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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

One of the components of church that I have really enjoyed throughout my life is participating on mission trips. My first mission trip happened in July 1987 when I was 18 years old. I was a recently graduated senior looking forward to attending the University of Missouri in the fall. My youth group at St. Lucas UCC in Sappington, MO decided to visit Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. We ran a daycare that week and there are many personal highlights and wonderful memories from that experience.

As pastor of First UCC Sauk City, I have been privileged to lead groups to Biloxi 7 times:

2007 – Our mission group stayed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Biloxi because Back Bay Mission was under re-construction at the time after Hurricane Katrina. Home restoration was the focus.

2008 – Our group stayed in temporary housing on the Back Bay Mission campus while re-construction was going on. We worked at a house on Bohn St. replacing the flooring.

2009 – Sauk City youth traveled with German youth down to Back Bay Mission that year. We did a lot of painting that week and had deep conversations about poverty in Germany and in the U.S.

2010 – Our group did demo on the inside of a home. We removed all the plaster and lathe from the walls and ceilings of the house. We filled a couple of dumpsters & got the house ready to be re-wired.

2012 – Our mission group re-sided a house in Gulfport and put in new flooring. We made great headway and worked extremely well together and exceeded the expectations we had.

2014 – Our mission group worked on preparing walls for painting. It was a lot of sanding. We worked side-by-side with the home owner and it was gratifying to see the progress during the week.

2016 – Our mission group worked on re-siding a home as well as making needed repairs. We bonded well with the homeowner and her son, who was involved in many facets of our work.

We have another trip planned to Back Bay Mission June 16-24, 2018. We will have room for 20 people in our mission group. We don't know what the work project will be, but based on previous trips, we'll have a meaningful experience at whatever we do. The work we do at Back Bay Mission is the most important aspect of the mission trip. That's why we go. And yet, there are other benefits as well. A comradery and unified spirit develops within the group and we have a lot of fun together.

There will be an organizational meeting February 18 for people interested in learning more about this year's mission trip. We will gather in the education building basement kitchen after the 10:30am worship service. We will discuss the trip, fees & fundraising activities.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

2018 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.

February 14: Ash Wednesday

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

Preacher: Pastor Fred Rilling

February 21

First United Church of Christ

Theme: *"I Am the Bread of Life"*

Preacher: Pastor Kendall Schlitter

February 28

First Presbyterian Church

Theme: *"I Am the Light of the World"*

Preacher: Pastor Erich Hartenberger

March 7

Concordia U.M.C.

Theme: *"I Am the Door"*

Preacher: Pastor John Smith

March 14

St. John's Lutheran Church-Leland

Theme: *"I Am the Resurrection and Life"*

Preacher: Pastor Bill Kapp

March 21

Black Hawk U.M.C.

Theme: *"I Am the Vine"*

Preacher: Pastor Doris Simpson



March 25: Palm Sunday

First U.C.C.

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



March 29: Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service

First U.C.C.

7:00 p.m.



March 30: Good Friday

St. John's Lutheran Church

1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

First U.C.C.

7:00 p.m.

April 1: Easter Sunday

"JESUS
IS
RISEN!"

Sunrise Worship Service: 6:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

No Sunday, Confirmation, Bible Study classes today.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting Preview

As stipulated by our Constitution, we are to gather as a congregation on the first Sunday in March -- this year the 4th -- for an Annual Meeting. Business to be conducted includes a review of 2017, plans for our future, adoption of the 2018 budget, and election of Finance Committee and/or Consistory members. The March 4th 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.

2018 Annual Report

Copies of the **2018 Annual Report** will be available in the back of Church beginning Sunday, February 18.



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. \$8,974.23 was collected in December by our many volunteers. Congratulations and thank you!!!



Our casual, contemporary service on Wednesday nights at 6:00 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 5:30-6:00. No need to bring anything, just show up for fun fellowship and good food before the service.





