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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

I'm a dunker – not with a basketball, as I have no jumping ability, but rather with chocolate chip cookies. There is nothing quite like the chocolate chip cookie – it is my favorite cookie of all time. Chocolate chip cookies come in all shapes and sizes, but are similar in how they are made. There is the flour, sugar, butter, eggs, vanilla and, of course, the chocolate chips. All these ingredients work together to form the chocolate chip cookie.

The human body can be compared to a chocolate chip cookie, with many ingredients, yet making up something much bigger than the individual parts. The Church is like that as well, or at least it should be. Paul compares the Church to a human body in 1 Corinthians 12 when he says, “For just as the body is one and has many members...so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit”. Paul was writing to a church that wasn't operating as one unit. The Jewish Christians thought they were better than the Gentile Christians. There were racial distinctions as well as social and economic distinctions. Paul was encouraging the Church at Corinth to throw all of those differences away, because they were one in Christ.

Just as the ingredients in a chocolate chip cookie exist in the cookie, so we exist in the church. The ingredients were baked to form the chocolate chip cookie, and we were baptized to form the Body of Christ (the Church). What are the unimportant ingredients in a chocolate chip cookie? What if we left out the flour or the sugar? I'm guessing the cookie wouldn't turn out as well. Too much of one ingredient or not enough of another throws off the balance of the entire chocolate chip cookie. The chocolate chip can't say that it is the star and the other ingredients don't matter. In fact, it's the ingredients you can't see in the finished product that are most vital to the chocolate chip cookie. The liquid ingredients (vanilla, eggs, & butter) hold all the other ingredients together.

The same is true with our bodies. The foot may not be able to play the keys on a piano, but without the feet, the hands will never get the chance. If we were all a hand, we would look like the hand from the Hamburger Helper commercials. The ear is shaped in a way to gather sound, but not to chew gum. If our noses were turned upside down, we would drown in the rain. No part of the human body is insignificant and no part of the Church body is insignificant either – every role is important.

Paul lists several roles in the Church. He starts with the “chocolate chip” role and goes on from there. Some jobs in the Church have a little more flash, and some jobs are more behind the scenes, but all are vital to the health of the Church Body. Without helpers, meal preparers, ushers, hospitality coordinators, janitors, decorators, administrators, teachers, musicians, etc. we would be nowhere.

Where do you fit in? Are you trying to be a chocolate chip when you are flour? Evaluate your role in the life of the Church. What is your gift? Are you performing at maximum potential? Where can you step in (or step back) to make the Church healthier? We each have a role to play in the larger picture. Will you commit with me to find your place in the life of First UCC? We are about the work of Christ because the Church is one with Christ.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

Annual Meeting Preview

As stipulated by our Constitution, we are to gather as a congregation on the first Sunday in March -- this year the 6th -- for an Annual Meeting. Business to be conducted includes a review of 2015, plans for our future, adoption of the 2016 budget, and election of Finance Committee and/or Consistory members. The March 6th 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,

2016 Annual Report

Copies of the **2016 Annual Report** will be available in the back of Church beginning Sunday, February 21. If you would like a copy of the report mailed to you, please call the Church office.

Due to our Wednesday night Contemporary Services and the Lenten Ecumenical Services on Wednesday for Lent, **First Choir's rehearsal** has been changed. The new schedule is below.

LENTEN CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
No Choir 2/10
Thursday 2/18 @ 6:30
Tuesday 2/23 @ 6:30
Wednesday 3/2 @ 5:30
Thursday 3/10 @ 6:30
Tuesday 3/15 @ 6:30
Back to Wed. on 3/23

New Member Sunday

On Sunday, February 28, we will be receiving new members into our Church family. We'll receive members at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services by Affirmation of Faith; by Letter of Transfer from another Church; or by Reactivation of Membership, if you were at one time a member of our Church. Please call the Church Office at 643-8387 or let Pastor Bill know if you would like to become a member of First U.C.C. on the 28th.

