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### **SEPTEMBER 2018**

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

There has been troubling news recently about widespread clergy abuse of children in Pennsylvania. Equally disturbing is the Church's effort to cover it all up. We have learned about the 1000+ children and young adults sexually abused by 300 clergy people over a 70 year period of time. It is unconscionable that this abuse has been allowed to continue for so long!

My heart breaks for every child that has been a victim of a predatory pastor or priest. It is the greatest misuse of power possible for a clergy person in the life of the Church and it is the greatest violation of trust imaginable.

I have personally seen the devastating effects of this type of abuse. I have a friend who was the victim of sexual abuse by his clergy person in the mid-1980's. No one ever knew, especially his family (who made sure they were at worship every Sunday). My friend carried guilt and shame around with him for years and he'd often become emotional and overcome with grief whenever the subject was discussed, often at his initiative. He suffered from depression and alienation from the Church.

I attended an all-boys parochial high school in St. Louis and one of the school's main administrators, an outgoing clergy person by the name of Brother Bill, abruptly left at the end of my freshman year and was transferred to another parochial high school. No one knew why at first, but later it came out that suspected sexual abuse had taken place in his living quarters at the school.

Our parochial schools and places of worship are supposed to be safe places. We want to trust clergy, administrators and volunteers as they interact with our children. We also want to trust the Church hierarchy who sets standards for ministry, establishes protocols of discipline and transparency, and evaluates clergy performance.

These stories in the news are troubling because this isn't the first time. You would think that after all these years, and with all the different instances of clergy abuse around the world, that the Church hierarchy of our denominations would allow predator clergy to continue serving in other settings.

Boundary training is mandatory for clergy in many denominations, including ours in the United Church of Christ. Racism training is now being required as well for all clergy in the Wisconsin Conference UCC. Every few years I have met with a periodic support and evaluation committee as my ministry is discussed. This is all done with the idea that high standards of clergy conduct are essential to eliminate potential abuse in the life of the Church.

A Safe Sanctuary policy is in place at First UCC with the understanding that the pastor, teachers and volunteers have all had thorough screening. The safety of our children is the most important priority!

With the Greatest of Hope!  
Pastor Bill

## Confirmation 2018-2019



It is that time of the year to start thinking about confirmation. All students from First UCC entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited and encouraged to attend. Our first day of confirmation will be held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:10-10:10 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 Lord's Prayer, The Life of Jesus, and Hot Topics. 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 9<sup>th</sup>!

Blessings, Pastor Bill



Mark Pierick will be leading an Adult Bible Study beginning Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:10 a.m. The Bible Study will be held in the downstairs kitchen of the Education Building. Come join us!



## Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

🔔 Sunday School starts September 9<sup>th</sup>. If your child will be coming for the first time this fall, please call me or the church office by September 2<sup>nd</sup> 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! It will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## The Power of Connections

The **Sunday School** will be focusing on the Power of Connections this year. We hope to create opportunities to connect, grow, and care for one another as a church family. We welcome church committees and groups to join us in building relationships. Watch for future information on ways members of the church can support our mission.



## **Music At First Church!**

From Dennis Kahn

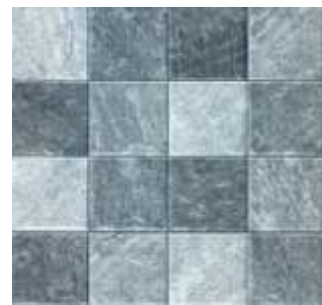
Here we are at the end of August and it is time to think about *First Choir* starting soon, and we welcome all to be a part of music at First Church!

Thanks to all who attended our 6<sup>th</sup> *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 5<sup>th</sup>.

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



## **Flooring Project**

The flooring is installed and looks wonderful! Stop down and take a peak!

We welcome and are grateful for any donations to help with the finances of the project.

In the Narthex you will find a chart, each time we reach \$200, a shiny new floor tile will be added to our chart. Thank you to those who have already donated toward this project!



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

### **Beginning September 5**

#### **First Choir**

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

### **Beginning September 9**

#### **Worship Services**

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

#### **Sunday School & Confirmation**

9:10 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study:** 9:10 a.m.

#### **Annual “Picnic in the Park”**

Following the 10:30 worship service

### **Wednesday Night Fellowship**

#### **Beginning September 12**

#### **Fellowship Dinner**

Time: 5:30 p.m.

#### **Contemporary Worship Service**

Time: 6:00 p.m.



## **Members in Ministry**

Do you like to meet people? Is conversation with another person an enjoyable activity? Are you a person with compassion? Do you have one hour each month for service in the church?

