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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Attention is the key to so many things related to our lives. We have to pay attention to walk across the street. We know our relationships are more satisfying if we actually pay attention to one another. Our business affairs require our attention. All of this seems somehow self-evident.

There's a story of a farmer who scratched out a meager living off a terrible farmland in South Carolina. He had the worst time growing crops on his land before he finally, after a particularly sad harvest, gave up, sold his land, and went to work in a factory.

The man who purchased his land noticed the poor vegetation on the property. He therefore didn't pay much for the acreage. One day, walking over his property, he noticed a strange outcropping of white rock. He had always been interested in geology, so he chipped off some of the rock and took it to a geologist friend of his for analysis. To make a long story short, the man who purchased the farmland eventually sold that property for millions. The land contained a huge deposit of a mineral used in the processing of aluminum and other metals.

One man was on the land and didn't notice its value. Another person's background and curiosity led him to discover something wonderful. What was considered to be cheap, useless farmland was really a valuable resource. All the owner had to do was to pay attention. To look, to listen, to feel. And because of that, the person who bought the land from the disgruntled farmer benefitted greatly.

Our faith is the same way. God is here, with us at every time and in any place, but we just need to look for the signs. If we're open to the possibilities that God has in store for us, we'll be enriched for an eternity.

Paying attention to God means we're focused only on God during Sunday worship and not thinking about what we're going to be having for lunch after church. Paying attention to God means that our hearts and minds are open to the teachings of Jesus and the workings of the Holy Spirit. To encounter Jesus means, in part, to encounter his flesh and blood. The Hebrew idiom "flesh and blood" means the whole person. To receive the whole Jesus entails receiving his flesh and blood.

The New Testament uses many different images to express the intimate relationship between Jesus and those who believe in him such as Jesus is the shepherd and we are the sheep or He is the vine and we are the branches. For those who receive Jesus, the whole Jesus, His life clings to their bones and courses through their veins. He can no more be taken from a believer's life than last Tuesday's breakfast can be plucked from one's body. He becomes a part of who we are and what we'll be.

Jesus said, *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry..."* Please, pay attention.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

Save The Dates!

Thursday, August 31st

Friday, September 1st

Do you remember the fun we had last year preparing and serving the Fifth Annual Friday Night Chicken Dinner for Cow Chip? Our meal was very well received, and we are preparing for our **“Sixth Annual” Chicken Dinner** to be served on Friday, September 1st, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. (or until we run out of chicken).

We need a small amount of your time, and **It Is Fun!** There are sign-up sheets in the back of church.

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!

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+.



FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
504 Washington Avenue
Sauk City, WI 53583

AUGUST 2017 SCOOP



Enjoy the rest of your summer!

*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by
Terry & Cindy Steuber and Kleo Harris &
Family in loving memory of their beloved
Mother, Grand-mother & Great-
Grandmother, Doris Steuber*

- 2 **GriefShare:** 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room
- 6 **Coffee Fellowship**
- 8 **“Greet, Meet & Eat”:** 11:30 a.m. at the Eagle Inn Restaurant
- Christian Fellowship:** 6:30 p.m.
- 16 **GriefShare:** 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room
- 17 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 27 **“The Three Wives’ Men”** will lead us in worship at the 9:00 a.m. worship service
- 31 **Preparation of coleslaw for the Annual Cow Chip Chicken Dinner at Marion Park:** 9:00 a.m. in the Church dining room

6th Annual Chicken Dinner ~ Rain or Shine

**On Friday, September 1st, come & dine with us in the Park Shelter
or pick up some orders to go. Thank you for your support!**

Pastor Bill Kapp

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9:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7)

Memorial Report

Memorial gifts were received in July in loving memory of:

Kim Burkee



Radio Broadcasts

We thank the July sponsors of our 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship service Radio Broadcasts:

Jamie & Karen Wittwer, in loving memory of their beloved mother and mother-in-law, Margaret Wittwer.

The Accola Family, in loving memory of their beloved sister, sister-in-law, and aunt, Ruth Accola.

Honoring and celebrating the military men and women serving our country and preserving our freedom.

The Von Behren Family, In loving memory of their beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Alan Von Behren, Sr.

♥️ August Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥️

Larry & Nettie Gander, 61 years on August 4

Dan & Heather Haas, 20 years on August 15

Roger & Peggy Heidenreich, 45 years on August 27

Todd & Cindy Pieper, 30 years on August 29

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August!

