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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Gun violence is prevalent in our society, and sadly, it's not going away. There have been 32 mass shootings (four or more people shot in one incident) in the U.S. during the first six weeks of 2018. Schools, concert halls, cinemas, ball fields, night clubs, and even churches have experienced tragedy due to active shooter events.

We are divided as a nation in terms of how to address it. Many points of view see poor mental health as the primary reason behind these events. Fix the mental health problem and the number of shootings will go down. Other points of view insist that enacting gun safety legislation is the way to go. Getting rid of certain accessories (i.e. bump stocks) might limit the damage inflicted by an active shooter in the future. There are many viewpoints on how to address gun violence, but no clear path on how to move forward.

Many schools and places of business have taken steps to be better prepared in the event of an active shooter situation. It has been suggested that our church ought to have a plan as well.

I would like to introduce you to ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). This is a training model utilized by the Sauk Prairie School District and is being implemented locally and around the state. These training sessions teach about personal safety and developing a plan in case of an active shooter situation.

ALICE training will be offered at First UCC on three separate occasions:

- 1.) Sunday March 11 @ 11:30am
- 2.) Tuesday March 27 @ 9:30am
- 3.) Thursday April 12 @ 5:30pm

A member of our congregation, Brigitta Brickl, will lead the ALICE training and officers from the Sauk Prairie Police Department will be on hand at all three sessions to serve as a resource. We will learn about personal safety, awareness strategies, and basic lifesaving concepts such as barricading, evacuation, and counter measures. This training will last about two hours, is free of charge and open to the public. Please consider participating. Not only can we be better prepared as a faith community to deal with this growing threat, but we'll have resources at our disposal that can be utilized no matter where we are in this world.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill



One Great Hour of Sharing enables the United Church of Christ to reach people and communities affected by disaster, displacement or poverty. We provide assistance to families and communities around the world, helping them to become stronger, healthier and better equipped to address hardships and catastrophes.

The 2018 theme for the offering is “***More Than We Can Imagine***”, Ephesians 3:20. It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God’s world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel there is nothing we can do to help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that what little we can do – won’t have an impact.

But there is hope!! Better yet: we are that hope! As the Apostle Paul writes, “by the power at work within us,” God is able to “accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20). “We are the agents of transformation that God uses to transfigure this world.”

Wishing and dreaming of a better world means nothing if we don’t realize that God gives us community to practice love and compassion. We cannot only care

for ourselves, but we must also care about those around us, both near and far.

Our gifts become part of a loving legacy in ways we can’t foresee. Our gifts become blessings to people we don’t know and blesses in ways we can’t expect. We can make a difference beyond what we image.

Thank you for your support, whether you are a new supporter, or long-time supporter, every gift matters.



May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks.

May your heart be as light as a song.

May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all the year long.

2018 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 7

Concordia U.M.C.

Theme: *"I Am the Door"*
Preacher: Pastor John Smith

March 14

St. John's Lutheran Church-Leland

Theme: *"I Am the Resurrection and Life"*
Preacher: Pastor Bill Kapp

March 21

Black Hawk U.M.C.

Theme: *"I Am the Vine"*
Preacher: Pastor Doris Simpson



March 25: Palm Sunday

First U.C.C.

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Palm Procession
10:30 worship service



March 29: Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service
First U.C.C.
7:00 p.m.



March 30: Good Friday

St. John's Lutheran Church
1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

First U.C.C.
7:00 p.m.

April 1: Easter Sunday

"JESUS
IS
RISEN!"

Sunrise Worship Service: 6:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

No Sunday, Confirmation, and Bible Study classes today.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM 99.7) and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:10-10:10 a.m. for ages 3 and older

Confirmation & Adult Bible Study

9:10 a.m.

Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

☘ There is no class on Sunday, March 4, due to the Annual Meeting. During the meeting, there will be a nursery and movie available.

☘ During Lent, the Sunday School is collecting donations for the “**Mexican Children’s Refuge**”/“**Mabel’s Building Mission**”. Pastor Herb and Bev Feierabend formally from our Church have been involved in the leadership of this home building project. Donations can be sent to Sunday School or put in the offering plate. Donations should be turned in by April 15.

☘ March is Church camp month! Students in grades K-6 will hear about camp; and we will, again, collect donations to help students with the cost. (See separate article.)

☘ Thanks for the great choir participation on February 18. The Sunday School choir will sing, again, on March 18. Students in Grade 4 will have a special part to share.

☘ The Sauk Prairie Food Pantry would like us to save coupons for them. They are in need of coupons for diapers, baby wipes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and toilet paper. With our help, they can stretch their money a little further. You can send the coupons along to Sunday School, or put in the basket on the table before you enter church.

☘ On Palm Sunday, March 25, all students are welcome to join in a palm procession at the 10:30 service.

☘ Our annual Easter Party will be Saturday, March 31, at 1:00 p.m. We will enjoy an egg hunt followed by treats and other fun!

