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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

You are invited to the United Church of Christ's Thirty-second General Synod, held June 21-25 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, WI. The theme for the Wisconsin Synod is **"Shine!"** based on the scripture Matthew 5:16, **"Let your light shine before others..."**

The national meeting of the UCC happens every two years. I've attended three Synods as a youth ('85, '87, '89), one Synod as a youth chaperone ('91), one Synod in charge of floor runners ('93), one Synod as a delegate ('01), and one Synod leading a group of Wisconsin and German youth ('07). This is the first time in the history of the United Church of Christ that General Synod has taken place in the Wisconsin Conference UCC.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ is the national decision-making body for the denomination, responsible for giving general direction to the ministry and mission of the UCC. The Synod itself is composed of delegates, either clergy or lay, from the 38 Conferences of the UCC, apportioned in a manner similar to states in the United States House of Representatives.

Lots of different events happen at General Synod: Inspirational worship services, captivating plenary sessions, dynamic workshops, engaging youth activities, educational exhibits, special banquets and luncheons. Delegates conduct the business of the denomination and set priorities for our ministries. Keynote speakers throughout the event will offer illumination and insight into challenges that face our congregations and communities. Delegates and visitors alike will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness.

I would like members of our Sauk City First UCC to experience General Synod up close and to see firsthand how the United Church of Christ operates on a national scale. It is truly impressive!

There will be a free day on Sunday, June 23 where no fees will be required for UCC members to visit and participate at General Synod. A group from our church will depart Sauk City after the Sunday morning worship to participate in the day's events. The highlight will be a worship service at the Wisconsin Center with open communion led by the Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister of the United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ the King UCC in Florissant, MO. At the conclusion of the worship service, the Wisconsin Conference UCC will host a Street Festival outside in the side streets around the Wisconsin Center.

I'll also attend Synod one other day, probably Friday June 21. Registration to participate that day will cost \$85 (meals not included). I'd be happy to drive anyone interested in going. I look forward to sitting in on the plenaries, touring the exhibits, and seeing cherished friends from around the UCC.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bill



We sometimes think that “imagination” means something escapist or illusory. Yet, imagination is not something unreal or fake. No, it is essential to God’s hope for creation. Hear how the Apostle Paul put it: “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine....” (Ephesians 3:20-21). And God imagines a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed.

Can YOU imagine these things? Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing what we can imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people. Please give generously! “More Than You Can Imagine...”

Hurricane Maria caused unimaginable damage in Puerto Rico. Who would believe that so much infrastructure, electricity and housing were destroyed? People’s lives and families were disrupted.

For Edda, a woman who lives in a house once belonging to her parents, the thought of losing her childhood home to the storm was unimaginable. Hurricane Maria left the roof of her house in such bad shape that water was leaking through her home every time it rained. To make matters worse, Edda’s

husband had recently undergone knee surgery. She had to put towels and buckets around the inside of the house so he didn’t slip or fall on the wet floors. Edda couldn’t fix her roof by herself and because of the surgery, her husband couldn’t either. They could not imagine how the repairs on their home would happen. They could not imagine that strangers would come and help them with a good roof that could weather the next storm.

Thanks to the Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico (IEUPR), and help from four amazing volunteers, their roof was fixed in four days. Edda was grateful for the help because it wasn’t possible for her to do it alone.

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.



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane



Our “Bowling Bash” was a success! Thirty people (25 bowlers, 5 spectators) joined us for the fun!



There is no class on Sunday, March 3, 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 28.



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 student choir participation on February 17. The Sunday School choir will sing, again, on March 17. Students in Grades 2, 3, & 4 will have a special part to share.



Our “Fun, Float, and Fellowship” party will be held on Saturday, March 16, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the S.P.H.S. pool. We will be joining the “Open Swim”. Sunday School will pay your fee (unless you have a pool pass). We hope to see you there



On Sunday, March 31, we will have our second intergenerational activity. Prayer partners will meet in the sanctuary at 9:20. After a short large group gathering, we will divide into small groups and meet in the Sunday School rooms.

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 Progresso, Mexico. All donations can be dropped off at the church office, put in the collection plates, or delivered to Sunday School.



First Choir News!

From Dennis Kahn

As you read this, Lent will begin in next week, spring is just around the corner and Easter will be here shortly! As we travel through the Lenten season, First Choir continues to enjoy making music to the "glory of God!"

In addition to our regular schedule, please plan on attending our 7th Annual First Choir Concert on May 5th! I would like to extend an invitation to any and all to come and join us to help make our worship as musically fulfilling as possible.

