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### **JUNE 2017**

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Rest is an important part of our lives. Webster's Dictionary defines rest as a "bodily state characterized by minimal functional and metabolic activities". As human beings, we need time to relax, sleep, and refrain from taking part in work or activity. We're in a reparative state when we sleep, which helps to restore energy and vitality. Proper sleep patterns typically include eight or more hours of rest a night and can increase our ability to memorize information and concentrate. Each person's rest needs are different depending on diet, stress, genetics, environment and age.

Rest is an important part of a successful fitness routine. Our bodies need time to recover after exercising. As we work out, we place greater strain on our muscles, tendons, ligaments and bones. Our immune system is activated when there are muscle tears or joint strains, but if the body doesn't come out of continual movement, this system doesn't have the time to catch up and start patching everything back up.

Rest is also an important part of our spiritual lives. As Christians, we are called to have Sabbath, time set aside for rest and worship. In Old Testament days, God's covenant people observed the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week because God rested on the seventh day after God created the earth. After the resurrection of Jesus, which occurred on the first day of the week, the Lord's disciples began observing the Sabbath on the first day of the week, Sunday. I've often been asked on what day the Sabbath ought to happen, Saturday or Sunday. I would suggest that there is no set day of the week for Sabbath to happen. It is whenever we are able to take time to focus on our relationship with God. Some of our schedules keep us busy on Sundays, but Wednesdays are free. So maybe that could be your Sabbath day. I tend to take Sabbath time on Monday, because that's a day I try to take off from work so I can focus on personal and family responsibilities.

There are times when we even rest in the life of the church. The program year has drawn to a close. Sunday school, choir, confirmation, adult Sunday school and contemporary worship are taking the summer months off for rest and rejuvenation. Thanks to everyone who help to make these various ministries a reality. It takes a lot of work, energy and effort to make this happen. Our leaders need time to recharge and refocus, so that they are ready to hit the ground running come September. The idea of rest is that we come back stronger after getting some. After 8 hours of sleep we wake up ready to tackle a new day. After taking a couple days off we are ready to hit the weight room again. After taking Sabbath time, we are ready to face the challenges of living in this modern culture. It is my hope that after taking some time off this summer, every member and family connected with our church will be ready to come back and fully engage in the life of our faith community. There is so much opportunity here, so many different programs and ministries that are just waiting for you.

With the Greatest of Hope!  
Pastor Bill

Happy  
Father's  
Day!

***"Blessed is the man who  
lets God lead the way!"***

## **We Celebrate Fathers**

We will honor the fathers of our church on June 18. We'll present Culver's gift cards (to enjoy their favorite ice cream treat) to the eldest and youngest fathers in attendance at each service.

**F**riend

**A**dvisor

**T**eacher

**H**elper

**E**mpathizer

**R**ole model in Christ



Beginning Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, through Labor Day, September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Church facilities will be locked at Noon. Please make arrangements with the Church Office if you need to get in the building in the afternoon. Have a wonderful, happy summer!



## **Confirmation**

The rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, June 4, at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Our 2017 Confirmands are:

Adam Baier  
Ivory Blankenship  
Jade Blankenship  
Tanner Breunig  
Cody Brickl  
Owen Diehl  
Ben Kapp  
Jack Mabis  
Linnea Nachreiner

This is an important time in the life of our young people and in the life of our congregation. All are invited to attend the worship service and rejoice in the commitments made.

*"In Him you have been enriched in every way ~ in all your speaking and in all your knowledge ~ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you."*

I Corinthians 1:5-6

## **Sunday School News**

From Margaret McFarlane



★ It was a fun “Sundae Sunday” for our close of Sunday School. All students received a certificate and treats. Thank you to Amanda, Rose, and the Confirmands that helped serve and clean up.

★ We collected \$1,000 for “The Mexican Children’s Refuge.” Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy project. We met our goal! We give thanks for being able to support the Feierabend’s as their friends build houses in Mexico!

★ The Sunday School choir sounded great on May 21. Many thanks to all who joined in, it was a special way to end the year.

♥ My heartfelt thanks to Pastor Bill, Cindy Baker, and our wonderful Sunday School and Confirmation staff, Amy Bachhuber, Brenna Diehl, Jeanann & Taylor Breining, Jennifer & Brookelyn Cruse, Heather & Hannah Miller, Kim & Kylie Baier, Katie Homar, Jenny Brickl, Kari Larsen, Kiana Litscher, Chris Logterman, Andrea Gavol, Mark Pierick, Theresa Grimes, and Tom Litscher. Thanks, also, to those who substituted or helped out during special programs.

