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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

In his book, *Fuzzy Memories*, Jack Handey writes, "There used to be this bully who would demand my lunch money every day. Since I was smaller, I would give it to him. Then I decided to fight back. I started taking karate lessons, but the instructor wanted \$5 a lesson. That was a lot of money. I found that it was cheaper to pay the bully, so I gave up karate." Too many Christians believe it's easier to pay the bully than learn how to defeat him.

So who is this bully? The bully comes to us in three forms: The world, the flesh, and the devil --- and they are waging a 3-fold assault against us simultaneously.

The flesh, our old nature, wants to fight against the Spirit of God. Our human nature sometimes leads us to do things we don't want to do. Galatians 5:17 says, "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish." Our bodies get exhausted and sick. We battle fear and insecurities. Often we lack faith and physical strength. We fall short of what God has planned.

If it's not our flesh that we are battling, then it's this world system in which we live. We are fighting against our old nature as well as the world. It's not the physical globe but the culture, a system that is separated from God. The world system and all of its trappings are our enemies. We're bombarded with pictures and products, advertisements and enticements, no rules, anything goes, satisfy yourself, and don't worry about the consequences. For sure this world is tempting, appearing to be easier, happier, and much more content without God.

If we're not battling our flesh or the world, then we are dealing with the evil forces in the world, which I refer to as the devil. All you have to do is watch the news on any given day and see all the terrible stuff going on: terrorism, genocide, and crime. There are acts among humans that are so evil that they span beyond the ability of humanity. Yes, there is a devil and he's determined to destroy.

The good news is that we can learn to fight back. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians to be "strong in the Lord" and to "put on the armor of God". We can strengthen and fortify ourselves in the Lord by engaging in the things of God: scripture, prayer, and worship. There is no quick and easy fix. It takes effort and desire to get back into spiritual shape. Only in the Lord and power of His might will we be victorious and overcome the attacks waged by the bully. It is also important that we put on the armor of God every day. We are called to fasten the belt of truth around our waist, to put on the breastplate of righteousness, to carry the shield of faith, to don the helmet of salvation, and to swing the sword of the spirit. It is essential to have the right battle gear if we are to be victorious.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

Confirmation at First U.C.C. 2015-2016



It is that time of the year to start thinking about confirmation. All students from First UCC entering 7th and 8th grades are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our first day of confirmation will be held on Sunday, September 13th, from 9:10-10:20 a.m. We will hand out materials and schedules. Each of our confirmands is encouraged to bring along a Bible.

We will be using the **Faith Inkubators** curriculum this year. I am looking forward to the material we will cover: The Apostles' Creed, The Old Testament, and The New Testament.

Our confirmation program will, also, have a mission component as we sponsor a girl from Indonesia whom we "adopted" through Compassion International at the 2010 spring youth retreat in the Dells.


I am looking forward to a positive confirmation experience this year and hope to see you on the 13th!


Blessings, Pastor Bill




Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

 Sunday School starts September 13th. If your child will be coming for the first time this fall, please call me or the church office by September 1st to register him/her. This is helpful in ordering materials and for teacher preparation. We accept children 3 years old and older into our program. Classes run from 9:10-10:10 a.m.

 We hope to see you at the church picnic on September 20. The Sunday School will provide fun for the kids.

 Our Sunday School staff is anticipating a wonderful year of Christian Education!



Sunday School All Church Hayride

Pack a picnic supper and beverage, grab your folding lawn chairs, and join us for a hayride on Saturday, September 19. We will meet at Fritz Wytttenbach's home, E10941 River Road, Sauk City at 4:30 p.m. Midway through the ride, we will stop along the river and have a campfire, eat, and enjoy some fellowship. Everyone is welcome!! Hope to see you on the 19th!



Fellowship Night At First U.C.C.

