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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

I recently took part in a ropes course event at Bethel Horizons, just outside of Dodgeville, WI. Many schools, groups, and other organizations utilize the ropes course setting for group building and fellowship. The activities on the course are meant to push people outside of their comfort zones and to encourage groups to work together. Our group participated on the “low ropes” in the morning, which featured the climbing of natural rock features and teams working together to finish assigned tasks. No protective harness was needed for that portion of the program and it was all relatively easy.

Our group participated on the “high ropes” after lunch, which comprised of climbing up in the air to walk on cables, stand on poles, and swoop down a long zip line. A protective harness was needed for these activities, along with a belay team to negotiate and secure the ropes the climber was attached to. I am not a fan of heights, and so the thought of going all that way up in the air was not so appealing. But I wanted to take part in the activities of the group. Against my better judgment, I put on a harness and listened to the climbing instructions.

The most challenging part of my day happened when I tried to climb the pole. At the top of the pole was a square platform approximately 1 foot by 1 foot. The other people in my group made it look so easy. You climb the ladder leaning on the pole, then climb up the spikes in the pole, and step on top of the platform and jump out toward a trapeze that you would grab (or miss) and the belay team would let you down. Well, I made it almost to the top of that pole, but I couldn't get both of my feet on the square platform. Long pants were required for the event, and mine were bunching down so much that I couldn't get both of my feet up. I had nowhere to put my hands except to hang on to the platform by my feet. I wanted to free up my hands to adjust my pants, but I was afraid to let go.

In my head, I knew that with the harness, I'd be safely connected to the rope and everything would be secure if I slipped. My heart (and the adrenaline) was pounding and told me different! In the end, I made it up on that platform for about .0003 seconds before I jumped!

Unless you are afraid of heights, you can't really relate to the tingling you feel throughout your body as you walk on a cable 30 feet above the ground or try to stand on a small, elevated platform. It is terrifying. You feel alone, insecure, and you just want to hang onto something. Anything.

Many times in life, we feel the same way. The challenges we face can be overwhelming and often we feel alone and separated from God. Please know that God is with us every step we take. Just like wearing a harness on the “high ropes”, nothing will ever separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord. God will always be tethered to us in order to guard, protect, and preserve you.

With the Greatest of Hope! Pastor Bill

Save The Dates!

Thursday, August 28

Friday, August 29

Do you remember the fun we had last year preparing and serving the Second Annual Friday Night Chicken Dinner for Cow Chip? Our meal was very well received, and we are preparing for our **“Third Annual” Chicken Dinner** to be served on Friday, August 29, from 5:00–7:30 p.m.

Please check out our sign-up sheets at the back of the church. We need a small amount of your time, and **It Is Fun!**

Can you make 2 plastic milk jugs of ice? – Sign up!

Can you wrap potatoes in foil on Friday morning? – We Need You!

Can you wrap silverware in a napkin Friday morning? – Bring a friend!

Do you have extra green peppers or onions? – We need some!

We’re making coleslaw at church Thursday morning. – Are you available?

We need help loading and unloading supplies. – Can you lift tables?

Join our line-up to serve the food. – Just 1½ hour shifts!

Can you take a flyer to advertise for us? – Tell your friends, family, and co-workers!

**Rain or Shine,
come & dine with us in the Park Shelter or pick up some orders to go.**

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, call Carol at 643-4946. Last year our helpers’ ages ranged from 4 to 90+.



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane



Time of Fellowship at the Kapp House: August 23

✝ Sunday School starts September 7th. If your child will be coming for the first time this fall, please call the church office at 643-8387. This will help us in planning and ordering curriculum.

✝ The Sunday School extends a heartfelt thanks to all those who made our July 18th and 19th. Brat Stand a success! Thank you to our volunteers who worked shifts, and thanks to the many church members who came and purchased food. Our profit was: \$1,158.85, which we will divide between Sunday School and the Youth Group. Many thanks to the Logterman and Bachhuber families for coordinating this event.

✝ If you'd like to be a substitute for our Christian Education program, we'd love to have you! Call Margaret at 643-6327.

