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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

I was out walking last week and noticed something odd. The sun had a different shade than it usually did for that time of the day. It was a dark orange with its circular outline much more distinct than normal. It resembled the color of the sun at sunset, but it was still up the sky. It looked almost like we were on a different planet and so I took a few photos.

This strange phenomenon was the result of wildfires out west. The hazy smoke from the fires traveled all the way to Wisconsin and obscured the sun enough to give us the abnormal display. I think it had something to do about the smoke refracting the sunlight to give it more of an orange color than the traditional yellow. I did not really detect the smoke during the day but as the sun started to sink it became noticeably clear that something was different.

It is fascinating to consider the varied ways we can look at life and how contrasting circumstances can affect how we see the world around us. When life is going well, when everything is going smoothly, we can look at the world through a happier point of view. When life is not going as well, perhaps we have more of a dreary outlook.

There is a term – looking at life through rose-colored glasses. It means to take an optimistic view. The adjectives *rosy* and *rose-colored* have been used in the sense of “hopeful” or “optimistic” since the 1700’s. To use that term implies that you have an optimistic perception and view things in a positive way. The glass is half-full. There are silver linings to be found.

Life is difficult, so why not find a pair of rose-colored glasses to wear? What would it hurt to have a little more optimism in our lives? I know a perfect place to look – the gospel.

As I go through life, I try to process the world around me through the lens of Jesus Christ. Looking at the world through a Jesus-colored filter changes how I view the world. Jesus’ parables and teachings give me a rosier outlook. It affects how I treat people - the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized and those who are different from me. It changes how I view my role in this world and allows me to see a need that would otherwise go undetected.

When encountered with the varied complications of life I often ask myself, “What would Jesus do”? And then I try to emulate His example. The Lord gives me a hopeful and optimistic outlook but also holds me to a higher standard than I otherwise would have on my own. The teachings of Jesus help to keep me centered and focused on the ways of love and service. When we look at life through the lens of Jesus Christ it can change how we see the world around us, it can give us a rosier point of view.

Pastor Bill



Harvest Table

The Stewardship Committee invites you to donate items to our fall Harvest Table beginning Monday, October 26, through Sunday, November 1. The items collected will benefit the Sauk Prairie Food Pantry. These are items the Food Pantry is currently in need of:

- Pasta / Rice
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Tuna
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal / Oatmeal
- Canned Vegetables and Fruits
- Canned Soups
- Canned Meats, Pastas, Pork & Beans, Chili, Sloppy Joes, or similar
- Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Salad Dressings, BBQ Sauce, or similar
- Cake Mixes
- Baby Food & Formula
- Diapers & Wipes
- Baking Materials (Flour, Sugar, Brown Sugar, etc)
- Laundry & Dish Soap
- Toilet Paper & Kleenex

If you are not shopping but wish to contribute, please make out a check to Sauk Prairie Food Pantry and send it to the church office. All monetary donations are tax deductible.

Items may be dropped off in the Washington Avenue Church entryway (doors will be unlocked) Monday, October 26, through Friday, October 30, until noon each day or brought to church on Sunday, November 1. Thank-you!



Stock The Schools Is Back!

Yes, after a lengthy hiatus, Stock the Schools has returned. Collections of items monthly will be delivered to the Sauk Prairie Middle School for students in need. In October, we are collecting granola bars and WATERPROOF winter mittens/gloves, snow pants, and winter boots. Drop your donations in the bin just inside the north side church doors on Sundays or during the week in the red bin outside the Education Building doors.

Thank-you for your support!

Sunday School News

Margaret McFarlane & Brigitta Brickl
Co-Superintendents

We are pleased to announce our staff for
2020-2021:

K, Grades 1 & 2: Amanda Haselwander
Taylor Breininger

Grades 3 & 4: Kari Larsen
Morgan Larsen

Grades 5 & 6: Jeanann Breininger
Nadene Litscher

Confirmation: Pastor Bill

Adult Class: Mark Pierick

☆ This year our theme for Sunday School
is: “**Follow The ‘Son’...and Grow!**”

☆ With the change to one Sunday service at
9:00, our Sunday School classes are now
meeting from 10:00-10:45.

☆ Exciting this year is the addition of our
virtual Sunday School classroom. Lessons
are posted weekly that align with classroom
lessons. If you are interested, join us at
10:10 on Sundays for the live virtual lesson
via google meet. Come check out the
Bitmoji classroom on our church webpage.

☆ We have 26 students on our in-person
roster and 3 students that are doing the
online lessons. The in-person and virtual
lessons are being offered to all families.
Students can participate in one or both.

☆ For the safety of our Church family, the
following events are cancelled: Church
Picnic, Monthly Birthday Gatherings,
Children’s Choir, and Family Sunday. We
are asking that no snacks or treats be sent
until further notice. Students can bring their
own water bottles.

☆ Our Sunday School will be collecting
donations for UNICEF. Collection boxes will
be going home in October and are due back
by November 8th.

☆ All classes are held on the third floor of
the Education Building. Parents are being
asked to drop off and pick up students
outside. Students can enter through the
front Education Building doors. For the
protection of everyone, we are requiring
masks in the Education Building. We will
have masks available if needed. We require
the use of hand sanitizer and social
distancing.

✉ Please e-mail us with any questions or
concerns:

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Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!

As we begin a new year of Christian
Ministry, it is important to say thanks to
many of our faithful servants who have
graciously served. We are grateful for
their leadership and the time they put into
teaching, as they went about building
relationships with their students and
families. How blessed our church has
been to have the commitment of these
disciples who reflected the love of Christ!

Jennifer Cruse	13 years
Katie Homar	12 years
Theresa Grimes	10 years (Confirmation)
Tom Litscher	10 years (7 years Confirma- tion, 3 years S.S.)
Andrea Gavol	7 years
Chris Logterman	7 years

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SCOOP



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

Harvest Table: Monday, October 26, through Sunday, November 1

- 4 **Worldwide Communion Sunday**
9:00 a.m. **Worship Service with Communion**
10:30 **Worship Service in the Park with Communion:** weather permitting
Adult Sunday School: Time TBA for today. After today, the class will meet at 10:30 a.m. There will be a link on the Church's Web site to join the class – www.ucc-saukcity.org
- 8 **Open & Affirming Subcommittee:** 5:00 p.m. at the home of Shirlee Lendved
- 13 **Christian Fellowship:** 6:30 p.m. (in the park, weather permitting)
- 15 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 20 **Finance Committee:** 7:00 p.m.



Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7)
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.; Confirmation: 10:10 a.m.; Adult Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Memorials

Memorials were received in September in loving memory of:

Chris Logterman
Reverend Herb Feierabend
Robert "Bob" Slotty
Lucinda Gruber

Radio Ministry

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

Deborah Bailey, in honor and celebration of Pastor Bill's 23 years of Pastoral Ministry.

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

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

Pat Boehmer and Kristy, Ross, & Kiana Litscher, in loving memory of their husband, father and grandfather, John Boehmer.

August 30th Radio Broadcast was sponsored by Scott & Christy Kinnamon, in loving memory of their grandparents and Scott's father.



October Anniversaries In Our Church Family



Jim & Corrine Jonas, 50 years on October 24

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 or any other month.



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Stewardship Committee Notes

- *Next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m.
- *The school supply drive for Sauk Prairie Middle School resulted in three deliveries of donated supplies to Sue Baumann-Duren (school social worker). See thank-you note below.
- *Distribution of painted rocks to residents of Maplewood, Maplewood Village, and The Pines complex are underway.
- *Those who are unable to attend church and who would like an “Our Attitude is Gratitude” painted rock in support of the fall stewardship campaign, should contact the church office for delivery of a rock
- *A harvest table to collect items for the Sauk Prairie Food Pantry will be held Monday, October 26, through Sunday, November 1. See the Scoop for more details.



Dear Pastor Bill, Marcy Thurwachter, and all parishioners at First United Church of Christ:

Thank you for another batch of wonderful donations of school supplies for SPSSD students! These items were exactly the items we did not have! Thank you so much!

Sincerely, Susan Baumann Duren
Sauk Prairie School District

Consistory Meeting Minutes
First United Church of Christ
September 17, 2020

Attendance: Dean Dahnert, Tammy Young, Mark Pierick, Pastor Bill, Peggy Ganser, Tammie Huerth, Don Larsen, Marcy Thurwachter, Kurt Schultz, Heather Miller

- Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill
- Action to fill open Consistory position
 - Review of our Constitution Article VI, Section 2
 - Marcy Thurwachter has accepted our offer to serve on Consistory until March, 2021 to fill Chris Logterman's position
 - Mark move to approve Marcy Thurwachter as a Consistory member to replace Chris Logterman. Don 2nd, motion carried
- Pastor Bill's Report
 - Read Pastor's report in the October Scoop
 - Southwest Association Annual Meeting Oct 17th. Sign up if interested in going.
 - Back Bay Mission Trip – Trip is on hold due to concerns about Covid-19
 - German Partnership: Looking to lead a team of Southwest Association youth to German in the summer of 2021. Hosting German youth in summer of 2022
 - Pastor Bill wishing to take his last vacation in late October 12th – 19th
 - Scott Kinnamon to lead worship service on October 18th
 - Dean move to approve vacation for Pastor Bill, Tammy 2nd, motion carried
- Committee Reports
 - Building & Maintenance
 - No issues with maintenance or repairs.
 - Electrical outlets to be placed in the sanctuary for the big screens on the wall to be installed
 - Parsonage porch – Mark checked with a company that is not interested in helping. No time and supplies are limited due to Covid-19
 - Will need to wait until Spring of 2021
 - Christian Fellowship
 - *Did not meet in September.
 - *To meet again in October
 - Finance
 - Have not met in September
 - Members in Ministry
 - Phone calls have been made by Liz Bongard & Sherri Roberts
 - Pastor Bill still making Pastor on the Porch calls.

- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See Sunday School report in the Scoop
 - Adult Sunday School to start Oct 4th virtually
- Stewardship
 - Stewardship Sunday is November 15th
 - Decorated rocks to be taken by each parishioner
 - School supply drive has ended. Very successful!
 - Next meeting will be September 23rd in the park
- Open & Affirming
 - Movie night canceled and will be rescheduled
 - Next meeting Oct 8th
 - Successful Bible Study was on September 6th
 - Working on a newsletter from the ONA initiative
 - Looking at posting the audio from the bible study on our website
 - Talked about putting an ONA info on our Facebook page
- Ongoing Business
 - Discuss Covid-19 response to date, update policies as needed
 - Discussion regarding what action to take if someone notifies us that they have attended a church function and have tested positive
 - Suggestion that we have radio broadcast only from Nov – Jan due to Covid-19.
 - Mask mandate will end at the end of September. Discussion on still requiring masks at church
 - Air ventilation is a concern for the winter months.
 - Develop and revise rules for Covid-19 in the church
 - Looking at getting a professional service to come in and clean if we have learned of someone who has been tested positive and has been in church.
 - We use the schools as a gage for the Sunday school program. If schools close due to covid-19 then the Sunday school program would follow suit
- New Business
 - Approve Brigitta Brickl for Sunday School Superintendent position
 - Discussion on shared job duties of Brigitta Brickl and Margaret McFarlane
 - Tammy move to approve Brigitta Brickl as a Co-Sunday School Superintendent with Margaret McFarlane. Both will be paid in equal amounts and Katie Smith will be notified to pay each. Marcy 2nd, motion carried
- Adjourn – Don move to adjourn, Kurt 2nd, motion carried
- Closing Prayer – Pastor Bill
- Next meeting – October 15, 2020

Dear Consistory,

We have now moved into our program year, which will run September 13, 2020 – May 16, 2021. The new program year normally welcomes back Sunday school, confirmation, adult Sunday school, choir, and contemporary worship after a summer hiatus.

This will be a different kind of year due to COVID-19. For example, the choir will not be singing any time soon (other than on an audio or video recording) due to what we have learned about droplets and aerosols being expelled into the air. Our contemporary worship and adult Sunday school are not starting up right away due to COVID. We are having Sunday school, being offered in-person as well as virtually, and I am holding confirmation out in the church park.

Moving forward, our Christian education programming will use the Sauk Prairie School District as a barometer as to whether to meet publicly or virtually. Through it all, we will be as flexible as we can here at the church. This is an ever-changing situation and we will have to be able to make changes accordingly.

In terms of my report:

- 1.) I am continuing my involvement with clergy development groups on Thursdays and every other Friday morning on Zoom. I find these times of connecting with clergy to be extremely beneficial.
- 2.) The Southwest Association will hold an Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17. Please let me know if any of you are interested in attending virtually. All I would need to do is register you for the meeting.
- 3.) My next German partnership meeting (UEK Working Group) is September 30 via Zoom. Our proposed trip for earlier this summer was postponed. As of now, I am committed to leading a group of Southwest Association youth to Germany in the summer of 2021 and we would host Germans in the summer of 2022. This is all dependent on significant breakthroughs in the fight against COVID-19.
- 4.) Trip to Back Bay Mission scheduled for January 16-24. I must say I am having reservations about going on this Jan 2021 trip due to COVID. Sounds like the winter months could be some of the worst months to contract the virus. We will see how the situation develops moving forward and will plan accordingly.
- 5.) I would like to take my last week of vacation for 2020 in October. My plan is to lead worship on Sunday October 11 and to have Scott Kinnamon lead worship on Sunday October 18. He has graciously agreed to cover for me on that day. I would be out of town approximately Oct 12-19, returning to the office on Tuesday 10/20. I appreciate your consideration.
- 6.) Mission Possible food stand at the Badger Steam and Gasoline Engine Club will happen September 18, 19 and 20. Please give Sue Herbrand a call if you are interested in participating. People can earn \$10/hr. to support their favorite non-profit.

Shalom,
Pastor Bill

Christian Fellowship

no meeting in September....

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th (hopefully in the church park), if weather is not permissable, we will attempt a virtual GoogleMeet.



As discussed in the previous months, Christian fellowship has been on a long hiatus and certainly not to our liking. We miss seeing everyone and all the fantastic treats that Autumn brings.

- ✓ **Our next Christian Fellowship meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th (most likely virtual)**

ONA Meeting Minutes September 2, 2020

In attendance: Barb Sprecher, Dean Sprecher, Christi Kinnamon, Dennis Kahn, Shirlee Lendved, Pastor Bill & Tammie Huerth

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

1. Bible Study

- a. Bible study is scheduled for September 5th after the 10:30 worship service in the park. In case of rain, the Bible study will be moved indoors. The study will last about an hour.

2. Movies

- a. Discussion regarding what movies to show and when and where to have them.
- b. Received movie suggestions from Kurt Rossbach –head of the Gay/Straight Alliance at our local high school
- c. Decision to have a movie night on Friday September 18th, at 7:00 in our church park. Everyone to bring their own chair and snacks.
- d. There will be a short discussion follow up after the movie.

3. Newsletter

- a. Barb and Christy agreed to compile information for a newsletter
- b. First newsletter will be distributed through the November Scope
- c. The newsletter will be distributed 3 to 4 times a year

4. Next Meeting

- a. October 8th @ 5:00 p.m. – Home of Shirlee Lendved