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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Can it be that the average person spends one-fifth of his or her life talking? That's what the statistics say. If all of our words were put into print, the result would be this: a single day's words would fill a 50-page book, while in a year's time the average person's words would fill 132 books of 200 pages each! Among all those words there are bound to be some spoken in anger, carelessness, or haste.

There are times when what we say can do nothing but cause trouble and difficulties. Our words have a way of creating more trouble than we intend. One of the reasons that we ought to get a handle on the words that we speak is because they are filled with great power. In fact, the tongue has the aggressive ability to destroy. According to the scripture of James, this is exactly the issue with our words. One moment things are fine and the next we are dealing with a major problem.

James gives two vivid word pictures about the destructive power of the tongue. First, he uses **fire** to describe the uncontrollable nature of our words once they are spoken. The sad reality that most people forget is that once their words are said, they can never be taken back. When harmful words are released, they often spread like wildfire.

The second word picture that James uses is **poison**. James uses an interesting word for poison because it was used to describe both the venom produced by snakes and scorpions, but it was also used to describe rust. Thus, the warning that James gives is twofold: first words have the ability to harm others, like venom from a snake and they have the ability to corrode and destroy areas of a person's life.

So, how do we put a stop to saying words that may hurt other's feelings? Well, my mother always taught me to "Think" before I speak:

- T – Is it true?
- H – Is it helpful?
- I – Is it inspiring?
- N – Is it necessary?
- K – Is it kind?

We have all had our feelings hurt at one time or another by careless words. The best thing we can do if they find their way to us is to let them go, give people the benefit of the doubt, be silent, keep your words sweet (you may have to eat them), and ask God for help. The simple truth is that we will never gain ground in our spiritual walk if we fire back every time someone says or does something that offends us. The best choice is to take the high road in all situations and do your best to rise above it.

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, & direct service projects. Through 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). 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.



We're privileged to share Holy Communion with Christians of all denominations throughout our world on October 4th. We remember Christ's call to unity and His gift of one bread, one body for all. Plan to be with us!



Churches and service organizations in the Sauk Prairie community take turns delivering these meals to the homebound. First United Church of Christ is responsible for the weeks of **November 2nd** and **November 9th**. Two people (a driver and a "runner") are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church if you are available between 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. We weren't able to help last year because no one signed up. Let's see if we can fill those spots this year! Your dedication to this program helps make it possible for the recipients to recuperate from hospitalization and/or meet special dietary needs. Thank you, in advance, for volunteering to help deliver SPMHC mobile meals!



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

I am pleased to announce our staff for 2015-2016:

Secretary/Treasurer: Tammy Steuber

Pre-K: Katie Homar
Kim Baier
Kiana Litscher
Kylie Baier

K & 1st: Heather Miller
Kari Larsen
Hannah Miller
Taylor Breininger

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 54 students registered and 12 Confirmands. I am anticipating a wonderful year of Christian education.


★ We welcome all returning students. A special welcome to our new students:

Chris Blankenship, Izabel Brickl, Claudia Haselwander, Gracelyn & Londyn Kleist, and Lindzi Larsen.


★ Our theme this year is ***“When You Follow In Jesus’ Footsteps...Your Bucket Overflows With Love!”***

★ October 18th 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 8th.

 I have a desk in the library. If you need to leave me a message, there is a notebook for your convenience. You can also e-mail me at:

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com

 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!



Attention: First U.C.C. 5th through 12th Graders

First U.C.C. Youth Group will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (unless there is a special event).

Please join us for a Youth Group event at **Treinen's Corn Maze** in Lodi on Wednesday, October 7, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.! Cost is \$10/person. We will meet at church at 6:15 p.m. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight!!

If the weather is bad, we will have game night and snacks at church instead. Grades 5 and up are welcome! Come join the **FUN!!**



Members-In-Ministry Coffee

"Care Visit Team" members are invited to a Coffee on Wednesday, October 21, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at church.

We will celebrate the ministry of our Committee as well as review the Service of Communion procedures. New members are welcomed!



First UCC members: If anyone saw a runaway cart or pots & pans, please return them to the church kitchen. Every now and then things go missing; if you need to use items within the church, be kind and please return them to their proper place. Church property should **NOT** be removed from church premises.

