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A story is told about Fiorello LaGuardia, who, when he was mayor of New York City (which was during the worst days of the Great Depression and all of World War II) was called by many New Yorkers “The Little Flower” because he was only five foot four and always wore a carnation in his lapel. He was a colorful character who used to ride the New York City fire trucks, raid speakeasies with the police department, take entire orphanages to baseball games, and whenever the New York newspapers were on strike, he would go on the radio and read the Sunday funnies to the kids.

One bitterly cold night in January of 1935, the mayor turned up at a night court in a poor part of town. LaGuardia had dismissed the judge for the evening and took over the bench. Within a few minutes, an old woman was brought in, charged with stealing a loaf of bread. She told LaGuardia that her daughter’s husband had deserted her, her daughter was sick, and her two grandchildren were starving. But the shopkeeper, from whom the bread was stolen, refused to drop the charges. “It’s a real bad neighborhood, your Honor. She’s got to be punished to teach others around here a lesson.”

LaGuardia sighed. He turned to the woman and said, “I have got to punish you. The law makes no exceptions. Ten dollars or ten days in jail.” But even as he pronounced his sentence, the mayor was already reaching into his pocket. He pulled out a bill and tossed it into his hat saying, “Here is the ten dollar fine which I now remit; and furthermore I am going to fine everyone in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a town where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Baliff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant.”

The following day the New York City newspapers reported that \$47.50 was turned over to a bewildered old lady who had stolen a loaf of bread to feed her starving grandchildren, fifty cents of that amount being contributed by the red-faced grocery store owner.

Here is my question. Did the elderly lady in the story get what she deserved? No. She had stolen a loaf of bread. Yes, she may have had a reason, but stealing is stealing and regardless of the reason, punishment would seem to be the order of the day.

Grace is when one in superior power shows kindness or mercy to one in a lesser position. Mayor LaGuardia, rather than demanding punishment of the woman herself, paid the fine and then further helped her cause with the collection of the fifty-cent fines.

God’s grace is about mercy, not about fairness. God loves us and mercifully gives us more than we deserve. It is easy for us to say that we deserve more because we are the people who have been faithful to the call of Christ for many years. Yet, our God does not work that way. God wants a relationship with everyone, from those who have been a Christian their entire life to those that only manage to accept Christ on their last day. That is what Grace is all about.

With the Greatest of Hope! Pastor Bill



The ***Neighbors In Need*** offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice & Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through the UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice & Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice & Peace Action Network, Justice & Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Your ***Neighbors In Need*** offering envelope is enclosed.



World-Wide Communion

We're privileged to share Holy Communion with Christians of all denominations throughout our world on October 5th. We remember Christ's call to unity and His gift of one bread, one body for all. Plan to be with us!



Carolyn Kennedy will be presenting an eight-week Bible Study introducing The Old Testament beginning Sunday, October 5th, between worship services. The Bible Study will be held in the downstairs kitchen of the Education Building. Hope to see you there!

“Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.”



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

I am pleased to announce our staff for 2014-2015:

Secretary/Treasurer: Tammy Steuber

Choir Director: Marcia Nachreiner

Pre-K: Katie Homar
Kim Baier
Kiana Litscher

K & 1st: Heather Miller
Kari Larsen
Bailey Breininger
Mickenzie Cruse
Hannah Miller

2nd & 3rd: Andrea Gavol
Chris Logterman

3rd & 4th: Jennifer Cruse
Jennifer Brickl
Brookelyn Cruse

5th & 6th: Jeanann Breininger
Amy Bachhuber

Confirmation and Youth Group:
Pastor Bill
Theresa Grimes
Tom Litscher


★ We have 58 students registered and 13 Confirmands. I am anticipating a wonderful year of Christian education.


★ We welcome all returning students. A special welcome to our new students: Calista Brickl, Halden Haas, Kelsey Marquardt, Molly Shuck, Joey Zayas, and Ivory & Jade Blankenship.