### **We need You!!!**

Members-in-Ministry invites you to become part of the Care Visit Team (CVT). CVT members visit those in our congregation who are unable to get out and about, those who are residents in care facilities, and those recovering from hospitalizations. This is a rewarding ministry that is vital to our fellowship. Unfortunately, the list of people to be visited is growing, and the list of CVT members is shrinking. Visits take place anytime during the month, weekday, or weekend. This is an opportunity for those who work outside the home and those who work in the home.

If you can help us, please call Liz Bongard at 643-6391 or the Church office at 643-8387.

# Consistory Minutes

## First United Church of Christ

Wednesday August 15th

Attendance: Pastor Bill, Kurt Schultz, Shirlee Lendved, Peggy Ganser, Mark Pierick, Don Larsen, Theresa Grimes, Dean Dahnert, and Chris Logterman

Absent: Marcy Thurwachter

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in September Scoop
- Mark move to approve Pastor Bill's vacation, Theresa 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.
- Received materials to review for Open and Affirming status. Donation of \$25.00 requested.
  - Chris move to pay donation, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
  - Flooring and work in the Dining Room and Fireside Room is scheduled to be done by August 17. Thank you to Dean Dahnert for all your work!
  - Elevator phone fixed.
  - Gas meter that had been broke since Winter 2015-2016 has been fixed.
  - Water meters will be replaced in next few weeks. Water sampling faucet will be added to third floor kitchen.
  - Trees in park need treatment for Emerald Ash Borer. Quote from Slater Dietrich.
    - Teresa move to have treatment, Shirlee 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.
  - Phone system update – TDS still the best option for price. TDS could not add us as customers until November or later.
    - Dean will connect with Frontier to determine our standing until a switch can be made.
- Christian Fellowship
  - No meeting in July
  - Organizing fall picnic September 9
- Finance
  - Finance meeting
    - Meetings will be every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month to provide more support to Consistory in making financial decisions.
      - Teresa moves to have Finance committee review statements and make recommendations to Consistory, Dean 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.
    - Considering asking each committee to submit a budget or expense plan for year so that planning can be in place for Annual Meeting
    - Morgan Stanley will meet with Finance Committee to discuss options for financial planning
    - Review larger investment portfolio in coming months
    - Flooring donations are coming in steadily. We have collected about \$6,000+ so far. Total for project is over \$20,000.
    - Request to have an All Committee Meeting for discussion around financial needs and to meet members on the committees
    - Authority for fund transfers – Need to have at least 2 people to serve. Pastor Bill is one and a Finance Committee member.

- Mark move to accept report, Shirlee 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.
  - Approve financial statements
    - No statements to review at this time
- Members in Ministry
  - Coffee scheduled for celebration and training on August 24 at 10:00AM
  - Visits are being made
  - New members welcome
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
  - See Sunday School report in September Scoop
    - Dean move to approve, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.
  - Youth Program
    - Texts being sent to recruit helpers with church events
    - Recruiting for help with Contemporary service
    - Discussed having mentors for youth to help them “get their foot in the door” and get comfortable volunteering
    - Youth Retreat will be January 18-20, 2019
    - Serving meal at the Crossing on March 10, 2019
    - German Youth Exchange is on hold for the coming year
- Stewardship
  - See report in September Scoop
  - Dean move to approve, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.

#### ✚ Ongoing Business Update

- Cow Chip Chicken dinner
  - Volunteers are signing up, we could use some more
  - Plans are coming together
  - Get dinner before the home Eagles football game or home Badger football game – Serving starts at 5:00PM

#### ✚ New Business Issues

- Painting
  - Member has offered to pay for painting of the church dining area by a professional painter. We will discuss color and order paint.
- Adult Bible Study will start September 9
- Contemporary Worship will start September 12
- CPR certifications for Consistory members are expired. We'd like to schedule another training
- Finance committee members at fundraiser events
  - Badger Steam & Gas August 17-19 and Swap Meet in May
    - Recruit members from church to work to fundraise for Church
- What can we do to follow up with members who have stepped back in their involvement with the Church? Discussion needed

✚ Mark move to adjourn, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: September 20th

Dear Consistory,

The ministry of our church is doing wonderful things in 2018. Christian education, music, visitation and mission have been our focus a good part of the year (as well as putting in a new floor in the church dining room). We often romanticize about the good ol' days, the days of yesteryear, when the perception is that the church was really booming and attendance was strong. But, focusing solely on the past can dim our perspective on the present. Great things are happening today.

Focusing solely on the future also dims our perspective on the present. My children have been lamenting these last couple weeks that summer is almost over. They do not look forward to having to go back to school and getting up early on weekdays. I keep telling them to enjoy this day because it is still summertime! We have over two weeks left in August. I encourage them to stop worrying about things that haven't happened yet and to focus on today and to enjoy the opportunities that this day can bring.