Thanks, First UCC Consistory



CONSISTORY MEETING
First United Church of Christ
September 17, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Present: *Rose Kleinert (president), Pastor Bill, Theresa Grimes, Debbie Tschudy, Tom Litscher, Tim Herbrand, Lyle Kuhnau, Mark Pierick, Don Larsen and Amanda McFarlane*

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Bill

PASTOR BILL'S REPORT: (1) Meet and Greet new associate conference minister September 24 or September 29 (see Pastor Bill if you're interested in attending). (2) Weekly Wednesday Fellowship Night: Dinner 5:00, Worship 5:30. (3) Compiling an e-mail list of members to send church information via e-mail - Laura Kapp is working on this. (4) Pastor Bill gone on vacation October 5-12.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to approve by Tim, second by Don, motion carried.

Financial Statements and Invoices: Motion to approve by Deb, second by Theresa, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: (1) Discussed water issue in basement women's restroom. (2) 4 year old Kindergarten replacing Sauk Prairie Nursery School sign in front of Education Building; removal of a few shrubs will be determined.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: (1) Church cookout in the park August 22 was a success. (2) Church Picnic - September 20 after the 10:30 service (Galen Alwin is grilling for picnic). (3) Fall cleaning days - October 9 and 10 at 9:00 a.m. (4) Coffee Fellowship - October 18.

FINANCE: Will meet in September or October

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY: Members are actively making visits to homes, nursing homes, and hospitals. Group is looking for new individuals to make visits to members. Please contact Liz Bongard if you're willing to make visits.

STEWARDSHIP: This group is looking for new members, please contact Rose Kleinert or Mark Pierick if you're interested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHURCH YOUTH PROGRAM:

(1) 54 students in Sunday School and 12 confirmands. (2) Fall Event – hayride: Saturday, September 19th, starting at Wyttenbach's. (3) Church Picnic Sunday, September 20th. (4) Looking for Sunday School Choir Director. (5) Youth group starting the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. (6) Feed My Starving Children - Thursday, October 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. (7) Sunday, October 25 - serving dinner at The Crossing.

ON-GOING BUSINESS: (1) Adult Bible Study starting - they will be discussing the book of John - Sundays from 9:10-10:10.

NEW BUSINESS: Looking to purchase a snow brush remover for the church/park/parsonage sidewalks.

Motion to adjourn by Lyle, seconded by Debbie, motion carried. Closing Prayer by Pastor Bill.

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, at 6:30 p.m.



Christian Fellowship Minutes of September 8th

From Debbie Tschudy

In attendance: Pastor Bill, Dorothy Kundert, Rita Larsen, Sandy Schlender, Debbie Tschudy and Dianna Woerpel

Old Business

August 16 – coffee fellowship

August 22 – church park cook out started at 4:30 p.m. – great time and beautiful evening
Bouncy house and grill donated from McFarlane's – many thanks

New Business

NO coffee fellowship for September

September 13 – 10:30 church service in the park – weather was great

September 20 – annual church picnic after 10:30 service – Chair/co-chair: Dianna Woerpel and Debbie Tschudy

Galen once again volunteered to grill pork chops and chicken for us – so thankful!

Cindy putting out sign-up sheets and RSVP forms

October 9 and 10 – fall church cleaning days – starting at 9:00 each day

October 18 – coffee fellowship

Any other new business?

Basketweavers' baskets – Cindy has these in her office if our committee has a use for them for door prizes, etc.

Next Meeting – October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. – (always the 2nd Tuesday of the month)

Miscellaneous church items or dates



All are invited to help with our **Fall cleaning days** on Friday, October 9, and Saturday, October 10. 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.

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

Thank You

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Fourth Annual Chicken Dinner At Cow Chip was Mmm Good!!

Church projects are the glue that keep our church going. Our crew of workers this year included people from 14 to 96. There were onion tear and lots of laughter and fellowship as we worked to accomplish another delicious meal.

