Sac and
7:00 p.m. service at First U.C.C.
- 4 Sunday School Easter Party: 1:00 p.m.
- 5 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast to follow in the Church dining room: 7:30-9:00 a.m.
2nd Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
- 6 Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Brat Stand at Piggly Wiggly: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Raise \$ for 2016 Mission Trip)
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- 14 Christian Fellowship Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Consistory: 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Spring Cleaning Day at Church: beginning at 9:00 a.m.
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- 19 Women's Sunday
Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School Choir sings at 10:30 Worship Service
Confirmation "Bake-Off" Fundraiser

The *SCOOP* is available to read on the church's website: www.ucc-saukcity.org