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### **November 2016**

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

The Church has always been there when I have needed it. Early on in my life it was Sunday school, VBS, church camp, youth fellowship, and mission trips that made a big difference. Each of these activities played a shaping role in my faith development (even though I didn't realize it at the time). These were formative events that have molded me into the person that I am today.

The Church has always been there when I have needed it. The different congregations I have been a part of had extremely nice people who supported me and helped me celebrate the joyful events in my life. My baptism, birthdays, confirmation, and graduations were made even more special because of the love and support of the people of the Church. The community of faith became my extended family and my largest backers with cards, phone calls and congratulations throughout the years. There have been incredibly special moments in my life, such as getting married or experiencing the birth of a child, where the members of the church were just as happy as I was. The Church has never once left me to celebrate by myself.

The Church has always been there when I have needed it. There were people who supported me when I felt called to be a pastor and apply to Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO. My pastor and my church, St. Lucas UCC, supported me. The St. Louis Association, put me "in care" while I was attending Seminary. There was also scholarship assistance at the time which helped me to defray the immense cost of going to Eden. I'm not sure I would be a pastor today if it were not for the Heritage Scholarship, established by the Church to educate pastors for the future.

The Church has always been there when I have needed it. There have been extremely difficult moments. Funerals for a loved one. Life transitions. Low points. The Church has always walked with me, especially through the challenging times. Fellow church members and pastors have offered me consolation, prayer, casseroles, and words of hope. I don't know how I would have made it through some of those tough times if it weren't for the wonderful people of the Church.

The Church has always been there when I have needed it – and I want to make sure that I'm there for the Church when it needs me. I am willing to give generously of my time, talents, and monetary offerings because I have experienced firsthand the benefits and blessings of the Church.

First United Church of Christ has always been there when you have needed it. Please don't take this ministry for granted. First UCC needs your continued support. We have an opportunity, as members of this church, to give of ourselves generously out of a profound sense of gratitude for all that God has done in our behalf. Please consider attending Stewardship Sunday on November 20 (and, if compelled) turn in an offering pledge of giving for 2017.

With the Greatest of Hope!  
Pastor Bill

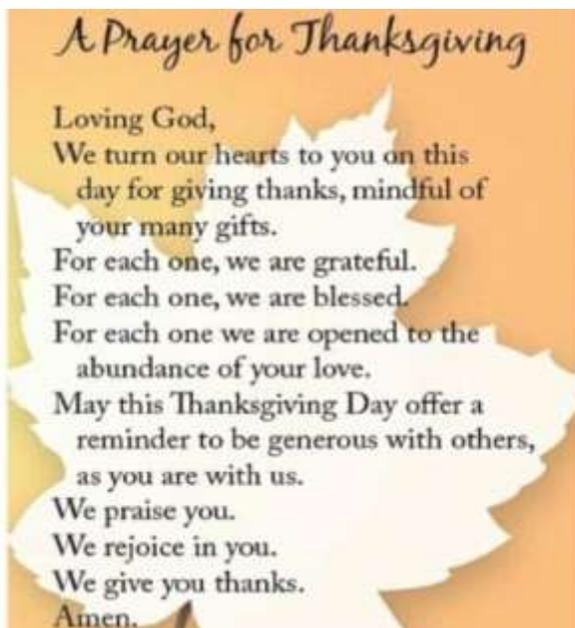
# GO ... and do the same.

Luke 10:37

This fall our congregation will be focusing on the stewardship theme **“GO...and do the same.”** You will be hearing more about this theme through sermons and personal stories shared by members of our church.

The culmination of this emphasis will be **“Celebration Sunday”** on November 20. On that date, we want to have every resident member and friend of our church present for worship. We will, also, celebrate this theme during our 6:00 p.m. contemporary service on November 16.

Please be looking ahead and make a special effort to be with us on that week.



Our Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be at Graceway Church, 65 Thirteenth Street, in Prairie du Sac on Wednesday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. You are asked to bring canned or dry goods to the service to donate to our area food pantries. Join our community in giving thanks to God for His many blessings!



## Harvest Home Table

Our Sunday School is, again, sponsoring the Harvest Home Table from November 6<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup>. You can bring non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries to place on the table in the Narthex. All items will be donated to our local Food Pantry. (Baking items and mixes, baby food, formula, bar soap, laundry and dish detergent, cleaning products, diapers, and personal care items are especially appreciated.) The Food Pantry likes to use their financial sources to purchase protein foods, which are essential for good nutrition but difficult and expensive to donate.



