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APRIL 2018

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

I remember Sundays being rather uneventful days. Wake up. Go to church. Come home and eat an early dinner. Spend the rest of the day doing family activities or playing outside with friends. Most of the movie theatres, restaurants and stores were closed on Sundays. There wasn't much to do in terms of scheduled activities. Times have certainly changed. Our culture used to cater to the religious tradition by taking a day off, but not anymore.

As a parent of teenage sons, I am very well aware of how their busy schedule affects church participation. The show choir season, for example, lasted from mid-November until this past weekend. They practiced three times per week, on selected weekends and over the Christmas break. Every Saturday during the show choir season there seemed to be a competition somewhere. Burlington. Milton. Sauk Prairie. LaCrosse. Waconia, MN. Holmen. Janesville. The students were asked to report to the high school by 5am Saturday mornings, and often (if they made the finals) the group wouldn't get back to Sauk until well after midnight on Sunday morning. That's a long day. Sundays were usually days for students to catch up on rest and homework.

Now that the show choir season has ended, my sons are able to work part time jobs. Weekends are about the only times they can be scheduled to work during the school year. If the boys are scheduled to work on a Sunday morning, they have to honor that request and report for duty or risk losing their job. Business has to keep going, even during church hours.

In this day and age, it is getting more and more difficult to find times of rest and worship. Many of us are on the go. We overschedule and overcommit so much that there is little room to listen to God. The craziness of our 24/7, social media infused, "pulled in every direction" lives has trampled all over any concept of Sabbath. As a result, we find ourselves (and our children) tired and spiritually empty.

Part of having a good balance in life is to be able to relax, unwind, disconnect, reconnect, breathe, and be with our Creator. As individuals and as families. The Sabbath was given as a gift – a day of rest, worship and recreation. We are to use it to hear God's Word, celebrate God's goodness and to be restored for the week ahead.

If Sundays are too busy for you to find Sabbath time, consider finding another day. I have found that Mondays work the best for me. I use that day as a day of rest, self-care and rejuvenation.

Let's give control back to God. Take time right now to make a date with the Divine.

"Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy." -Exodus 20:8a

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

Sunday School News!

By Margaret McFarlane



Our “Fun, Float, and Fellowship” party will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the S.P.H.S. pool. We will be joining the “Open Swim.” Sunday School will pay your fee (unless you have a pool pass). We hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School



Our Easter party will be held on Saturday, March 31, at 1:00 p.m.



There are no Sunday School or Confirmation classes on April 1.



To find out about the many camps available at Pilgrim Center, go to their website: ucci.org/pilgrim-center. Let us know if your child/children plan on attending camp.



Don't forget our Mexican Children's Refuge project. Donations should be turned in by April 15. Make checks payable to “Mabel's Building Mission”.



Thanks to those who participated in singing on March 18. The Sunday School choir will sing, again, on April 15. Pre-K, K & 1st grade will have a special part before the choir sings.

Sunday School families ... let me know if your family is interested and able to attend VBS this year. The dates we are looking at:

June 11-15

Email: mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com



Sunday School Fundraiser

👉 Do you eat at Culvers? Why not purchase a **Culver's gift card** to use on yourself. Our Sunday School earns a portion of each sale. Of course, they also make great gifts. Purchase gift cards from the Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of each month, before and after the 10:30 worship service, or e-mail orders to:

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com



Greetings From Your Music Director! Dennis Kahn

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 10th, through Sunday, September 9th. Please contact me, your music director, at: 370-6000 or 963-4915 or MaryBear24@gmail.com, 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 20th,
at 7:00 p.m. for the
6th Annual
First Choir Concert.

Refreshments & fellowship to follow! See you there!

I look forward to your call. Happy Spring!



EXTRA! EXTRA!
FIRST U.C.C. NEWS!

Summer Services at
First United Church of Christ

Starting Sunday, **June 3**, through and including Sunday, **September 2**, our worship service will be held at **9:00 a.m.** We hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting Minutes
First United Church of Christ
March 4, 2018