★ Mark your calendars: Sunday School will begin, again, on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

★ Thank you to the staff, parents, and students for a wonderful year! Have a safe summer! May God be with you!

★ We are aware of seven students and two adults going to camp. We are accepting donations to help with their fees.

## **Vacation Bible School**

After much thought, Pastor Bill and I have concluded that VBS will not be held this year. We had only four of our thirty families indicate an interest. Our VBS program would consist of five or six students. It was not an easy decision for us. We pray for a safe and happy summer for our children and look forward to a rewarding 2017-2018 Sunday School year!

## **Sunday School Fundraiser**

On Saturday, July 15, our Sunday School will be working the food stand for the July McFarnival at McFarlanes’ Retail Center. The food sale runs 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact Chris Logterman at 279-1231.

\*Note: The date has been changed from what previously was publicized. The McFarnival is now Saturday, July 15.





**Strengthen the Church:**  
**“Invest In The Vision!”**

THANK YOU for supporting ***Strengthen the Church!*** Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the ***Strengthen the Church*** offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be “church” in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that “***God is still speaking!***”



**Coffee Fellowship**

During the summer months, there will be Coffee Fellowship June 4<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Sunday; July 2<sup>nd</sup>; and August 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be sign-up sheets in the back shortly.



**Summer Music**  
**Opportunities!**

From Dennis Kahn, Music Director

Thanks to all who have volunteered for special music for the summer. So far, several have volunteered, but have not committed to a date as of yet. Please contact Denny Kahn at 370-6000 if you would like to volunteer to do some special music at our worship services this summer. We have dates available for summer music from Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember that our worship services in June-August are at 9:00 a.m. 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!



**“Greet, Meet, and Eat”**

Christian Fellowship is starting a monthly brunch/lunch fellowship time for all men, women, and friends of First U.C.C. The first lunch will be June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Black Hawk Restaurant. We will order off the menu, and everyone will pay for their own lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Come join us for a wonderful time. If anyone needs a ride, contact Cindy at 643-8387.

**Consistory Minutes**  
***First United Church of Christ***  
*Thursday May 18, 2017*

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

Guest: Sandy Larson

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Sandy Larson 10 Minutes

1. How do we feel in the sanctuary? What is missing?
2. Church family always there to lift each other up
  - a. Life groups – small groups of people meeting and talking and supporting each other
  - b. Ideas to create a welcoming atmosphere to encourage participation and volunteering
    - i. Use social media
    - ii. Announce traditional events and ask for volunteers at one time to plan for year
    - iii. Try new activities, songs, etc. and be open to new ideas

✚ Pastor Bills Report:

1. WI Conference annual meeting June 9-11 at Green Lake Conference Center. As a board member, Pastor Bill required to attend each day. June 11 will be Men's Sunday, which helps with the Sunday service that Pastor Bill will not be able to attend because of the conference.
2. Terrorism Risk Insurance Act – It is automatically part of our policy. If declined we save less than \$10/year. Terrorism defined as an international incident. Domestic terrorism already covered, not an added line.
3. Copy Machine – We are reviewing our use of the copy machine and possible options for future contracts.
4. Cow Chip Chicken Dinner – Carol Hehenberger is not planning to be on site for dinner but will still organize, plan, food order etc. behind the scenes. We make approximately \$2,000 each year. We need to find point person for day of dinner, starting around 10:00 AM with preparation/set-up.
  - a. Discussion of how to encourage volunteers to sign-up at this event and other events we host.
    - i. Outline events of Church for year
    - ii. Alternative funding sources need to be explored – such as selling ads, sponsoring radio broadcast, concerts with free-will offering
5. Request to do rummage sale from Sue Herbrand to clean out items still at church. Interested in holding June 22-24. This will be the last sale. Proceeds to support mission trip June 2018
  - a. Mark move to approve rummage sale. Shirlee 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion passes.

✚ Approval of financial statements or invoices

1. Don will ask Robin Meier to meet with us next month.
2. Theresa move to approve financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean, motion passed.