## **MUSIC @ FIRST CHURCH**

Even though it is only November, the holidays are just around the corner. The Advent/Christmas Music Festival will take place at both services on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Any and all who would like to share their gifts of music should contact Denny Kahn at either 370-6000 or 963-4915. Both vocal and instrumental selections are welcome.

Music, as always, is such a special part of the Christmas season. First Choir will be singing throughout Advent and on Christmas Eve. While the holidays are busy, perhaps coming on board with First Choir would be a way for you to experience the joys of Advent and Christmas music. Please consider coming to choir on Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m. to join our "festive group!"

Finally, as Thanksgiving approaches, I am pleased to share that I will again be directing the Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Choir and Kristy will be our accompanist! This service will take place on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Graceway Church, 65 Thirteenth Street, in Prairie du Sac. While music hasn't been selected as I write this, it should be available by the time you read this. I encourage members of First Church to join us for this Thanksgiving Eve Service. Music is available at First Choir rehearsals. The Ecumenical Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, November 16, at

8:00 p.m., and then again right before the Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Finally, I am pleased to be directing a community ecumenical choir for a Christmas Cantata entitled "The Heart of Christmas!" The cantata will be presented at the River Arts Center on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Salvation Army.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Advent/Christmas Music Festival at both services.

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday School Christmas Program @ 10:30

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Choir rehearsal at 6:45 p.m.

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve Service – First Choir

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Choir Off

**Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** – No Choir

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Choir Off



*Not what we say about our  
**BLESSINGS**  
but how we use them,  
is the true measure of our  
**THANKSGIVING!***

## **Sunday School News**

By Margaret McFarlane

✿ If you haven't sent back the Time & Talent sheets, please take an opportunity to do this.

✿ On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, students in second grade will receive Bibles at the 10:30 service.

✿ The Sunday School choir will sing at the 10:30 service on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

✿ UNICEF boxes were sent home for those who would like to collect for this worthy cause. Money is due back by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

✿ Our HARVEST HOME TABLE will be set up from November 6<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> in the narthex (by the ushers' counter) to collect food for the Food Pantry. Students can bring non-perishable food, cleaning, and personal care items to class or they can put it on the table.

✿ 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to paint the windows for Christmas on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.

✿ The Sunday School hour will be extended until 10:20 on November 20<sup>th</sup>, November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>. This will allow extra practice time for the Christmas program.

✿ The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 service.

✿ We will have program practice on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. All students taking part in the program need to be present for both practices.

Please let me know if this is a problem.

Pre-K, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be dismissed at 10:15 after they practice.

Grades 2-6 will dismiss at 11:30. (To reach Mrs. McFarlane: phone: 643-6327; e-mail: mmcfarlane1219 @gmail.com)



### **You can H.E.L.P.** (Help Excite Little People!)

The red sleigh is out in the Education Building entryway, and it is again time to think of our holiday toy collection. From now until mid-December, we'll be collecting good, used toys and items for teens to distribute to less fortunate children and youth in our community. You can participate by:

- 📦 Spreading the word that we're collecting toys.
- 📦 Bringing toys to put in the sleigh. If you have time to clean your donations, please mark the bag/box as "clean toys."
- 📦 Making monetary donations if you don't have any toys to "recycle."
- 📦 Volunteering to be an "elf." Elves wash and organize the toys. We meet in the Sanctuary basement. Our November toy washing sessions will be:

Tuesday, November 15, 10am-Noon

Friday, November 18, 10am-Noon

Tuesday, November 22, 10am-Noon

Tuesday, November 29, 10am-Noon

- 📦 Pick one or join us for as many as you are able.
- 📦 Watch for the December schedule in next month's SCOOP!

**If you have questions, please contact:  
Margaret McFarlane at 643-6327.**



## **CONSISTORY MEETING**

First United Church of Christ

October 20, 2016

6:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Tom Litscher, Theresa Grimes (Secretary), Rose Kleinert (President), Debbie Tschudy (Vice President), Mark Pierick, Chris Logterman, Shirlee Lendved, Don Larson

**Opening Prayer:** Tom Litscher

**Pastor Bill's Report:** (1) Building inspector approved bathroom. (2) Caroline Kennedy pursuing ordination within the United Church of Christ. We are working on forming a committee to support her as she becomes ordained. (3) Steward-ship letter mailed to congregation. (4) Phone system in church office needs updating - to discuss needs further and look into. Motion to pursue updating phone system by Mark, second by Don, motion carried. (5) Campital Campaign continues. Rose to create a fundraising visual.