Every Wednesday beginning
September 16

5:00 p.m. Dinner in the Dining Room

Simple dinner consisting of a casserole, salad, bread, milk, bars as well as a children's option (hotdogs and mac & cheese)

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship In the sanctuary

The Contemporary worship service will last between 35-40 minutes and will feature an alternative worship format and style of music.

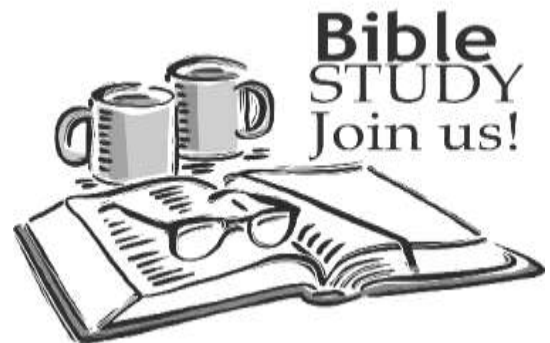
6:30 p.m. Activities

Choir, youth, adult programming



Worship Service In the Park

"This is my Father's world." Come join us in worship as we enjoy the beautiful outdoors at our Church Park on Sunday morning, September 13, at the 10:30 worship service. Bring a jacket or light blanket if it's a cool morning. If it is raining, worship will be held inside church, and we'll thank God for rain!! We'll welcome any help in setting up chairs and moving necessary items to the park the morning of the service.



Adult Bible Study

Mark Pierick will be leading an Adult Bible Study beginning Sunday, September 13th, between worship services. The Bible Study will be held in the downstairs kitchen of the Education Building. Come join us on the 13th!



MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH!

From Dennis Kahn

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close, but we have to be grateful that we've had such a nice summer! *First Choir* will be starting soon, and we welcome all to be a part of music at First Church!

Thanks to all who attended our 3rd Annual First Choir Concert in May. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all who contributed special music over the summer months. While *First Choir* has enjoyed a few brief months off, the special music provided wonderful performances to praise God and enhance our worship services.

Now that the summer months are coming to an end and September is upon us, it is time to think about *First Choir*! All are welcome to be involved! Hopefully, all our past members and even some new will join our ranks! Even if you have not been involved in the past, perhaps this is the time for you to "come on board!" Our music ministry program cannot exist without your participation. Please call me at 370-6000 or 963-4915 if you have

questions or would like a folder reserved for the fall! Also, we always welcome special music for the Sundays that *First Choir* is not scheduled to sing!

Also, with the beginning of our new Wednesday night services, we will have opportunities for choir and other special music throughout the year!

***First Choir* will begin with the first rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9th.**

Please try to find time in your schedules to be a part of music at First Church!



MAKE AN OFFER WILL GO TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Two gently-used white metal doors: 36" by 80" with the frame. If you are interested in placing a bid for the doors, please call the church office. Any questions can be directed to Tim Herbrand. The doors are at the bottom of the steps (under the Church offices) of the Education Building.



CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

First United Church of Christ
August 20, 2015

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

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Bill

PASTOR BILL'S REPORT: (1) Weekly Wednesday Fellowship Night starting September 16th – Dinner at 5:00; Service at 5:30. (2) Confirmation starting September 13th. (3) Attending Boundary Training on October 23rd.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve by Tim, second by Theresa, motion carried.

Financial Statements and Invoices: Motion to approve by Theresa, second by Tim, 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 out front of church. (3) New office door replaced. (4) Preventative Maintenance for Emerald Ash Trees in the park – motion by Tom, second by Debbie, motion carried.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: (1) Church cookout in the park – August 22nd.