Often, we defeat ourselves before we even get started because we dread what is to come. We're so worried about stuff that hasn't even happened yet. We often worry about the future, and what our church will be like in 10-20 years. Our worries about what may happen clouds our viewpoint of today and what is happening. As a result, there are so many great possibilities and accomplishments for today that get overlooked.

We're doing a lot of great things right now! I appreciate your wonderful leadership and commitment to our church. Let us stay focused, be in the moment, and celebrate the vibrant ministry we have at First UCC. There is much to be thankful for.

**In terms of my report:**

\*The Southwest Association UCC has offered Periodic Vocational Support for clergy over the last couple of decades. These mandatory meetings involve a face-to-face meeting every few years with a local church pastor and members of the Periodic Support Committee, just to touch base and see how it's going in that pastor's local church setting. A change is being proposed with the structure of how these periodic support meetings will happen in the future. A series of retreats at Pilgrim Center have been proposed for pastors, with the first one being November 12-13, 2018. I plan to attend an informational meeting to be held at Salem UCC Verona on August 15 at 10am to learn more about the Periodic Vocational Support Retreat. My intent is to register for and attend this November retreat. Most of the cost is being covered by the Wisconsin Conference, with only \$35 being charged to pastors to attend.

\*Our Local Church Discernment Committee (LCDC) met on August 5 on behalf of Kurt Schultz, who is seeking to become a Licensed Pastor in the Southwest Association. We are in the process of compiling questions to ask Kurt when we meet with him on September 17 for coffee and dessert at the Johnson residence. We are excited for Kurt and hope to be able to recommend him for Licensed Ministry to the Southwest Association UCC Division on Church and Ministry sometime in October.

\*I would like to take my last week of vacation October 22-29, 2018. My plan is to lead worship on October 21 and to be absent from worship on October 28.

\*My Ministerial Development Group will be meeting every other Friday at 9:30am at Lake Edge UCC in Madison from September 2018 through May 2019. I am a regular attender at these meetings, as I appreciate the support I receive from other clergy in the Association.

\*Open and Affirming materials have been received from the Wisconsin Conference UCC. The Conference requests \$25 to cover the cost of these materials.

With the Greatest of Hope!

Pastor Bill

August 15, 2018

To Mark & Consistory Members,

It's been a busy month at the church!

My Building and Maintenance report for this month:

-All tiling has been completed for the basement project in storeroom, kitchen, dining hall, hearth room and entry hallway.

-This large hole in the South interior wall of the church hearth room has been repaired and painted.

-The missing plaster from the chimney above the fireplace has been replaced and painted.

-The storage room has received extra care in finishing as the North upper wall was peeling and the room contained many holes, missing plaster and other imperfections that made finishing it difficult. The storage room finishing is now complete, including baseboard cove molding and equipment has been slowly moving back into it.

-Wall repairs and the baseboard molding, and cove molding of the kitchen has been finished and the kitchen North wall painted.

-The baseboard molding of the basement entry hallway has been restored and that room is finished. The commercial dehumidifier has been re-installed.

- Most of the dining room baseboard molding has been replaced and cove molding installed where there was no baseboard in the past, i.e. the South concrete wall and under the serving bar. Balance of the molding should be installed this week as it needed to be stained and varnished from new stock. The tables and chairs of the dining room are being moved back in this week in preparation of the first funeral since the start of construction.

-Half of the baseboard molding of the hearth room has been replaced. The balance should be installed this week, as it too had to be stained and varnished from new stock, as the previous material had rotted away.

-All the basement restoration work should be completed by the end of this week, 8/17/2018.

-The phone system in the elevator has been replaced and works phenomenally well compared to what we were trying to work with previously.

-The gas meter from Alliant Energy feeding the 1913 section of the church has been replaced. According to Alliant the meter has been broken since the winter of 2015/16 and we have not paid for gas in that section of the church for the winters of 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18. We will receive a bill back charging us for the last two winters. (This is per the rules set by the public service commission. One winter, 2015/16 is past the "statute of limitations" for billing. Alliant could offer no explanation as to why this failure was missed.)

-The Village of Sauk was in the building 8/14/2018 and the two water meters will be replaced in the next two weeks. A plumber will come in and do the work and the church will be out of water for a couple of hours. Sauk Water assured that the work would be complete before school starts.

-Part of the water meter work will include adding a recognized water sampling faucet to the building for water testing. Chris G. and I toured the building with Sauk Water and determined that the third floor kitchen was the easiest place to add a sampling faucet. An extra hole will be punched into the Stainless Steel sink in that kitchen and the faucet added. Sauk Water assured me the faucet will be chrome to look similar to the existing faucet set.