★ Our theme this year is ***“Enjoy The Journey...God Will Be There To Pick You Up!”***

★ October 19 is Children’s Sunday at the 10:30 service. The Children’s Choir will perform for the first time. Our Sunday School staff will be commissioned.

★ Our Sunday School will be participating in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF project. Collection boxes will be going home soon and are due back by November 9th.

 I have a desk in the library. If you need to leave me a message, there is a notebook for your convenience.

 We have new children’s bulletins available every Sunday on the table before you enter the Sanctuary. Please encourage your child/children to take one!



Nursery Care Available

Donna Cruse is once again staffing our Nursery on the third Sunday of each month during the 10:30 worship service. The Nursery is available for children Kindergarten and younger. We thank Donna for this valuable service!



CONSISTORY MEETING
First United Church of Christ
September 18, 2014
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Pastor Bill, Theresa Grimes, Deb Tschudy, Amanda McFarlane, Tim Homar, Lyle Kuhnau, Todd Pieper, Tim Herbrand, and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill's Report: (1) Involved with the WI Conference minister search committee, search committee has made recommendation for a new conference minister to be finalized on November 2nd. (2) Wedding on September 20th. (3) Attended a School/Clergy meeting regarding "Hosting of parties" in the Sauk community (parent involvement), proposals for Sauk City are being made.

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve by Deb; second by Theresa, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports and invoices: August financials reviewed; motion to approve by Theresa, second by Lyle, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School/Church Youth Program: (1) 40 people joined in for the hayride and 13 kids enjoyed the bouncy house at this year's picnic. (2) Commissioning of Sunday school staff will be

October 19th. (3) Reviewed nursery care for the third Sunday of the month.

Members in Ministry: Continue in their venue of coordinating and making visits to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals weekly. If anyone is interested and has an extra hour a week or month to visit, please contact Liz Bongard or the church office. **Smiles and laughter enlighten everyone's day!**

Christian Fellowship: (1) September 21st 10:30 worship service in the park (weather permitting). (2) October 3 and 4 are church cleaning days. (3) October 19th coffee fellowship. (4) \$100 donation was made for the kitchen. (5) A second humidifier has been purchased.

Stewardship: Reviewed stewardship Sunday and upcoming stewardship events. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2nd.

Finance: No update, next meeting is scheduled for October 14th.

Building & Maintenance: (1) Replace carpet lower level ramp. (2) Fire inspection was completed. (3) Sauk Prairie 4K would like to replace the boards on the picnic tables in the park, they will be refurbished with recyclable materials. (4) Removal of three dead trees in the park.

Long Range Strategic Planning: No update, next meeting to be determined.

On-Going Business: Reviewed all committees meeting; determination of new church committee(s) to be decided at the next congregational meeting.

Consistory Minutes of September 18

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New Business:

We are searching for someone to take on the church website starting in January. If you are a techy, innovative, creative, dream weaving kind of person, we need you! If anyone is interested or have questions, please contact the church office or Laura Kapp.

Next Consistory meeting: Third **Thursday, October 16th** at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Homar, second by Lyle, motion carried.

Closing prayer from Pastor Bill – Lord’s Prayer

Christian Fellowship Minutes of September 9th

From Debbie Tschudy

In attendance: Pastor Bill, Charmaine Carter, Carol Hehenberger, Dorothy Kundert, Sherry Pieper, Debbie Tschudy and Dianna Woerpel

Old Business

Coffee Fellowship dates

- September 7 (new member Sunday)
- October 17

September 14 – **church picnic** – after the 10:30 service. Chair and Co-chair are Sherry Pieper and Dianna Woerpel – prices will be \$15.00 for family, \$7.00 adults and \$5.00 for ages 3-12

September 21 – **10:30 church service in the park** (weather permitting) with a **baptism** in the park – members to help set up

Thanks to Dianna for purchasing the new dehumidifier and for Chris hooking up the hose

New Business

October 3-4 – **Church fall cleaning days** – 9:00 each day. Debbie will work with Cindy on getting a sign-up sheet out

Any other new business?

