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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

A couple hosted a garage sale and decided to put out a mirror they'd received as a wedding gift. The reason they were selling it was that it had a gaudy aqua-colored metal frame and they just couldn't find a room in their house where it looked good.

Shortly after the garage sale began, a man (who was looking to decorate his apartment) bought the mirror for one dollar. He was all excited, and he said as he bought it: "This is a great deal – it still has the plastic on it." Then he peeled off the aqua-colored protective covering...to reveal a beautiful gold finished frame underneath.

Lots of people go to garage sales looking for bargains just like that. There's a saying about garage sales: "One person's trash is another person's treasure," but once in a while, someone stumbles upon a treasure that the owner doesn't know the value of.

Jesus encountered many different kinds of people throughout his ministry, especially those who lived on or near the margins. He encountered people who were sick, demon possessed, filled with sin, and totally down and out. And yet, those were the types of people that Jesus gravitated toward. He saw value in all of God's children.

In Luke 7 we read a story about a sinful woman who crashes a lunch party hosted by Simon the Pharisee. The woman was a prostitute and she was completely out of her element in the company of all the religious elite sitting around the table. The woman sought forgiveness for her many sins and wept at Jesus' feet, wiped them with her hair, kissed Jesus' feet and poured expensive perfume on them. It was quite a scene to say the least. Simon mocked her.

Self-righteousness is an ugly thing. It puts a nasty "aqua-colored" film over a person's eyes and makes it so they can't see the inner value in other people's souls. When Jesus looked on such people He didn't see them as they were. He saw them as they could be. To Jesus, sin has always been an ugly aqua-colored film that hides the true beauty underneath. It's an aqua-colored filth that needs to be stripped away to reveal the image of God that it has clouded. When we humble ourselves at the feet of Jesus – when we acknowledge our sin and emptiness - it takes away the film of sin and remakes us in the way God intended.

What do you think Jesus sees when He looks at you? Do you really think He sees only where you've been and what you've done? No. He does see that, but what He really looks at is the beauty of your soul and potential that lies within. He looks on your heart and He waits for you to approach Him in humbleness for Him to remove the film of sinfulness and emptiness from your life.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

Congregational Meeting



Congregational Meeting

There will be a short Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 3rd, after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The Women's Restroom in the Fireside Room is in need of remodeling.

Pastor Bill's Sabbatical

In the event that you need to contact the church while Pastor Bill is on sabbatical leave (after the July 10th worship service through and including September 5th), whether it be someone is in the hospital, needing visitation, funeral arrangement or any issues you deem necessary, please contact Rose Kleinert @ 370-1306 or any member of consistory. We will help you to the best of our ability.



Congratulations To:

Randy Nachreiner, son of Marcia Nachreiner and Marty Nachreiner, who received the **2016 McFarlane Technical Scholarship**.

&

Emily Matzke, daughter of Daryl & Diane Matzke, who received the **2016 First U.C.C. Scholarship**.



Stained Glass Windows

The last of the large stained glass windows that needs to be repaired yet has been removed from the church. There are at least 6 cracks that will need to be repaired. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause, there are envelopes in the back of church. Thank you to many of our members who have supported this project and the ongoing repairs of our church. It is truly amazing that after this window is completed, all large windows will be done; and we will only have the smaller stained glass windows to repair at some point in the future. Blessings to you all!!!



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

★ Sunday School will not be running their brat stand this summer.

★ Many thanks to those who gave donations for our Camp Fund. We collected \$300. We have 11 campers this year!

Our wishes and prayers for wonderful adventures at camp.

Moon Beach

Heather, Hudson, & June 19
Halden Haas

Pilgrim Center

Jacob and Ben Kapp June 26

Linnea Nachreiner July 24

Libby Nachreiner July 31

Piper Finley August 7

Jan Lawton, Molly & August 7
Clara Shuck



★ **Sunday School Fundraiser:** Do you eat at Culvers? Why not purchase a Culver's gift card to use on yourself. Our Sunday School earns 15% of each sale. Of course, they also make great gifts.

★ Rita Larsen will be helping with the sale of Culver's cards for the Sunday School this summer. You can contact the Church Office at 643-8387 or Rita at 963-1748 or ritalarsen@culvers.com if you want to purchase cards.