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
  1. One estimate from Sauk Prairie Remodeling for kitchen and waiting for second. Difficult to get contractors out at this time of year to make estimates.
  2. Masonry work has to wait until contractor selected to do rest of kitchen work.
  3. No water in basement since hard rains. It is damp on the entire Washington Street side of basement.
  4. Cement outside side of Church on Madison Street side needs to be raised up via mud-jacking. It has settled in and tilting toward building. This is a high priority project.
  5. Request to trim trees on corner to be able to see Church sign. Re-landscaping could be an option as well. Another sign on Washington Street side is a possibility.
  6. Congregation gave Consistory permission to continue flooring work without additional permissions. Work in the kitchen is good timing to do the flooring work as well.
- Christian Fellowship

1. Mother-Child banquet May 16. Sandy Larson planned program and Fritz Wyttenbach lead meal.
  2. Women's Sunday was April 30. The messages shared were touching.
  3. Dianna Woerpel is looking to step down from leading this committee.
  4. Service in the park is the next event.
  5. No June meeting, but a lunch at Black Hawk Family Restaurant will take place instead.
  6. Members wanted for this committee. Pastor Bill encourages a member from Consistory to be on this committee to also serve as a liaison between Consistory and Christian Fellowship.
- Finance
    1. No report
  - Members in Ministry
    1. Members actively making visits. Flowers from Mother-Child Banquet will be delivered to members visited.
    2. Pastor Bill has had 2 services at Maplewood and 1 at Pines.
  - Sunday School/Church Youth Program
    1. 40 children at Easter Party
    2. Mabel's Mission collected \$1,000, which is the annual goal.
    3. Collecting donations for 4 students attending camp this summer. A week-long camp can cost \$800.
    4. Sundae Sunday is May 21 and the last day Sunday School for the year. 5 students had perfect attendance and 22 had excellent attendance.
    5. Summer food stand at McFarlane's during the McFarnavil on July 15.
    6. No Vacation Bible School this year. Only a few students were able to attend. Students wanting to attend VBS can attend St. John's Lutheran Church. Information will be in the Scoop.
    7. Confirmation is June 4 at 9:00 AM.
    8. Sunday, May 21 is the last session of the Adult Bible Study as well.

#### ✚ Ongoing Business Update:

- Church kitchen bids
  1. See Building & Maintenance Committee notes above.

#### ✚ New Business Issues

### Committee Reports

1. Request to get reports from committees and financial reports in advance of Consistory meeting so that they can be reviewed prior to meeting via email.
  - a. Don will check with Robin Meier about sending the financial report in advance.
  - b. Reinstate stewardship and become active and report out.
  - c. Inquire with committees to see if this is possible.

### Building & Maintenance

1. Mark stepping down as Building & Maintenance Committee chair. He sees a conflict being the chair and president of Consistory.
  - a. Mark nominated Dean Dahnert to be chair of committee, and Dean accepts the nomination, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirlee. Motion passed.

### Head Usher

1. Mark stepping down as head usher. He is responsible for scheduling ushers for 8:00 AM service, train new ushers, and assist during service to make sure all duties are covered.
2. Request for suggestions of members to contact about being head usher.

### Immigration Study Update

1. Informative conversation about history of immigration in scripture and the State of Wisconsin.
2. Attendees often share family's history and experience with immigration.
3. Conference wants our Church to have done the study.

✚ Don move to adjourn, Kurt 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: June 14, 2017 (July meeting will be July 19.)

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

First United Church of Christ  
May 9, 2017

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Bill

**Old Business:**

Easter Breakfast: Fritz Wytttenbach organized and prepared meal with help from many in preparing, serving, cleaning up. Approximately 90 attended. Baked French toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, cheese curds, PEEPS, breakfast Danish, breads, and rolls. Free Will Offering: \$217.

Women's Sunday on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Service prepared by Cecy Haines. Several women did the readings. Charmaine Carter, Sharal Steuber, Fritz Wytttenbach, and Denny Kahn honored women in their lives who made a difference. Flowers on altar honoring women in our church who have died this past year.

Mother Child Banquet: May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, serving at 6:00 pm. Supreme spaghetti, salad and dirt cake. Sandy Larsen will handle program with theme of Garden. \$8.00 charge for adults, \$5.00 for children 4-12, and Children under 4 are free.

Church Cleaning: Referred to Consistory regarding possibility of professional cleaners once a year.

Coffee Fellowship on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Men will bring favorite Mother's store bought cookies.

Fellowship suggestions: Bus to Mallard's game, use Church Park more, Sunday school picnic in park, possibility of movie in Park, monthly lunch get-togethers, outdoor bonfires.

**New Business:**

Service in Park: July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Picnic afterwards - bring own meat and dish to pass.

Coffee Fellowships: May 14<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day), June 4<sup>th</sup>. (Confirmation), July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Men's Sunday: June 11<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School "McFarnival" on July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Chris Logterman,

Brat Stand: August - Tim and Sue Herbrand organizing at Steam show in Baraboo.