Church kitchen received a \$100 donation – we will put it toward new flooring fund for the kitchen and dining area

Great suggestion to put an article in the next SCOOP about our **craft/bake sale in Decem-ber** so crafters can start working on projects – date to be determined

Carol asked if she could buy 3 **new roasters** for kitchen downstairs so they all match – it was suggested to purchase 2 new ones if she can get 2 like the one donated by Virginia and Don Diske and she will get rid of the older very heavy nesco roaster

Next Meeting – October 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Misc. church items or dates

9-16 **all committee meeting**

“Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!”



WELCOME TO FIRST U.C.C.!

We welcomed the following new members into our Church family on Sunday, September 7th:

Jan Pierce

440 Water Street #203
Prairie du Sac WI 35578

Verna Von Behren

528 Fifteenth Street #8
Baraboo WI 53913

 **How About Sponsoring a Radio Broadcast?** If you would like to remember or honor a family member or friend by sponsoring a Sunday morning worship service radio broadcast, please call the Church office. **The following Sun-days are still available: October 19 & 26; November 16 & 30; and December 21.** The cost of spon-soring a radio broadcast is \$75.00.

*“Seven days without prayer
makes one weak.”*



Fall Cleaning Days

All are invited to help with our Fall cleaning days on Friday, October 3, and Saturday, October 4. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. both days. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

We welcome all who are able to help do some work to sign up; the more helpers we have, the more projects we can get done!!

Come when you can and stay as long as you can. If you have any project(s) to add to the cleaning list, please call the Church Office.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to help.

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE YTD Through August 2014

Actual Expenses: \$144,721.71

Actual Income: \$119,304.61

Net Ordinary Income: - \$25,417.10



It's Time To Start Making Your Wonderful Crafts For Church!!!

As you begin to make your Christmas cut-outs and those family-favorite cookies, breads, fudge, and peanut brittle, set aside some for our December Baked Goodies and Craft Sale. If you are crafty and make Christmas decorations, these items are welcomed as well. Let's create an ambiance of joy and love at our December table. Please note: Those who bring crafts should have them pre-priced with your name on them. Thank you! (The date for the sale will be determined later.) Start making those wonderful crafts!!



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CALLING ALL MEMBERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP! It's that time of year again, and the church needs volunteers to help keep our grounds clean and safe. A calendar will be placed in the church entry. If you can give **any** time to help us through the Fall and Winter months, please sign up. It's a great way to motivate our kids to be helpful and so appreciated by all. Any questions, please call the church office or any Consistory member.

Thank You

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Third Annual Chicken Dinner At Cow Chip was Super Delicious!!

We are so fortunate to have had even more people this year to donate their time to make our Church dinner successful. God bless you for donating to our list of needs from buckets of ice to coleslaw ingredients.

There are so many people to thank for First U.C.C.'s most successful Cow Chip chicken dinner to date. Lucinda Gruber and Friends at Maplewood Village put together our to-go packets. Galen Alwin, once again, cooked the most delicious chicken and potatoes and picked up our supplies. Fritz & Ginny Wytenbach delivered our chicken order and kept it cold in their refrigerated truck until it got cooked. And the crews of people that signed up and helped make this fundraiser a big success for the 3rd year. Our crews of helpers included: Liz Bongard; Katie Homar & children; Evie Accola; Tammie Huerth; Cliff & Jan Lawton; Larry & Nettie Gander; Pat Boehmer; Wayne & Mae Wildt; Donna Cruse; Sue Herbrand;

Dorothy Kundert; Emily Fuchs; Dianna Woerpel; Sherry Pieper; Charmaine Carter; Cecy Haines; Jan Pierce; Rose Kleinert; Larry & Kathy Johnson; Doug & Kari Larsen; Herm & Debbie Tschudy; Peggy Ganser; Ed & Rita Larsen; Nadene Litscher; Laura Kapp; Jake McCaulley; Rod Hehenberger; Renee Baker & Andrew Wright; and Rod Hehenberger. I am so sorry if I missed someone. God bless all of you for chopping, stirring, freezing, carrying, and serving. I hope you had some fun and got to know someone a little better.