★ This year our Church is joining St. John's Lutheran Church in Prairie du Sac for VBS. Their classes will be held August 1st-4th. The schedule for K-6th Grade is 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Classes for Pre-K students are 9:00-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$35 per student, but the First U.C.C. Sunday School will pay half the cost. Please let Margaret know if your children are going at:

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com

If you have questions, contact Abby Bennett at:

abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org





CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
JUNE 16, 2016

Present: Pastor Bill, Tom Litscher, Theresa Grimes (Secretary), Rose Kleinert (President), Debbie Tschudy (Vice President), Mark Pierick, Shirlee Lendved, Chris Logterman, Don Larson

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill's Report: (1) Pastor lifted up the need for help with cleaning up at the end of Chicken Dinner/Friday evening of Cow Chip. Still needing a crew of 4-6 to help take down and return things to church. So far Chris Logterman is willing to help. (2) Went to WI Conference meeting today. Pastor now Assistant Treasurer of the Wisconsin Conference. (3) Celebrated service at Maplewood today. (4) Pastor gone 6/23-6/30 for wedding. Will be here 7/3 and 7/10 for Sunday services. 7/9 funeral. Reviewed upcoming sabbatical. Kurt Schultz to lead worship. Pastor back in office 9/6/16.

Approval of Financial Reports and invoices:
No financial statements to approve.

Committee Reports:

Building & Maintenance: (1) Church park - trim bushes. Need trimmer. Tree roots-cannot do much about. (2) Door in main dining hall - discussed replacing with small, shatterproof window and safety bar on inside of door only. Rose to call George Alt for bid. (3) Parking lot - we are on list. They will call Tim one week prior to start date. (4) Basement Specialist here today. Sump pumps in. (5) Check on parsonage to see if any maintenance needs to be done.

Christian Fellowship: (1) Donated \$150 to Youth Retreat, \$500 to window project. (2) Church Service in the Park 7/10. (3) Men's Sunday 7/24. (4) Church picnic 9/18 - chicken and pork chops will be served - thank you to Galen Alwin for helping with this again, Carol Hehenberger will Chair event.

Finance: No meeting scheduled at this time. Discussed suggestions made by Robin. Some changes to be made to accommodate building and maintenance projects. Motion made by Shirlee, 2nd by Chris, motion carried.

Members in Ministry: Actively making visits and taking communion to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals weekly. They will be making all visits while Pastor is on sabbatical. All are welcome to join.

Stewardship: Needing to reinstate committee. What does the Stewardship Committee do? Focuses on congregational support in way of time, talents, and treasure; educates congregation on what our church needs financially to sustain itself and move into the future; fundraising efforts to name a few. If interested, please see Pastor Bill or a member of the Consistory.

Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth:

(1) Collected \$300 for camp. (2) Rita Larson selling Culvers gift cards as fundraiser throughout summer. (3) Will not have VBS at our church this year - invited to join St. John's in Prairie du Sac 8/1-8/4/16. We have two children attending. (4) Needing someone to help with Youth Group. Theresa unable to lead this year.

Ongoing Business: (1) Downstairs women's bathroom - put in sump pump. Needing a complete remodel. A brief congregational meeting will be held on July 3, 2016 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service. (2) Discussed "Campitol Campaign".

New Business: (1) To replace/upgrade copy machine in church office. Motion made to move forward to purchase by Mark, 2nd by Debbie, motion carried. (2) Looking at bookshelves hymnals/Bibles in balcony. To discuss further at next meeting. (3) Contemporary Worship Service went well throughout the year. Time change to 6:00 p.m. starting in the Fall. (4) Three new white tables will be purchased to replace the old steel tables on third floor. Mark made motion to purchase 3 new tables, Shirlee 2nd, motion carried.

Next Consistory Meeting: Third Thursday in July 21, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mark. Second by Debbie. Motion carried.

Pastor Bill – Closing Prayer

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE
YTD Through May 2016

Actual Expenses: \$81,071.71

Actual Income: \$75,510.75

Net Ordinary Income: (-) \$5,560.96

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Minutes of June 10, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Prayer: Dianna Woerpel

Old Business:

- 1) Summer coffee fellowship: Decision to only have coffee after service and not as much food needed.
- 2) Choir Concert on May 15th: Thanks to Rose Kleinert and Deb Tschudy for helping serve refreshments.
- 3) Mother Child Banquet. As previously decided, proceeds (\$233) plus enough to donate \$500 be donated toward repair of stained glass window.
- 4) Youth Retreat: \$150 donated.

