

Annual Meeting Preview

As stipulated by our Constitution, we are to gather as a congregation on the first Sunday in March -- this year the 1st -- for an Annual Meeting. Business to be conducted includes a review of 2019, plans for our future, adoption of the 2020 budget, and election of Finance Committee and/or Consistory members. The March 1st meeting will begin immediately following our 9 a.m. worship service. Our 8 a.m. WRPQ-740AM and 99.7FM radio broadcasts will be pre-recorded.

2020 Annual Report

Copies of the **2020 Annual Report** will be available in the back of Church on Sunday, February 16th.



How About Sponsoring A Radio Broadcast or Our Newsletter?

If you would like to remember or honor a family member or friend by sponsoring a Sunday morning worship service radio broadcast or our monthly newsletter, please call the Church office for available dates. The cost of sponsoring a radio broadcast is \$80.00, and the cost of sponsoring a monthly *SCOOP* is \$50 (cost of paper and postage).



2020 Cooperative Lenten Worship Calendar

This sharing of **Lenten** worship with our brothers and sisters in faith is a cherished tradition of our Church. Services start at 6:30 p.m., except on Ash Wednesday.

February 26: Ash Wednesday

St. John's Lutheran Church, PdS
1:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Theme: "Wounds-Blasphemy"
Preacher: Rev. Sally Williams or Shadoe Hanson, Student Pastor

March 4

First U.C.C.

Theme: "Wounds-Violating Sabbath"
Preacher: Rev. Erich Hartenberger

March 11

St. John's Lutheran-Leland

Theme: "Wounds-Dishonor Authority"
Preacher: Rev. Kendall Schlittler

March 18

Concordia U.M.C.

Theme: "Wounds-Murder"
Preacher: Rev. Bill Kapp

March 25

First U.C.C.

Theme: "Wounds-Adultery"
Preacher: Rev. Claire Douglass

April 1

Black Hawk UMC

Theme: "Wounds-Stealing"
Preacher: Pending

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February 2020

- 6 † Open & Affirming Subcommittee: 6:00 p.m.
- 9 † Coffee Fellowship
- 10 † Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 11 † Christian Fellowship: *Meeting in the Education Building Library*
- 14 † *"Happy Valentine's Day"*
- 14-16 † Youth Retreat at the Wilderness Resort
- 16 † Sunday School Family Sunday: Sunday School sings at 10:30
Worship Service
- 18 † Finance Committee: 7:00 p.m.
- 20 † Stewardship Committee: 5:30 p.m.
† Consistory: 6:30 p.m.
- 23 † New Member Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services
† Organizational meeting for the Back Bay Mission Trip: After
the 10:30 Worship Service
† Open & Affirming Subcommittee Panel Discussion with
Laura McCloud leading the Panel: 3:00 p.m.
- 26 † Ash Wednesday Services at St. John's Lutheran Church-PdS:
1:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Memorials Report

Memorials were received in January
in loving memory of:

Ellen Henning

A gift was made to the Endowment
Fund in loving memory of:

John & Ardis Trueb

Radio Ministry

We thank the sponsors of our 8:00 a.m.
Sunday worship service radio broad-
casts in January:

Duane & Dianna Woerpel, in honor
and celebration of their 60th Wedding
Anniversary.

Rod & Carol Hehenberger, in loving
of Carol's mother, Luella Jensen.
The Henning Family, in loving memory
of their mother and grandmother,
Ellen Henning.



Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries in February.

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays & anniversaries in February!
Please let the Church office know if we missed yours.

February Ushers

	8:00	10:30
February 2	Open	Open
February 9	Lendveds	Logtermans
February 16	Lendveds	Open
February 23	Open	Logtermans

February & March Communion Servers

	8:00	10:30
February 2	Sharon Diehl Nadene Litscher Kurt Schultz	Carol Hehenberger Don Larsen Heather Miller

March 1: 9:00 a.m. Service Tammie Huerth, Larry Johnson, & Gary Schlender

Rev. Bill Kapp
Pastor

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 9:00-Noon;
Saturday: 9:30-11:00 a.m. and by appoint-
ment
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♥️ March will be Church camp month. We will start our donation fund for summer campers.

Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane
& Brigitta Brickl

♥️ We had twelve people join us for our "Bowling Bash" on January 19.

♥️ A new schedule of candlelighters will be sent home with the February letter. Please let us know if your child would like to light candles at a Sunday service but did not sign up.

