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### **JULY 2017**

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

One idea I've been wrestling with for quite a while is how to get a greater percentage of our church members to step inside our church building throughout any given week. Right now we average about 35% of our total membership who steps foot inside First UCC on a regular basis. People step foot in our church for Sunday worship, Christian education, meetings, choir and contemporary worship. I would love to see that number double in the next five years.

I believe that one way to get a greater percentage of our membership involved is by offering Small Group and Family Ministry opportunities in the life of our church. We can help nurture the Christian faith by engaging people in a small group setting.

We can empower our members to create ideas for small groups that meet their spiritual needs or interests. The sky's the limit in terms of different areas we can pursue. Here are a few examples:

Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Expanded Music (Teen Choir, Barbershop Quartet, Gospel)  
Nine to Dine Dinner Group  
Marriage Enrichment  
30/40 Somethings Fellowship  
Chair Yoga  
Mission Team  
Support Groups  
Immigration Outreach  
Family Fellowship  
Men's Breakfast Group

If you have a special interest in music, art, Bible study, fellowship, family ministry or mission, then maybe you'd consider participating in (or leading) a small group at First UCC. I would appreciate creating groups that meet the needs of the different demographics of our congregation. These groups could meet on a weekly or monthly basis.

A bonus of having this type of small group and family ministry is that it can be offered to the entire community, not just people connected to our congregation. This is important, as our ministry focus is not just about serving the needs of our own, but to everyone within a one-mile radius of our church. A viable faith community has its focus and energy turned outward, ministering to the needs of people who may or may not be associated with a church.

With the Greatest of Hope!  
Pastor Bill



We all will encounter challenging times during our lives. Whatever the circumstance, we often struggle with how to move forward in the midst of grief and despair.

What does the Bible have to say about grief? How can we develop networks of support and encouragement? How can we be a resource to others who are going through similar circumstances?

Pastor Bill would like to form a grief support group within the life of First United Church of Christ. It is a sorely needed ministry, and he thinks it ought to be made available not just for church members, but for the entire community. He envisions a blend of guided Bible meditation, group discussion, personal sharing and prayer.

*GriefShare* will start meeting in July on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday mornings at 10am in the downstairs kitchen of the education building.



## Service in the Park & Picnic

This year's "**Service in the Park**" will be held on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. We will need help before the service setting up chairs, bringing over items from church, and taking down everything after the service.

There will be a **Potluck Picnic** after the worship service. There will be two grills available. A Bouncy House will be set up for the children and youth.

Hope to see you on the 9<sup>th</sup>!



## July "Greet, Meet, & Eat"

This month's gathering will be at Leystra's Restaurant in Sauk City on Tuesday, July 11, at 11:30 a.m. We will order off the menu. All men, women, and friends of First U.C.C. are invited. If you need a ride, call Cindy at 643-8387.



## Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

★ Our Sunday School will be working the food stand for the July McFarnival at McFarlanes' Retail Center. Please stop by for a pork sandwich on Saturday, July 15, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. The Sunday School would appreciate your support. If you can help, please contact Chris Logterman at 279-1231.

★ Many thanks to those who gave donations for our Camp Fund. We collected \$500.00. We have 9 campers this year!

Our wishes and prayers for wonderful adventures at camp.



## Moon Beach

Heather, Hogan, Halden June 18  
and Harrison Haas

## Pilgrim Center

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| Linnea Nachreiner                  | July 30  |
| Libby Nachreiner                   | July 30  |
| Jan Lawton, Molly &<br>Clara Shuck | August 6 |



★ **Sunday School Fundraiser:** Do you eat at Culvers? Why not purchase a Culver's gift card for a friend. They also make great thank-you gifts. Our Sunday School earns 5% of each sale.

★ You can contact the Church Office at 643-8387 or Margaret at: [mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com](mailto:mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com) if you want to purchase cards.





## Scholarship

**Congratulations** to Isaac Pape, son of Bruce and Jennifer Pape, who received the 2017 First U.C.C. Scholarship! Good luck on your educational journey.



**Congratulations** to our 2017 Father's Day recipients of the Culver's Gift cards, **Harland Hartmann** and **Doug Larsen**!



The Church facilities will be locked at Noon through Labor Day, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please make arrangements with the Church Office if you need to get in the building in the afternoon.



## Summer Music Opportunities!

Please contact Denny Kahn at 370-6000 if you would like to volunteer to provide special music at our worship services this summer. We have dates available for summer music through Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Following our summer hiatus, First Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 p.m. Please consider joining us in the fall, if not before!



## 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, under-wear, 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.

**Consistory Minutes**  
**First United Church of Christ**  
WEDNESDAY June 14th, 2017

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

**Guest:** Robin Meier

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Bill

**Finance Questions** – Robin Meier, Guest

1. Review of financial statements and explanation of each report
2. Explanation of line items
3. Review rent and donation from 4K program
4. Introduced ideas for streamlining process for making payments
5. Shirlee motion to provide Tim Homar, as Finance Chair, access and Robin, as accountant, with read-only access to Morgan Stanley monthly statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa. Motion passed.

**Pastor Bills Report:**

1. Consideration of developing small groups to support members and share gifts and talents of the congregation
  - a. Grief support group under consideration to provide a safe place to share and process
2. Immigration study concluded at the end of the May and was a positive and informative experience
3. Conference Annual Meeting
  - a. Resolution at Conference meeting to become an immigrant-welcoming Conference passed
  - b. Pastor Bill completed his term on the Board of Directors for Conference
  - c. Kurt and Mark earned their 3-year Lay Academy Certificate
4. Two weddings in July and one in September. A number of funerals recently.