- 5) Men's Sunday on July 24: Mark Pierick will provide sermon. Pastor Bill will help with ideas. Will check with Fritz re: organizing.
- 6) Service in Park on July 10th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.: Need help setting up. List of items needed, etc. will be posted. Pastor Bill will do a tape for radio broadcast. Will check with Jamie re: set up. No coffee fellowship!
- 7) Cow Chip Chicken BBQ: Friday, September 2nd, at 5:00 p.m. Carol Hehenberger will again chair. (Thanks!!) Will need help preparing, serving and cleaning up. (Strong helpers afterwards to get tables, etc. back to church.)
- 8) Church picnic on Sept 18th: Carol Hehenberger and Charmaine Carter will chair. Galen Alwin will again do chicken and pork chops.
- 9) Basement sale: June 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Sue Herbrand in charge.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Motorcycle event on June 26th: Mark Pierick coordinating. Ride to help raise money to repair downstairs Women's bathroom. Sign-up and pledge sheets available.
- 2) Next meeting: July 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Dianna's home.

Prayer led by Pastor Bill



The July 12th meeting of Christian Fellowship will be at 6:30 p.m. at Dianna Woerpel's home.



A Pat on the Back and a Great Big Thank You to:

Congratulations to **Jim Price** and **Doug Larsen**, our 2016 Father's Day recipients of the Culver's Gift cards!



Coffee Fellowship was celebrated every Sunday in June. A big round of applause to everyone who set up/cleaned up, brought goodies, and hosted the fellowship time ~ June 5th: Charmaine Carter and Dianna Woerpel; June 12th: Cliff & Jan Lawton and Rita Larsen; and June 19th: Carol Hehenberger and Dorothy Kundert.

Would you like to volunteer?

The church is looking for anyone willing to volunteer some of their time to keep our church and park beautiful for the summer. Are you willing to pull weeds, dead head lilies, and possibly trim some shrubs occasionally? If so, contact Debbie Tschudy at 608-963-4873. Thank you.



The Queen of Garage Sales, Sue Herbrand, has done it again! A huge thank you to Sue for organizing yet another successful basement sale! She put countless hours into sorting, pricing, and displaying all of the donated items; boxing up the leftovers and donating some of them to other organizations; moving tables back; and leaving the basement spic-and-span. **THANK YOU!**

****Summer Office Hours****

The Church facilities will be locked at Noon through Labor Day, September 5th. Please make arrangements with the Church Office if you need to get in the building in the afternoon.



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JULY 2016 SCOOP



This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Micki Cruse, In loving memory of her beloved Grandmother, Margery Cruse.

There will be Coffee Fellowship for 15 minutes after the 9:00 a.m. worship service every Sunday in July except July 10th.

- 4 **Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!**
- 10 **Worship Service in the Park**
- 12 **Christian Fellowship Committee** – The meeting will be at Diana Woerpel's home beginning at 6:30 p.m. We need new committee members! Everyone is welcome - men and women of the church!! Bring ideas for fellowship activities you would like to help with! Watch for further reminders in Church bulletins!
- 21 **Consistory** – 6:30 p.m.
- 24 **Men's Sunday**

Pastor Bill Kapp

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 8:00–Noon; Saturday: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., and by appointment

Office phone: 643–8387; Home phone: 370–2249

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Cindy Baker

Church Secretary

Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.–Noon

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Sunday Worship:

9:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 & FM99.7)



Have a sensational summer!

Memorials Report

No Gifts were received in May.

Radio Ministry

We thank the June sponsors of our 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship broadcasts:

Ruby McFarlane and her Family,
In loving memory of their beloved family members, Chuck McFarlane and Joan (McFarlane) Hanson

♥ July Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Paul & Midge Beerkircher, 15 years on July 12
Tom and Audrey Zimmermann, 52 years on July 18
Don & Thelma Niederklopf, 65 years on July 21

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in July!
We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50 years.
Please let us know if we missed your birthday or anniversary!

Ushers

July: 9:00 a.m.

Trina, Finn & Seneca Ruyle

August: 9:00 a.m.

Todd, Kim, Adam, Kylie, and
Klaire Baier

Communion Servers

July 3rd: 9:00 a.m.

Theresa Grimes
Don Larsen
Chris Logterman



Celebrate Freedom This Fourth of July