#### **Approval of Financial Reports and**

**Invoices:** Reviewed and approved financial statements. Motion to approve by Don, second by Deb, motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Building & Maintenance:** (1) Downstairs bath-room remodel complete. Chose floor color for ramp. (2) Urinal in downstairs bathroom not working – part ordered. Prairie Plumbing and Heating working on. (3) Changed out sink in other downstairs bathroom.

**Christian Fellowship:** (1) Church cleaning days earlier this month. (2) Discussed possible church picnic in the park next year. (3) Brainstorming other fellowship ideas: golf outing, one time/month lunch at local restaurants, worship in the park. (4) November 13 or 20 - coffee fellow-ship.

**Finance:** No meeting scheduled at this time.

**Members in Ministry:** Actively making visits and taking communion to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals weekly. Always seeking volunteers to join.

**Stewardship:** Needing to reinstate committee. What does the Stewardship Committee do? Focuses on congregational support in ways of time, talents, and treasure; educates congregation on what our church needs financially to sustain itself and move into the future; fundraising efforts, to name a few. If interested, please see a member of the Consistory.

#### **Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth:**

(1) Collecting monetary donations for UNICEF. (2) Collecting toilet paper for the food pantry. (3) Creating candle lighting schedule. (4) Sunday School teachers installed. (5) Youth to participate in "Feed My Starving Children" food packing event on Thursday, October 27.

**Ongoing Business:** (1) Church kitchen door - a work in progress.

**Next Consistory Meeting:** November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

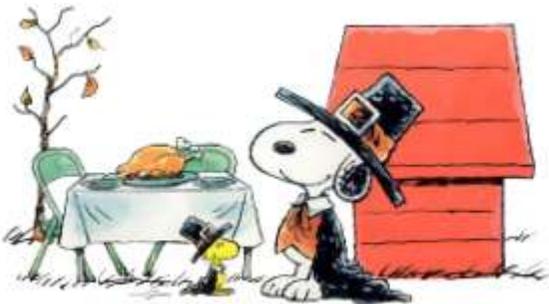
Motion to adjourn by Deb, second by Mark, motion carried.

Closing/Lord's Prayer: Rose



### **Pie Makers Needed**

First UCC has been asked to provide pies for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Please use disposable pans and bake a pie (or two) that doesn't need to be refrigerated. The pie sign-up sheet will be in the back of church shortly. Please bring your pies to Church by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be tables for the pies in the Education Building entryway. Thank you for sharing your gift of baking with others!



### **Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal**

The annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal will be served at St. Aloysius School on Thursday, November 24, beginning at 12:00 Noon. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome! If you would like home delivery, call Mitch Maier (608-206-0436) or Sandy Maier (608-448-5131). Deliveries will begin at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mitch or Sandy.



### **Come Help Decorate the Church for Advent & Christmas**

On Saturday, November 26, at 9:00 a.m., the women of Christian Fellowship will have the decorations out, and anyone who is interested in helping decorate can come to church at that time. There will, also, be a sign-up sheet coming soon in the back of the church for anyone interested in helping. If you have any questions, please contact Tammie Huerth at 608-963-4311 or Kathy Johnson at 643-4157. There will be a chili luncheon after we are done decorating for all helpers.



### **Christmas Poinsettias**

We invite you to donate towards poinsettias and greenery in memory or honor of a family member or friend. All donations will be acknowledged in the January SCOOP. You may put your donation in the offering plate or take it to the church office.



## Community Christmas Cantata

As an outreach ministry of Black Hawk-Bethlehem U.M.C. and in support of the Salvation Army, a Community Christmas Cantata, "The Heart of Christmas", will be held at the River Arts Center on Sunday, December 4, at 4:00 p.m.



