



Sunday Worship in August

9:00 a.m.

- Face masks required
- Broadcast over WRPQ AM740 & FM99.7

10:30 a.m.

- On August 2, the 10:30 worship service will be in the Park.
- Face masks optional
- We will also worship in the Park at 10:30 the first Sunday of September and, hopefully, the first Sunday of October (weather permitting).



MISSION POSSIBLE

Mission Possible will be having a food stand at the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club's Flea Market on August 21, 22, and 23.

Mission Possible will also be having a food stand for the Club on September 18, 19, and 20. This event is their annual Swap Meet and Auction which was rescheduled from May 2020.

Members of the church are encouraged to sign up and help out on any of the days over those weekends any time from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can earn \$10/hour to support your favorite non-profit.

Contact Sue Herbrand to sign up to help at this fundraising events: 608-643-8760 or 608-544-2413.

The proceeds go toward mission trips, church projects, and community outreach.





Sunday School News

Margaret McFarlane & Brigitta Brickl

✝ Sunday School is on the calendar to start Sunday, September 13.

✝ If your child/children are joining our Sunday School for the first time this fall, please call the church office at 643-8387. This will help us in planning and ordering materials.

✝ If you are interested in being a substitute for our Christian Education program, we would love to have you! Please email:

Margaret at mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com

or

Brigitta at bbscentbug@gmail.com

✝ Our Sunday School follows the lead of our school district. Pastor Bill, Margaret, and Brigitta will closely follow the upcoming decisions being made by the district. Besides our traditional in class lessons, our Sparkhouse curriculum can equip us with tools to lead Sunday School lessons remotely with our students. We will communicate with you our plans for the fall as soon as we are able.

✝ We pray for your continued good health and a happy last month of summer!



Sunday School Fundraiser: Do you eat at Culvers? They make great gifts for everyone! Our Sunday School earns a portion of each sale. If you want to purchase cards, you can contact the Church Office at 643-8387 or Margaret at:

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com



You Make a Difference
Thank You for all you do!



The flowers around the Church and Park are blooming and beautiful. Thank you to our members who sent in donations, and thank you to those who are weeding and watering.

Finally, thank you all for your time spent on making our Church and Park look beautiful!

*This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears;
all nature sings and round me
rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my father's world,
He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him
pass, He speaks to me everywhere.*

*A big shout-out to all of our church
volunteers who have beautified the
outside of the Church, the Park,
and the Parsonage!!*

The lawns look immaculate – groomed weekly! Additions have been made to the Meditation Garden in the Park: the benches have been painted, flowers have been added, and there is a bird bath adorning the area in loving memory of Susan Pieper. There is another bench in the park dedicated to the Church in loving memory of Duane Woerpel.



From Brigitta & Nathan Brickl

Thank you for all of the continued prayers and donations to Nathan and his farm accommodation account. Our family is so blessed to be a part of this community. Thank you again

Blessings & Hugs, Cindy Baker

My 70th birthday could not have been more memorable! Your cards, phone calls, flowers & gifts, and messages filled my heart with joy and love. Each of your friendships are very important to me.

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AUGUST 2020 SCOOP



Enjoy the rest of your summer!

- 11 **Christian Fellowship:** 6:00 p.m. (In the church park, weather permitting.)
- 20 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 21-23 **Mission Possible Food Stand at the Badger Steam & Gasoline Engine Club's Flea Market**

BEE SAFE AND KIND!



Rev. Bill Kapp
Pastor

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Sunday Worship

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Web Site

www.ucc-saukcity.org

Memorial Report

Memorial gifts were received in July in loving memory of:

Karen Ammann
Susan Pieper

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 mother and mother-in-law, Margaret Wittwer.

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

Tammie Huerth, in loving memory of her sister, Kimberly Burkee.

❤️ August Anniversaries In Our Church Family ❤️

Greg & Sharon Diehl, 25 years on August 4

Larry & Nettie Gander, 64 years on August 4

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August!
Please let the church office know if we missed yours!!



Hats Off To Other 2020 Graduates!

CONGRATULATIONS to another High School 2020 graduate from First United Church of Christ!

Jade Blankenship

And to another 2020 College graduate from First United Church of Christ:

Bailey Breininger

***May God continue to be your guide as you
begin this new journey in your life!***

Christian Fellowship

August,
like
the Sunday
of summer

THERE WAS NO MEETING HELD IN JULY.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **August 11th @ 6:00pm** in the Church Park (weather permitting. Hope to see you there.



Dear Members and Friends,

I'm thankful for the abundance of God's blessings in our lives. They are too many to count. Some of the most precious blessings are faith and family. My faith keeps me afloat and tethered in these tumultuous times while my family gives me contentment and joy.

I sense many of you feel the same way. God has poured blessings upon you and there is an appreciation for the bounty you've received, even during these uncertain times.

I pray the ministry of First United Church of Christ has lifted your spirits over these past weeks and months, providing you a sense of buoyancy during this stressful COVID-19 outbreak. Times of worship and fellowship can often lift our spirits when we feel as if we're sinking and being pulled under the murky muck of life's challenges.

It's a comfort to know the church is always there when you need it. Please feel free to call or text me, any time day or night, at (608)370-2249 for spiritual encouragement and/or to schedule a visit.

Our ministry has evolved during this coronavirus outbreak. I'm grateful to those members and friends who generously sponsor the weekly radio broadcast and to the members of our faith community who gave considerable time and financial support to updating our radio room equipment and infrastructure. More technical enhancements are on the way in the form of utilizing video during worship and using the church website for streaming and as a hub for Christian education (if students can't meet in person).