Cow Chip Chicken Dinner: Carol Hehenberger will organize but will need others to help do work and be in charge at Park, setting up and taking down. She will attend all meetings, etc. prior but will need others to do much of work!!!

Summer Meetings: Still need them.

Fellowship: Start possible monthly breakfast/lunch for anyone - men and women. Name? "GREET, MEET, AND EAT". First one will be June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Black Hawk Restaurant. Order off menu. Each pay, sign-up sheet. Join for fellowship. If anyone needs ride, let Cindy know.

Dianna would really like someone else to assume leadership for Christian Fellowship. Anyone?

**Closing Prayer**



### From Dennis Kahn

Thank you to all who attended our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual First Choir Concert on Sunday, May 21st! An event like this is not only the music; but all the time and effort spent to set up the church, plan and prepare the fellowship, and clean up afterwards. Thanks to all for helping with fellowship afterwards.

I can't begin to say how much I enjoy working with the choir folks throughout the year. Everyone brings their time, effort and talents to make our music ministry a positive experience. I appreciate how our members are willing to try new things, suggest music and even tell me when something isn't working. I hope this collaborative process can continue for years to come. Thanks, again, to all who make our music ministry a "happy" place to be!

While we will have special music performances throughout the summer, part of me is already looking forward to September when First Choir can "get back at it!" It is my hope that everyone who has been with us returns and that more will entertain the idea of getting involved in music here at First Church.



### From The Heart

#### **Blessings, Cindy Baker**

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, e-mails and phoned; your uplifting prayers; and visits while I was recuperating from my surgery. It meant a lot to hear from all of you! ❤️

### From Christian Fellowship

Many thanks to all who helped with our Mother-Child Banquet "Help God's Garden" and all who came to enjoy "spaghetti supreme" and "dirt cake". Thanks to Fritz Wyttenbach and his helpful crew of men, Pastor Bill, Fritz Wyttenbach, Rod Hehenberger, Larry Johnson, Dean Dahnert, Don Larsen, and Herm Tschudy, for making a wonderful meal and serving it with smiles. Thank you to Sandy Larsen for putting together the program. Flowers were planted in pots and will be distributed to our homebound and nursing home members.

A special thank you to **the men of First U.C.C.** who hosted the Coffee Fellowship on May 14, Mother's Day! The theme of the Coffee was "Mom's favorite store-bought cookies." A special thank-you to **Fritz Wyttenbach**, who organized the event. Wonderful goodies and fellowship were enjoyed by all! It was a special morning celebrating moms!



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## **JUNE 2017 SCOOP**



- 4        **9:00 a.m. Worship Service begins** (through August 27<sup>th</sup>)  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
**Coffee Fellowship**
- 13       **Christian Fellowship “Greet, Meet, & Eat”:** 11:30 a.m. at Blackhawk  
Restaurant. All men, woman, and friends of First U.C.C. are invited!
- 14       **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 18       **“Happy Father’s Day”**

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**“Fathers who walk with God light the way.”**

## **Memorials Report**

Memorials were received in May in loving memory of:

Ivan Hehenberger  
Dave Litscher  
John Shelby  
Jim Becker  
Violet Peterson  
Helen Aspero

## **Radio Ministry**

We thank the May sponsors of our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service broadcasts:

The Steuber/Harris families, in loving memory of Doris Steuber.  
Dean Dahnert, in loving memory of his wife, Bonnie Dahnert.  
Liz Bongard, in loving memory of her husband, Vic, and in celebration of Jacob & Missy Brickl's 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
Dean Dahnert, in celebration of his granddaughter's, Briann Jaedean Brickl, 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.



## **June Wedding Anniversaries In Our Church Family**



Don & Sandy Larsen, 10 years on June 23  
Matt & Amanda Moseman, 1 year on June 26  
Phyllis & Frank Kirchstein, 62 years on June 29

Jacob & Missy Brickl celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 19.  
My apologies for omitting that in the May SCOOP.

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in June!  
We acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50 years.

## **June and July Ushers**

### **June**

Rod & Carol Hehenberger  
Herman & Debbie Tschudy

### **July**

Sherri, Evan and Dianna Roberts

## **June & July Communion Servers**

### **June 4<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Sunday**

Theresa Grimes  
Shirlee Lendved  
Tom Litscher  
Chris Logterman

### **July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Altar**

Larry Johnson  
Nadine Litscher  
Kurt Schultz

**Beginning Sunday, June 4, through and including Sunday, August 27, our worship service will be held at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!**