Ushers

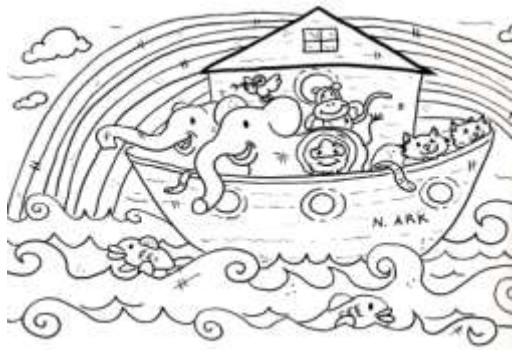
<u>9:00</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Jacob & Ben Kapp		Charmaine Carter		Heather Miller
Tom Litscher		Daryl & Diane Matzke		

Communion Servers

<u>9:00</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Don Larsen		Dean Dahnert		Carol Hehenberger
Ed & Rita Larsen		Daryl Matzke		Rita Larsen
		Marcy Thurwachter		Chris Logterman



Love. Grow. Serve.



Sunday School News From Margaret McFarlane

✝ Sunday School starts September 10th. 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.

✝ If you'd like to be a substitute for our Christian Education program, we'd love to have you! Call Margaret at 643-6327 or e-mail: mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com.

✝ We have received a letter of thanks from Pastor Herb & Bev Feierabend for our donations for the Mexican Children's Refuge/Mabel's Building Mission. We continue to send our prayers and are grateful for those who support this mission.

✝ It was a beautiful morning on Saturday, July 15, for the "Friends of Faith-McFarnival." We were one of nine churches involved. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time: Chris Logterman, Dianna Woerpel, Pastor Bill, Fritz Wyttenbach, Marcia & Libby Nachreiner, and Ron Polacek. We are grateful to McFarlanes' Retail Center for including us in this event and providing the food and supplies. Our Sunday School made \$400 from this fundraiser.



Beginning September 3

Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Beginning September 6

First Choir
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Beginning September 10

Sunday School & Confirmation
9:10 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:10 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Beginning September 13

Fellowship Dinner
5:30 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Service
6:00 p.m.





Christian Fellowship
Minutes of July 11, 2017
From Dianna Woerpel, Chair

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Bill

OLD BUSINESS

- Flowers provided for Confirmands on Confirmation Sunday, June 4th.
- Men's Sunday on June 11th. Organized by Fritz Wyttenbach. Dean Dahnert offered the sermon. Several other men helped with the service.
- "Service in the Park" on July 9th followed by a picnic. Great weather. Many helped set up and tear down. Bouncy house and games. Again, thanks to Fritz for organizing.
- Sunday School fundraiser: "McFarnival" on July 15. Sliced beef sandwiches were served. Organized by Chris Logterman. Several volunteered.
- Volunteers needed for August 18, 19, and 20 at brat stand organized by Music Association.
- Church cleaning. Due to finances, no professional cleaning. Consider posting needed cleaning and encourage members to come in at their convenience to do small things.
- Fellowship suggestions: Picnic in Park, monthly "Meet, Greet, Eat" at local restaurants. Next one is on Tuesday, August 8, at Eagle Inn at 11:30. Possible "game night" at church, possible Mallards game.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cow Chip Chicken Dinner: Friday, September 1st. Carol Hehenberger doing initial planning and meeting with Cow Chip Committee but would like to step down after this year. Sign-up sheets in Narthex for preparing food, setting up, serving, and cleaning up.
- August Coffee Fellowship: August 6th.
- September Coffee Fellowship: September 10th.
- Annual Church Picnic will be Sunday, September 17, in the Church Park. Galen Alwin will grill pork chops and chicken. Rest of menu: potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cookie and bars, beverages. Cost? Need chairpersons. Charmaine Carter and ?
- December 1st & 2nd: Alton Accola and singing group will do Holiday Concerts at our church. More info later. Hospitality – coffee and bars will be needed.
- New Chairperson needed.

*Next meeting August 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Christ
The Way, the Truth,
and the Life.

JOHN 14:6

Consistory Minutes
First United Church of Christ
Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Attendance: Pastor Bill, Shirlee Lendved, Tom Litscher, Mark Pierick, Theresa Grimes, Dean Dahnert, Marcy Thurwachter, and Chris Logterman

Absent: Don Larsen and Kurt Schultz

 **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Bill

 **Finance Questions:**

- Robin Meier – working on transferring money to higher percentage rate opportunity

 **Pastor Bills Report:**

- Cow Chip Chicken Dinner September 1st. Carol H. – no onsite responsibility; she will continue to do the organization. Need volunteer to be point person day of and one moving forward take over organization.
- Community members have received calls from the fax line who are imposters. Kay Roherty, who provides some technology support, has checked and we have no viruses, malware, etc. Police were notified also.
- Grief support group, *GriefShare*, meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Available to members of our church and our community.
- Weddings and funerals the last few weeks
- Making visits to members
- Requested vacation August 7 for a week
 - Mark motion to approve vacation request, 2nd by Theresa. Motion passed

 **Approval of financial statements or invoices:**

- Theresa motion to approve financial statements, 2nd by Marcy. Motion passed

 **Committee Reports and Updates:**

Discussion of not entering reports twice for committees in the Scoop, once from committee and once in Consistory report.