The beautiful weather brought a good crowd of hungry customers. We were sold out in less than 2 hours. With the bills paid-to-date, we made over \$1,500 for our Church treasury.

Thank you to everyone who purchased our meals and invited your friends and neighbors to eat with us. Sorry, if we ran out before you arrived. God willing, we'll make a few more next year.

A special thank-you to Cindy Baker for all the reports and sign-up sheets. Your contagious smile helps to keep us going!

God Bless You All!
Carol Hehenberger





From The Heart



From Sherry Pieper & Dianna Woerpel

A big thank you to all who helped with the church picnic on September 14 - from set-up to serving as well as making bars and cookies and last, but not least, cleaning up. A special thank you to **Galen Alwin** for preparing the delicious pork chops and chicken. We had a nice turn out, and great food and fellowship was had by all.



From Margaret McFarlane

We had 40 people enjoy our fall event. It was a wonderful afternoon/evening for a hayride! Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success. Special thanks to **Fritz & Ginny Wyttenbach** and **Herman Tschudy** for doing the organizing, and **Ed Larsen** and **Galen Alwin** for driving the tractors.

A big round of applause to **Carol Hehenberger** for organizing our Third Annual Chicken Dinner at Cow Chip. It was a HUGE success! All of your hours of hard work are truly appreciated!!

A special thank you to **Sherry Pieper** and **Dianna Woerpel** for all their work and time, chairing and co-chairing the Annual Church Picnic.

A special thank you to **Peggy Ganser** and **Rita Larsen** for taking the time to sign up and host/bring delicious treats for the Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, September 7. Blessings to you – we really appreciate your donation of time and treats and refreshments.

Thank you to **Ruth Hehenberger** for donating the clock in the Church kitchen.

Thank you to **Emily Fuchs** and **Donna Cruse** for helping with the funeral on Saturday, September 13. Your gifts of time and hosting were very much appreciated!

*“FAITH:
Forwarding
All
Issues
To Heaven”*

Memorials

No Memorials were received in August.



Radio Ministry

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

Cliff & Jan Lawton, In loving memory of their sons, Russell Lawton and Jason Barry.

Verda McFarlane, In loving memory of her husband, Robert McFarlane.

♥ **October Anniversaries In Our Church Family** ♥

Nathan & Brigitta Brickl, 5 years on October 9
Jackie and John Sliter, 30 years on October 13
Jason and Robin Franck, 20 years on October 14
Lois and Jim Price, 65 years on October 22

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in October!
We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50.
Please let us know if we missed you on the October birthday calendar!!

Ushers

8:00	October	10:30	8:00	November	10:30
Barb Brock		Scott & Theresa Grimes	Larry & Kathy Johnson		Tim & Katie Homar
Melissa Brickl		Lyle & Dorothy Kuhnau	Kurt & Wendy Schultz		Tom Litscher
Terry Steuber					

Communion Servers

8:00	October 5	10:30	8:00	November 2	10:30
Liz Bongard		Amanda McFarlane, Chair	Liz Bongard		Ed Larsen, Chair
Barb Brock		Theresa Grimes	Gary Schlender		Tim Herbrand
Emily Fuchs		Lyle Kuhnau	Terry Steuber		Tim Homar
Herman Tschudy		Bill Steckelberg	Jamie Wittwer		Todd Pieper



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October

- 2 Stewardship Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- 3 Cleaning days at Church: beginning at 9:00 a.m.
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- 5 Worldwide Communion Sunday
- 6 Sunday School Teachers' Staff meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Christian Fellowship Committee: 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Consistory: 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Coffee Fellowship between Worship Services
Children's Sunday School Choir sings at 10:30 Worship Service
Commissioning of Sunday School Staff

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

Confirmation: 9:10-10:20 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:10-10:10 a.m. for ages 3 years/older

Pastor Bill Kapp Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 8:00-Noon;
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