

# CHRISTMAS

## Craft and Bake Sale!



*Sunday, December 8, at First U.C.C.  
(Before and after Church Services)*

**We will hold our Annual Christmas Bake & Craft Sale on Sunday, December 8, before and after the worship services. What a joy that we have so much talent in our church – those that are excellent bakers and crafters and so willing to donate their time and talent to help our church! Please pre-price your crafts and baked goods and put your name on them. Please make sure your baked goods and crafts are here before the 8:00 a.m. worship service.**



***God bless your hearts and hands in your cooking, baking, and crafting!***

CHRISTMAS EVE



## Communion Servers

*Rick Breininger  
Peggy Ganser  
Rose Kleinert*

*Emily Fuchs  
Tim Herbrand  
Mark Pierick*

January 2020

## Communion Schedule

8:00                      January 5                      10:30

*Liz Bongard  
Barb Brock  
Mark Pierick*

*Tom McFarlane  
Amanda Moseman  
Amanda Moseman*



*“No Room! No Room!” the innkeeper cried, only a stable for the holy Christ Child. I ponder this thought as Christmas draws near, “Is there room in my heart for this Savior so dear?” Oh, I send bulging boxes to people in need, bake cookies for shut-ins and do other good deeds. I sing Christmas carols as I decorate the tree and wrap pretty presents for friends and family. But deep in MY heart where no one can see, I hear Jesus whisper, “Is there room for me?” Louise Tucker Jones*



## Sunday School News

By Margaret McFarlane & Brigitta Brickl



Thanks to all who sang on November 17. It was a great Sunday!



We raised \$250 for UNICEF. Thank you for helping with this worthy project! We did not beat our record.



Thank you for the wonderful donations on our Harvest Home Table.



Students will be scheduled to light candles before worship from now until the end of the Sunday School year. Please let me know if your child would like to do this but has not signed up.



We will be Christmas caroling at Maplewood Village and The Pines on Sunday, December 1, during the Sunday School hour. Everyone in the family is welcome to join in! We will have a short class period before our departure. Meet in the hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 9:30.



4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and confirmands are invited to paint the windows for Christmas on Sunday, December 1, at 1:00 p.m.



The Sunday School choir will not be singing for the Christmas Music Festival .



The Sunday School hour has been extended until 10:20 through December 15. This will allow extra practice time for the Christmas program.



We will have program practice on Saturday, December 7 and 14, at 9:30 a.m. All students taking part in the Christmas Program need to be present. Please let us know if your child/children aren't participating in the program. Pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and choir only students; will be dismissed immediately after they practice, at approximately 10:15. Practice will run until 11:30 for grades 2-6.



White Gift Sunday will be December 8. Students are asked to bring a gift (new or gently-used item) wrapped in white tissue for our H.E.L.P. project. They can bring the gift to their Sunday School classroom.



The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15, at the 10:30 service.



There will be no Sunday School on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>.



## Help Excite Little People This Holiday Season!

The H.E.L.P. project will be collecting good, used toys and items for teens through December 14. Donated items may be placed in the red sleigh, located inside the Washington Avenue entrance. If you have time to wash your donations, please mark your bags/boxes “clean” toys. Monetary donations are, also, welcome. We need “elves” to wash, repair, and organize the toys for distribution. **Please** consider helping with this all-church project on one or more of the following days:

- 🌿 Tuesday, December 3, 10am-Noon
- 🌿 Friday, December 6, 10am-Noon
- 🌿 Tuesday, December 10, 10am-Noon
- 🌿 Thurs., December 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 🌿 Tues., December 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 🌿 Wed., December 18, 10am-Noon
- 🌿 Friday, December 20, 10am-Noon



## Intergenerational Activity

Thank you to all who participated in the Intergenerational Activity on October 27. The Sunday School appreciates your support!



## BLESSINGS & THANKS FROM THE HE♥RT!

★ **Chris Garcia, Tammie Huerth, and Heather Miller** for mowing the church properties.

★ **Debbie Tschudy and Marcy Thurwachter** who took care of the outside plants and flowers.

★ **Everyone** who brought items throughout the year for “Stock The Schools”.

★ Thank you to **Tom & Margaret McFarlane** and **Amanda Moseman** for delivering the pies to St. Al’s for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

★ Thank you to all the “bakers” who made pies for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.