**Approval of financial statements or invoices:**

1. Mark motion to approve financial statement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirlee, motion passed

**Committee Reports and Updates:**

1. Discussion around requesting meeting minutes submitted to Consistory for review before our meeting to allow for questions and answers to and from committees
2. Reports
  - Building & Maintenance
    1. Review lighting option for sanctuary and needs for equipment and labor
    2. Chris motion to move forward with LED light project, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed
    3. Review bid of concrete lift on entry by Washington Avenue. Can get scheduled and completed soon.
      - a. Mark motion to accept the bid from Duerst and move forward, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, motion passed



4. Gutter issues with downspouts. Mark offered to repair.
  5. Tile in third floor kitchen that were repaired are curling again. Discussed replacing tiles.
  6. Accepted bid from Dean's Masonry for brick pedestal on Washington Avenue.
- Christian Fellowship
    1. Meet, Greet & Eat event was a success
    2. Meeting in July
  - Finance
    1. Mark motion to move a portion of the money in the Morgan Stanley account to an opportunity for a higher interest rate CD at Sauk Prairie Community Bank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris, motion passed
    2. Next meeting will be coming up later this summer.
  - Members in Ministry
    1. Actively making visits and connecting with members.
  - Sunday School/Church Youth Program
    1. \$500 collected for camp and Sunday School donated \$400. We can cover 30% of cost for each camper.
    2. Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM we hold a Food Stand at McFarlane's as part of Friends of Faith with multiple churches sharing information. 1<sup>st</sup> UCC is the only food sales.
    3. 9 youth confirmed on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Ongoing Business Update:**

- Church kitchen bids
  1. Collecting bids and will review proposals when we have them.
- Cow Chip Chicken-Q
  1. Working on lining up help to keep this wonderful fundraising event going

#### **New Business Issues**

- Discussion of ideas around increasing stewardship
- Request from Alcoholics Anonymous to use space for their meetings. Kurt moved to allow use of the space by Alcoholics Anonymous, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark, motion passed

Mark move to close, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Bill

**Next Consistory Meeting:** July 19 @ 6:30 PM



*Thank You*  
*From The Heart*

Dear UCC Friends & Family:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers and thoughtfulness these past months. Sometimes it seems that the power of prayer is all we have to hang on to and keep us going. What a blessing and source of strength to know God is with us every hour of every day.

My son, Rick Patterson, is back home in Franklin, Tennessee. His goal is to get healthy and strong enough for the next surgery in September.

God's blessings to you all,

Carol Hehenberger



**From Christian Fellowship**

June's Coffee Fellowship was celebrated on Sunday, June 4, Confirmation Sunday. A big thank-you to all who helped and brought goodies: Kevin King & Karen DeWitt, Dianna Woerpel, Dorothy Kundert, and Fritz Wyttenbach. It was a joyful morning!



*A Pat on the Back and*  
*A Great Big Thank You!*

**Hugs, Emily Fuchs & Shirlee Lendved**  
**Co-chairs, 2017 Chili-Soup Supper**

A very belated note of appreciation due to several conflicts, but, none-the-less, worthy of bringing the proper acknowledgement. A great big THANK YOU to every person who brought food (soups), mac 'n cheese, and the wide array of breads and desserts!

The kitchen help was simply fantastic! Our "guest greeter" did a beautiful job and fits the role to a T! The "table runners" did a marvelous job and helped in so many ways – carrying trays, cleaning tables, etc. The "beverage servers" were kept very busy!

All the hard work makes for the biggest thank-you ever TO ALL – in any capacity.

We had a wonderful group join us this year, about 115-120. The help each of you gave in any way deserves much credit and many thanks.

Our donations this year totaled \$724.26. Shirlee and I feel happy to have this report for you, and thank you for the privilege to serve in our co-chair capacity for this event.

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## **JULY 2017 SCOOP**



### **Celebrate Freedom This 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

- 2 **Coffee Fellowship**
- 4 **Have a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Office closed**
- 5 ***GriefShare*** – 10:00 a.m. (in the downstairs kitchen of the Education Building)
- 9 **Worship Service in the Park; followed by a Picnic**
- 11 **“Greet, Meet & Eat” Event** – 11:30 a.m. at Leystra’s Restaurant in Sauk City  
**Christian Fellowship Committee** – 6:30 p.m.
- 15 **Sunday School Fundraiser – Food Stand at the July McFarnival at McFarlanes’ Retail Center:** 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Stop by for a pork Sandwich 😊
- 19 ***GriefShare*** – 10:00 a.m. (in the downstairs kitchen of the Education Building)  
**Consistory** – 6:30 p.m.

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

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## **Memorials Report**

Memorial Gifts were received in June  
in loving memory of:

Helen Aspero  
James Becker  
Kimberly Burkee  
Thonetta Hehenberger  
Violet Peterson



## **Radio Ministry**

We thank the June sponsors of our  
9:00 a.m. Sunday worship broad-  
casts:

Ruby McFarlane & Family,  
in loving memory of family  
members, Chuck McFarlane  
and Joan (McFarlane) Hanson.  
Cliff & Jan Lawton, in loving memory  
of their parents, Clifford & Selma  
Lawton and Clarence & Evelyn  
Skogen.  
Cecy Haines, in loving memory of  
her husband, Pete Haines.



## **July Anniversaries In Our Church Family**



Steve & Marcy Thurwachter, 30 years on July 11  
Tom and Audrey Zimmermann, 53 years on July 18  
Don & Thelma Niederklofer, 66 years on July 21

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in July!  
We acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

Sherri, Evan & Diana Roberts

**August: 9:00 a.m.**

Jacob & Ben Kapp and Tom Litscher

## **Communion Servers**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Larry Johnson, Nadene Litscher, and Kurt Schultz



**Have a safe, sensational summer!**