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### **JULY 2018**

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

A person by the name of Bettie was driving home one evening in nasty weather. It was pouring down rain and difficult to see. She blindly followed the taillights of the car in front of her since it seemed to be going in the right direction. Suddenly, the car ahead of her stopped.

Bettie wondered why the car had stopped in the middle of the road like that. She was concerned about being hit from behind, sitting the middle of the road as she was. Then, the lights of the car ahead of her ahead went off! Now Bettie started getting angry. What was this person thinking, stopping in the road and then turning off their lights like that?

Suddenly, startled by a knocking on her window, Bettie looked up to see a man standing in the pouring rain motioning her to open it. She did and asked the guy, "What's the problem? Why did you stop in the road and turn off your lights?" The man calmly told Bettie that they were sitting in his driveway. Bettie had chosen to follow the wrong leader. She had chosen to follow someone who wouldn't take her where she wanted to go.

Often in life we have trouble seeing the road ahead. We lose our bearings and then grasp for something to follow, only to realize later on that this is not where we want to be.

God's chosen people had made it to the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. The people of Israel didn't do it on their own, but had God's help the entire time. The manna sustained them on their journey. The pillar of fire led the way. God's Law gave them a framework of how God's people were to live. God protected them from foreign armies. God showed the people of Israel where to go and what to do. The nation of Israel had it made! All they had to do was trust in God and follow God's ways, and in return, God would bless them and make them prosper.

Unfortunately, once the people of Israel were established in their new homes and living a comfortable life, they forgot about that covenant with God. They chose to establish armies and elect a king, because that's what all the other nations were doing. It wasn't long before they found themselves lost in the dark with no clue where to go.

Following the recent trends or fads sounds like a good idea at the time, but before long we may find ourselves lost and in the dark. There has to be something more substantial to follow. As we try to navigate our way through life, we can always focus on light of Christ to show us the way. His ways will never lead us down the wrong path.

The next time you are faced with a choice about which direction to take, ask yourself this simple question, "What would Jesus do?"

With the Greatest of Hope!  
Pastor Bill



## **First U.C.C. Scholarship**

**Congratulations** to Libby Nachreiner, daughter of Marcia Nachreiner and Marty Nachreiner, who received the 2018 First U.C.C. Scholarship! Good luck on your educational and spiritual journey, Libby!



**Congratulations** to our 2018 Father's Day recipients of the Culver's Gift cards, **Dean Dahnert** and **Harland Hartmann!**

## **🔔 LISTENING SESSION 🔔**

The Stewardship Committee invites all members to a listening session following the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 15. A coffee fellowship will be served.



## **COME ONE, COME ALL!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with moving everything from the church basement to the education building

basement. The dates are: Saturday, July 7, at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, July 10, at 9:00 a.m. The church basement tiling project is scheduled to start July 16<sup>th</sup>, and we need to be ready. We have some light items and a few heavy items; however, we have some moving equipment to use. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Dahnert at (414)303-4499. See you there!



## **First U.C.C. Fellowship Event**

Come and enjoy a Madison Mallards baseball game on Saturday, July 28, at 6:05 p.m. against the Kalamazoo Growlers. Have fun family tailgating in the parking lot before the game at 4:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your grills, fold-up chairs, and games. Tickets are only \$15.

## **Sauk Prairie Community News**

**📦 Stock The Schools!!! Sauk Prairie School Students In Need:** July's items are individual packages of applesauce and backpacks (STURDY with working zippers). There is a box as you come into church to put your purchases in. Thank you to everyone who has donated!

**📦 6:8 Community Meal** is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Time: 5-7pm. Address: 821 Industry Dr., Sauk City. **FREE FOR ALL**. Childcare available.



## Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

★ Sunday School Brat Stand: Join us at McFarlanes' Retail Center for a brat or hot dog on Saturday, June 30, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Sunday School appreciates your support.

★ Many thanks to those who gave donations for our Camp Fund. We collected \$344 and Sunday School donated \$300. We have 6 campers this year!

Our wishes and prayers for wonderful adventures at camp.



## Moon Beach

Heather, Hogan, Halden & Hudson Haas June 17

## Pilgrim Center

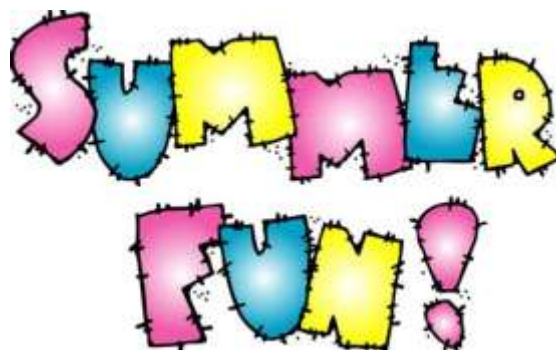
Linnea Nachreiner July 29  
Molly Shuck August 5



★ **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 a portion of each sale.