**And, as 2019 comes to a close,  
thank-you's, also, go out to:**

★ **Tammie Huerth** for sharing her time and talents decorating the Church bulletin board.

★ **Tammie Huerth and Larry & Kathy Johnson** for their time and artistry in decorating the Sanctuary and entrance throughout the year.

★ **Our members** who served as Liturgists, Ushers, Communion Servers, Candle-and on Church Committees.

★ **Our members** who delivered Mobile Meals to those in need in our community.

★ **Tom Litscher and Herm Tschudy** for sharing their time and talents with us while sitting in the Sound Room on Sunday mornings.

★ **Our Radio Broadcast sponsors** who make it possible for us to reach our many shut-ins in the community on Sunday morning.

★ **Our Christian Education Superintendents Margaret McFarlane & Brigitta Brickl & our Sunday School & Confirmation staff** who create a fun and loving atmosphere for our children to learn about Jesus.

★ **Dean Dahnert** who hosted the First U.C.C. web site.

★ **Sharal Steuber** for sending out anniversary and birthday cards to our members over the years. Thank you to **Doreen Stoffels** for taking over this ministry in December.

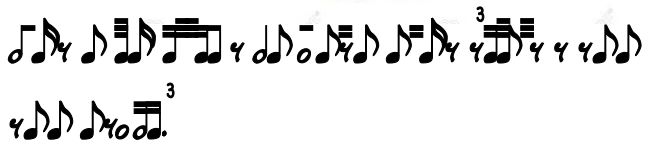
★ **Chris Garcia**, our Custodian, who keeps our Church and Education Building spic 'n span.

★ **Donna & Micki Cruse** for helping with the *SCOOP* each month.

★ **Our members who shared their "gifts of music"** with us throughout the year.

★ **Everyone who served as hostesses** for the funeral luncheons – helping meet and greet the family/friends, serving food, and cleaning up.





*A very special thank you to all of you...  
Whether you helped at coffee fellowship or  
hosted  
a funeral, help clean the church in the spring  
or fall,  
participated in craft and bake sales, the list  
goes on,  
Special thank you to the many involved with  
Christian Fellowship  
From my heart to yours wishing you a  
beautiful  
Holiday season!*



*Rose Kleinert*

# Consistory Minutes

## *First United Church of Christ*

*Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>*

Attendance: Pastor Bill, Mark Pierick, Chris Logterman, Peggy Ganser, Tammie Huerth, Marcy Thurwachter, Heather Miller, Kurt Schultz, and Don Larsen

Absent: Dean Dahnert

- Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill
- Pastor Bill's Report
  - See report in the December Scoop
- Committee Reports and Updates:
  - Building & Maintenance
    - No report this month
    - We have a few meetings before Annual Meeting. We need to discuss possible capital projects that need attention.
      - Steeple molding cracking and crumbling
      - Signage and landscaping
      - Sound system
  - Christian Fellowship
    - No meeting in December
    - December meeting will be to work at H.E.L.P. toy cleaning
  - Finance
    - Approve financial statements
      - Tammie move to approve the October statement, Marcy second, motion passed
    - Finance Committee met November 19.
      - Restricted funds balances reviewed
        - Goal to benefit church and consolidate and streamline accounts for tracking
        - Recommend moving Sabbatical fund to the general fund
          - Marcy move to move these funds to general fund, Peggy second, motion passed
        - Recommend moving Hahn fund and Buerki fund to Endowment fund
          - Tammie move to move this to Endowment fund, Don second, motion passed.
      - Recommend creating a checkbook/debit card policy
  - Members in Ministry
    - Actively making visits
    - New members welcome
  - Sunday School/Church Youth Program
    - See report in the December Scoop
    - Youth Group
      - 11 confirmands this year
      - The Crossing meal November 17
      - Youth Retreat February 14-16

- Registration due December 8
  - Promoting Youth Exchange in 2020 and 2021
  - Mission trip June 2020
  - Confirmation will be May 31 at 10:30 service
- Stewardship
  - See report in December Scoop
- Open & Affirming
  - November meeting discussed sending surveys to the congregation
    - Please complete once and return to church
    - Determines pace of process
  - Planning panel discussion for February
    - Rev. Laura McCloud, from the Southeast Association, will lead discussion
- Ongoing Business Update
  - Consistory representation – two members are coming to the end of their third year of the appointment
- New Business Issues
  - None
- Adjourn
  - Don move to adjourn the meeting, Tammie second, motion passed
- Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill
- Next Consistory Meeting: December 19<sup>th</sup>



Dear Consistory,

Thanksgiving is next week and there is much to be grateful for: the joy of home, family and wonderful friends. God has been good and has endowed us with everything we have ever needed. Our lives have been blessed so richly and abundantly.