Members and friends of First UCC are cordially invited to a time of fellowship at the Kapp residence (1100 Franklin St., Sauk City) on Saturday, August 23, from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

One of Pastor Bill's greatest joys in the ministry comes from the relationships that are established in the life of the church. These relationships continue to be nurtured and strengthened while new ones are forming every day.



A little boy was in a relatives wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

First United Church of Christ
Thursday, July 17th

Present: Pastor Bill, Tom Litscher, President, Theresa Grimes, Deb Tschudy, Amanda McFarlane, and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill's Report: (1) Worship was held at the Pines on June 26th. (2) Hosting the youth from Germany; this year's theme is "poverty"; visited men's homeless shelter in Milwaukee and participated in a community meal; in Chicago the second weekend participating in "Shoes for Souls" which are being sent to Africa. (3) Pastor Bill to resume regular hours July 23rd.

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve by Deb, second by Amanda, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports and Invoices: May and June financials reviewed; motion to approve by Amanda, second by Rose, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School/Church Youth Program: (1) First UCC from Lombard, IL will be visiting the church on July 26th and 27th. There will be a potluck supper provided for the youth on July 26th (5:30-6:30 p.m.) in the church basement. (2) Sunday School and Confirmation classes resume on Sunday, September 7th.

Members in Ministry: Actively making visits to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals weekly. If you are interested in making visits, please contact Liz Bongard or the church office. *All are welcome to join!*

Christian Fellowship: (1) July 20th Men's Sunday service and 24th Annual Ice Cream Social. (2) Church service in the park/church picnic (date to be decided).

Stewardship: No meeting in July. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th.

Finance: Next meeting is scheduled for August 12th.

Building & Maintenance: (1) Hang security cameras.

Long Range Strategic Planning: (1) Strategic goal planning, review draft lists of questions of where the church is going (to be discussed at next meeting).

On-Going Business: (1) Church inventory of insured property to be identified by video or pictures. (2) Offering procedures. (3) Cow Chip Chicken Dinner will be on Friday, August 29th. (4) All committees meeting scheduled for September 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Next Consistory meeting: Third Thursday, August 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Closing prayer from Pastor Bill – Lord's Prayer



Christian Fellowship Committee

Minutes of July 8

From Debbie Tschudy

In attendance: Dorothy Kundert, Mark Pierick, Lois Pieper, Sherry Pieper, Debbie Tschudy

Old Business

Coffee Fellowship dates

July 13

August 17

July 20 – Men’s Sunday Service – Chair Mark Pierick – theme “A Map to Christ”

(Kurt Schultz willing be doing the sermon) – Larry Johnson special music

July 20 – Ice cream social – 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. – Chair Debbie Tschudy and co-chair Jennifer Cruse – with help from Emily Fuchs and Rose Kleinert

Update on bench purchase – cushion and artwork for restroom – bench was purchased from Ace Hardware

New Business

Tentative date – September 14 – church picnic – after the 10:30 service?? Need a chair

Last year Chair was Rita Larsen

Sherry may be able to help with this

Tentative date – September 14 – 10:30 church service in the park??



Any other new business?

Pastor Bob and Sharon will be at the July 27 church service – possibly have coffee and donuts after church

We need to update the funeral hostess call list for Cindy – Debbie will get a copy from Cindy and make some calls

Next Meeting – August 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous church items or dates



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

This year’s Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 14, following the 10:30 worship service. The picnic will be held in the church dining room. Come and enjoy delicious smokey grilled pork chops and chicken! Further details will be available in upcoming Sunday bulletins and the September SCOOP.





24th Annual Ice Cream Social July 20, 2014

Special thanks to everyone who made the wonderful pies, there were many compliments on how good they were. Thank you to Rose and Em for helping make the delicious bar-b-que. Thank you, Jennifer, for getting the buns, hot dogs, and ice cream. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped work that day, everyone seems to come together the day of the event to make the Ice Cream Social a success. We could not have done it without all of you!!

Additional thanks to those who attended the event. We have wonderful members who are so willing to help support our fellowship events. Blessings to all of you!

Our profit from the Ice Cream Social was \$299.57.

Debbie Tschudy and Jennifer Cruse
Chairs



Sunday School Brat Stand

We want to give a sincere thank you to all the members who supported the Sunday School Brat Stand July 18 and 19, either as volunteers or customers. We could not have had the successful event that we did without you sharing your time and talents and appetites.