(2) 10:30 church service in the park – September 13th (weather permitting). (3) Church Picnic – September 20th after the 10:30 service. (Galen Alwin is grilling for picnic) (4) Fall cleaning days – October 9th & 10th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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: (1) Members met in August. (2) This group is looking for new members, please contact Rose Kleinert if you're interested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHURCH YOUTH PROGRAM:

(1) July Brat Stand – \$1,116.57 divided between Sunday School and Youth Group. (2) 5 campers went to camp. (3) Carpet Project – Church paid for asbestos removal; Nursery needed 2 walls painted after carpet was pulled up; Sunday School and Sauk Prairie Nursery Center split the bills – carpet, labor, baseboards, and painting. (4) Thanks to Consistory members for help with moving furniture and books. Margaret is working on library – categorizing books on shelves. (5) Sunday School starts September 13th. (6) Fall hayride – determining date. (7) Church Picnic – Sunday School will have the Bouncy House. (8) Thank you to Tom Litscher and Theresa Grimes for being Confirmation leaders. (9) Sunday, October 25th – serving dinner at The Crossing.

ON-GOING BUSINESS: (1) Chicken Dinner at Cow Chip Festival on September 4th.

New Business: (1) Discussion of an Adult fun night (quarterly). (2) Adult Bible Study discussion in the works.

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Debbie, motion carried.

Christian Fellowship Minutes of August 11, 2015

From Debbie Tschudy

In attendance: Pastor Bill, Charmaine Carter, Carol Hehenberger, Sherry Pieper, Sandy Schlender and Debbie Tschudy

Old Business

July 19 – coffee fellowship

July ice cream social – cancelled this year

August 9 – Men's Sunday Service – great service!!

New Business

August 16 – coffee fellowship – sign-up sheet is out

August 22 – church park cook out starts at 4:30 p.m. – need helpers to grill and put out some tables and chairs – getting a grill from McFarlane's and bouncy house

September 20 – church picnic after 10:30 service – Galen is willing to purchase and grill pork chops and chicken again – working on RSVP forms

September 13 or September 27 – church service in the park

Any other new business?

October 9 and 10 – fall church cleaning days – start at 9:00 a.m. each day

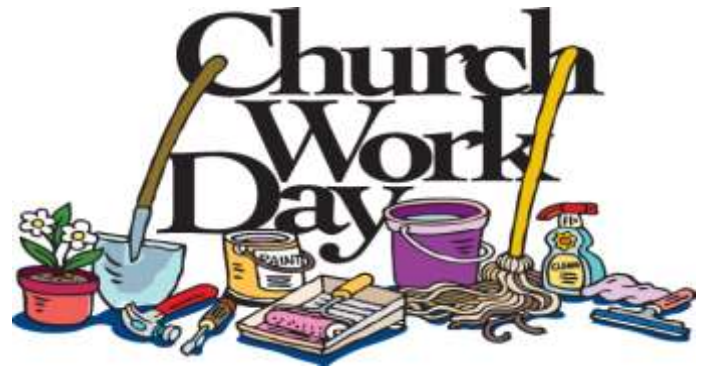
No coffee fellowship for September

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS – WE ALSO NEED A NEW CHAIR AND CHURCH FELLOWSHIP IDEAS – Put in the next Scoop?

Next Meeting – September 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. – (always the 2nd Tuesday of the month)

Misc. church items or dates

Wednesday, September 16 – contemporary service starts at 5:30 p.m.



Save The 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 will be sign-up sheets in the back of the 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.



A Pat On The Back and ...

A special thank you to **Pat Boehmer, Kristy and Kiana Litscher**, and **Lois Price** for hosting and bringing in all the goodies for coffee fellowship on Sunday, August 16. All the treats were wonderful!! We really appreciate your time helping, making and donating treats. Blessings to you!!

A big thank you to our **Members In Ministry** who continue to visit our Church members in their homes and at the nursing homes. Thank you for your gifts of time and your caring hearts.

A special thank you to **Donna & Micki Cruse** for helping with the Williams' funeral supper. You two are awesome!!

From Christian Fellowship

A special thank you to **McFarlane's** for use of the grill and bouncy house – delivering them – staking the bouncy house and picking them up when we were done. It was greatly appreciated. Blessings to you!!