-In miscellaneous work; some of the cement shoring was replaced on the pilaster column outside the dining hall North door, a major crack was filled in the South-side sidewalk, and some broken cement in the main North entrance doorway was replaced.

--Items that need discussion/approval:

-Slater Dietrich recommended that we treat our Ash trees yet this month to keep the pesticide level high enough to combat the EAB. I have attached a recent quote.

-I am continuing to work with MerrComm, now TDS Metrocom, on a potential phone cut over. It appears that they still have the best pricing with the fastest internet connections. However, they have been upgrading the fiber network in and around Sauk Prairie this summer and have a waiting list to connect the new fiber system to new customers. They have given me an estimate of November for a likely phone system update. The actual installation of the fiber connection can be completed sometime in the interim if we make a commitment to use them as our provider. There will be no charge for the installation. I have attached a recent quote from them for the four phone lines and 300 Mbps symmetric internet connectivity.

Sincerely,

Dean

# Christian Fellowship

No meeting was held in AUGUST



- August 12<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Fellowship
- Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - Cow Chip Chicken dinner (Marion Park)



Here is what's coming up in September:

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> Communion Sunday (altar)
- September 9<sup>th</sup> - Lots happening today:
  - 8:00 and 10:30 am services resume;
  - Come join us for our annual chicken and porkchop "Picnic in the park" - have some fun, fellowship and feed those bellies before couch potato time begins, the Packer's vs Bears 7:30 pm!



Next Christian Fellowship meeting - Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30 pm  
We meet at the conference table just across from Pastor Bill's office. We are always looking for fresh ideas - come join us, ALL are welcome!

Rose Kleinert, Christian Fellowship, Chair



**Cow Chip Classic 10K Run & 5K Run/Walk**: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m., for more info: [cowchipclassic2018@gmail.com](mailto:cowchipclassic2018@gmail.com); download registration forms at: [www.wiscowsip.com](http://www.wiscowsip.com).

**Stock The Schools!!! Sauk Prairie School Students In Need**: September's items are individual packages of crackers and new or gently used (clean) leggings & sweatpants (size child 6 – 2XL). 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.

**Joyful Gifts**: We are collecting new and gently-used items for children of all ages that are served by Sauk County Human Services. As you know, the needs of children can be all over the map. One thing that is universal for all children is their need for underwear and socks. These are things that are needed on a regular basis. Also, clothing for older children, sizes 7 and up and in good condition, are very useful. There is a bassinette in the back of church to put your items. We continue to be grateful for

the heart you share for disadvantaged children.



## *A Pat On The Back and ...*

Thank you to **Rose Kleinert, Peggy Ganser, and Charmaine Carter** for hosting Coffee Fellowship on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Treats and fellowship were enjoyed by all!

Thank you to **Dianna Woerpel, Debbie Tschudy, and Charmaine Carter** for helping with VaLera Accola's funeral luncheon.



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*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Sharyl Steuber in loving memory of her beloved husband, Theron Steuber, and their 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

- 3 **Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day!** Church Office closed
- 5 **First Choir Resumes Rehearsals:** 6:45 p.m.
- 9 **Back to 2 Worship Services:** 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
**2018-2019 Sunday School Year Begins:** 9:10 a.m.  
**2018-2019 Confirmation Year Begins:** 9:10 a.m.  
**Adult Bible Study:** 9:10 a.m.  
**Annual Picnic in the Park:** following the 10:30 Worship Service
- 11 **Christian Fellowship:** 6:30 p.m.
- 12 **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.
- 20 **Consistory:** 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** 9:10-10:10 a.m.; **Adult Bible Study:** 9:10 a.m.

## Memorial Report

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

VaLera Accola



## Radio Broadcasts

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

Larry & Nettie Gander, in honor and celebration of their 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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

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



## September Anniversaries In Our Church Family



Tom & Peggy Alt, 53 years on September 4  
Russell & Sherry Pieper, 52 years on September 10  
Don & Jodi Kleist, 15 years on September 20  
Larry & Kathy Johnson, 50 years on September 21

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in September!

## Ushers

8:00	September	10:30	8:00	October	10:30
Tom Litscher		Heather Miller	Barb Brock		Theresa & Scott
Daryl & Diane Matzke		Larry Gander	Melissa Brickl		Grimes
		Sherri Roberts	Terry Steuber		Randy Kuhnau

## Communion Servers

<u>September 2</u>		<u>October 7</u>	
9:00 a.m.		8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Carol Hehenberger		Sharon Diehl	Tim Herbrand
Tim Homar		Gary Schlender	Don Larsen
Kurt Schultz		Dianna Woerpel	Ed Larsen
Bill Steckelberg			

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