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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

There are opportunities to do meaningful ministry everywhere, especially here in Sauk Prairie. We don't have to look very far to see a need - people of all ages who could use a helping hand. We have wonderful outlets for ministry already in place in our community, such as the Food Pantry for those who are hungry and the Mobile Meals program for the elderly and homebound.

I think in order to be a healthy and vibrant church, we have to be in tune with the needs of our local community. It's great to support long distance projects such as Compassion International (who our youth work with to sponsor a girl from Indonesia). It's an incredibly meaningful experience to go on a mission trip (First UCC has another trip to Back Bay Mission planned for June 17-23, 2018). It's important to support our *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering and our UCC Disaster Ministry.

These are all worthy causes. But, we have an opportunity to balance far away needs with those a little closer to home. We have significant challenges right here in Sauk Prairie that we can respond to in a faithful and meaningful manner consistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one prime spot in our community that I have never really considered – the high school. Did you know there were 52 homeless students to start the 2017-2018 school year at SP High School? These students don't fit the stereotype of what homelessness looks like. Many are not sleeping outside on a bench at night or living in a makeshift cardboard box down by the river. Instead, these students are couch surfing from friend to friend or are staying with grandparents or other extended family members.

In addition to our homeless students, there are also many families in our school district who are struggling financially. These families have to make tough choices such as whether to eat breakfast or to pay the utility bill. These are very difficult circumstances.

Many of our Sauk Prairie students go without the bare necessities – warm clothes in the winter, three meals a day, personal care items, and an environment suitable for studying. It's challenging enough to excel and make the grade in the best of circumstances. Imagine how difficult learning can be if you are distracted by the needs brought on by homelessness and financial insecurity.

Thankfully, the Sauk Prairie School District has programs in place to help students and families in need. The easiest way we can help is to donate money, personal care items and food to the school district. Starting in October, we will have a large bin placed in our church where we can drop off items every month intended for students and families in need. There is a list on the back of this letter. I encourage you to take on this offering for a year and to make a positive difference in the lives of people living right there in our own community. Ministry doesn't get any more meaningful than that!

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill



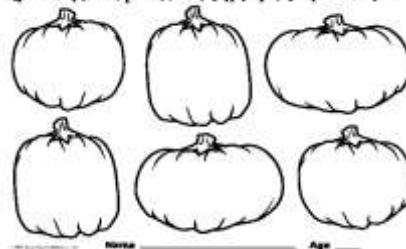
The **Neighbors In Need** offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice & Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, & direct service projects. 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.

Neighbors In Need needs your support! Your offering envelope is enclosed.



We're privileged to share Holy Communion with Christians of all denominations throughout our world on October 1st. We remember Christ's call to unity and His gift of one bread, one body for all.

Jack-o-Lantern Faces



Sunday School **Fall Event**

For our annual fall event, we are planning a fall festival in the Church park. We invite all Sunday School families to join us on Saturday, October 21, from 2:30-4:30. We will enjoy games, activities, treats, and hay rides. Stop by for the entire time or just what works for your family's schedule. Members of the congregation are also welcome. If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet in the basement of the Education Building.





Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

I am pleased to announce our staff for 2017-2018:

Pre-K: Katie Homar
Kim Baier
Kiana Litscher
Ivory Blankenship

K & 1st Grade: Heather Miller
Kari Larsen
Taylor Breininger
Jack Mabis

2nd & 3rd Grades: Andrea Gavol
Chris Logterman

4th Grade: Jennifer Cruse
Brigitta Brickl

5th & 6th Grades: Jeanann Breininger
Jenny Brickl

Confirmation:
Pastor Bill
Theresa Grimes
Tom Litscher

Choir Director:
Marcia Nachreiner

★ We have 45 students registered and 18 Confirmands. I am anticipating a wonderful year of Christian education.

★ We welcome all returning students. A special welcome to our new students: Briann Brickl, Natilee Granger, Clayton Haselwander, Henry Homar, Raegan & Madilyn Noltner, and Halden Haas.


★ Our theme this year is ***“Make Room For Jesus In Your Heart... Your World Will Be Filled With Joy!”***

★ October 15th is Children’s Sunday at the 10:30 service. The Children’s Choir will perform for the first time.


★ 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 12th.

★ Our Sunday School fall event will be Saturday, October 21. (See separate article)

★ Our Sunday School staff will be commissioned on Sunday, October 22, at the 10:30 service.