★ If you want to purchase cards you can contact the Church Office at 643-8387 or Margaret at:

[mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com](mailto:mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com)



Consistory Minutes  
*First United Church of Christ*

Wednesday, June 20th

Attendance: Marcy Thurwachter, Dean Dahnert, Mark Pierick, Theresa Grimes, and Chris Logterman

Absent: Shirlee Lendved, Don Larsen, Peggy Ganser, Kurt Schultz, Pastor Bill

 Opening Prayer: Mark Pierick

 Pastor Bill's Report

- Attending Mission trip this week
- Men's Sunday is June 24

 Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
  - Slater Diedrich tree work completed
  - Microphone and cable updates completed
  - Basement tile project to start July 16 for approximately 2 weeks.
    - Kitchen, dining hall, hearth room all need to be cleaned out for work to start.
    - Aiming for Saturday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 10 to do the work. All able-bodied volunteers needed. Sign-up sheet for after services
  - Elevator inspected June 17 – phone must be repaired to or replaced to have operational permit approved
    - Otis service person will return early July for regular maintenance and test the phone.
  - Chris Garcia reorganizing boiler room and cleaning closet.
  - Southeast corner of Education building gutters need cleaning
  - Window wells on 1913 portion need to be cleaned out
  - Baseboard south of old Madison St entrance needs repair, texture, and painting
  - Discussed unlock/locking of Madison Street entrance for services
- Christian Fellowship
  - No meeting in June
  - Fireside outing June 30
- Finance
  - Review May financial report
- Members in Ministry


- Seeking new members
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
  - Sunday School – See report in July Scoop
  - Brat Stand at McFarlane's June 30 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
  - Youth Program
    - Confirmation was June 3 – 9 Confirmands
- Stewardship
  - Discussion about Contemporary Service
  - Discussion about involving youth in the life the church
  - Next listening session is July 15 – food provided
  - Opportunity to assist with Cow Chip chicken-Q on August 31
  - Discussion of future sustainability of the church
  - Next meeting date pending, likely July

 Ongoing Business Update:

- Ash trees
  - Tabled for next meeting
- Cow Chip
  - Discussion of involving recently confirmed members with this event and other church events
  - Reach out to members to volunteer

 New Business Issues

- Survey – introduce possibility of surveying regarding service options only

 Closing Prayer: Mark Pierick

 Next Consistory Meeting: July 18th

Christian Fellowship has been on hiatus, here is a brief update on what's been happening and coming up:

- ✓ Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:00 am summer services started, we also honored our confirmation class of 2018 - **congratulations!**
- ✓ Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Coffee fellowship.
- ✓ Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - Men's Sunday (and favorite t-shirt) Thank you to the men for leading us in service.
- ✓ Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> - 18 church members will venture to the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson for a 5-course lunch and show. "Women of the church basement, Sequel 2," Food, fun and fellowship is always a must!

Upcoming ...



- Christian Fellowship meeting - July 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm
- Coffee Fellowship - July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Madison Mallards Baseball Game: July 28<sup>th</sup>



- Coffee Fellowship - August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - Cow Chip Chicken dinner (Marion Park)

**Next Christian Fellowship meeting – Tuesday, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30 pm**  
**We are always looking for fresh ideas – come join us. ALL are welcome!**

*Rose Kleinert, Christian Fellowship*





*Thank You*  
*From The Heart*

Thank you for rewarding me with the McFarlane Technical Education Scholarship. It will help me so much as I pursue a career in Early Childhood Education at Madison College this Fall!!

**Love, Kiana Litscher**

To Pastor Bill and all the First UCC members who signed my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday card: My sincere thanks.

**Marie Reuter**

Dear Folks of First U.C.C.: Thank you for the privilege of leading worship with you on Sunday, June 17. You made me feel very welcome as a part of your faith community.

**Blessings and Peace, Alan Timm**

Thank you to all at First U.C.C. for the wonderful cards and get-well wishes and also to those who came to visit. Thank you so much! It meant a lot to me!

**From Patsy Hering**



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

**June's Coffee Fellowship** was celebrated on Sunday, June 17, Father's Day. A big thank-you to all who helped and brought goodies!

A big round of applause to **Mark Pierick, Fritz Wyttenbach, Gary Schlender, Larry Johnson, Dean Dahnert, Kurt Schultz and Denny Kahn** for being part of the 2018 Men's Sunday worship service on June 24. A special thank you to **Fritz Wyttenbach** for his inspirational message ~ "Are You A Fan or Player?"

Thank you to **Dean Dahnert** and **Chris Garcia** for all of the work they are doing in preparation for the basement tiling project.

Thank you to **Deb Tschudy** for the beautiful flower planters outside the Education Building.



# FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## July 2018 Scoop



**Celebrate Freedom This 4<sup>th</sup>!**

*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Randy & Barb Kuhnau & Family, in celebration of Lyle Kuhnau's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, a devoted husband, father and grandfather.*

### July

- 7 **Basement Moving Party:** 9:00 a.m.
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**Christian Fellowship:** 6:30 p.m.
- 15 **Listening Session:** after the 9:00 a.m. worship service  
**Coffee Fellowship**
- 18 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 28 **Madison Mallards Baseball Game:** Madison Mallards against the Kalamazoo Growlers at 6:05 p.m. Come enjoy a time of family tailgating in the parking lot before the game at 4:00 p.m.





## **Memorials Report**

No Memorial Gifts were received in June.

## **Radio Ministry**

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

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.  
Kleo, Gregg, Scott, Joanne, Colin & Cara Harris and Terry & Cindy Steuber, in loving memory of their Parents', Ralph & Doris Steuber, Wedding anniversary.

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

Tom and Audrey Zimmermann, 54 years on July 18  
Dave & Tammy Young, 35 years on July 30

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.**

Chris, Sam, & Ella Logterman

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

Jacob & Ben Kapp  
Cliff & Jan Lawton

## **July 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Servers**

Barb Brock, Peggy Ganser, and Jamie Witter

**Rev. Bill Kapp**  
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