

First United Church of Christ
504 Washington Ave.
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September 2023



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*Or if you'd like to sit down with the pastor
and solve the world's problems over a cup of
coffee, give me a call. I'll buy the first cup.
Brad Brookins—608-669-2926 (or drop me an email)*

This Month at First...

September 2nd th	Cow Chip Parade
September 10 th	Drive-thru Chicken Dinner
September 17 th	Coffee Fellowship
September 21st	6:00 pm Consistory Meeting

Interim Pastor: Pastor Brad Brookins
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September 2023

From the Interim Pastor...



“Siyahamba”

(A South African Freedom Song)

We Are Marching In The Light Of God...

We Are Living In The Love Of God...

We Are Moving In The Power Of God...

We Are Dancing In The Joy Of God...

This Saturday, September 2nd starting at noon, members and friends of First United Church of Christ—Sauk City will be preaching with their feet in the annual Sauk City Cow Chip Parade. If you share our desire to proclaim a radical and extravagant welcome for anyone to walk in the way of Jesus we’d love to have you march along.

This living, and very colorful, demonstration of welcome has been organized by the First Church Open and Affirming Committee (now re-named “Love Thy Neighbor”). We want our community to know that we mean what we say on Sunday mornings when we welcome them like this:

“Love God with all your heart. Love your neighbor as yourself.” **Jesus**

First United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation. We strive to foster loving and caring relationships in our church and community, and so we welcome and value all people—without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, or faith background. Anyone who covenants with us to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly” in the way of Jesus is invited to share in every aspect of our life together. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome as you are here at First United Church of Christ - Sauk City.

So please join us. Make your heart known and your voice heard. If you need more information on the parade you can call me at 608-669-2926 or call Christy Kinnamon at 608-370-1273. Together we’ll be marching in the Light of God.

In hope always,

Brad Brookins

If you can't be with us in person, you have other options. And we'd love to have you join us any way you can—



View our Live Youtube broadcast of the 9:00 a.m. service. Recordings of past services, can also be seen on our Youtube channel. Type "*First UCC Sauk City Youtube*" into your search engine



We have a live radio broadcast of the worship service every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Tune in to WRPQ Radio—AM 740, FM 99.7, or Live Stream the audio from the WRPQ.com website.

Radio broadcast sponsorship spots are available!

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in memory of a loved one or for any other special reason, please contact the church office by phone or email and we will give you the list of available dates. The cost is \$90 a broadcast, keep in mind that you can share a slot with anyone, _____

HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY UP TO DATE!

Please let us know when your mailing address, phone number or email address has changed, or will change, so we do not leave you out of any church mailings.

Mark your calendar...it's our third annual drive though chicken dinner!

When: Sunday, September 10th
Where: First United Church of Christ
Washington/Madison Avenue, Sauk City
Time: 11:00am until sold out
Cost: \$15.00



Dinner includes: ½ chicken, Cole slaw, baked potato, roll, desert bar.

Consistory Meeting, Thursday, August 17, 2023

Opening Prayer: Pastor Brad

Present: Rose Kleinert, Carrie Finley, Heather Miller, Peggy Ganser, Tammy Young, Barb Sprecher, Tim Henning, Pastor Brad

Committee Update:

- **Christian Fellowship:** meeting August 8th – to help with Chicken dinner.
- **Finance:** Committee has completed a Finance Policies/Procedures policy. Consistory will be reviewing for final approval.
 - Tammy made a motion to approve July financial numbers, Barb seconded; motion approved.
- **Maintenance:**
 - ❖ Bids for roof repair and overall roof replacement.
 - ❖ Received bid from Top Tier Builders for roof repair (lower and upper)

Discussion

Motion to approve by Barb seconded by Heather; motion approved.

- ❖ Tree removal – Will keep on the list for future
- ❖ Elevator – Oil donated by Tom & Margaret McFarlane, Mark made the repair
- ❖ Church doors on Madison Street
- ❖ Outside painting (window frames)
- ❖ Parking lot
- **Members In Ministry:** Still making calls and visits
- **ONA:** Changed the committee's name to “Love Thy Neighbor”
 - ❖ Marching in the Cow Chip Parade, will have a “people hauler” if anyone would like to join
 - ❖ Will be handing out stickers and flyers
 - ❖ Coffee sales end at the end of August, will return at Christmas, then again in June.
- • **Pastor Search:** Still in the process of interviewing
- • **New Sign:** Carrie has received renderings, waiting for estimate
- **Sunday School:** attached
 - ❖ Discussion of Sunday school concerns

New Business:

The Consistory will establish policies and procedures to conduct annual employee reviews of all paid staff at First United Church of Christ-Sauk City (review questionnaire from last meeting).

Discussion

Motion to approve by Tim seconded by Peggy; motion passed. See below:

At our last meeting, the Consistory voted to institute annual performance reviews of all paid staff; this will include, the pastor(s), our paid musicians, the CE Director, and the custodian. If other paid positions are created in the future, they will be included in the annual reviews. Our staff does important and good work on behalf of the congregation. The purpose of these reviews is to promote and practice good communications among the staff and the Consistory and to aid the Consistory in doing its work in as faithful and transparent a way as we can. The text of the resolution as approved is printed below:

Resolved: The Consistory will establish policies and procedures to conduct annual employee reviews of all paid staff at First United Church of Christ-Sauk City. Reviews will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Consistory and will be held in the month of June each year. Staff job descriptions will be updated, if necessary, to provide a foundation for the employee reviews. For this resolution, "staff " includes the pastor, the Christian Education Director, paid musicians, and the custodian. If new positions are created in the future, they will be included in this policy.