- Building & Maintenance
 - Concrete work complete
 - Lighting project – Dean has supplies and needs to schedule time to complete the work.
 - Shirlee provided Focus on Energy rebate materials for bulbs
 - Mark working on contractors for kitchen project – many contractors behind schedule this summer due to weather
- Christian Fellowship
 - Rose Kleinert new chairperson
 - Worship in the Park on July 9 with picnic was enjoyed by many

- August 6 next coffee fellowship after service
- Meet, Greet & Eat on July 11 at Leystra's; meet 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM
- Galen Alwin to grill/cook for church picnic on September 17. Sunday School will provide kids games and activities.
- Marcy motion to have picnic in the park, 2nd by Shirlee. Motion passed
- Finance
 - No report this month
- Members in Ministry
 - Actively making visits
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - McFarnival Friends of Faith food stand made \$400 to go toward camp scholarships
 - September 10 Sunday School and confirmation begins for 2017-2018
 - Confirmation materials ordered for the upcoming year
- Stewardship
 - Committee should be reinstated based on our constitution and by-laws
 - August meeting will include discussion of membership

New Business Issues

- Mark looking to form a special Bible study one Thursday a month which focuses studies on the "12 Steps" within the Bible. This is not a recovery/support group.

Close of meeting

- Dean motion to end meeting, 2nd by Shirlee. Motion passed

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Next Consistory Meeting: August 17, 2017



Thank You From The Heart

To Pastor Bill and all of my friends for your uplifting prayers while I'm recovering from my fall resulting with a broken hip. I so appreciate your concern and understanding of how unexpected a fall can happen. I'm still at Maplewood having therapy twice a day. I'm doing fairly well considering it broke in three places. Ouch! "Miracles happen to those who believe." **Love in Christ, Gloria Moles**



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

A special thank you to our gardener extraordinaire, **Debbie Tschudy**, who keeps the flowers around the church and in the park watered, pruned, and looking beautiful. We appreciate all you do for us, Debbie!


Thank you to **everyone** who helped set up/tore down for our "Church Service in the Park" on Sunday, July 9th. Everyone enjoyed wonderful food and fellowship at the picnic.

Thank you to **Kathy Johnson** for watering the plants in the Church and Education Building weekly. **Larry & Kathy** also repotted one of the bigger plants.


Thank you **Larry & Kathy Johnson** for refilling the offering envelopes in the pews.

A big thank you to **Cecy Haines** and **Dorothy Kundert** for helping with the Don Niederklopper funeral luncheon.

Community Announcements

 **The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Sauk County** has many programs and opportunities for caregivers. There are brochures/flyers in the stand under the bulletin board as you come into church about their **Family Caregiver Support Group** and their **Grandparent & Relative Caregiver Circle**, both are located at the Sauk Prairie Community Center.

 **Cow Chip Classic 10K Run & 5K Run/Walk**: September 2 at 8:00 a.m. This race is part of the Madison Area Running Series. It is sponsored by the Sauk Prairie Community Club. Download registration forms at: **www.wiscowchip.com**. Register online at: **<https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/PrairieDuS ac/Cowchipclassic>**. For more information e-mail: **cowchipclassic2017@gmail.com**.

 **Flavors of Sauk Prairie**: Saturday, August 5, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Graceway Church. This event will benefit Sauk Prairie Against Hunger's Pack Event October 26-28.



SAVE THESE DATES!

**SING
UNTO THE LORD!**

“The Three Wives’ Men”

“The Three Wives’ Men” will be leading us in worship on Sunday, August 27, at 9:00 a.m. *“Their down-home, country, blue-grass style of music allows “The Three Wives’ Men” to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, and introduce others to the love of the Lord, in a fun, uplifting and hope-filled way that touches the hearts of people of all ages.”* We hope to see you on August 27th! Invite family and friends to join you!



Annual Church Picnic

This year's Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 17. Come and enjoy delicious smokey grilled pork chops and chicken in the Church Park! Further details will be available soon in the back of church and in the September SCOOP.



We all will encounter challenging times during our lives. Whatever the circumstance, we often struggle with how to move forward in the midst of grief and despair. What does the Bible have to say about grief? How can we develop networks of support and encouragement? How can we be a resource to others who are going through similar circumstances? Pastor Bill has formed a grief support group within the life of First United Church of Christ. It is a sorely needed ministry, and it's available not just for church members, but for the entire community. *GriefShare* is a blend of guided Bible meditation, group discussion, personal sharing and prayer. The group meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10am in the Fireside Room.

Family
FUN night

A game night/family night/screens free night for family members of all ages is being organized by Brigitta Brickl. It will meet the first Thursday of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m., beginning September 7th. You can come and go as you please. Anyone under 18 should have an adult attending with them. Hope to see you on our first Family Fun Night!!