Welcome



Save the Date! Chili & Soup Dinner

Christian Fellowship is hosting a Chili & Soup Dinner on Wednesday, March 2nd. Dinner will be served from 4:00-6:15 p.m. Homemade chili and soups will be available along with bread, beverage, and dessert. Cost: free-will donation. Coffee and desserts will be served following the Ecumenical Lenten service, which we are hosting this evening. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of Church soon for anyone who would like to donate a dessert, bread or rolls or help with set-up or clean-up. All in the community are invited for wonderful food and fellowship!

2016 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, there will be two services: 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Lenten offering supports the Salvation Army, Neighbor in Need, 6:8 Ministry, and the Good Neighbor Clinic.



February 10: Ash Wednesday
(Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes)
St. John's Lutheran-Prairie du Sac
1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Preacher: Pastor Marlow Carrels

February 17
First Presbyterian Church

Theme: *24 Hours: The Last Supper*
Preacher: Pastor Doris Simpson

February 24
St. John's-Leland
Theme: *24 Hours: Garden of Gethsemane*
Preacher: Pastor Bill Kapp

March 2
First U.C.C.-Sauk City
Theme: *24 Hours: Condemned by the Righteous*
Preacher: Pastor Erich Hartenberger

March 9
Concordia U.M.C.

Theme: *24 Hours: Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate*
Preacher: Pastor Kendall Schlittler

March 16
Black Hawk U.M.C.

Theme: *24 Hours: Torture & Humiliation of the King*
Preacher: Pastor John Smith



March 20: Palm Sunday
First U.C.C.
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



March 24: Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service
First U.C.C.
7:00 p.m.



March 25: Good Friday
St. John's Lutheran Church
1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
First U.C.C.
7:00 p.m.



From Margaret McFarlane

♥ Our "Bowling Bash" was a success! Nineteen people (10 bowlers, 9 spectators) joined us for the fun!

♥ We welcome Samuel, Kaitlin, and Jonathan Morgan to our Sunday School "family".

♥ A new schedule of candlelighters will be sent home with the February. Please call me at 643-6327 if your child would like to light candles at a Sunday service but did not sign up.

♥ Students who volunteered to "Greet" on their Time and Talent sheets have been assigned to the third Sunday of the month.

♥ The Sunday School Choir sounded great on January 17. We will be singing again on Sunday, February 21, at the 10:30 service. Students in Grade 4 will do something special before the choir sings.

♥ Looking ahead:

♥ Sunday School classes will not be held on Sunday, March 6, due to the Annual Meeting. There will be a nursery available and a movie for school age students.

♥ Palm Processional: Sunday, March 20, at 10:30 service.

♥ Annual Easter Party, Saturday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m.

♥ Watch for future details!

♥ March will be Church camp month. We will start our donation fund for summer campers.

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"UNBREAKABLE"

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

First U.C.C. 5th-8th Graders

The Wisconsin Dells Youth Quake is scheduled for February 19-21, 2016 at The Wilderness. First UCC youth grades 5-9 are invited and encouraged to attend. These retreats focus on faith, fun and fellowship. The theme for this year's event is "*Unbreakable*" based on 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. Brian Wallace will be the featured speaker, and 100 White Flags will provide the music. Our group will participate in the Youth Encounter program (celebrations & workshops) as well as do our own thing (water park fun). Confirmants can also earn 10 sermon notes by participating.



CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

First United Church of Christ
January 21, 2016

Present: *Rose Kleinert (president), Pastor Bill, Debbie Tschudy, Tom Litscher, Tim Herbrand, Mark Pierick, Don Larsen, and Amanda McFarlane*

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Bill

PASTOR BILL'S REPORT: (a) Pastor Bill will be serving on the Wisconsin Conference Board of Directors. (b) German adults coming in the fall. (c) Fellowship night continuing to go well. (d) Pulpit Exchange: January 24th - Pastor Bill at Black Hawk. (e) Stewardship Campaign: 37 households pledged for 2016. (f) Youth Retreat: February 19, 20, and 21. (g) Host Lent service and Chili Supper on March 2. (h) Pastor Bill on vacation from March 28-April 4. (i) Sabbatical time (2 months): July 11- September 5.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve by Don, second by Debbie, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: (a) AED is hung on the wall in the back of church. (b) 3 dead trees taken down in the park.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: (a) Coffee Fellowship January 24. (b) February 21st is Women's Sunday. (c) Chili Supper is

March 2nd. (d) Sunrise service on March 27th (Easter).

FINANCE: Meeting on February 9th.

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY: Wonderful group actively making visits.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHURCH YOUTH PROGRAM: (a) Appreciative of all who helped with the Christmas Program and joined in cleaning up on the 13th. (b) Thanks to all who donated to the Harvest Home Table. Thank you to the Kapp family for delivering the items to the Food Pantry. (c) Bowling Party: 19 present; 10 bowlers. (d) Collecting donations during Lent for the Mexican Children's Refuge. (e) Annual Swimming Party will be in April since the Easter party will be in March. (f) First Wednesday of the month: youth night.

Old Business: (a) Discussion of Women's Restroom in Fireside Room. (b) Discussion of electrical changes in basement.

New Business: (a) Discussion of Annual Meeting Agenda.

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Amanda, motion carried.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Bill



[If you use Facebook, please think about being "our friend" at First United Church of Christ-Sauk City.](#)

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

January 12, 2016 Minutes
From Dianna Woerpel

Christian Fellowship opened with a prayer by Pastor Bill.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Christmas decorating done on November 28th, led by Tammie Huerth and Kathy Johnson with many helping hands. Blue and Silver theme. Undecorating done on January 9th, again with Tammie and Kathy leading the way and several others pitching in. New decorating - Epiphany theme... "Lights".
2. Christmas Craft & Bake Sale made \$585.50 to go towards General Fund.
3. Thank you note from Food Pantry for donation of \$250.00
4. New leader of Christian Fellowship, Dianna Woerpel, trying to replace Deb Tschudy who has led group for 10 years. Thanks to Deb.
5. Name change: "Committee" has been dropped from end of Christian Fellowship. It is not a committee but a volunteer gathering of church members helping to promote fellowship in our church for everyone. Come join us!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pulpit Exchange will be January 24th with Coffee Fellowship between services.

2. Written guidelines for coffee fellowship would help when new members are helping. Will check with Deb re: writing up guidelines.
3. Women's Sunday will be February 21st at both services. Planning will start and volunteers will be needed for the services.
4. Chili & Soup Lenten Supper will be March 2nd. Emily Fuchs and Shirley Lendved will chair.
5. Easter Sunrise Service will be March 27th at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Fritz Wyttenbach will organize. No 8 am service. More details next month.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 9th, at 6:30 p.m. Remember ~ **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OFFER IDEAS AND HELP.**



Joyful Gifts

"Jesus loves the little children;
red and yellow; black and white;
they are precious in His sight."

We invite you to fill the bassinette in the back of church with new and gently-used clothing for children ages Newborn to 5 years old. We continue to collect: sleepers, pajamas, socks, onesies, underwear, and diapers. This project is in conjunction with Sauk County Human Services. The clothes will go to children who are being placed outside of their homes.



ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!

We have an opportunity from Lifetouch Church Directories & Portraits! They are willing to come back to our church for a photo session for any new members and families or members who were not able to have their picture taken at our previous sessions.

We need **15 members, new members, or friends** to commit to have their picture taken to schedule a new session at our church.

Please let our church office know if you are interested.

DEADLINE for notification is MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29.



Smile!!