- Call to order by Mark Pierick, Consistory President
- Opening Prayer by Pastor Bill
- Declaration of a quorum – 52 members present
- Parliamentarian: Tim Homar
- Head Teller: Rita Larsen Teller: Emily Fuchs
- Approval of minutes from the 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting of March 5, 2017: Motion to approve by Deb Tschudy, second by Theresa Grimes, motion carried.
 - Correction: Terry Steuber assistant head usher
 - Announcement: Snow removal is done by volunteers both listed and those who assist as they can throughout the year as other work throughout the church.
- Approval of 2018 Budget presented by Tim Homar, motion to approve by Peggy Ganser, second by Fritz Wyttenbach, motion carried.
 - Brief walk through by Tim Homar. Thank Robin Meier and Katie Smith for managing finances and preparing financial reports.
 - Where is money for Campital for Campaign taken from? Memorial Fund is the source of our contribution. Payment in one lump sum made of \$15,000 in 2018.
 - Inquiry regarding a raise for Pastor Bill. Pastor Bill satisfied with his standing in our congregational family. Tom Litscher encourages us to consider annually.
 - Budget for \$14,000 over what we are bringing in. How are we paying this? Tim directed attention to balance funds in stocks, money market, etc. to allow us to have some funds to cover difference.
 - \$1.00/week for 40 weeks from each member will cover the shortfall in the budget.
- Approval of Committee Reports as presented in the Annual Report. Motion to approve by Harry Mann, second by Theresa Grimes, motion carried.
 - Dean Dahnert provided detailed report for maintenance and where we are going for repairs and upkeep of our building and grounds.
 - Tile work, which was approved two years ago, will be started in the basement first.
 - Mark has explored adding a shed for our equipment and will be worked on this year.
 - Tree removal and trimming will also be done.
 - Motion to approve by Harry Mann, second by Theresa Grimes, motion carried.
- New Business: Upcoming Projects and Congregational Issues:
 - Confirm that there will be one service at 9:00 AM from first Sunday in June through first Sunday in September. Second Sunday in September we will move back to two services.
 - Inquiry if one service year-round was considered. Mark outlined that Consistory only considered for the summer and working with the radio station.
 - There is not a motion to vote on the floor at this time, but no future plans are ruled out at this time.
 - Require consideration for programming we do for all members and possibly limit options for people to worship.
 - New Stewardship Committee may be able to help draw in people for worship and work with our congregation. There is a lot of opportunity and need for discussion.
 - Thankful to have a minister willing to lead services regardless of attendance.
 - Suggested that we look into how services, Sunday School, etc. were provided when the Congregation moved from one to two services.

- Wednesday services has drawn younger crowd, about 20-30 members, and appears to be needed.
 - How do we draw a new generation into the Church? Review our worship services as a whole. What is offered? What is missing? What other ways can we bring in members and multiple formats for worship and service.
 - Inquiry on Sunday School attendance – Numbers are lower for a variety of reasons, another sign of changing needs and wants for ministry.
 - Suggestion of changing Fireside Room to a space for a Cry Room or overflow seating at funerals/services. There is a PA system if it is turned on.
 - Licensing may be an issue as we move to broadcasting regarding copywrite laws.
 - Inquiry if Wednesday night service will be held in summer. Pastor Bill noted that it runs September through May and not in June, July, and August. This can be revisited and decided by leadership of Wednesday service.
- Consistory Elections: Nominations for one position, Peggy Ganser. Motion to close and approve nominations by Dorthy Kundert, second by Tim Herbrand, motion carried.
 - Mark Pierick and Don Larsen accepted another three-year term. Motion to approve by Tim Herbrand, second by Tim Homar, motion passed.
 - Tom Litscher is the exiting member of Consistory.
- Introductions of Consistory Members: Mark Pierick, Theresa Grimes, Don Larsen, Chris Logterman, Shirlee Lendved, Kurt Schultz, Marcy Thurwachter, Dean Danhert, and Peggy Ganser
 - Mark acknowledged the work by partners at home, work, etc. when members volunteer at Church.
- Report from Pastor Bill
 - Thankful for willingness of members and staff to give time to our Church.
 - Looking forward to creating more personal connections with members.
- Motion to adjourn by Tim Herbrand, second by Ed Larsen, motion passed.
- Closing Prayer by Pastor Bill.

Consistory Minutes
First United Church of Christ

Thursday March 15th

Attendance: Pastor Bill, Shirlee Lendved, Kurt Schultz, Peggy Ganser, Mark Pierick, Theresa Grimes, Don Larsen, and Chris Logterman

Absent: Dean Dahnert and Marcy Thurwachter

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in April Scoop
- Youth Exchange 2019-2020 and will have 3 weeks in Summer 2019 in Germany and 3 weeks in Summer 2020 with German youth in Wisconsin.
- Probation review hearing for person tied to 2014 break-ins.
- Pastor Bill will be on vacation April 16-April 22. Women's Sunday is April 22.