As the Ecumenical Lenten Services begin Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., First Choir will not rehearse on Wednesdays during Lent, but will resume Wednesday rehearsals in April. This will allow members to be able to get to the Lenten services. Starting on April 17th, we will move back to Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. First Choir will be singing at the Lenten Service at First Church on Wednesday, March 13th and April 3rd. Rehearsals during Lent will be decided by the choir.

I would like to thank everyone for his or her continuing support of our music ministry here at First Church.



From the Heart

From the Family of Bob Felland:

Thanks to all for your kindness.

Judy Felland

Dear Friends at First U.C.C., John & Ardis Trueb always enjoyed the visits of members of the congregation. A special thank-you to Pastor Bill for the comforting words at their Memorial Service. **Yours truly, Kay Jensen**

Thank you to everyone for your beautiful cards, Memorials, phone calls, and presence since Mom's passing. I truly feel blessed to be part of this Church as your secretary.

Blessings and love, Cindy



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

Thank you to everyone who has donated! This month's items are pudding cups and liquid body wash. There is a box as you come into church to put your purchases in. Thank you to all who continue to bring in items for the students!

Consistory Minutes

First United Church of Christ

Thursday, February 21, 2019

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

Absent: Marcy Thurwachter

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in March Scoop
- March 3 Annual meeting with a 9:00 AM service. The 8:00 AM radio service will be prerecorded.
- March 10 Youth Group to serve dinner at The Crossing on UW–Madison campus. Request parents to help with transportation.
- Youth finances will be updated in the financial packet provided this Sunday.
- March 31 Kurt Schultz will lead worship in Pastor Bill's absence.
- WI Annual Conference is in Wisconsin Dells April 4–5. Pastor Bill requests funds to participate.
 - Annual meeting will include a discussion around the Doctrine of Discovery
 - Dean move to pay registration and class fees for Pastor Bill, Shirlee 2nd, Motion passes.
 - Chris move to pay registration fee for Kurt Schultz to attend as officer of Association, Peggy 2nd, motion passes
- National Synod Meeting held in Milwaukee in June. Free attendance day is June 23. Encourage members of the church to attend.

Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - The Basement has been painted! Curtains and wall quilts will follow shortly.
 - Alliant Energy has informed us that additional protection of our natural gas piping is required where it enters our buildings. Prairie Plumbing and heating has been contacted and will provide an inspection and give a quote for the work.
 - The Duerst Co. of Dane will inspect the parsonage driveway as soon as the snow and ice leaves and will quote the raising of the driveway concrete, which has settled next to the garage.
 - TDS Metrocomm will resume service installations in a couple of weeks and we have been placed in the installation que for our phone service. It was confirmed that we will require 4 phone lines for the church, including the elevator phone, which we had suspected previously. The TDS quotes for service from 2018 had included 4 lines, so no change in

Dear Consistory,

Throughout the season of Epiphany we've been given glimpses into the divinity of Jesus Christ: The Magi visiting the baby Jesus, the 12 year old Jesus staying behind in Jerusalem at his first Passover Festival, God appearing at Christ's baptism in the form of a dove, Jesus performing his first sign at a wedding in Cana and Jesus calling His disciples to follow by showing them how to fish for people. At every step throughout Epiphany, the light bulb turns on and we realize once again that Jesus is indeed God's Son. We have been privileged here at the Sauk City First UCC to understand the divine nature of Christ and the opportunity we have to live a blessed life through Him. In spite of our sinful nature, we have an opportunity to be forgiven and to have a newness of life. This is not something we can do on our own, but only through the sacrifice of Jesus. Through Him, we can be like a tree planted by the river's edge, with our roots digging deep in God's nourishing soil and satisfying our thirst with God's abundant waters. The alternative is to live without Christ, like a tumbleweed blowing in the desert.

In terms of my report:

*I have worship services at the Pines and the Pine Villa on February 28 and worship at Maplewood on March 7.

*Youth serve the meal at *The Crossing* in Madison on March 10.

*2019 Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting will be held April 5-6 at the Wilderness. The theme for this year's meeting is "Living in the Light". The meeting is being held early this year due to the June General Synod meeting in Milwaukee. Cost to register for the full Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting is \$150 and I would like to participate. I will not need housing since it's so close to Sauk. The big issue for this year's meeting is the *Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery*. Congregations in the Wisconsin Conference UCC are being asked to address this issue through sermons & Bible studies. I would like our church to participate in this request and the Conference would like notification by March 31 that we have engaged with this issue. There will also be a mandatory boundary training for clergy on Friday April 5 from 10am – 4pm which I would like to participate in.