 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!

Consistory Agenda
First United Church of Christ

Thursday September 21, 2017

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

Absent: Theresa Grimes

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Finance Questions

- Discrepancy between 2017 and 2016 is due to the transfer of funds to pay for the Campital Campaign

✚ Pastor Bills Report

- Sunday school, adult education, and Confirmation programs started again
- Contemporary Worship and choir on Wednesdays
- Ministerial Development Group every other Friday at Lake Edge UCC in Madison include presentations and discussions of current issues
 - Maintain clergy connections and current on Church and Conference issues
- Registered youth to participate in Feed My Starving Children food packing on October 26 and serving a meal at The Crossing March 18, 2018
- Pre-registration opens next month for the Life Promotions Youth Retreat February 9-11, 2018 at The Wilderness – 16 youth and 4 adults
- Building Use Request from Girl Scout Troop 3307 - Chris Logterman leads this group.
- Out of town October 9-16, 2017 working on pulpit supply for Sunday, October 15
- Phones - 4K program offered us \$3000 to get our phone system upgraded
 - Frontier, current carrier, only offers a Hosted (top of the line) option for our location
 - Merrimac Communications and Charter Spectrum contacted for quotes
 - Dave Lendved has offered to look at the phones as well
- Cow Chip Chicken Dinner and the Fall Picnic were a success! Thanks to Galen Alwin (who did the grilling) and to all who took part preparing, setting up and cleaning. It was a group effort! Special thanks to Chris Logterman for stepping in and leading the charge at the 2017 Cow Chip.
- Contemporary singing group, The Niskas, to perform at First UCC Saturday, December 2. Ticket sales will be offered online starting next month. First UCC is being asked to provide hospitality.
- Mark move to approve report, Tom 2nd, motion passed

✚ Approval of financial statements minutes or invoices

- Tom move to approve, Dean 2nd, motion passed

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Glass block for window by stage in basement to mitigate moisture in that area. Quote from Dean's Masonry for \$938 and the work is within our building permit. Kurt move to approve bid and replace window, Marcy 2nd, motion passed
 - Window well will need attention in the future
 - Two other kitchen windows replaced with project
 - Cement walk jacked up
 - Kitchen wall is progressing and nearing completion
 - Light bulb replacement is complete (89 bulbs total)
 - Discussion of signage and landscaping for future projects
- Christian Fellowship
 - See article in the October Scoop
 - Mark move to approve, Don 2nd, pass
- Finance
 - Finance Committee scheduling a meeting for a future date
- Members in Ministry
 - Actively doing visits
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - Sunday School – See article in the October Scoop
 - Chris move, Shirlee 2nd, pass
 - Youth Program
 - See Pastor Bill's report
 - September 27 at 6:30 Peer Pressure program for tweens and parents

Ongoing Business Update:

- Kitchen windows – See Building & Maintenance
- Consistory member typically have keys to church but not required. Mark has list of who has key to Church.

New Business Issues

- Stewardship
 - Mark proposes 2-3 Consistory members to serve on Stewardship Committee and invite congregation members to serve as well. Committee is written into our by-laws and members rotate on staggered terms
 - Marcy and Shirlee volunteer to serve.
 - Mark move to revive Stewardship Committee with volunteers starting membership, Chris 2nd, motion passed
- Telephone System update project
 - See Pastor Bill's report for summary
 - Dave Lendved is willing to look over current system to investigate solutions. Pastor Bill will meet with Dave.
- Building use request
 - Girl Scout Troop 3307 request for 1st and 3rd Monday evenings

- Maintain list of projects and stages of completion
 - Keep congregation informed throughout year in addition to in the Annual Report
 - Dean will take lead on this communication project

✚ Close of meeting

- Chris move, Dean 2nd, motion approved

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: October 19th

Dear Consistory,

I am thankful to be back in the swing of a new program year. Our Sunday school, adult education and Confirmation programs have started back up again. Wednesday evenings are busy with Contemporary Worship and choir. We are blessed in so many ways. A few things of note:

1.) I am attending a Ministerial Development Group every other Friday at Lake Edge UCC in Madison. These meetings run September-June, and, for the most part, meet on the first and third Fridays of the month. The first hour of the MDG is set aside for a scheduled presenter from the group and the second hour is set aside for anyone having current hot button issues. I find these meetings important for maintaining clergy connections as well as staying sharp on Church or Conference issues.