Thank you to **Galen Alwin** for all his work getting supplies, setting up, and for cooking all afternoon and evening with **Rod Hehenberger**'s assistance. Thank you to all who helped prepare the food and donated supplies; who set up, served, and cleaned up after; and to the **Wytttenbach**'s for getting the chicken and keeping it refrigerated in their truck until we used it. All the busy hands included: **Lucinda Gruber & Friends at Maplewood Village, Tom & Kristy Litscher, Emily Fuchs, Liz Bongard, Charmaine Carter, Marcy & Steve Thurwachter, Dianna Woerpel, Jan Pierce, Cecy Haines, Rose Kleinert, Tim & Sue Herbrand, Mark & Rhonda**

Pierick, Donna Cruse, Larry & Kathy Johnson, Cliff & Jan Lawton, Ed & Rita Larsen, Sherri Roberts, Rod Hehenberger, Dorothy Kundert, Laura Kapp, Jake McCaulley, Trent Powell, Caroline Kennedy, Fritz & Ginny Wytttenbach, and Marilyn Horstman. (If I missed anyone, I am sorry.)

Thank you to all who put up advertising posters and to Cindy Baker for always being available for us with a smile.

Thank you for coming with friends and family to enjoy our meal.

The profits from this fundraiser go into our church treasury. Over \$200 of supplies were donated, which helped us earn just over \$1,800 profit this year.

I hope you all enjoyed helping with this project and will do it again soon.

Jesus loves all your helping hands!

Thank you!
Carol Hehenberger



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You!

From the ♥

From Dianna Woerpel, Chair, Picnic

65 men, women, and kids enjoyed the Bouncy House and the chicken & pork chops dinner at our annual Church Picnic on September 20th. **Galen Alwin** is a Master at grilling! Others to be thanked for helping kick off the Sunday School year are: **Charmaine Carter, Sherry Pie-per, Rita & Ed Larsen, Emily Fuchs, Carol Hehenberger, Emily Fuchs, Rose Kleinert, Sue & Tim Herbrand, Deb & Herman Tschudy, Margaret McFarlane, Pastor Bill & Laura Kapp, Dianna Woer-pel, and Cindy Baker.** Great day, great picnic, great workers, great fellowship!!

From Margaret McFarlane

We had 50 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** for letting us gather at their home; **Herman Tschudy** for doing the organizing; and **Ed Larsen** and **Fritz** for driving the tractors.



A big round of applause to **Carol Hehen-berger** for organizing our Fourth Annual Chicken Dinner at Cow Chip. It was a HUGE success! We truly appreciate all of your hours of hard work putting this event together!! God Bless You, Carol!



From Christian Fellowship

Special thank you to **Dianna Woerpel** for all her work decorating, setting up and working at the picnic as our Chair. Everyone enjoyed the picnic food. We appreciate all you do. Blessings to you!!



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.

Memorials

Memorials were received in August in loving memory of:

Cleo Schaefer
Lorene Sprecher



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.

Emily Fuchs, In loving memory of her husband, Bill Fuchs.

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

Lois & Jim Price, 66 years on October 22

Jim & Corrine Jonas, 45 years on October 24

Doug & Sherry Steuber, 45 years on October 31

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 4	10:30	8:00	November 1	10:30
Liz Bongard		Tim Herbrand	Barb Brock		Tim Homar
Emily Fuchs		Larry Johnson	Daryl Matzke		Don Larsen
Gary Schlender		Tom McFarlane	Mark Pierick		Ed Larsen
Herman Tschudy		Bill Steckelberg	Terry Steuber		Todd Pieper



If you use **Facebook**, please think about being "our friend" at First United Church of Christ-Sauk City.

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Every Wednesday is Fellowship Night at First UCC!

- ☛ Casual Dinner in Dining Room: 5:00 p.m.
- ☛ Contemporary Worship Service: 5:30 p.m.
- ☛ First Choir, Youth & Adult programming: 6:30 p.m.

- 4 Worldwide Communion Sunday
- 5 Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Youth Group Outing to Treinen's Corn Maze: meet at church at 6:15 p.m.
- 9 Cleaning days at Church: beginning at 9:00 a.m.
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- 13 Christian Fellowship Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Consistory: 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Coffee Fellowship between Worship Services
Children's Sunday School Choir sings at 10:30 Worship Service
Commissioning of Sunday School Staff at 10:30 Worship Service
- 21 Members In Ministry Coffee: 10:00 a.m. at church

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

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