I'm thankful for the ministry of First UCC Sauk City, WI. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful congregation made up of faithful, friendly and hard-working people. I'm thankful for you, the lay leaders of our church.

I'm excited for what the future has in store. A new church year (Year A on the revised common lectionary) begins the first Sunday of Advent, December 1.

In terms of my report:

- 1.) Thanks to our confirmation guides, Theresa Grimes and Tom Litscher, for their continued work with our middle schoolers. We are incredibly blessed to have them involved in the life of our church. Nine youth from First UCC (as well as Tom and Theresa) served the meal at *The Crossing* on November 17. I appreciate their efforts.
- 2.) Stewardship Sunday was November 17. Thanks to the stewardship committee for all of their efforts in promoting stewardship in the life of First UCC with announcements, creating the *Time and Talent* sheets, and our recent planned giving seminar. As of now, 52 pledges have been received for 2020 totaling \$111,690. We will continue to receive pledges up until the end of the year. Thanks to everyone who supports the life of First UCC through your time, talents and offerings.
- 3.) Young Ambassadors meeting took place November 17. We will have 3-4 youth from church participating in the Young Ambassadors youth exchange in 2020/2021. My next meeting at the WI Conference office regarding the German partnership is January 8.
- 4.) I lead the worship service at the Maplewood on November 27 at 10am.
- 5.) Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign begins on Thanksgiving eve and will continue until Christmas Eve. This is my 15<sup>th</sup> year coordinating. Five congregations and a variety of individuals and community organizations will be participating this year. First UCC is scheduled to ring the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Piggly Wiggly in Sauk and Sentry in PdS.
- 6.) Youth Retreat is scheduled February 14-16, 2020. In order to reserve our spaces at the early-bird pricing, we have to register by 12/10. I will need all deposits by Sunday December 8.
- 7.) Carolyn Irene Martin baptism will take place December 8<sup>th</sup> at the 8am worship service.

Regards,  
Pastor Bill

## **Stewardship Committee Minutes**

The Stewardship Committee met on November 21 with all members present except Tom Litscher who had a work conflict.

The committee reviewed the status of the Time & Talents surveys which have had a very low return rate. The committee decided to continue efforts to promote surveys.

Handwritten thank-you notes will be sent to those who returned their pledge cards. It was noted that all pledges are confidential and that only the names of the individuals would be provided to the Stewardship Committee.

Stewardship remains a year-long priority. In keeping with that priority, a message regarding stewardship will be shared during both of the December 8 services. The committee hopes to have 2 new members to join the existing committee members by the time of the Annual Meeting.

Pastor Bill will share different giving models provided at the next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held on December 19 at 5:30.

# Advent & Christmas 2019

## Worship and Celebration Opportunities



### Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

\* Lighting of Advent Candle  
\* Coffee Fellowship  
\* Caroling during the Sunday School hour

### Saturday, December 7

\* Sunday School Christmas Program Practice ~ 9:30 a.m.

### Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

\* Lighting of Advent Candles  
\* Christmas Craft & Bake Sale  
\* Birthday Party for Jesus - during the Sunday School hour  
\* Sunday School White Gifts for H.E.L.P. ~ 10:30 Worship Service

### Saturday, December 14

\* Sunday School Christmas Program Practice ~ 9:30 a.m.

### Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

\* Lighting of Advent Candles  
\* Sunday School Christmas Program: 10:30 worship service

### Saturday, December 21

\* H.E.L.P. Toy Distribution ~ 8:00-10:00 a.m.

### Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

\* Lighting of Advent Candles  
\* Christmas Music Festival

### Sunday, December 24

\* Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion ~ 7:00 p.m.