A special thank you to **Tim & Sue Herbrand** for your extra work in the park mowing, getting the bouncy house working, picking up sticks, etc. and **Tim**, setting up the tables & chairs and cleaning them and covering the serving table for our grill out Saturday, August 22. Thank you to **Rod Hehenberger, Rose Kleinert**, and **Scott Grimes** for helping with tables and everyone who helped with the grilling. **Thank you to everyone else who helped, brought food and came to enjoy the wonderful night!!**

Carpet Project

The new carpet in the Education Building has been installed and looks wonderful! Please stop by and take a look at the library, nursery – room 204, and room 305.

Heartfelt thanks in assisting with this project to ...

- The congregation – for approving the funds for the removal of the asbestos.
- Rose Kleinert – for keeping the project moving, organizing the testing, getting bids, and organizing the removal.
- Consistory Members – for moving the furniture and the books.
- S.P. Nursery Center and our Sunday School – for paying for the new carpet and installation.
- Margaret McFarlane – for putting the library back together again.
- Pastor Bill and Cindy – for being patient with the disruptions.



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 shortly. 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 at 643-8387 or any Consistory member.

Memorial Report

Memorials were received in July in loving memory of:

Lilah Sprecher
Lorene Sprecher
Cleo Schaefer



Radio Broadcasts

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

Kleo, Gregg, Scott, Joanne, Colin & Cara Harris, In celebration & honor of their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Doris Steuber, who celebrated her 97th birthday on August 19th.
Caroline Steuber, In loving memory of her beloved husband, Edsel Steuber, whose birthday was August 11th.
The Von Behren Family, In loving memory of their beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Alan Von Behren, Sr.
The Accola Family, In loving memory of their beloved sister, aunt, and niece, Ruth Accola, whose birthday was August 28th.
Buford Wicklund, In loving memory of his beloved wife, Dorothea Wicklund.

♥ September Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Tom & Peggy Alt, 50 years on September 4
Ted & Millie Larsen, 60 years on September 10
Ivan & Thonetta Hehenberger, 67 years on September 17
Steve & Brenda Ott, 15 years on September 22

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in September!

Ushers

<u>8:00</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Charmaine Carter	Heather & Hannah	Barb Brock	Scott & Theresa Grimes		
Daryl & Diane Matzke	Miller	Melissa Brickl	Lyle & Dorothy Kuhnau		
		Terry Steuber			

There will be no Communion in September.

Communion Servers for October 4th

8:00
Liz Bongard
Barb Brock
Emily Fuchs
Herm Tschudy

10:30
Tim Herbrand
Larry Johnson
Tom McFarlane
Bill Steckelberg



SEPTEMBER SCOOP

*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Sharal Steuber
in loving memory of her beloved husband, Theron.
Sharal & Theron would have celebrated their
60th Wedding Anniversary on September 24th.*

- 4 **Fourth Annual First U.C.C. Chicken Dinner Fundraiser** at the Cow Chip Festival:
5:00–7:00 p.m. (or until the chicken is gone) ☺
- 7 **Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!** Church Office closed.
- 8 **Christian Fellowship Committee:** 6:30 p.m.
- 9 **First Choir Resumes Rehearsals:** 6:30 p.m.
- 13 **2015-2016 Sunday School year begins:** 9:10 a.m.
2015-2016 Confirmation year begins: 9:10 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: 9:10 a.m.
Worship Service in the Park: 10:30 a.m. service only (weather permitting)
- 16 **Fellowship Night at First UCC:** **Casual Dinner in Dining Room:** 5:00 p.m.
(Every Wednesday thereafter) **Contemporary Worship Service:** 5:30 p.m.
First Choir, Youth & Adult programming: 6:30 p.m.
- 17 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 19 **Sunday School All Church Hayride:** meet at Fritz Wytttenbach's at 4:30 p.m.
- 20 **Annual Church Picnic:** following the 10:30 Worship Service

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 & FM99.7) & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:10-10:10 a.m. for ages 3 years old and older
Confirmation 9:10-10:10 a.m.; **Adult Bible Study:** 9:10 a.m.
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