First UCC Youth Stock Sale

Youth from Sauk City First UCC will be attending Quake 2018 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells February 9-11. As of now we have 20 spots reserved for the retreat (16 youth and 4 adults).

Pastor Bill

Female Adult Chaperone #1

Male Adult Chaperone #1

Male Adult Chaperone #2

Charlie Bachhuber

Jack Bachhuber

Klaire Baier

Chris Blankenship

Keagan Gulden

Harrison Haas

Hogan Haas

Isaac Homar

Abby Kerl

Morgan Larsen

Sam Logterman

Ella Midthun

Emilia Pape

Joe Steuber

Jackson Rasmussen

Evan Roberts

We need to raise funds to cover the costs not paid for by the youth's retreat fees - \$1685 to cover the costs for the adult leaders, rooms, and food.

We are selling First UCC Youth Stock at \$25 per share. Each shareholder will receive an official certificate as well as an invitation to attend a shareholder's luncheon a month after the retreat. The youth will provide detailed reports and analysis of their experience at the luncheon.



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).



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

♥ Our "Bowling Bash" was a success! Thirty-three people (22 bowlers, 11 spectators) joined us for the fun!

♥ A new schedule of candlelighters will be sent home with the February letter. 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 21. We will be singing again on Sunday, February 18, at the 10:30 service. Students in Grades 2 & 3 will do something special before the choir sings.

♥ Looking ahead:

♥ Sunday School classes will not be held on Sunday, March 4, due to the Annual Meeting. There will be a nursery available for students during 9:00 Church and a movie during the meeting.

♥ Palm Procession: Sunday, March 25, at the 10:30 worship service.

♥ Annual Easter Party: Saturday, March 31, at 1:00 pm.

♥ Watch for future details!

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



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.

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.



First Choir News!

As you read this, Lent will begin in two weeks, spring is just around the corner and Easter will be here shortly! As we travel through the Lenten season, First Choir continues to enjoy making music to the “glory of God!”

In addition to our regular schedule, please plan on attending our 7th Annual First Choir Concert on May 20th at 7:00 p.m.! I would like to extend an invitation to any and all to come and join us to help make our worship as musically fulfilling as possible.

As the Ecumenical Lenten Services begin Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., First Choir will not rehearse on Wednesdays during Lent, but will resume Wednesday rehearsals in April. This will allow members to be able to get to the Lenten services. Starting on April 4th, we will move back to Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. First Choir will be singing at the Lenten Service at First Church on Wednesday, February 21st. Rehearsals during Lent will be decided by the choir.

I would like to thank everyone for his or her continuing support of our music ministry here at First Church.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

After a lengthy hiatus, a new Stewardship Committee has been formed and held its first meeting on January 17.

Members of the committee include:

Scott Frosch
Pastor Bill Kapp
Shirlee Lendved
Sherri Roberts
Terry Steuber
Marcy Thurwachter

The committee will meet monthly and is currently working on a mission statement, identifying needs of the congregation as well as current strengths, and methods to engage First Church's members.



Consistory Agenda

First United Church of Christ

Thursday January 18th

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

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in February Scoop
- Vacation request for April 16-23, 2018
 - Theresa move to approve, Dean 2nd, motion passes
- Phone system is with Frontier and contracted until August. May re-evaluate service at that time.
 - Dean will explore physical phones used in office and updated options.
- Marcy moves to accept, Tom 2nd, motion passes

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Men's room needed small maintenance that Dean was able to fix on his own.
 - Flashing from roof blew off in the wind this week.
 - Boilers need to be inspected before the end of February. Chris Garcia has an appointment scheduled.
 - Discussed shed project and need for cement foundation. We will need to wait for spring to pour cement and need to measure required amount from lot line for accurate placement.
 - Tree by parking lot needs attention as it appears to be dying.
 - Storage room off kitchen – request for attention to clean up and organize.
 - Discussion of next project. Agreed flooring needs to be finished. Congregation has already approved to fund expenses to complete during a previous Annual Meeting.
- Christian Fellowship
 - See report in February Scoop
 - Theresa move to approve, Shirlee 2nd, motion passes
- Finance
 - No financial statements to approve at Consistory.
 - Meeting scheduled for early February.