♥️ The Sunday School Choir sounded great on January 19. We will be singing again on Sunday, February 16, at the 10:30 service. Students in Grades 3, 4, & 5 will do something special before the choir sings.

♥️ Looking ahead:

♥️ Sunday School classes will not be held on Sunday, March 1, due to the Annual Meeting. There will be a nursery and movie available for students during the meeting.



As a fundraiser, the Sunday School will continue to sell **Culver's gift cards**. The cards make great gifts for Valentine's Day, birthdays, or to say "thank-you". Our Sunday School earns a portion of each sale. You can e-mail orders to:

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com

or purchase them at Church on the third Sunday of the month.

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Thank you to the following members who helped at the Sauk Prairie Food Pantry on January 18th: **Rose Kleinert, Dianna Woerpel, Peggy Ganser, Kari & Morgan Larsen, and Pastor Bill!**

Thank you to **Theresa Grimes** for being the administrator of our Facebook page. Your postings are uplifting, encouraging, inspirational and delightful.



Sunday Worship:

8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 & FM99.7) & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School:

9:10-10:10 a.m. for ages 3 and older

Confirmation: 9:10-10:10 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:10-10:10 a.m.



To the Members of First United Church of Christ:

The **Family of Ellen Henning** would like to thank all the members of the congregation that provided assistance during and after her funeral service, especially those that helped in the kitchen. We would also like to thank the congregation for their many kind thoughts and prayers expressed during our time of loss. We are truly blessed by the kindness of your hearts:

EVENTS

Stock The Schools!!! Sauk Prairie School Students In Need: February's items are individual fruit cups and men's & women's socks. Thank you!

6:8 Community Meal is held every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Time: 5-7pm. Address: 821 Industry Dr., Sauk City. **FREE FOR ALL.** Childcare available.

Lakeland University Choir will be performing at two UCC churches in the Madison area. Everyone is invited to attend; no fee and no tickets required.

Thursday, February 27, at 7 p.m.
Salem UCC
502 Mark Dr., Verona

Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m.
McFarland UCC
5710 Anthony St., McFarland

Consistory Minutes

First United Church of Christ

Thursday, January 16th

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

Absent: Heather Miller

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in the February Scoop
- Chris moved to purchase Pastor Bill a new laptop with updated systems, Marcy second, motioned passed.
- Pastor Bill is finding coverage for the Sundays he will be on the Youth Exchange this summer

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Need people to help with snow-blowing
 - We need to plow east and west sidewalks on the park plowed
 - Hiring full-service outdoor care for a year could be up to \$10,000 Prairie Plumbing and Heating take care of parking lot and church sidewalk in front. Charges have been zeroed out.
 - Suggested to start with park and side sidewalks for our volunteers to clear snow
 - Dean made contacts about the masonry work to get bids
 - Discussed ways to fundraise for remodeling the radio room
 - Waiting on a quote for our outdoor signage
 - Discussed opportunities for presentation equipment
 - Chris Garcia donated a TV and DVD player, located in the Fireside Room
- Christian Fellowship
 - Did not meet in January. Meeting in February.
 - Coffee Fellowship was last Sunday
- Finance
 - No financial statements to approve
 - Don is communicating with Robin Meier with Consistory questions
 - Finance Committee will meet in January 28.

- Will be working on end of year financials and next year's budget
 - Members in Ministry
 - Actively making visits
 - New members welcome
 - Additional members would allow for more frequent visits
 - Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See report in the February Scoop
 - Youth Group
 - Youth Retreat February 14–16
 - Will be fundraising to offset costs of retreat
 - Promoting Youth Exchange in 2020 and 2021
 - We need 1 more youth to make this program happen. Pastor Bill is contacting other churches to recruit participants.
 - Mission trip June 2020
 - Confirmation will be May 31 at 10:30 service
 - Stewardship
 - See report in February Scoop
 - Next meeting is February 20 and will not meet in March
 - Time and Talents being tallied
 - Looking for ushers to sign up and remember their commitments
 - Open & Affirming
 - See report in February Scoop
 - Meet and Greet with subcommittee on January 19

✚ Ongoing Business

- Consistory representation
 - Discuss possible nominations for membership at January meeting
- Many committees need members. We hope to rotate members to increase service and avoid burnout

✚ New Business

- Request to investigate a new computer for Cindy Baker and system for backing up files

✚ Adjourn

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

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: February 20th

Stewardship Committee

Minutes

The Stewardship Committee met on January 16 with all members present.

