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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Living in community is never easy. This is especially true when it comes to the life of the church. An incorrect assumption is made that people of the church should always get along in perfect harmony because we are a Christian community. But the fact of the matter is that the people of the church are a blend of different histories, traditions, outlooks and understandings. Disagreements can often arise due to these differences.

Disagreements in the life of the church are nothing out of the ordinary. Conflict has been a part of church life since the earliest days of the Christian church. Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans partly because of conflict that had arisen there. The church in Rome was a mixture of Jewish and Gentile believers. At that point in time they were experiencing significant tensions between these two groups.

In the fourth chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians, Paul urged two women in that church "to be of the same mind in the Lord". Paul wrote the epistle partly because he had heard of quarrels which had broken out in the life of the church. One quarrel in particular had grieved him, since the two women involved were both very dear to him. He wanted Euodia and Syntyche to consider their dispute in a Christian spirit and to come to some sort of an agreement. The two women were among the most active workers in the church, and had been so from the beginning.

Paul wrote his letter to the Colossians because of conflict that had arisen there. It seems the church was coming under the influence of false teachings. Various traditions from different religions were blended to come up with something new. Greek philosophy, cultic practices, Christianity and Jewish speculation were blended together to offer a "fuller" type of spiritual experience. In this letter, Paul presented Jesus as the true Lord of the universe and highlighted love, thankfulness, and forgiveness as the marks of true spirituality.

Disagreements have always been a part of the church. When they arise we must deal with them in a positive Christian way. Jesus taught us in Matthew 18 that when conflict arises, we are to immediately go to that person in the spirit of Christian reconciliation. We are to point out the concern privately and in lowly friendship. The purpose is not to humiliate or condemn, but to gain a brother or sister in Christ. In addition to dealing with disagreement proactively, we must also be willing to forgive. Please remember that we are all forgiven sinners. We are called to offer that same forgiveness to our brother or sister in Christ.

I am excited to be a part of this faith community. We are a healthy congregation comprised of a variety of people with diverse points of view. Let us deal with our disagreements in a positive way, looking to Jesus Christ for guidance and inspiration.

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 3rd -- for an Annual Meeting. Business to be conducted includes a review of 2018, plans for our future, adoption of the 2019 budget, and election of Finance Committee and/or Consistory members. The March 3rd 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.

2019 Annual Report

Copies of the **2019 Annual Report** will be available in the back of Church on Sunday, February 17th.



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).

PREVIEW

2019 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.

March 6: Ash Wednesday

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

Theme: *"Blessed Are You"*
Preacher: Rev. Sally Williams

March 13

First United Church of Christ

Theme: *"Salt and Light"*
Preacher: Rev. Kendall Schlitter

March 20

Black Hawk UMC

Theme: *"Prayer & Fasting"*
Preacher: Rev. William Kapp

March 27

St. John's-Leland

Theme: *"Do Not Worry"*
Preacher: Rev. Doris Simpson

April 3

First United Church of Christ

Theme: *"Judge Not"*
Preacher: Rev. John Smith

April 10

Concordia UMC

Theme: *"Build On Rock"*
Preacher: Rev. Erich Hartenberger



♥ Fun, Float, and Fellowship
Swimming party will be Saturday, March
16...details to follow.



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

♥ 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.

♥ The Sunday School Choir sounded great on January 20. We will be singing again on Sunday, February 17, at the 10:30 service. Students in Grades 5 & 6 will do something special before the choir sings.

♥ Looking ahead:

♥ Sunday School classes will not be held on Sunday, March 3, due to the Annual Meeting. There will be a nursery available for students during 9:00 Church and a movie during the meeting.

♥ 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.

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FROM THE HEART

Thank you to the following members who helped at the Sauk Prairie Food Pantry on January 19th: **Dianna Woerpel, Sami Huerth, Ed & Rita Larsen, Rose Kleinert, Peggy Ganser, Nadene Litscher, Marcy & Steve Thur-wachter, and Chris & Ella Logterman!**

Thank you to **Jamie Wittwer** for cleaning the candle lighters and putting new wicks in them throughout the year!

Thank you to **Rose Kleinert, Dianna Woerpel,** and **Fritz Wyttenbach** for hosting January's Coffee Fellowship on Pulpit Exchange Sunday, January 27th!

The Help Excite Little People Project would like to thank the **Prairie Busy Badgers 4-H group** for their participation. They spent one of their meetings cleaning and organizing items. They also donated many wonderful toys and items for teens. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to this ambition group of youth and their parents!

COMMUNITY 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.

Kid's Companion is in need of companions. Kid's Companion is a local program for children who need extra support in their lives. You are asked to spend one hour a week with the child or if that's not possible than a couple of hours every other week. These children really look forward to seeing their companion and doing activities with them. For some children just another adult in their lives to listen and support them can make a huge difference. There presently are 3 young boys who would love having a companion. For more information on the program or if you are interested in being a companion please call Sharon at 608-370-1698 or Sandy at 608-643-8433.



Dear Consistory,

The Season of Epiphany is now upon us. We celebrate the Magi coming from afar to worship Christ. What an amazing occurrence when you consider that these astrologers were not from the Jewish faith tradition, so they had no idea about the promised Messiah of which the prophets foretold. The Magi saw Jesus' star in the east and they came to worship him. The Magi recognized him as the son of God.