☘ There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 1st.



Church Camp Is For All Ages!

Campers gather in the community of creation to share meals, songs, campfires, star-gazing, worship, water sports, and more. Church camp really is a wonderful way to relax, have fun, learn, and enjoy fellowship. There are camps for young children all the way up to senior citizens. You can find out about the many camp opportunities and register by going to Pilgrim Center’s website: ucci.org/pilgrim-center.

Let the Church office or Margaret know if you will be attending.



Help Us Collect Donations For “The Mexican Children’s Refuge”/ “Mabel’s Building Mission”

The Sunday School would love for you to participate in our challenge to collect \$1,500 to build another home in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. All donations can be dropped off at the church office, put in the collection plates, or delivered to Sunday School.

Consistory Agenda

First United Church of Christ

Thursday February 15th

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

Absent: Marcy Thurwachter

- + Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill
- + Pastor Bill's Report
 - o See report in March Scoop
- + Committee Reports and Updates:
 - o Building & Maintenance
 - o Still pursuing phone system alternatives
 - Any changes would occur during summer
 - o Christian Fellowship
 - o No meeting in February
 - o Finance
 - o Discussed proposed budget for 2018
 - Tom move to approve, Theresa 2nd, motion passes
 - o Campital Campaign has \$15,000 left of our commitment
 - Theresa move to use Memorial Fund to pay remaining balance, Don 2nd, motion passes
 - o Members in Ministry
 - o Actively making visits
 - o New members are welcome
 - o Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - o See report in March Scoop
 - Mabel's Building Mission cost for 1 home is now \$1500
 - o Youth Program
 - Compassion International presentation during a service – April 29
 - Youth Retreat February 9-11 – excellent event and participation
 - Fundraiser will be an Art sale in spring
 - o Stewardship
 - o Next meeting is February 20
- + Ongoing Business Update
 - o Phone System
 - See Building & Maintenance note
 - Radio Station wants to come and check out our sound system to check for distortions and suggestions for improvement
 - o ALICE (Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training
 - Sessions available on March 11 at 11:30 AM, March 27 at 9:30 AM, and April 12 at 5:30 PM
- + New Business Issues
 - o Annual meeting
 - Preparations for meeting underway
 - o Attendance registry/Members list
 - List based on attendance, receiving communion, or giving an offering
- + Chris move to adjourn, Dean 2nd, motion passed
- + Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill
- + Next Consistory Meeting: March 15th

Dear Consistory,

The season of the Church year known as Lent has now begun. Lent is a 40 day stretch (minus Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is a time of penitence and reflection of our sinful nature and the incredible debt of sin we have accumulated. Lent is also a time when the weekly scripture lessons reveal that Jesus' mission was to be an atoning sacrifice for our sins. He was to serve as the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world.

Even though Lent is traditionally a somber time, it can be a great time in the life of First UCC. To have our membership engaged in Lenten disciplines, to see increased worship numbers with the Wednesday ecumenical services, and to experience the Lenten drama unfold once again can really give our congregation a positive boost. For six weeks we are moved emotionally and spiritually as Jesus makes his way to the cross.

In terms of my consistory report:

- Mission trip informational/organizational meeting scheduled for Sunday February 18 after the 10:30am worship service. We will go over logistics, fees, fund raising, etc. related to the June 16-24 trip to Back Bay Mission.
- Ecumenical services will happen on Wednesday nights @ 6:30pm during Lent. Each participating church will host. First UCC is up to host on February 21.
- A Ministerial Discernment Committee is being formed on behalf of Kurt Schultz. He is seeking licensed ministry in the United Church of Christ. I have a meeting planned with the committee chair on Friday 2/23 as we get the ball rolling.
- I will have a pre-recording of the March 4 radio broadcast prepared. That is Annual Meeting Sunday and we will worship at 9am. I will run the tape up sometime during the week.
- A.L.I.C.E. Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) will be made available at First UCC Sunday March 11 after church, during the day on Tuesday March 27, and in the evening on Thursday April 12. This training is to help better prepare the church in case of an active shooter event.

Christian Fellowship Minutes

There was no meeting in February.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 13th, at 6:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!



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.

(Schedule has changed during Lent)



Stock The Schools!!! Sauk Prairie School Students In Need

Thank you to everyone who has already donated! This month's items are Ritz-type crackers, soap, and women's & men's deodorant. There is a box as you come into church to put your purchases in. Thank you in advance for helping our students in need.



