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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Do you remember the story of Jonah? Jonah went in the opposite direction of where God wanted him to go because he was jealous of God's desire to save the evil city of Ninevah. So, through a great whale, God opened up Jonah's ears and touched his tongue so that he would be able to speak God's word of repentance and redemption to those he had at first avoided.

Likewise, Saul, on his way to Damascus to single out Christians for persecution, met God face to face. Blind and deaf to God's gracious and redemptive power, the Lord came crashing into his life on that road. Saul's entire life was flipped upside down. The Lord opened Paul's eyes and touched his tongue so that he could tell, without any trouble, the entire world about God's amazing grace.

Two miracles involving the senses. Miracles that touched the Spirits of those involved and gave to them sensing ability, and with that sensing ability—a speaking ability, and doing ability. Jonah's ears were opened and he repented and preached as God's wanted—and a city was saved. Saul's eyes were opened, he became sensitive to the living reality of Jesus—and he ended his life as an apostle, bringing God's healing touch and saving word to others.

How are your senses of sight and hearing? How are you able to speak and to do? To hear we require a functioning organ of corti inside the ear. A defective corti will not produce sound that is audible. A similar thing might be said about the sense of sight. To see properly we require not only a well formed and clear lens, we require an optic nerve that is undamaged, one that is able to translate the complete signal from the eye to the brain.

As it is for the physical senses of sight and hearing, so it is for the spiritual senses of sight and hearing. We all require spiritual corti, spiritual sensors, if we are to hear the word of God and see that God's kingdom is at hand. As Jesus opened the ears of the man born deaf, he can give us the ability to hear. Even has he touched Jonah and Paul—he can touch us. He can open our ears and our eyes and make the sensory signals that come to us from every direction get through to our spiritual center, to that place where they can be translated from meaningless words and visions to the words and deeds of a living faith.

Jesus can touch us so that we really can see how we discriminate against some and show favor to others and enable us to love all people as he loves all people without judgment. Jesus can touch us so that we are able to be those who bear his healing touch to others. He wants to heal us—both inwardly and outwardly. Reach out to Jesus, as he reaches out to you. Call on him, ask him to open your eyes and your ears, to loosen your tongues and give power to your hands—for he has promised that those who come to him will not be cast out.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

2017-2018



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 10th, 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 Old Testament, The Ten Commandments and The New Testament.

Our confirmation program will, also, have a mission component as we sponsor Dian, 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 10th!

Blessings, Pastor Bill



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

🔔 Sunday School starts September 10th. 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.

🔔 The Church picnic is going to be awesome this year! We will be having it in the Church park (weather permitting). There will be games, face painting, and surprises! The Sunday School is providing the FUN! We hope to see you there.

🔔 If you can help us out by being a substitute, please let Margaret know.

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



Mark Pierick will be leading an Adult Bible Study beginning Sunday, September 10th, between worship services. The Bible Study will be held in the downstairs kitchen of the Education Building. Come join us on the 10th!



Music At First Church!

From Dennis Kahn

Here we are at the end of August and it is time to think about *First Choir* starting soon, and we welcome all to be a part of music at First Church!

Thanks to all who attended our 5th *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!

First Choir will begin with their first rehearsal at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6th.

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



Mark Your Calendars: Dinner at Marion Park



First U.C.C.'s 6th Annual Grilled Chicken Dinner at the 2017 Cow Chip will be this coming Friday, September 1st, at the Marion Park Shelter. Carry-outs are available. Invite family and friends to join you. A delicious meal is a guarantee!!

September thru May Schedule at First U.C.C.

Our Fall/Winter/Spring schedule begins September 3rd. Please update your calendar with the following information.

Beginning September 3

Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Beginning September 6

First Choir
Time: 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Beginning September 10

Sunday School & Confirmation
9:10 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:10 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Beginning September 13

Fellowship Dinner
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Service
Time: 6:00 p.m.



Family Fun Night

A game night/family night/screens free night for family members of all ages is being organized by Brigitta Brickl. It will meet the first Thursday of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m., beginning September 7th. You can come and go as you please. Anyone under 18 should have an adult attending with them. Hope to see you on our first Family Fun Night!!



Attention Youth ~ Grades 5th-9th!

We will have a program on Peer pressure at church on Wednesday, September 27, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. following our Contemporary Worship service. Bring a friend and/or parents. It will be educational, interactive, and FUN! Contact Theresa Grimes with any questions via text or call 608-963-8940 or FB. Can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces again!



**CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Thursday, August 17, 2017**

Present: Pastor Bill, Tom Litscher, Theresa Grimes, Mark Pierick, Kurt Schultz, Shirlee Lendved, Don Larson, Dean Dahnert, Marcy Thurwachter

1. **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Bill
2. **Pastor Bill's Report:** (see attached)
 - a. Approval of Pastor's vacation made by Mark, second by Marcy, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Financial Reports and Invoices:** Reviewed July financial statements. Motion to approve – Theresa, Second – Shirlee, Motion carried.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Building & Maintenance:**
 - (1) Switched all lights in balcony and all but central light in church to LED bulbs. To do central light in early September.
 - (2) Kitchen wall has been removed, window blocked and sealed. It will remain open for a couple weeks to dry. To get masonry estimate for replacement glass blocks. To continue with other kitchen repairs due to age and water damage.
 - (3) Outside pedestal complete.
 - b. **Christian Fellowship:** (see attached notes)
 - (1) Discussed and reviewed policy and procedures for checking out church property (i.e. kitchen items, coffee pots). Members to contact and make requests to Rose Kleinert or Deb Tschudy from now on. Motion to approve such action made by Mark, Second – Don, Motion carried.
 - c. **Finance:** Discussed members who are to be authorized to sign for Morgan Stanley account. Cindy has instructions for on-line access, to discuss moving investments locally.
 - d. **Members in Ministry:** Actively making visits and taking communion to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals weekly.
 - e. **Stewardship:** Needing to reinstate committee. What does the Stewardship Committee do? Focuses on congregational support in way

of time, talents, and treasure, educates congregation on what our church needs financially to sustain itself and move into the future, fundraising efforts to name a few.

f. **Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth:**

- (1) Youth “Series” on hot-topics being developed. Series of 4 throughout the year/quarterly.
- (2) Confirmation – 20 on roster.
- (3) Adult Bible study begins 9/10.
- (4) 12 Step Bible Study (not a support group) – Looking to begin 4th Thursday of September.

g. **New Business:**

- (1) Discussed phone upgrade needed. To seek estimates for various providers and carriers for phone and internet. Pre-K interested in contributing to cost.
5. Next Consistory Meeting: September, September 21, 2017@ 6:30 p.m.
 6. Motion to adjourn by Don. Second by Kurt. Motion carried.
 7. Pastor Bill – Lord’s Prayer

Christian Fellowship
Minutes of August 8, 2017
From Rose Kleinert

Attending: Dianna Woerpel, Deb Tschudy, Sandy Schlender, Sherry Pieper,
Dorothy Kundert, and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Dianna

Reviewed chicken dinner (Cow Chip): September 1st

Fellowship ideas:

Meet, Greet, Eat – August 8th (2 in attendance for lunch)

- Tabled for next month

August 27th: “Three Wives’ Men” Service (serve coffee and small treat)

September 17th: Annual Church Picnic

- In the Church park (weather permitting)
- Galen Alwin to grill pork chops/chicken
- Charmaine Carter to chair (Deb Tschudy and Rose Kleinert to co-chair)
- Sign-up sheet for volunteers to be put out

Discussed possible procedures for borrowing items from church property for church functions (members should request from Rose Kleinert or Deb Tschudy).

- 100 cup maker donated by Tim & Sue Herbrand

Church cleaning: table until after Cow Chip Chicken dinner, cleaning to be scheduled for October

Rose to contact members to host funeral luncheons

New Christian Fellowship chair: Rose Kleinert

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Bill's Report

- 1.) An evening grief support group led by Pastor has been added to the church schedule. It will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. This evening support group is in addition to the *GriefShare* group that meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings at 10am.
- 2.) Alton Accola has informed me that *The Niskas* will only perform at First UCC Saturday, December 2, due to scheduling changes. They were also slated to perform at First UCC on Friday December 1. Alton will handle the ticket sales and the church will promote & perhaps offer hospitality of some sort such as coffee.
- 3.) *Family Fun Night* will happen at the church the first Thursday of the month from 5pm-7pm. This is meant to be a time for families to get away from the television and video games. Board games will be offered. Youth under 18 are asked to have a parent/grandparent accompany them.
- 4.) Three funerals since the last meeting: Donovan Niederklofer, Marion Foster, and John Luchtenberg.
- 5.) Our third year of Contemporary Worship Services are scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 13, and will run through May 2018. Dinner at 5:30pm and CWS at 6pm every Wednesday.
- 6.) *Badger Steam, Gas, and Engine Show* is scheduled for August 18-20 up near Baraboo. Tim and Sue Herbrand are leading a food stand and members of the church can work at the stand to help defray costs of the June 17-23, 2018 mission trip to Back Bay Mission. Workers can earn \$10 per hour that will be applied toward the trip. Members of SPMA (parents and students) will also work the food stand to help defray the costs of their student's participation during the 2017-2018 Show Choir season.
- 7.) Henry Niederklofer baptism scheduled for Sunday September 10 at the 10:30am worship service.
- 8.) Pastor would like to take his last week of vacation Oct. 9-16, 2017. He would lead worship Sunday Oct. 8 and church would need pulpit supply for the Oct. 15 worship services.



God is still Speaking

To the members of First UCC from Rose Kleinert:

I am happy to announce that I have been compelled to relieve Diana Woerpel as chair of Christian Fellowship. Diana has been a blessing and will continue with the committee as helping hands...with that said, I look forward to take on the job and hope I can accomplish what the previous chairs have done.

Christian Fellowship does not just prepare for monthly fellowship, they also attribute, coordinate, and prep for many of our church functions. I have been involved with our church for several years and words escape me for the many friendships I have been blessed with through fellowship, that love and genuine compassion carried me through a tough time last winter. Let's continue together to make our church a place where people wanna be!