## **Time & Talent Surveys**

Members of First UCC are urged to return their Time & Talents Surveys. The surveys are very helpful to the consistory and various committees in identifying those individuals who are willing to serve in different capacities, have special interests, and talents.

The survey was sent in the October Scoop. There are copies of the surveys in the narthex or the church office.

Please return your completed survey to the office or put it in the collection plate.

Thank-you!



## **Charitable Giving Deadline**

Please remember that gifts to the Church must be received by Noon on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, in order to get credit for that donation in 2019. Thank you.

## **Men of First UCC**

You are invited to attend the **2020 No Regrets Men's Conference** where you will be encouraged and challenged to become the man that God created you to be.

The No Regrets Men's Conference is an annual event, started in 1994, designed to create an environment for men to be challenged in their relationship with the Lord at home, in the workplace, and in their ministry.

The conference is a one-day event broadcast LIVE on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 from Elmbrook Church Brookfield Campus and Lake Country Campus, near Milwaukee, WI to over 125+ Host Sites in America and around the world. You are invited to join an expected 15,000 men in 2020 at the conference.

We are blessed that Graceway Church here in Sauk City is a host site for the conference. The cost to attend at Graceway is \$25 which includes lunch. Registration information will be coming in January. For more details about the day, talk to Scott Kinnamon or visit:

<https://www.noregretsconference.org/>



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**DECEMBER SCOOP**



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“She brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7

*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Dean Dahnert, in loving memory of his beloved wife, Bonnie Dahnert.*

- 1     \***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**
  - \* Coffee Fellowship
  - \* Sunday School Caroling ~ during Sunday School hour
- 3     \* H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 5     \* O & A Subcommittee: 6:00 p.m.
- 6     \* H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 7     \* Sunday School Christmas Program Practice ~ 9:30 a.m.
- 8     \***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**
  - \* Christmas Bake & Craft Sale
  - \* Sunday School White Gifts
  - \* Birthday Party for Jesus ~ during Sunday School hour
- 9     \* Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
- 10    \* H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 12    \* H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 14    \* Sunday School Christmas Program Practice ~ 9:30 a.m.
- 15    \***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**
  - \* Sunday School Christmas Program ~ 10:30 worship service
- 17    \* Finance Committee: 7:00 p.m.
  - \* H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 18    \* H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 19    \* Stewardship Committee ~ 5:30 p.m.
  - \* Consistory ~ 6:30 p.m.
- 20    \* H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 22    \***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**
  - \* Christmas Music Festival ~ both worship services
- 24    \* Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion ~ 7:00 p.m.

## October Memorials

A memorial was received for the Stained Glass Windows in loving memory of **Tina Wilkinson**. Tina enjoyed the beauty of the sun shining through the windows while she worshipped here at First U.C.C.

## Radio Broadcasts

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

Harland & Lorraine Hartmann,  
In honor and celebration of their  
65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Liz Bongard, in honor her parents',  
Adolf & Bertha Schlapbach, 100<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary.

Rachel, Ryan & Grace, Heather, and  
Heidi Kuhnau, in celebration of  
their parent's, Randy & Barb Kuh-  
nau, 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



## December Anniversaries In Our Church Family



Frank & Georgia Selden, 57 years on December 8  
Bev & Herb Feierabend, 66 years on December 19  
Edward & Marlene Larsen, Sr., 67 years on December 20  
Dorothy & Lyle Kuhnau, 58 years on December 28  
Ron & Roberta Lipka, 56 years on December 28

**These five couples represent 304 years of marriage. Congratulations to you all!**

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

## Ushers

| <u>8:00</u>      | <u>December</u> | <u>10:30</u>       | <u>8:00</u>      | <u>January 2020</u> | <u>10:30</u>          |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Dianna Woerpel  | Tim & Sue Herbrand | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Open                | Jamie & Karen Wittwer |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Open            | Tim & Sue Herbrand | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Open                | Jamie & Karen Wittwer |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Open            | Tim & Sue Herbrand | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Open                | Jamie & Karen Wittwer |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Open            | Tim & Sue Herbrand | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Open                | Jamie & Karen Wittwer |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Open            | Tim & She Herbrand |                  |                     |                       |

**Rev. Bill Kapp**  
Pastor

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