- Discussed moving funds, \$45,000, from Money Market (Morgan Stanley) to a CD at a higher rate in a staggered timeframe.
 - Mark move to approve, Dean 2nd, motion passes
- Members in Ministry
 - Actively making visits
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See report in February Scoop
 - Youth Program
 - Event held on January 10th on drug and alcohol prevention and awareness
 - Theresa move to approve, Shirlee 2nd, motion passes
- Stewardship
 - First meeting with 5 members to begin discussions and work.
 - Next meeting February 20.
 - See announcement in February Scoop.

Ongoing Business Update

- Summer Service
 - Radio station has a new owner who can work with us this summer to broadcast 9:00 AM for summer.
 - Discuss moving to one service at 9:00 AM for summer from June 3 – September 2, 2018.
 - Tom move to approve, Kurt 2nd, motion passes
- New Consistory nominee
 - Tom's 2nd term ends at Annual Meeting.
 - Don and Mark will continue to serve 2nd terms.
- ALICE (Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training
 - Mark move to host ALICE training, Marcy 2nd, motion passes
 - Inquire about a secure entry system for schools and the 4K program in our education building.
- Phone service
 - See notes in Pastor Bill's Report above.

New Business Issues

- 4K program has voluntarily increased rent and assist with numerous projects. This is a valued relationship for our Church.

 Chris move to adjourn, Theresa 2nd, motion passed

 Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Next Consistory Meeting: February 15th

Dear Consistory Members,

The season of the Church year known as Epiphany is now upon us. During this liturgical season we come to understand that the baby Jesus was born not just for a select few (good church folk) or for a select religious tradition (Jewish).

The visit of the three kings signifies that the Messiah has come for all people. Epiphany is seen in some ways as a continuation of the Christmas season, and together they last 40 days. The three main events focused on during the Epiphany season are the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and Jesus' miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

It is my hope during this season of Epiphany that we continue to understand and appreciate that Christ was born for all of God's children.

In terms of my January 2018 consistory report:

- 1.) Frontier technician visited First UCC on 12/22. He has tested wires and has deemed our phone system in perfect working order. I disagree with the tech's assessment because the 4K has to go to Bridges Elementary in order to receive their faxes and we used to receive a number of "junk mail" faxes every morning on the office floor that we don't receive anymore.
- 2.) Pastor Bill will lead worship services at Maplewood and The Pines on 1/18.
- 3.) Week of Christian unity observed Jan 15-21. I will preach at First Presbyterian and Student Intern Derek Rosenstiel from St. John's Lutheran PdS will lead worship at our church.
- 4.) Youth retreat is February 9-11 at the Kalahari. We have spots for 20 people from First UCC – 16 youth and 4 adults. I'm still looking for an adult male chaperone.
- 5.) Lent begins February 14 with Ash Wednesday services at St. John's Lutheran PdS. Our church will host the Lenten service on Wednesday 2/21 in conjunction with the Chili and Soup Supper.
- 6.) There will be a Mission Trip organizational meeting on Sunday February 18 after the 10:30am worship service. First UCC is scheduled to be at Back Bay Mission June 17-23. We will depart from the church on Saturday June 16 at 8am and return Sunday June 24 at 4pm.
- 7.) I would like to request a week of vacation April 16-23. I will be gone Sunday 4/22 and will need to find coverage for that Sunday.

Blessings,
Bill

Christian Fellowship Minutes

Attending: Pastor Bill, Deb Tschudy, Diana Woerpel, Peggy Ganser, Charmaine Carter and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

*Happy New Year! This year we would like to trial meetings **every other month**. Our next meeting will be held on **March 13th** at 6:30 pm – all are welcome to attend.*

Reviewed December events. We had a great year; thank you to everyone!