2.) I have made a registration for our church youth to participate in:
a.) Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event on October 26.
b.) Serve the meal at The Crossing on March 18, 2018.

In addition, the Life Promotions Youth Retreat is scheduled for February 9-11, 2018 at The Wilderness. The early bird registration process opens up next month, and I will reserve a spot for twenty – 16 youth and 4 adults.

3.) Building Use Request from Girl Scout Troop 3307 - Chris Logterman leads this group.

4.) Out of town October 9-16, 2017. I do not have pulpit supply yet filled for October 15.

5.) Telephone situation: Last month I presented to consistory that our phone system was subpar. Many glitches. The 4K program offered us \$3000 to get our phone system upgraded. Our current carrier, Frontier, offers two sets of phone system plans – Premise Based (cheaper) and Hosted (top of the line). The only catch with Premise Based is that you need a central location or a “hub” where all the lines run together in the building.

Frontier sent two sets of technicians to try and ascertain where the lines are running and they were unable to find a “hub” where all the lines come together. Because of this, only the hosted phone system is being offered by Frontier at this time.

Contacts were then made to Merrimac Communications and Charter Spectrum to get their rates. I will have handouts at the meeting. I also spoke with Dave Lendved, who has done work on our church phone system in previous years. He has offered to come in and check out our situation.

6.) Cow Chip Chicken Dinner and the Fall Picnic were a success! Thanks to Galen Alwin (who did the grilling) and to all who took part preparing, setting up and cleaning. It was a group effort! Special thanks to Chris Logterman for stepping in and leading the charge at the Cow Chip.

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Minutes of September 12, 21017

Attending: Pastor Bill, Deb Tschudy, Rita Larsen, Peggy Ganser, Charmaine Carter and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Reviewed:

- September 17th Picnic in the Park
Finalized preparations for Sunday's picnic; thank you to everyone for their help, special thanks to Charmaine for chairing this event. 😊
- Church cleaning day will be **Saturday, October 14th** (8:00-12:00)
- Coffee Fellowship **Sunday, October 15th**

Future Events/discussion at October's meeting:

- ✚ Craft & Bake sale
- ✚ Christmas decorating set-up / clean-up (coordinate with Tammie and Kathy)
- ✚ Singing "Niskas" Saturday, December 2nd (coffee and cake/bars after performance)
- ✚ Advent candle readings (December 3rd – 10th – 17th – 24th) Rita to make calls for volunteers (10:30 service)
- ✚ Review Church Procedures for borrowing items from church property for church functions. What can be borrowed and what cannot.

Fellowship ideas:

- Happy hour
- Lunch time fellowship
- Home to home food and fun

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:30 pm



Don't forget about our Wednesday evening worship service! It is a casual, contemporary service at 6:00 that is fun, come-as-you-are and lasts 30 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. Sign up for one service or many, solos or groups. 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 from 5:30-6:00. No need to bring anything, just show up for fun fellowship and good food before the service. For more info, contact: Kristy Litscher at: 643-6199 or KristeenLitscher@outlook.com, Theresa Grimes, Pastor Bill or the church office.



Twelve Step Bible Study

Mark Pierick is leading a **Twelve Step Bible Study** (not a support group) on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.



Family Fun Night

A game night/family night/screens free night for family members of all ages meets the first Thursday of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You can come and go as you please. Anyone under 18 should have an adult attending with them. Hope to see you on the 5th!



Pastor Bill holds **GriefShare** grief support group meetings on the first & third Tues-days of the month at 6:30 p.m. and the first & third Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. The group meets in the Fireside Room. This is a sorely needed ministry, and it's available not only for church members, but for the entire community.



All are invited to help with our **Fall cleaning day** on Saturday, October 14th. We will clean from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of church soon. 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.



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 **October 30th** and **November 6th**. Two people (a driver and a “runner”) are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church. 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 mobile meals!



Joyful Gifts

We invite you to fill the bassinette (which is in the Church Office) with new and gently-used clothing for children ages Newborn to 5 years old. We are collecting all types of clothing: sleepers, pajamas, socks, onesies, underwear, and diapers. This project is in conjunction with Sauk County Human Services. The clothes will go to children who are being placed outside of their homes.



God's blessings to all the helpers with the First U.C.C. Chicken Dinner for Cow Chip. I really appreciate everyone who stepped in to help, especially Chris Logterman and her daughter, Ella; Marcy & Steve Thurwacher; and Cecy Haines, who stepped in to orchestrate the various duties leading up to the dinner this year.

I know with God's help, Galen's cooking, and all our wonderful leaders and helpers, this event will continue to thrive in years to come. Working together is truly a blessing.

Our final profit this year will be around \$2,000. Final bills are still coming in.

Thank You and God Bless!
Carol Hehenberger



Sixth Annual Chicken Dinner
at Cow Chip was Mmm-mmm Good!!

Church projects are the glue that keep our church going. Our crew of workers this year included old friends and new ones. There were onion tears 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 **Pastor Bill** and **Don Larsen'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 **Wytenbach's** for getting the chicken ready for cooking.

All the busy hands included: **Lucinda Gruber & Friends at Maplewood Village**, **Tom Litscher**, **Rose Kleinert**, **Sherry Pieper**, **Debbie & Herm Tschudy**, **Dorothy Kundert**, **Emily Fuchs**, **Peggy Ganser**, **Rita & Ed Larsen**, **Ron Polacek**, **Dianna Woerpel**, **Kari & Doug Larsen**, **Liz Bongard**, **Jan Pierce**, **Cecy Haines**, **Marcy & Steve Thurwachter**, **Charmaine Carter**, **Tammie Huerth**, **Ken & Robin Meier**, **Jan Lawton**, **Dean Dahnert**, **Kevin King & Karen DeWitt**, **Jane Litscher**, and **Chris & Ella Logterman**. (If I missed anyone, I am sorry.)

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

The profits from this fundraiser go into our church treasury. Over \$470 of supplies and fees were donated, which helped us earn around \$2,000 to help with church expenses.

I hope you all enjoyed helping with this project and will do it again soon. Jesus loves all your helping hands!

Thank you!
Chris Logterman



A PICTURE-PERFECT FALL DAY

70 + people adorned our beautiful park on Sunday, September 17th.

As always, Galen's chicken and pork chops were fantastic. **THANK YOU Galen.**

I cannot express how grateful we are to have such **wonderful people** in our congregation who brought helping hands that pitched in to set-up, serve-up, and teardown; and let's not forget the bakers and food makers.

Many thanks to **Margaret McFarlane** for all the Sunday school "fun" and **WOW** to the very talented face and nail painters!

A very special thanks to **Charmaine Carter** for chairing this event.

What great **FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP!!**

Rose Kleinert, Christian Fellowship



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The October SCOOP is sponsored by Herm & Debbie Tschudy, in loving memory of their fathers, Emil Tschudy & Dale Dennis; their mothers, Martha Tschudy & Anna Mae Dennis; and their brother-in-law and nephew, Peter & Dominic Giacomino.

Every Wednesday is Fellowship Night at First UCC!

- ☞ Casual Dinner in Dining Room: 5:30 p.m.
- ☞ Contemporary Worship Service: 6:00 p.m.
- ☞ First Choir: 6:45 p.m.

- 1 **Worldwide Communion Sunday**
- 3 **GriefShare:** 6:30 p.m.
- 4 **GriefShare:** 10:00 a.m.
- 5 **Family Fun Night:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 9 **Christian Fellowship Committee:** 6:30 p.m.
- 14 **Cleaning Day at Church:** 8:00 a.m. - Noon
- 15 **Coffee Fellowship**
Sunday School Children's Choir sings at 10:30 Worship Service
- 17 **GriefShare:** 6:30 p.m.
- 18 **GriefShare:** 10:00 a.m.
- 19 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 21 **Sunday School Fall Event:** 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- 22 **Sunday School Staff Commissioning:** 10:30 worship service
- 26 **Twelve Step Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m.
Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Memorials

Memorials were received in September in loving memory of:

Marion Foster
Mike Nagel
Charlie Ritchie



October Anniversaries In Our Church Family



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 | Randy Kuhnau | Kurt & Wendy Schultz | | | |
| Terry Steuber | | | | | |

Communion Servers

| 8:00 | October 1 | 10:30 | 8:00 | November 5 | 10:30 |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Rick Breininger | Sharon Diehl | Galen & Pam Alwin | Tim Homar | | |
| Barb Brock | Larry Johnson | Mark Pierick | Don Larsen | | |
| Tom Litscher | Bill Steckelberg | Marcy Thurwachter | Ed Larsen | | |
| Terry Steuber | Jamie Wittwer | | Amanda Moseman | | |

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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Saturday: 9:30-11:00 a.m. and by appointment

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