If you have ideas, concerns, suggestions please let me know, I certainly can use all the help I can get; if you feel like getting involved we welcome you to come and share your talents. Feel free to contact me, in church, over the phone: 608-370-1306 or email/text:

rosemarie@ramaker.com



Pastor Bill is starting an **evening GriefShare** support group along with the Wednesday morning support group. The group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. There is also a support group that meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 a.m.



Twelve Step Bible Study

Mark Pierick will be leading a **Twelve Step Bible Study** (not a support group) beginning Thursday, September 28th, at 6:30 p.m. The group will continue to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month.



JOHN 14:6



From The Heart

Dear First U.C.C. Friends:

A big hug to those who sent me cards or came to see me. It is greatly appreciated! You have no idea how much getting a card brightens the days of a nursing home resident! And I love company, please come again, it means so much to me. My days are long and lonely much of the time. I look forward to getting the "SCOOP", and thank you, Cindy, for sending me the bulletin. I especially thank Pastor Kapp for coming and giving me communion. I think of you often, and wish you God's richest blessings.

Love, Verna Wenzel

Verna's address is: Zimmerman Home,
617 Fourth Street, Reedsburg, WI 53959

First U.C.C. Church Family:

Your thoughtfulness at this time means more than words can say. Thank you for your kindness.

The Family of Donovan Niederklopper

A special thank you to everyone who has volunteered in any way to Christian Fellowship and it's events during the past 2-3 years. I've enjoyed the leadership but very, very thankful that Rose Kleinert is assuming that job. Please help her in any way to continue Fellowship in our church.

Dianna Woerpel



A Pat On The Back and ...

THANK YOU to the following people who brought treats and hosted our August 6th Coffee Fellowship: **Charmaine Carter, Sherry Pieper, Lois Price, and Fritz Wyttenbach.** Everyone enjoyed the delicious treats and wonderful fellowship!

A BIG THANK YOU to the following people that helped with the new lighting in the sanctuary: **Don Larson, Larry Johnson, Kurt Schultz, Todd Pieper, Tom Litscher, Nathan, Brigitta, & Briann Brickl, and Dean Dahnert.**

THANK YOU to **Robin Meier, Cecy Haines,** and **Dorothy Kundert** for helping with Marion Foster's funeral luncheon.



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SEPTEMBER 2017 SCOOP



This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Sharal Steuber in loving memory of her beloved husband, Theron Steuber.

- 1 **Sixth 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) ☺
- 3 **Back to 2 Worship Services:** 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- 4 **Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day!** Church Office closed
- 5 **GriefShare:** 6:30 p.m.
- 6 **Griefshare:** 10:00 a.m.
- 7 **Family Fun Night:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come and stay as long as you want!
- 10 **2017-2018 Sunday School year begins:** 9:10 a.m.
2017-2018 Confirmation year begins: 9:10 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: 9:10 a.m.
- 12 **Christian Fellowship:** 6:30 p.m.
- 13 **Fellowship Night at First UCC:** **Casual Dinner in Dining Room:** 5:30 p.m.
(Every Wednesday thereafter) **Contemporary Worship Service:** 6:00 p.m.
First Choir: 6:45 p.m.
- 14 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 17 **Annual Church Picnic:** following the 10:30 Worship Service in the Park
- 19 **GriefShare:** 6:30 p.m.
- 20 **Griefshare:** 10:00 a.m.
- 27 **5th-9th Grade Youth Event:** 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 28 **Twelve Step Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m.

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	9:10-10:20 a.m.; Adult Bible Study: 9:10 a.m.

Memorial Report

Gifts were received in July for the Memorial Fund in loving memory of:

Marion Foster
Michael Nagel



Radio Broadcasts

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

Terry & Cindy Steuber and Kleo Harris & her family, in loving memory of their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Doris Steuber.

Caroline Steuber, in loving memory of her beloved husband, Edsel.

Lucinda Gruber, in loving memory of her beloved husband, Lloyd Gruber.



September Anniversaries In Our Church Family



Tom & Peggy Alt, 52 years on September 4
Russell & Sherry Pieper, 51 years on September 10
Dave & Sherry Bongard, 40 years on September 11
Dr. & Mrs. David Kolb, 30 years on September 12
Jamie & Karen Wittwer, 5 years on September 22

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in September!

Ushers

8:00	September	10:30	8:00	October	10:30
Charmaine Carter		Heather Miller	Barb Brock		Theresa & Scott
Daryl & Diane Matzke			Melissa Brickl		Grimes
			Terry Steuber		Randy Kuhnau

Communion Servers

<u>September 10</u>		<u>October 1</u>	
8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30
Dean Dahnert	Carol Hehenberger	Rick Breininger	Sharon Diehl
Daryl Matzke	Rita Larsen	Barb Brock	Larry Johnson
Marcy Thurwachter	Chris Logterman	Tom Litscher	Bill Steckelberg
		Terry Steuber	Jamie Wittwer

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