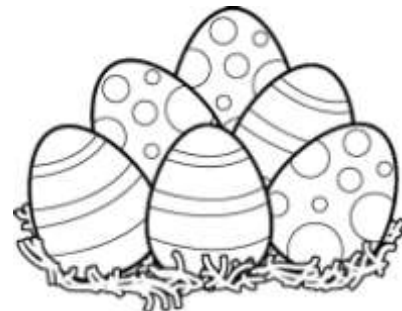
Do you eat at Culvers? Why not purchase a Culver's gift card to use on yourself. Our Sunday School earns a portion of each sale. Of course, they also make great gifts. Purchase gift cards from the Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of each month, before and after the 10:30 worship service, or e-mail orders to:

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com



Radio Broadcasts & SCOOP

Would you like to remember or honor a family member or friend by sponsoring a Sunday morning worship service radio broadcast or the monthly newsletter? The cost of sponsoring a radio broadcast is \$80.00 and \$50.00 for the newsletter.



ALICE

“Active Shooter Awareness”

FREE “Active Shooter Awareness” courses. Members are encouraged to attend one of the free 1-2 hour training sessions. Learn about personal safety, awareness strategies, and dealing with threatening and aggressive behavior. This is a *dynamic training* intended to introduce basic lifesaving concepts and train muscle memory on barricading, evacuation, and counter measures.

Three upcoming training sessions provided by the Sauk Prairie Police Department and Brigitta Brickl are scheduled here at church.

Sunday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Training is available on the following Saturdays:

April 7	St. Peter’s Lutheran Church-Loganville	10:00 a.m.-Noon
April 14	Reedsburg City Hall-Reedsburg	9:00-11:00 a.m.
	Ruth Culver Library-Prairie du Sac	1:00-3:00 p.m.
April 21	Lake Delton Fire Department-Lake Delton	9:00-11:00 a.m.
April 28	Baraboo Civic Center-Baraboo	10:00 a.m.-Noon
May 5	Spring Green Fire Department-Spring Green	10:00 a.m.-Noon
May 12	LaValle Fire Department-LaValle	9:00-11:00 a.m.

Alert
Lockdown
Inform
Counter
Evacuate



*“Love each other as I have
loved you.”*

John 15:12



Kayla King is presenting a short class promoting communication and spirituality in couple relationships. You can bring your spouse, partner or anybody who wants to learn about relationships! This class will include a presentation of a brochure with relationship tips that Kayla has put together during one of her college courses that is titled, Healthy Couple Relationships. Kayla has partnered with our church for this project and is making this 30 minute class open to the public!

WHEN: March 14th 2018

TIME: 6:45 pm

(after our contemporary worship service)



Memorials

Memorials were received in February in loving memory of:

James O. & Eunice C. Becker



Radio Ministry

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

Steve & Marcy Thurwachter, in loving memory of Marcy's parents', Merton & Shirley Moely, wedding anniversary on February 7.

Jamie & Karen Wittwer, in loving memory of their friend, Pauline Sirny.

Lois Price, in loving memory of her beloved husband, Jim Price.

Cindy Baker, in loving memory of her sister, Sue Ann Brewer.

♥ March Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in March!

Ushers

<u>8:00</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Frank Selden		Tom & Margaret	Liz Bongard		The Larsen Family
Dustin Sliter		McFarlane	Phil Bongard		
Jackie Sliter		Amanda Moseman	Dave Bongard		
Tammy Young			Peggy Ganser		

Communion Servers

<u>8:00: March 4</u>	<u>7:00 p.m.: March 29</u>	<u>7:00 p.m.: March 30</u>
Liz Bongard	The Disciples	Tom Litscher
Nadene Litscher		Herm Tschudy
Gary Schlender		Jamie Wittwer

<u>6:30 a.m.</u>	<u>April 1st: Easter Sunday</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Liz Bongard		Larry Johnson
Emily Fuchs		Ed Larsen
Fritz Wyttenbach		Bill Steckelberg

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*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Kleo Harris
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- 1 **Family Fun Night** - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
4 **9:00 a.m. Worship Service**
Coffee/Treats (before Annual Meeting)
Annual Meeting
No Sunday School, Bible Study & Confirmation Classes
7 **Lenten Service at Concordia U.M.C.** – 6:30 p.m.
11 **ALICE Training** – 11:30 a.m.
13 **Christian Fellowship** – 6:30 p.m.
14 **Couple Relationships Class** – presented by Kayla King – after the Contemporary Service
Lenten Service at St. John's Lutheran Church-Leland – 6:30 p.m.
15 **Consistory.** – 6:30 p.m.
21 **Lenten Service at Black Hawk U.M.C.** – 6:30 p.m.
22 **12 Step Bible Study** – 6:30 p.m.
25 **Palm Sunday**
Sunday School Choir sings & Palm Procession – 10:30 service
27 **ALICE Training** – 9:30 a.m.
29 **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service** – 7:00 p.m.
30 **Good Friday** – 1:00 p.m. @ St. John's Lutheran-Prairie du Sac
7:00 p.m. @ First United Church of Christ
31 **Sunday School Easter Party** – 1:00 p.m.
April 1st **Easter Sunday** – “He Is Risen” – **Sunrise Service:** 6:30 a.m.;
Easter Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 a.m.; **Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.

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