The committee wrote personal thank-you notes to those who had returned their pledge cards.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 20.

Pastor Bill's Report:

Dear Consistory,

The season of Epiphany is now upon us and runs until Ash Wednesday on February 26.

Epiphany celebrates the coming of the Magi to visit the baby Jesus as the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles.

This is good news, as we have been adopted into the faith and family of Jesus Christ. In times of uncertainty and despair, the light of Christ dispels the darkness in the world and brings hope to those in need.

I greatly appreciate your leadership throughout the life of First UCC. Your energy and focus gives our ministry a sure direction. Thank you.

In terms of my report:

*The Windows 7 that I use on my office computer is out of support as of yesterday. My office computer will no longer receive security updates, software updates or tech support. Microsoft strongly recommends using Windows 10 for the latest security features. Cindy has not received this message, so perhaps her computer runs on a different program.

*I am participating in the January 26 pulpit exchange as part of the Week of Christian Unity. Shadoe Hanson, student intern at St. John's Lutheran, will lead worship at First UCC during the 8am and 10:30am worship services. I have the fabulous opportunity (once again) to visit the good folk of St. John's Lutheran Leland and Zion Lutheran Rock Springs. I am looking forward to celebrating our ecumenical connections that day. I will also be attending the clergy dinner held at the Green Acres in the evening.

*I lead worship at the Maplewood January 30.

*Youth Retreat is scheduled for February 14-16 at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. There are 16 youth (10 girls and 6 boys) and 4 adult chaperones signed up. Kurt Schultz will be leading worship on February 16.

*Mission trip is scheduled for June 21-27, 2020 at Back Bay Mission. An organizational meeting needs to be called in the next few weeks. We have a reservation for 18.

*Youth exchange trip to Germany June 22-July 13, 2020. We will need to find worship leaders for June 28 and July 5. July 12 worship is still up in the air, as the Germans have not given us a definitive departure date.

Regards,
Pastor Bill

Open & Affirming Committee
January 2, 2020

All members present: Pastor Bill, Shirlee Lendved, Dennis Kahn, Tammie Huerth, Chris Logterman, Barb Sprecher, Dean Sprecher, Christy Kinnamon.

Reviewed notes from previous meetings and questionnaires from congregation. The responses to the questionnaires confirmed our decision to take a slow and cautious approach to the Open & Affirming process. We talked about a perception that the Conference is telling us that we have to work toward becoming Open & Affirming. The Conference is a resource and is supportive and willing to help. They do encourage its member UCC churches to enter this process and to be in covenant with them; however, we make our own decisions, and govern ourselves from the ground up. The origins of our study into Open & Affirming can be traced all the way back to conversations with former Pastor Bob Rieke, and to comments made at an Annual Meeting a few years ago. Most members believe that we are a welcoming church; but the question is, how will we express that welcome. We think that people outside our church need to explicitly see that welcome – and the Open & Affirming process is a way in which we can express that.

A short survey about topics for learning & discussion, suggested formats, and times when people prefer to meet appeared in the January SCOOP. We hope to tally those and come up with whatever works best for most members of the congregation. Those can be dropped off at the church office, at the back of the church after Sunday services, or brought to the Meet & Greet on Sunday, January 19.

The Meet & Greet on January 19 after the 10:30 service will be an opportunity to meet the members of the Open & Affirming Committee. Each of them will share their reasons for serving on the committee, and will respond to general questions about the process. There will be opportunities for more in-depth discussions at future events. Some of those events include a Panel Discussion on February 23, Bible Studies in March & April, Listening Sessions, and guest speakers and clergy.

Next meeting: February 6, 2020

Christian Fellowship

There was no scheduled meeting for January ...

- ✓ *January 12th - Coffee fellowship was provided by Dianna Woerpel*

Thank you so much for the fabulous treats!

- ✓ *January 26th - Coffee fellowship (pulpit exchange)*



Looking ahead:

- ✓ *February 9th - Coffee Fellowship*
- ✓ *February 11th - Christian Fellowship meeting
(6:30 in the Ed building library)*

Mark your calendar -

- ✓ *March 1st - Annual Meeting immediately following 9:00 am service
Brief coffee fellowship prior to meeting*