## Contemporary Worship Service

Don't forget about our Wednesday night Contemporary Worship service. It is a casual, contemporary service at 6:00 p.m. that is fun, come-as-you-are and lasts 30-40 minutes. We are looking for people to help with the music. If you play an instrument or sing and like contemporary Christian music, come be a part of the team! We would love to put together a praise team or band—commitment level is your choice. Or just let us know you are interested! Don't have time for dinner before coming to the service? A light supper is served in the church dining room at 5:30 p.m. No need to bring anything, just show up for fun fellowship and good food before the service. For more info, contact:

Kristy at [KristeenLitscher@outlook.com](mailto:KristeenLitscher@outlook.com) or 643-6199, Theresa Grimes, Pastor Bill or the church office.



### **From Patsy Hering**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone for your prayers and visits while I was in Maplewood and since I've been home.

### **From Christian Fellowship**

A special "Thank You" to **Sherry Pieper, Debbie Tschudy, Dorothy Kundert, Carol Hehenberger, and Dianna Woerpel** for all your work and time cleaning the church on October 14 and 15. Everything looks and smells so much cleaner. We have a large church and education building with many nooks and crannies, and besides all of the work **Chris Garcia** does every week, this extra cleaning helps and saves us money from hiring professional cleaners.

A big thank-you to **Sherry Pieper** who spent the morning of October 25<sup>th</sup> tidying up the basement for Ruth Hehenberger's funeral luncheon.

Our October 9<sup>th</sup> **Coffee Fellowship** was in celebration & honor of **Lucinda Gruber's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday**. Thank you to her daughter, **Jane Litscher**, for bringing the birthday cake, providing the coffee & water, and the paper goods. A special thank you to **Rose Kleinert** for helping Jane set up. Blessings to you both!

A special "Thank You" to **Donna Cruse, Jan Pierce, and Marcy Thurwachter** for helping with Ruth Hehenberger's funeral luncheon.

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**NOVEMBER SCOOP**



**Harvest Home Table: November 6<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

- 8 **Christian Fellowship Committee:** 6:30 p.m.  
10 **Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Pastor Bill & Laura!**  
15 **H.E.L.P. Toy Washing:** 10:00 a.m.-Noon  
17 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.  
18 **H.E.L.P. Toy Washing:** 10:00 a.m.-Noon  
20 **“Celebration Sunday”:** Stewardship Sunday  
**Sunday School Choir sings @ 10:30 Worship Service**  
22 **H.E.L.P. Toy Washing:** 10:00 a.m.-Noon  
23 **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at Graceway Church in Prairie du Sac:** 6:30 p.m.  
24 **Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!**  
26 **Decorate church for Advent and Christmas:** 9:00 a.m.; thank-you luncheon to follow  
27 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders paint Church windows for Christmas:** 1:00 p.m.  
29 **H.E.L.P. Toy Washing:** 10:00 a.m.-Noon

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## Memorials Report

No Memorials were received in September.



## Radio Ministry

We thank the October sponsors of our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service Radio Broadcasts:

Frank & Georgia Selden, In loving memory of their mothers, Valitha Sprecher and Marjorie Selden.

The Family of Lucinda Gruber, In honor and celebration of Lucinda's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Bongard, Brock, Brickl, and Ganser families, In loving memory of their friend, Bonnie Dahnert.

## ♥ November Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Lorraine & Harland Hartmann, 62 years on November 6

Jan & Cliff Lawton, 30 years on November 20

Ardis & John Trueb, 70 years on November 27

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in November!

## Ushers

8:00	November	10:30	8:00	December	10:30
Larry & Kathy Johnson		Tim & Katie Homar Tom Litscher	David & Gloria Ramsey Tina Wilkinson		Tim & Sue Herbrand
Kurt & Wendy Schultz					

## Communion Servers

<u>November 6</u>		<u>December 4</u>		<u>December 24: Christmas Eve</u>
8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	
Liz Bongard	Larry Johnson	Galen Alwin	Carol Hehenberger	Rick Breining
Shirlee Lendved	Rita Larsen	Pam Alwin	Tim Herbrand	Emily Fuchs
Nadene Litscher	Chris Logterman	Shirlee Lendved	Don Larsen	Rose Kleinert
Daryl Matzke	Dianna Woerpel	Kurt Schultz	Ed Larsen	Rita Larsen
				Tom Litscher
				Deb Tschudy

**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7) and 10:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study:** 9:10-10:10 a.m.

**Confirmation:** 9:10-10:20 a.m.; **Sunday School:** 9:10-10:10 a.m. for ages 3 years/older