Our volunteers include: Amy & John Bachhuber; Trina, Ben, and Finn Ruyle; Jennifer, Micki, and Donna Cruse; Kari, Doug, Morgan, Gavin and Everett Larsen; Andrea, John, and Iris Gaval; Charmaine Carter; Kim, Todd, Kylie, Adam, and Klaire Baier; Jeanann, Rick, Bailey, and Taylor Breininger; Robin, Jason, Zachary, and Ashley Franck; Denny Kahn; Cathy Brewer; Ron Polacek; and Chris and Ella Logterman.

We give a special thank you to Margaret McFarlane for her guidance as we learned the brat stand ropes and Cindy Baker for assistance in the behind the scenes work.

Thank you!
Amy Bachhuber & Chris Logterman

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**From Another First U.C.C. Member,
Verda McFarlane ♥**

I want to thank many of you who sent cards; came to visit; or gave me a call while I was at Maplewood. Thanks to Pastor Bill for his visits, even if I was napping a lot. I hope to feel better soon, and I know all your prayers help.



A Pat on the Back and A Great Big Thank You:

A special thank you to chair, **Debbie Tschudy**, and co-chair, **Jennifer Cruse**, for all their hard work organizing this year's Ice Cream Social on July 20. It was a wonderful day filled with great fellowship and tasty food.

A special thank you to **Renee Byers and Debbie Tschudy** for all their work volunteering to do plant maintenance all summer outside of church and in the church park. We appreciate all you do for us! Thank you Renee and Debbie!

From Christian Fellowship

A big round of applause to **all the men of the First U.C.C.** that helped with this year's July 20th Men's Sunday worship services. A special thank you to **Kurt Schultz** for delivering the morning's message. Thank you to **Larry Johnson** for his special music.

A special thank you to **Mark Pierick** for Chairing the Men's Sunday service on July 20. We appreciate you stepping up to do this project. Blessings to you.

A special thank you to **Charmaine Carter, Sherry Pieper** and **Lois Price** for hosting the coffee fellowship on Sunday, July 13. Everyone truly enjoyed all you delicious treat! Blessings to you!!



A friendly reminder: The white tables and chairs in the church basement are not to be taken out of church for events. Please ask to borrow the older tables and chairs in the church park storage building if you want to borrow some. Just let the church office know how many you are taking and when they will be returned. Thank you!

Thank you,
Christian Fellowship Committee

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AUGUST 2014 SCOOP



Enjoy the rest of your summer!

This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Shara Steuber in honor & celebration of her son and daughter-in-law's, Brian & Kim Steuber, 25th Wedding Anniversary on September 2nd and in loving memory of her beloved husband, Theron Steuber.

- 7 Stewardship Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Finance Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- Christian Fellowship Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Coffee Fellowship
- 21 Consistory: 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Time of Fellowship at the Kapp House: 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 29 Third Annual First U.C.C. Chicken Dinner Fundraiser at the Cow Chip Festival: 5:00–7:30 p.m.



Pastor Bill Kapp Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 8:00-Noon;
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Cindy Baker, Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.–Noon
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Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7)

Memorial Report

There were no Memorial gifts received in June 2014.



Radio Broadcasts

We thank the July sponsors of our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service radio broadcasts:

The Von Behren Family, In loving memory of Alan Von Behren, Sr. In celebration of Steve & Marcia Thurwachter's 27th Wedding Anniversary

In loving memory of our friend, Shirley Moely

♥ August Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Larry and Nettie Gander, 58 years on August 4

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August! We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50. Please let us know if we missed you on the August birthday calendar!!



Ushers

8:00	August	8:00	September	10:30
Scott Frosch		Charmaine Carter		Curt & Nancy Diehl
Emily Fuchs		Daryl & Diane Matzke		Heather & Hannah Miller
Rose Kleinert				
Todd Pieper				

Communion Servers

8:00	September 7	10:30
Tom Litscher		Sharon Diehl (Chair)
Todd Pieper		Theresa Grimes
Gary Schlender (Chair)		Nadene Litscher
Fritz Wyttenbach		Jamie Wittwer



***“We don't know what tomorrow holds,
But we know who holds tomorrow.”***