I'm thankful for your leadership in the life of our church and I pray the light of Christ will continue to guide you in 2019.

In terms of my January Consistory report:

- 1.) Youth retreat this weekend. We're leaving church at 4:30pm Friday and we'll return just a little before noon on Sunday. Kurt Schultz will be leading worship. Fundraising is in process to reimburse the church for the retreat costs.
- 2.) Final 2019 pledges turned in – 57 pledges totaling \$122,034. Thanks to the members of First UCC for your generous support of our ministry.
- 3.) 2018 Salvation Army bell ringing campaign netted a total of \$11,411.23. All money and checks have been turned in except for the SPHS NHS. First UCC members rang 12/14 and 12/15 and collected \$2397.
- 4.) Pulpit Exchange January 27. Pastor Erich Hartenberger and I will be switching pulpits that day.
- 5.) Lenten Schedule has been released. First UCC will host Lenten services March 13 and April 3. Pastor John Smith III will participate but First Presbyterian is not able to host. The Soup and Chili Supper will take place Wednesday March 13.
- 6.) I would like to take a week of vacation March 25-31, 2019. First UCC will need pulpit supply for the March 31 worship service.
- 7.) A reservation has been made for First UCC to participate in a work camp at the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS June 21-27, 2020.
- 8.) I've been contacted by our German partners in the Moers Church District. They are looking into the possibility of another youth exchange for 2020/2021. Nothing is official yet, but the wheels are turning. The idea would be that the Wisconsin group would visit Germany July 2020 and the Germans would visit Wisconsin July 2021. My plan is to provide leadership for this exchange and I am hoping to find 4-5 youth from our church willing to participate.

Regards,
Pastor Bill

Consistory Minutes
First United Church of Christ

Thursday, January 17, 2019

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

Absent: Shirlee Lendved and Theresa Grimes

✚ Opening Prayer:

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in February Scoop
- Tax forms to be completed and signed by a church officer
- OCWM goal to be submitted in February
- Youth Retreat this weekend in Wisconsin Dells

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Current Projects
 - Painting of the basement dining room and hearth room by David Bongard should begin very soon and targeted to be completed in March.
 - Re-hanging quilts and new window curtains are part of the final phase of this project.
 - Future Projects
 - Installation of High Speed Internet by TDS Metrocomm. Now set for early spring.
 - Update phone system in offices and 4K rooms.
 - Upgrade audio system to provide better quality audio to the radio station.
 - Filling in of cistern on south edge of parking lot. This coincides with final move of the new storage building.
 - Suggestions for Projects
 - Replace the front 30 foot by 20 (approx.) foot garage landing at the parsonage rental. Will look at mud-jacking to see if that is an option.
 - Repaint the front porch of the parsonage. Will show project to Dave Bongard.
 - Cracking and separation of the wood in the backs of the pews. Will check out a lead on a church wood working shop.
 - Extension of roof rain gutter on West side of Education building. Will request quote from Hasheider Roofing.
 - Repair of stucco finish on South side of Education building and power washing stucco. Looking for contractor with whom to consult.
- Create plan to present signage proposal to congregation for 2019 or 2020 fundraising campaign

- Christian Fellowship
 - No meeting in January
- Members in Ministry
 - Visits are being made
 - New members welcome
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See Sunday School report in February Scoop
 - Collecting ideas for family participation
 - Bowling Sunday, January 27 1:00PM at Rivera Bowl
 - Youth Program
 - Youth Retreat this weekend.
- Stewardship
 - See report in February Scoop
 - Reviewed Affirming and Open recommendation that was received by Consistory
 - New members for the committee
 - No meeting in February and March
 - Time, Talents & Treasures to be updated
 - Request received to promote the Candle light Christmas Eve service and the Sunrise Easter service and breakfast
- Finance
 - Finance meeting
 - Multiple members not able to attend
 - Discussed financial reports
 - Draft of 2019 budget – review again in February
 - Approve financial statements
 - Marcy move to approve, Mark 2nd, motion passed

✚ Ongoing Business Update

- New Consistory Members
- Projects
 - See Maintenance report
- 9:00 Summer Service
 - Mark move to have a 9:00AM service in the summer for June, July, August and 1st weekend in September, Chris 2nd, motion passed

✚ New Business

- Copyright agreements for music. Kristy Litscher handles for the church.
- April meeting is Maundy Thursday. Meeting will be April 25.

✚ Chris move to adjourn, Mark 2nd, motion passes.

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: February 21st

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February 2018

- 4 † Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 7 † Open Mic Night: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 10 † Coffee Fellowship
- 14 † "Happy Valentine's Day"
- 17 † Family Sunday: Sunday School sings at 10:30 Worship Service
- 19 † Finance Committee: 7:00 p.m.
- 21 † Consistory: 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:** 9:10-10:10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9:10-10:10 a.m.

Memorials Report

Memorials were received in January
in loving memory of:

Ruby McFarlane
Marlys Yurowski

Radio Ministry

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

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

Anniversaries

There were 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

Lois Price

10:30

Rick & Jeanann Breininger

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.
- *12 Bible Study: 6:45 p.m.

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