Our casual, contemporary service on Wednesday nights at 5:30 is fun, come-as-you-are, and lasts 30-40 minutes. Everyone is invited to join us! We are looking for people to help with the music. If you play an instrument or sing and like contemporary Christian music, come be a part of the team! We would love to put together a praise team or band—commitment level is your choice. Sign up for one service or many, solos or groups. Or just let us know you are interested!

A big thank you to **Kristy Litscher** and **Theresa Grimes** for coordinating this wonderful service and leading us in worship every Wednesday. Your dedication to this contemporary service is truly appreciated by many!

Don't have time for dinner before coming to the service? A light supper is served in the church dining room from 5:00-5:30. No need to bring anything, just show up for fun fellowship and good food before the service.

For more info, contact: Kristy at: KristeenLitscher@outlook.com or 643-6199; Theresa Grimes, Pastor Bill or the church office.



With Appreciation To

From Christian Fellowship

Thank you to **Rose Kleinert, Sherry Pieper, Larry & Kathy Johnson, Carol Hehenberger, and Tammie Huerth** who took time out of their busy schedule to help undecorate the church and decorate for Epiphany. *“You always do a beautiful job of decorating, and the church always looks so nice!”*

A special thank you to **Rose Kleinert, Megan Morgan, Rhonda Pierick, and Fritz Wyttenbach** for chairing our coffee fellowship on Pulpit exchange Sunday, January 17. Everyone enjoyed all the wonderful treats you brought.

Thank you to **Rose Kleinert, Jodi & Kenzinton Kleist, and Ed & Rita & Morgan Larsen** for helping at the Food Pantry on Saturday, January 16.



Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Someone loves you,
Here is a clue.

Read John 3:16



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. The cost of sponsoring a radio broadcast is \$75.00, and the cost of sponsoring a monthly *SCOOP* is \$50 (cost of paper and postage). There are a lot of openings!



The Salvation Army helps the less fortunate in so many ways: with fuel and electric bills, with health care supplements, with food and shelter, and with disaster relief. Our thanks to everyone from First UCC and the Sauk-Prairie community who helped in this year's kettle drive. **\$7,208.47** was collected in December by our many volunteers. Congratulations and thank you!

As a fundraiser, the Sunday School will continue to sell **Culver's gift cards**. Why not buy a card for yourself or they, also, make great gifts. Our Sunday School earns 15% of each sale. There are order forms in the library or e-mail your order to:

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com

Memorials Report

Memorials were received in December
in loving memory of:

Marianna Regier
Gladys Rieke



Radio Ministry

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

There were no sponsors this month.

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

February Ushers

8:00

Laura Kapp
Jacob McCaulley
Russ & Sherry Pieper

10:30

Jacob & Ben Kapp
Dave & Shirlee Lendved

Attention Ushers and New Members

★★★ If you want to be added or deleted from the 2016 schedules,
please contact the Church Office as soon as possible. ★★★

Wednesday Fellowship Night at First U.C.C.



- *Casual Dinner in Dining Room: 5:00 p.m.
- *Contemporary Worship Service: 5:30 p.m.
- *First Choir: 6:30 p.m. (Schedule will change during Lent)(See pg. 2)
- *Youth Night: First Wednesday of the Month

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SCOOP



Jesus Loves Me!

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.**

February 2016

- 8 † Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 9 † Christian Fellowship: 6:30 p.m.
† Finance Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- 10 † Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Prairie du Sac:
1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- 14 † ***"Happy Valentine's Day"***
- 17 † Ecumenical Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church: 6:30 p.m.
- 18 † Consistory: 6:30 p.m.
- 21 † Women's Sunday
† Coffee Fellowship between Worship Services
† Sunday School sings at 10:30 Worship Service
- 24 † Ecumenical Lenten Service at St. John's Lutheran Church-Leland:
6:30 p.m.
- 28 † New Member Sunday ~ both worship services

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:** 9:10-10:15 a.m.;

Adult Bible Study: 9:10-10:15 a.m.