Upcoming:

Fund raising – Sub-committee – consistory volunteers (?) once policy is in place Finance/Consistory to meet with all individuals who use church credit cards or involved with fund raising to ensure that all peoples will be following the same process.

Motion to adjourn: Tim made a motion to adjourn, Carrie seconded; meeting adjourned.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Brad

The Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 21st** at 6pm.



We were notified this week that Judy Malone, who was living in Sun Prairie, passed away on August 21st at St Mary's Hospital in Madison. Her sister, Ethel Pellet, that we inform the church family about this loss.

asked



Christian Fellowship Meeting Minutes

No meeting in August

- Our next meeting is scheduled to be determined all are welcome!
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- **Members in Ministry** ~ Meeting held on August 15th. Welcome our newest member Dianna Woerpel. Liz has retired; thank you to Liz for all her years of visiting members! If you know someone who would benefit from a visit or phone call, or would like to receive communion in their home, please let Debbie Tschudy know or call her at 608-963-4873 or the church office 608-643-8387.
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- **Stock the Schools**

For the month of September, we will be collecting individual packages of crackers (Ritz, Goldfish etc.),

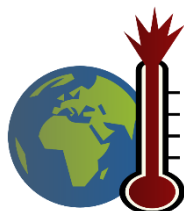
- **First Choir**

Mark your calendar, First Choir will begin rehearsals starting on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:45 PM in the choir room. Even if you haven't been a member of First Choir in the past, you are welcome to come on board with us as we start our choir year! Hope to see and hear many at our first rehearsal!



First UCC Sauk City will be walking in the **Cow Chip Parade on September 2!** We want to show Sauk Prairie what we mean with our O & A covenant of welcoming **ALL** to worship with us, to demonstrate how we “Love Thy Neighbor”...**ALL our neighbors.**

Please consider joining us in the parade. The route is about a mile and no hills! We will also have a “people hauler” if you need to take a break. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex!





Christian Education News

What Has Been Happening

- The top floor of the Education Building has been transformed into a beautiful Under the Ocean landscape ready for our program year to start.
- The Church Nursery has moved! It is now located on the top floor of the Education Building. Come check it out! If you have questions see Mrs. Brickl.

Upcoming events

- Start of the new program year for Sunday School and Confirmation begins September 10th. Make sure to register soon for Sunday School and Confirmation!
<https://firstuccsauk.churchtrac.com/>
- September 10th Kick off of the Christian Education School year for youth and adults
- Commissioning of Christian Education Staff September 10th during church.
- Wednesday September 20 5:30-6:30 Youth Group grades 6-12th Look for announcements on Facebook.
- 2nd Grade Bible Distribution during church on Oct 1st

Register Here!



Youth Group and Education Class Photos on our Church Con
Site

Christian Education Questions or Ideas please send to:

firstuccsaukce@gmail.com

Sauk Prairie Nursery Center 4K Program



We are ready to start our new school year!

On Tuesday, September 5th, we will welcome our students and anticipate our classrooms to be busy with laughter and learning!

Misty Schmidt will again be working with me.

If possible, when parking at church during school hours, please park across the street or in the church parking lot. Our buses need to pull right up to the curb for the safety of our students. We are sorry for any inconvenience. If there is a funeral, we will arrange a different pick-up location with Lamers.

Thank you for the opportunity for SPNC 4K to rent at First United Church of Christ. We value the long-standing partnership that we have with the church. Please let me know if you have any questions.

With warm thanks-
Amanda Moseman

Our Radio Broadcast Sponsors for the month of September are:

September 10th Krisity & Steve Statz, arose & Kiana Litcher in memory of Dad and grandpa John Boemer.

September 24th **Emily Fuchs** in memory of Bill Fuchs' birthday on September 22nd.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Larry Johnson	4 Hudson Haas Ella Midthun	5 Logan Ballweg	6	7	8	9 Tanner Breunig
10	11	12 Tom McFarlane	13	14	15 Jamie Wittwer	16 Jackie Sliter
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Sam Logterman	26	27	28 Harland Hartmann	29	30 Carley Brickl Katie Smith

Happy Anniversary

Russell & Sherry Pieper, September 10th
Larry & Kathy Johnson, September 21st

Appreciation Corner



A note from Jane A. Kohlman

On behalf of my Aunt Emilie Novotny's 105th birthday, I would like to thank First UCC members for birthday cards and visits. She enjoyed reading the cards. She loves to read and enjoys getting the daily paper to keep up with current events.

Emilie enjoyed visiting with guests at her party. Her only surviving sibling, the youngest sister traveled from Florida for the occasion, Helen is 95.

Channel 15 recognized her birthday and channel 27 taped a portion of the party. Emilie sang a solo "How Great Thou Art", which was televised.

She is amazing and truly a joy!

Thank you again,

Jane (Emilie's niece)



Dear Brad Brookins and the First UCC Congregation

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship that will aid in my future. I plan to put the money towards my tuition at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where I will be majoring in architecture. Thank you for making a difference in my life. It is wonderful people like you that bolster my positive relationship with God.

All the best,

Carly Kinnaman