✚ Approval of financial statements and invoices

- Clarify that the remaining balance due for Campital Campaign is \$15,000 from the Memorial Fund.
- Theresa move to approve financial statements, Don 2nd, motion passes
- Funds moved to cd's for earning a higher interest rate.

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - No report this month
 - Starting to collect bids for flooring project
 - Start exploring options for tree removal
- Christian Fellowship
 - See report in April Scoop
- Finance
 - No meeting at this time

- Members in Ministry
 - Actively making visits
 - New members are welcome
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See Sunday School page in April Scoop
 - Youth Program
 - March 18 is meal and service at The Crossing – leaving church at 4:00 PM and back about 7:30 PM
 - Stockholder meeting for youth retreat to be scheduled
 - April 29 is Compassion Sunday – art sale as fundraiser
- Stewardship
 - See report in April Scoop

✚ Ongoing Business Update

- Floor tile – tabled for Dean to discuss at next meeting
- ALICE (Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)– first session Sunday after 10:30 service
 - Upcoming trainings March 27 at 9:30 AM, and April 12 at 5:30 PM

- Pastor Bill and Kurt attending Southwest Association Meeting in Verona on April 14

✚ Annual Meeting

- Plan to discuss involving more members with events and attending services

✚ New Business Issues

- CPR and AED training needs to be renewed every 2 years. Consistory members will need to renew.
- Track schedule for inspections and updates for maintenance and safety
 - Mark will work with Chris Garcia to create/update

✚ Theresa move to adjourn, Peggy 2nd, motion passed

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: April 19th

Dear Consistory,

We are in the home stretch of the Lenten Season. Less than two weeks until Holy Week. As the Biblical story unfolds, Jesus will make his way to Jerusalem, and we will walk with Him all the way to the cross.

The Holy Week Schedule:

- Wednesday March 28 Contemporary Worship at 6pm. Potluck at 5:30.
- Thursday March 29 Tenebrae Service at 7pm.
- Good Friday March 30 ecumenical worship at St. John's Lutheran Pds @ 1pm.
- Good Friday March 30 worship service at First UCC 7pm.
- Saturday March 31 Sunday school Easter party 1pm.
- Easter worship at 6:30am (with breakfast to follow) and 10:30am.

Other items of note:

- 1.) UEK working group (German partnership committee) met March 1. The main item on the agenda was the Young Ambassadors youth exchange, which will happen in 2019/2020. Youth from the Southwest Association will be invited to visit Germany in the summer of 2019 and the German youth will visit the U.S. in the summer of 2020. Pastor Bill and Pastor Julie Overman from the Windsor UCC will lead the Wisconsin delegation.
- 2.) Southwest Association meeting at Verona Salem UCC is scheduled for Saturday April 14 from 9am-3pm. I plan to attend.
- 3.) Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting at Green Lake is scheduled for June 8-10. I officiate a wedding on June 9, so I may try to pop up on Friday.
- 4.) The mission trip is scheduled for June 16-24. As of now, 19 of the 20 spots have been reserved. I will be away two Sundays: June 17 and June 24. I will speak with Kurt Schultz about worship coverage for those two Sundays.
- 5.) The Wisconsin Conference UCC Board of Directors voted to discontinue the Wisconsin Conference UCC Shared Cost Health Insurance Program at the end of 2019. Beginning in 2020 the Pension Boards will directly bill all churches that have clergy or staff with UCC Health Insurance. The shared cost insurance program has been in existence for many years. The idea has been that larger congregations help to subsidize the smaller congregations, so they can provide health insurance for the pastor. Unfortunately, this program is no longer sustainable moving into the future. I appreciate Sauk City First UCC for the many years of participating in this program and helping other churches provide insurance coverage for their pastor.
- 6.) Ministerial Discernment Subcommittee is currently forming on behalf of Kurt Schultz, who is interested in licensed ministry at First UCC. Tammie Huerth is the chairperson for that committee and members are being approached about serving.