*Credo being held May 14-20 in Richmond, VA. This is a program for UCC clergy. I am registered and waiting for the meeting materials to be sent, which I need to complete before the event. I've already been contacted by the travel agency regarding the flight.

*United Church of Christ General Synod being held June 21-25 in Milwaukee. This is a great opportunity to see how the UCC operates as a denomination on a national scale. I have had the privilege to attend General Synod meetings in 1985 (Ames, IA), 1987 (Cleveland, OH), 1989 (Ft. Worth, TX), 1991 (Norfolk, VA), 1993 (St. Louis, MO), 2001 (Kansas City, MO) & 2007 (Hartford, CT). There are workshops, plenaries, worship services, etc. available to participate in. It is an educational experience to say the least. There is a free day on Sunday, June 23, where no fees will be required for UCC folk to participate at the Milwaukee Synod. There will be an open communion worship service that day at the Wisconsin Center followed by an outdoor street festival. I would like to participate in some form or fashion.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill

Christian Fellowship Minutes

No Meeting, February 12, 2019



coming out of the deep freeze ...

Upcoming:



- ✓ *March 3rd - Annual Meeting (9:00 am service) coffee and donut holes will be provided prior to meeting*
- ✓ *March 12th - Christian Fellowship meeting 6:30 pm (hosted by Dianna Woerpel 711 8th Street Prairie du sac)*
- ✓ *March 13th - Annual chili/soup supper sign-up sheets to help during the meal and to host coffee fellowship, immediately following the Lenten service can be found in the Narthex.*

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, AT 6:30 PM AT DIANNA WOERPEL'S HOME, 711 8TH STREET, PRAIRIE DU SAC. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



April 14: Palm Sunday

First U.C.C.
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.



Easter Garden

Christian Fellowship is going to have an **Easter garden** again for Easter Sunday. Please bring your flowering plants or flowers to church by Good Friday, April 19, by Noon. There will be a table in the Education Building entryway to set them on.

Any plants brought in from home can be taken home after the 10:30 worship service on Easter Sunday.

Anyone wishing to **donate money toward Palm plants or Easter lilies** can continue to do so. Send donations to the church office or put them in the offering plate on Sunday-designated for Easter plants. Thank you!



April 18: Maundy Thursday

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



April 19: Good Friday

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

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

April 21: Easter Sunday

"JESUS
IS
RISEN!"

Sunrise Worship Service: 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 a.m.
No Sunday School, Confirmation,
and Bible Study classes today.

For
GOD
SO
Loved the World
that
HE
Gave
His
ONLY
SON
John 3:16

Radio Ministry

Memorials

Memorials were received in February in loving memory of:

Yvonne Brewer
John & Ardis Trueb

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 friends, Earl & Nettie Broderick.

♥ March Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Kelly & Cathy Riley, 35 years on March 17

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in March!

Ushers

8:00 March 10:30

Frank Selden
Jackie Sliter
Tammy Young

Tom & Margaret McFarlane
Amanda Moseman
Larsen Family

Communion Servers

9:00: March 3 – Annual Meeting

Larry Johnson
Gary Schlender
Marcy Thurwachter

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.
Contemporary Worship Service: 6:00 p.m.

First Choir: 6:45 p.m.
12 Step Bible Study: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SCOOP

March 2019



- 3 **9:00 a.m. Worship Service**
Coffee/Donuts (before Annual Meeting)
Annual Meeting
No Sunday School, Bible Study & Confirmation Classes
- 6 **Ash Wednesday Services at St. John's Lutheran Church-PdS –**
1:00 and 6:30 p.m.
- 7 **Open Mic Night – 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
- 12 **Christian Fellowship – 6:30 p.m.** Hosted by Dianna Woerpel,
711 8th Street, Prairie du Sac.
- 13 **Chili-Soup Supper – 4:30-6:15 p.m.**
Lenten Service at First United Church of Christ – 6:30 p.m.
- 16 **Sunday School “Fun, Float, and Fellowship” – 3:00-5:00 p.m.**
- 19 **Finance Committee – 7:00 p.m.**
- 20 **Lenten Service at Black Hawk UMC – 6:30 p.m.**
- 21 **Consistory. – 6:30 p.m.**
- 27 **Lenten Service at St. John's-Leland – 6:30 p.m.**

Sunday Worship

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

Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible-Study

9:10-10:10 a.m.

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Pastor

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