Upcoming

January

- ✓ January 21st (pulpit exchange) - **Coffee Fellowship** between services, sign-up sheet located in the narthex
- ✓ January 20th - **Food Pantry 9-11 am**

February

- ✓ February 9th & 10th - **Youth retreat (Kalahari)**
 - Christian fellowship will donate \$1,000 to help support this very important youth ministry, thank you to all our organizers and volunteers
- ✓ February 11th – **Coffee Fellowship** between services, sign-up sheet to be in the narthex
- ✓ February 14th – **Ash Wednesday**

*The 2018 chili/soup supper will be held on **Wednesday, February 21st** serving from 4:30 -6:15 pm in the church basement. Emily Fuchs and Shirlee Lendved will be chairing this event. Watch for updates in the narthex. Thank you Emily & Shirlee.*

March

- ✓ March 4th – **Annual Meeting (9:00 am service)** coffee and donut holes will be provided prior to meeting
- ✓ **March 13th** – **Christian Fellowship meeting 6:30 pm**
- ✓ March 25th – **Palm Sunday**
- ✓ March 29th – **Maundy Thursday**
- ✓ March 30th – **Good Friday**

Looking ahead

- Easter Sunday, April 1st
- Women's Sunday, April 22nd
- Church cleaning day, Saturday, April 28th 9:00 - noon
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We continue to explore fellowship fun (outings):

Zoo, baseball game, theater event, flower gardens If you have ideas or suggestions, please come join us at our next meeting.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 13th, @ 6:30 pm



From Christian Fellowship




Thank you to **everyone** who helped take down and put away the Christmas decorations. Very special thanks to **Tammie Huerth** and **Kathy Johnson** for always making things look beautiful.




Thanks to **Sherry Pieper**, **Jane Litscher**, and **Emily Fuchs** for helping to make our pulpit exchange coffee fellowship a success. Our next coffee fellowship is February 18th.

SCOOP

Thank you to **Cathy Brewer**, **Donna Cruse**, and **Micki Cruse** for their continued help with the monthly SCOOP!

 **Sauk Prairie School Students In Need:** THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated! February's items are individual fruit cups and new brushes, combs, headbands, and barrettes. Perhaps as you are out shopping, you could purchase a couple of these items. Thank you in advance for helping our students in need.

 **2018 Ushers:** We are looking for people who are interested in ushering at either worship services in 2018. Please contact Rita Larsen at 963-1748 or rita.larsen16@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information. Thank you!

 **Joyful Gifts:** 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 are collecting all types of clothing: sleepers, pajamas, socks, onesies, underwear, and diapers. This project is in conjunction with Sauk County Human Services. The clothes go to children who are being placed outside of their homes.



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Jesus loves me! This I know!

February 2018

- 5 † Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 8 † Family Fun Night: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 9-11 † WI Dells Youth Quake Retreat
- 11 † Coffee Fellowship
- 14 † "Happy Valentine's Day"
- † Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Lutheran Church-Prairie du Sac: 1:00 and 6:30 p.m.
- 18 † Sunday School sings at 10:30 Worship Service
- 21 † Chili-Soup Supper: 4:30-6:15 p.m. We, also, host the Ecumenical Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.
- 22 † Consistory: 6:30 p.m.
- † 12 Step Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
- 28 † Ecumenical Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church: 6:30 p.m.

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.

Memorials Report

Memorials were received in January
in loving memory of:

Lucile Gasner



Radio Ministry

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

George & Julie Perry, in celebration of
of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Rod & Carol Hehenberger, in loving
memory of Carol's mother, Luella
Jensen.

Anniversaries

Clyde & Ethel Pellett, 30 years on February 6

Brian Anderson & Beth Martinka, 20 years on February 14



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
Lois Price
Barb Utley

10:30

Bill Steckelberg
Jamie & Karen Wittwer

Wednesday Fellowship Night at First U.C.C.

*Casual Dinner in Dining Room: 5:30 p.m.

*Contemporary Worship Service: 6:00 p.m.

*First Choir: 6:45 p.m.

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