Pastor Bill

Christian Fellowship Meeting

March 13th

Attending: Pastor Bill, Sandy Schlender, Deb Tschudy, Charmaine Carter, Sherry Pieper, Peggy Ganser, Dorothy Kundert, and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

February Chili soup Supper raised \$636.00, (estimated 91 people) - offering a little less than last year but a good turn out

March

- March 13th - Christian Fellowship meeting 6:30 pm



- Easter Garden - Tammie & Kathy will organize and order lilies and palms; anyone wishing to bring in a flowering plant or flowers can do so; a table will be set up in the vestibule with times and dates for drop-off and pick up. (see bulletin)
- Easter Sunday, April 1st Sunrise Service at 6:30 am - lite breakfast between 6:30 and 10:30 service
- Easter Sunday Breakfast - Fritz will supply bacon, eggs, and fruit. If anyone from Christian fellowship would like to bake something in the Danish category, would be appreciated. This will be a lite breakfast; sign-up sheets will **not** be needed. CF to provide, coffee, milk, juice and volunteers as needed.
- Christian Fellowship Meeting - Tuesday, April 10th @ 6:30pm

➤ *Spring cleaning, Saturday, April 14th 8:00am - noon (if during the week or Friday better suits your agenda, please feel free to come then), sign-up sheet is in narthex.*



➤ *Women's Sunday / Sunday, April 22nd*

- *Coffee Fellowship between services*
- *Currently reviewing themes.*

MAY

- *Mother/Child banquet - Thursday, May 10th (further details to follow)*
- *Coffee Fellowship, Sunday, May 6th*
- *Christian Fellowship Meeting Tuesday, May 8th @ 6:30*

JUNE

- *Confirmation Sunday - June 3rd (purchase boutonnieres) 9:00 am service*
- *Coffee fellowship - June 3rd*

On-going

Research fellowship outings -

- *Mallards game*
- *Fort Atkinson theater and dinner*
- *Concert in the park (Sauk City)*
- *Olbrich Botanical Gardens*
- *Madison Zoo*

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 10th, @ 6:30



Spring Cleaning Day

All are invited to help with our Spring cleaning day on Saturday, April 14, from 8:00 a.m.-Noon. ***“Many hands make light work!”***



Thanks & A Tip Of The Halo

A special thank you to co-chairs **Emily Fuchs** and **Shirlee Lendved** for all their hours spent preparing for our 2018 Chili-Soup Supper. Everyone enjoyed the yummy food and warm, friendly fellowship! *Great job, ladies!*



Thank You!

**From Emily Fuchs, Chair, and
Shirlee Lendved, Co-Chair,
2018 Chili-Soup Supper**

This year's Chili-Soup Supper was held on February 21 serving from 4:30-6:15 p.m. There was a great turnout! We raised \$636! Thank you to **all** who so generously donated:

- the wonderful varieties of soups and chili we served;
- the macaroni casserole from Sandy Larsen;
- the tasty breads and rolls;
- the wonderful desserts;
- your hours of work – in any capacity: helping set up, serving the food, and cleaning up – including much dish washing; and, in general, your support of this event in any way;
- and a special hug to Cindy – we appreciate you so much!

We have received many fine compliments, again, this year that “it was one of our best Chili-Soup Suppers!” So a very big thank you to everyone; your willingness to help in any way is such a blessing! Pass along a Hug! and a smile! But especially catch the ones Shirlee and I are sending you!



Memorials Report

Memorials were received in March:

Marilyn Arnold
Arlene Schara

Radio Ministry

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

Rod & Carol Hehenberger, in loving memory of Carol's father, Ray Jensen.

♥ April Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

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 Peggy Ganser		Tom & Margaret McFarlane Amanda Moseman	Scott Frosch Emily Fuchs Rose Kleinert		

Communion Servers

<u>6:30</u>	<u>EASTER</u> <u>April 1</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>May 6</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Liz Bongard Emily Fuchs Dianna Woerpel		Don Larsen Ed Larsen Bill Steckelberg	Marcy Thurwachter Debbie Tschudy Herm Tschudy		Tim Herbrand Chris Logter- man 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.

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FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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APRIL 2018

April showers bring May flowers!



Harold Koenig died 15 years ago March 30, 2003. He was born in the Koenig home in which he also died. This April SCOOP is sponsored by Evelyn Koenig.

APRIL 2018

- 1 ***He Is Risen! Worship Service:*** 6:30 a.m.; ***Breakfast:*** 7:30-10:15 a.m.;
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.; ***No Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study classes***
- 2 ***Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting:*** 6:30 p.m.
- 5 ***Family Fun Night:*** 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 10 ***Christian Fellowship:*** 6:30 p.m.
- 14 ***Spring cleaning at church:*** 8:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday School "Fun, Float, & Fellowship": 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the SPHS pool
- 19 ***Consistory:*** 6:30 p.m.
- 22 ***Women's Sunday Coffee Fellowship***
- 26 ***12 Step Bible Study:*** 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Fellowship Night

Dinner in Dining Room: 5:30 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Service: 6:00 p.m.

First Choir: 6:45 p.m.