The good news of the gospel fortifies us and interactions with members of the faith community in the way of phone calls, cookies, cards and visits has really provided a much-needed boost. This resource is available to all who are a part of our faith community, member and non-member alike. What a comfort to know the church (and its people) are there for us in the good times as well as the challenging ones.

I'm grateful for your continued financial support of the ministry at First UCC. Because of your generosity in 2020, we have been able to keep the mission of the church moving forward. Offerings for the church have been consistent during the first part of the year, even though we were not able to meet in person for 16 weeks running between March and June. Even now, your ACH support and mail-in offerings have kept the church above water amid stormy seas. Thank you!

The ministry of First UCC continues because of your time, talents and material offerings. Praise be to God!

Pastor Bill

Consistory Minutes

First United Church of Christ

Thursday, July 16th

Attendance: Pastor Bill, Chris Logterman, Kurt Schultz, Dean Dahnert, Don Larsen, Tammie Huerth, Mark Pierick, Peggy Ganser, Heather Miller, and Tammy Young

Missing: Chris Logterman

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in the August Scoop
- Jacob's graduation party has been changed to a "drive-thru" party, no bands, no big crowds. Pastor's family will be there cooking out. Sunday, July 26, from 4-7.
- Wedding still on for August 1st.
- Getting some meetings in with members. Patio visits, dinner on the deck, etc.

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Some wind damage from the storm last Thursday. Chimney vent on the educational building was sucked out to the parking lot. Prairie Plumbing replaced it on Friday.
 - Radio room is set up and functional.
 - Still working on getting traction on the parsonage porch project. Dean would like a list of those from the church that are in construction or have been in the past, maybe semi-retired.
 - Per Don Larson – Don Kleist, Casey Haselwander.
- Christian Fellowship
 - See report in August Scoop
 - No meeting until August
 - Have had a couple Zoom coffee fellowships
- Finance
 - Virtual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 21st.
 - Working on PPE paperwork for loan forgiveness program.
 - Don will send out an email to consistory with notes on the finance meeting on Tuesday.
- Members in Ministry
 - Some visits made through windows, phone calls being placed
 - Health and safety is a priority
 - Pastor Bill will start porch/patio visits with members
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See report in August Scoop
 - Youth Group
 - Youth Exchange postponed until 2021
 - Mission trip postponed until January 16-24, 2021
 - Retreat for next year is to be determined
- Stewardship
 - See report in August Scoop
 - Consistent communication to the congregation will continue
- Open & Affirming
 - No meeting in July
 - Work is on hold until face-to-face meetings can resume
 - Dean is willing to help this committee record items for our virtual service if they would like

✚ Ongoing Business

- Church Office Business amidst COVID-19
 - Church Office access is limited. Communication encouraged via phone and email for the health of all church and 4K staff.
- Reopening church during Covid19

- Mark said he believes the services have been well received and all are keeping safe distance
- Should we be keeping the service in the park at 10:30 as we had better turn out than we are having in the sanctuary
- Denny would be willing to play for that service
- Tammy made motion that we hold service in the park the first Sunday in August, September, and keep in mind the first Sunday in October (weather dependent). Don seconded. Motion carried.

✚ New Business

- Kurt and Wendy are making changes in their lives since retiring. They will be doing lots of traveling starting September through February.
 - When is his term up, we will need to figure this out.
 - Won't be in church for 5 months.
 - Kurt will do whatever the consistory and church would like him to do.
- Dean's home will be on the Farm Art Tour this fall (September and October). There will be vendor stands in Witwen.
 - Nathan, along with the pork producers, may be having a food stand.
 - There may be opportunity for the church to have a fundraiser with this stand.
 - May be 10-15,000 people coming through.
 - Badger Gas & Steam will have their stand in August. Will be again raising money for the mission trips.

✚ Adjourn

- Peggy move to adjourn the meeting, Don second, motion passed

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: August 20

Dear Consistory,

I'm grateful for your collective efforts during this challenging year of 2020. First UCC is facing unprecedented challenges and you have stepped in to provide our congregation with extraordinary leadership:

- For seamlessly moving from in-person meetings to virtual meetings. The business of the church continues even when normal life in our community is affected.
- For determining our course of action throughout this COVID-19 pandemic. You have relied on trusted sources such as the Sauk County Health Department and the Wisconsin Council of Churches to determine how to move forward through these uncertain days.
- The task of developing new procedures for building use, cleaning and worship has taken considerable time but are now in place.
- You have guided our church through uncertain financial times by successfully applying for the Paycheck Protection Program through the Small Business Administration and now are in the process of filling out and compiling information for the Loan Forgiveness Application. Special thanks to the Finance Committee for guiding us through this process!
- Our radio broadcast on WRPQ has been greatly enhanced over these past few months (the result has been spectacular!) and the updated audio equipment has been moved into the radio room. A special shout out goes out to Dean Dahnert for this amazing and much needed initiative.
- Your steady presence in the life of First UCC on Sunday mornings and throughout the week has been appreciated. You have guided our church through uncertain times. On behalf of the entire congregation, I would like to say, "Thank you!"

In terms of my report:

- 1.) I will preside over the Bradley R. Lewis funeral on Friday July 17 at 6pm at Hooverson Funeral Home.
- 2.) I will lead worship for the Pines via Zoom on July 30 at 3pm.
- 3.) I will officiate Perry/Sarac wedding in the church park on Saturday August 1. Rehearsal will take place the day before.
- 4.) *Pastor on the Porch* initiative is gaining momentum. I've made a handful of visits with more scheduled for these next few weeks. I'm thrilled for the opportunity to make meaningful connections on behalf of the church.
- 5.) I continue to meet with my clergy development groups via Zoom every Thursday and every other Friday (as time allows).
- 6.) Thanks for giving me permission to take my 2nd week of vacation August 3-10. Mark Pierick will lead worship on August 9.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill