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### **OCTOBER 2018**

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Is it better to be smart or to be wise? There's a big difference between the two.

When we think about wise, we often think of the phrase "wise old owl." Owls are the classic symbols of wisdom. Perhaps it is their quiet ways, their wide-eyed stare or the fact they can swivel their necks 180 degrees and keep as sharp a lookout from behind them as they can in front.

Crows, on the other hand, are known to be very smart birds. Like parrots, they can be taught to talk and can figure out fairly complex logistical problems. However, crows are also compulsive collectors, a lot like us humans. They will fill their nests with odd bits of shiny metal, gleaming buttons and bright strings. Anything glitzy and gaudy that catches their eyes is dragged home.

The Epistle of James calls Christians to embody wisdom – we are to be the owls of the world. Unfortunately, too many people become crows. We are smart to the ways of the world, but lured in to any bright new idea or slick gimmick that comes along.

Owls and crows represent the distinction between clever and wise. The same distinction holds true in humans as well. Picture an image of someone who embodies the word "smart". We tend to think of people attired in an impressive business outfit. They have all the traditional earmarks of success: money, a good job, a nice car and expensive clothes.

I'm guessing the word "wisdom" brings up a different image – wrinkles and gray hair. Instead of the telltale marks of success, the wise person embodies a feeling of satisfaction about their life. This person is characterized by a sense of peace and contentment.

James says true wisdom comes "from above". It is characterized by purity, peacefulness, being reasonable, showing mercy, producing good fruits and showing impartiality. Jesus had that kind of wisdom. When we get wisdom from above, we will become more Christ-like. The truly wise person is one who prays to be just like Jesus. We have the opportunity to pray that we will become less like ourselves and more like Jesus. He modeled for us the perfect kind of life, a life filled with the wisdom of good works and great faith.

James tells us to, "...resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and God will draw near to you..." Perhaps that is the real secret to wisdom. We can stand firm against the temptations that come our way, and at the same time, be encouraged to draw near to God and submit ourselves to God. Now, that sounds like wise living.

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 and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through [ucc.org/justice](http://ucc.org/justice), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the 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. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S. Your NIN offering envelope is enclosed.

We're privileged to share Holy Communion with Christians of all denominations throughout our world on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We remember Christ's call to unity and His gift of one bread, one body for all.

### The UCC Is Responding

Two weeks ago, **Hurricane Florence** roared ashore in the U.S. Carolinas. The large scope of devastation is just beginning to be known. The UCC is responding. Super **Typhoon Mangkhut** (AKA as Ompong) also created devastation. The UCC is responding. Your donation helps the UCC respond quickly to immediate disaster and long-term recovery needs. Our actions focus on the most vulnerable by addressing injustice, responding to the whole community, and filling gaps in service. One hundred percent of UCC disaster relief funds are used for direct service to individuals and communities, and rehabilitation programming. Make a secure online donation or mail your gift made payable to the United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. Memo: 2018 Hurricane Relief.



## **Sunday School News**

From Margaret McFarlane

I am pleased to announce our staff for 2018-2019:

**Pre-K:** Katie Homar  
Amanda Haselwander  
Ivory Blankenship  
Jack Bachhuber

**K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Jennifer Cruse  
Kari Larsen  
Taylor Breininger  
Adam Baier

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Andrea Gavol  
Chris Logterman

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Jeanann Breininger  
Jenny Brickl

**Confirmation:**  
Pastor Bill  
Theresa Grimes  
Tom Litscher

**Choir Director:**  
Marcia Nachreiner

★ We have 34 students registered and 16 Confirmands. I am anticipating a wonderful year of Christian education.

★ We welcome all returning students. A special welcome to our new students:  
Sophie Sunday-Grade 5  
Mia Sunday-Confirmation

★ Many thanks to the parents, staff, and Confirmation students that helped with the set-up and activities at the church picnic. It was a great afternoon!

★ Our theme this year is ***“Let Your Light Shine...the World Will Sparkle Brighter As You Reflect Jesus.”***

★ October 21<sup>st</sup> is Family Sunday at the 10:30 service. We have renamed Children’s Sunday to Family Sunday. All are welcome! We hope to involve members of our Sunday School families in different aspects of the 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

★ Our Sunday School fall event will be Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. (See separate article on next page)

★ Our Sunday School staff will be commissioned on Sunday, October 21, 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:


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**\*\*\* More Sunday School News on the next page! \*\*\***



## **Sunday School News**

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 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!



## **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 20, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. 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.



## **The Sunday School Invites You To Connect With Us!**

This year the Sunday School is focusing on The Power of Connections. We are hoping to create opportunities to connect, grow, and care for one another. Our first activity will be an intergenerational activity on Sunday, October 28, at 9:10 (during the Sunday School hour). We are looking for adults from the congregation to participate with our students in an activity related to prayer. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:10. After a short large group gathering, we will divide into small groups and regroup in Sunday School classrooms. Please consider joining us! See Margaret for any questions.



## **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!



## Seventh 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 **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 **Wyttenschach's** for getting the chicken ready for cooking.

All the busy hands included: **Jane Litscher, Tom Litscher, Rose Kleinert, Sherry Pieper, Debbie & Herm Tschudy, Dorothy Kundert, Emily Fuchs, Peggy Ganser, Rita & Ed Larsen, Ron Polacek, Dianna Woerpel, Doug Larsen, Liz Bongard, Marcy Thurwachter, Charmaine Carter, Tammie Huerth, Jan Lawton, Ed & Linda Lehan, and Dean Dahnert.** (My apologies if I missed any of our volunteers!)

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.

Thank you!  
Chris Logterman



We were blessed with the most beautiful day to enjoy our church picnic. Our church is also truly blessed with the wonderful people that walk through our doors! "Thanks" could never be said enough for all the time and effort brought by so many.

*Mrs. McFarlane*, once again we tip the hat to you!



**Special thanks to Stacy Ambort, the Kleist's, the Brickl's, the Homar's, the Larsen's, The Johnson's, the Confirmands and face painters, Heather Miller, Sharal Steuber, Sherri Roberts, Peggy Ganser, Dianna Woerpel, Sherry Pieper, Barb Brock, Jamie Wittwer,**

**Tom McFarlane, Fritz Wyttenbach, Tammie Hearth, Emily Fuchs, Deb Tschudy, Cindy Baker** and, of course, nothing could be done without our fantastic cook **Galen Alwin!**

So many of you work behind the scenes every day, we don't always know how things get done, so a great big shout out to All, even you Pastor Bill.



THANK  
You!

**From The Heart**

A Big Round of Applause goes out to **Chris Logterman** for organizing this year's Cow Chip Chicken Dinner. You did a fabulous job!!

Thank you to **Marcy Thurwachter** for the beautiful Autumn planters that adorn the outside of the Education Building & Church.

Thank you to **Larry & Kathy Johnson** and **Tammie Huerth** for decorating the church. As we walk into church, we realize Autumn has arrived.

Thank you to **Tammie Huerth** for the awesome bulletin board ~ "**Autumn leaves, Jesus doesn't.**"

Thank you to **Tim Herbrand** and **Chris Garcia** for caring for the lawns at the church, parsonage, and park.



All are invited to help with our **Fall cleaning day** on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 willing and able to help clean and confirmants...get sermon notes here! Come when you can and stay as long as you can. If Friday works better for you, please feel free to come in and check off the areas you cleaned. Thank you in advance for your help.



It is that time of year again! **Contemporary Worship Services** are held on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 p.m. All are welcome! CWS is a casual, contemporary worship service with uplifting music, a meaningful message, prayers and scripture. We get together for a fellowship dinner at 5:30 for anyone interested. Bring a dish to pass, or just come and eat and enjoy great fellowship.



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**Community Christmas Cantata 2018:**  
**“Appalachian Winter”** by Joseph M. Martin. Dennis Kahn will direct the choir, and Black Hawk Bethlehem United Methodist Church invites the “singers” in our congregation to join us for this event. The performance date has been set for Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in our Sanctuary. We are blessed with a lovely sanctuary, great acoustics and plenty of room for guests. The concert will be free and open to the public with a free-will offering collected to lend aid to those in need in our community. Rehearsal dates: Saturday mornings beginning October 13<sup>th</sup> at First UCC at 9:00 a.m. As it was two years ago, attendance at every rehearsal is not essential as we know folks are busy. We were able to accommodate conflicts the last time around and certainly can do so again. Book Cost: \$9 (your copy to keep)

**Stock The Schools!!! Sauk Prairie School Students In Need:** October’s items are granola bars and winter mittens/gloves, snow pants, and boots. They **MUST BE WATERPROOF**. There is a box as you come into church to put your purchases in. Thank you to everyone who has donated!

**6:8 Community Meal** is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Time: 5-7pm. Address: 821 Industry Dr., Sauk City. **FREE FOR ALL**. Childcare available.

**Lord’s Acre Celebration** at Black Hawk United Methodist Church ~ October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. The celebration includes a worship service with communion, a bake sale, an auction, kids’ activities, and a pork chop dinner. The schedule of events is on the bulletin board as you come into church.

**Baraboo Crop Walk:** Sunday, October 14, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Six Baraboo churches are gathering together to **END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME**. It is a walk to raise awareness of those in the community who do not have enough to adequately feed their family as well as those in other communities around the world who do not have enough for their families. (Flyers and more info available by the bulletin board as you come into church.)



## **Building & Maintenance Committee Report**

Since our very busy summer has ended, with the new flooring and all, the last month looks rather quiet.

Much time was spent preparing for fall! We have replaced the emergency phone in our elevator and performed some other replacement of wearable parts, so we should be good to go for a long time now. Also we have treated all of our beautiful Ash trees in our park to hopefully keep them going through this Ash borer infestation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to everyone who worked to put the basement back together and get it ready for our fall schedule. Some new storage shelving was donated for our kitchen storeroom and much effort was put into cleaning and re-organizing the storeroom.

My sincere thanks to everyone who lent-a-hand and, also, to Chris Garcia who works tirelessly moving, cleaning and keeping our facility looking nice and inviting.

Thank you all,  
Dean Dahnert



Dear Consistory,

The new program year is upon us. I am so pleased to be back in full swing with Sunday school, confirmation, adult Sunday school, choir and contemporary worship. It is nice to refresh and recharge over the summer months and now we are ready to get back at it.

I'm a week early with my report, but want to get this completed. Here goes:

-Our First UCC **Local Church Discernment Committee** (LCDC) met at the Johnson residence 9/17 as we engaged Kurt Schultz in discussion related to his call to Licensed Ministry in the Southwest Association.

-**School/Clergy meeting** scheduled for 9/20 at the Sauk Prairie School District office. The purpose for the meeting is to have the different schools in the district touch base with the community churches to provide information as well as address any concerns. In the past, community churches have been helpful avenues for the district to promote upcoming referendums, community programs and other significant school events. We also address any issues related to school scheduling of extracurricular activities (i.e. Wednesday evenings are usually reserved for church).

-**Pastor Parish Relations Committee** is scheduled to meet on 9/20. Liz Bongard, Theresa Grimes and Kari Larsen comprise this committee. The PPRC is intended to be a liaison between the church and the pastor. If the congregation has issues with the pastor, or if the pastor has issues with the church, this is the place where those types of conversations happen. PPRC is intended to serve as a healthy outlet for congregation and pastor to discuss joys and concerns.

-**Ministerial Development Group** is scheduled to meet 9/21 at Lake Edge UCC in Madison. This group meets every other Friday with the idea of local pastors coming together to share cases and issues that pertain to ministry and the Church. There is an assigned presenter the first hour - a local pastor brings an issue to the group that they are currently dealing/struggling with. The idea is that pastors support one another and have ideas and suggestions that may help other pastors in their local settings. The second hour is reserved for any pastor with a current issue they need advice/support on.

**Health Insurance** Options meeting at Conference office 9/27. The shared cost health insurance program the Wisconsin Conference UCC has used for the last 40 years is being scrapped in 2020 due to changes in the health insurance field. Our church has traditionally participated in the shared cost program, where the pastor's insurance is covered plus extra \$ is thrown in to help other churches in the conference provide health insurance as well. I will attend this meeting to see what health insurance options will be available to me moving forward.

**Periodic Vocational Support Retreat** @ Pilgrim Center 11/12-13. This is a mandatory event for pastors in the Wisconsin Conference. I'm choosing to attend in November rather than waiting for future events over the next few years. I appreciate the Wisconsin Conference for their pastoral support during my time serving here and I feel this will be a positive opportunity for me and my ministry.

The Wisconsin Conference UCC has asked if we'd consider having a **Neutral Pulpit Candidate** lead worship at First UCC on October 28 at the 10:30am worship service. Hosting a neutral pulpit is an instance where a ministerial candidate leads worship and a local church search committee is in attendance. I suggested to the Conference that we'd be open to this opportunity. We will still have to fill the pulpit for the 8am slot, as I will be on vacation that day.

*Christian Fellowship Minutes*  
*September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.*

*Minutes*

*Attending:* *Pastor Bill, Deb Tschudy, Sandy Schlender, Dorothy Kundert, Sherry Pieper, Rita Larsen, and Rose Kleinert*

*Opening Prayer:* *Pastor Bill*



- *August 12<sup>th</sup>* - *Coffee Fellowship*
- *August 31<sup>st</sup>* - *Cow Chip Chicken dinner - Marion Park, thanks to everyone from Christian fellowship that donated their time.*



- *September 2<sup>nd</sup>* - *Communion Sunday*

- September 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services resume  
10:30 church service in the park, annual chicken and pork chop "Picnic in the Park" followed the service. All items for the picnic were donated; we earned \$462. \$400 of that will be donated to the church basement floor remodel.
- There will be no coffee fellowship in September.



- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Church cleaning 8:00-Noon (if Friday works better for you, please feel free to come in and check off the areas you cleaned).
- October 14<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Fellowship



- November 5<sup>th</sup> - remember to VOTE!
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - Coffee fellowship between services
- November 13<sup>th</sup> - Christian Fellowship meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- November 25<sup>th</sup> - afternoon singing event (possibly light refreshments)

## *Looking ahead to December .....*

- *Advent begins Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – we will need a total of 8 advent readers (four for 8:00 service and four for 10:30 service). We have elected to place a sign-up sheet in the narthex for family readers. Anyone can read, please sign up and be a part of this joyous season.*

## *Future business:*

- ✓ *Christian fellowship budget*
- ✓ *Summer ice-cream social*
- ✓ *Mallards game*
- ✓ *Fireside Theater*

## *Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill*

*Our Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30 p.m.*

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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 **Sunday School Staff Meeting:** 6:30 p.m.
- 4 **Family Night: OPEN MIC NIGHT:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 7 **Worldwide Communion Sunday**
- 13 **Cleaning Day at Church:** 8:00 a.m.–Noon
- 14 **Coffee Fellowship**
- 18 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 20 **Sunday School Fall Event:** 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 21 **Sunday School Family Sunday:**
  - \***Sunday School Choir Sings:** 10:30 Worship Service
  - \***Sunday School Staff Commissioning:** 10:30 Worship Service
- 25 **Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

## Memorials

No Memorials were received in September.



## Radio Ministry

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

Buford Wicklund, in loving memory of his beloved wife, Dorothea.

Deborah Bailey, to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Bill's Pastoral Ministry.

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

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

Dean Dahnert, in honor and celebration of his daughter & son-in-law's, Nathan & Brigitta Brickl, 9<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



## **October Anniversaries In Our Church Family**



Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in October! We acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> 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

<u>8:00</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Barb Brock	Scott & Theresa Grimes	Tammie Huerth	Tim & Katie Homar		
Melissa Brickl	Randy Kuhnau	Kurt & Wendy Schultz	and Family		
Terry Steuber					

## Communion Servers

<u>8:00</u>	<u>October 7</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>November 4</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Sharon Diehl	Tim Herbrand	Dean Dahnert	Carol Hehenberger		
Gary Schlender	Don Larsen	Daryl Matzke	Shirlee Lendved		
Dianna Woerpel	Ed Larsen	Marcy Thurwachter	Chris Logterman		

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