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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Last year, we commissioned our *Long Range Planning Committee* with providing the church some helpful direction for the next few years of our ministry. One of the first tasks of the committee was to get feedback from our membership. The committee put together an all-membership survey, compiled the results of your answers, and then made formal recommendations to the consistory.

One of their recommendations was for First UCC to offer a contemporary worship service.

This contemporary worship service would be shorter in nature - about 40 minutes - and it would offer an alternative format and style of music. It is a service that would not be led by the pastor, but instead, by a worship leader and a song leader.

I have often wished we could reclaim Wednesday nights as "Church Night" at First UCC. It seems that many of our days are busy with work, school, & family activities (especially the weekends). With this in mind, we have selected Wednesday evenings as the time to try this new project. You will not need to worry about rushing through dinner on this evening because we will provide the dinner for you. Beginning Wednesday, September 16 and going until the end of May 2016:

Fellowship Night at First UCC * Every Wednesday
Simple, casual Dinner Served in Dining Room – 5pm
Contemporary Worship Service – 5:30pm
Choir, Youth, Meetings, etc. – 6:30pm

There are still a few details to figure out – such as how often do we have communion and what do we do with the Lenten schedule, especially the evening First UCC will host the community worship service? We will cross that bridge when we get there. I am excited to try something different and I am excited about the possibilities this type of worship style can offer.

One of the most important elements of contemporary worship is the music. We are very fortunate to have Kristy Litscher as our music leader for this contemporary service. She is interested in collaborating with other members of our church who enjoy contemporary Christian music as well. This service will be a relaxed, low-key setting that will appeal to the young and old alike.

It is our hope that we can provide our membership with as many opportunities as possible to engage in the life of our faith community. The intent of *Fellowship Night* is not to replace our Sunday morning activities, but to supplement what we already have going. I am wanting our youth program and possibly adult education to take a step up on this evening as well. There are many exciting possibilities

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill



News

From Margaret McFarlane

✝ Sunday School starts September 13th. If your child will be coming for the first time this fall, please call the church office at 643-8387. This will help us in planning and ordering curriculum.

✝ The Sunday School extends a heartfelt thanks to all those who made our July 17th & 18th Brat Stand a success! Thank you to our volunteers who worked shifts, and thanks to the many church members who came and purchased food. Our profit was: \$1,116.57, which we will divide between Sunday School and the Youth Group. Many thanks to Chris Logterman for coordinating this event.

✝ If you'd like to be a substitute for our Christian Education program, we'd love to have you! Call Margaret at 643-6327.



Sunday School Brat Stand

We want to give a sincere thank you to all the members who supported the Sunday School Brat Stand July 17 and 18, either as volunteers or customers. We could not have had the successful event that we did without you sharing your time and talents and appetites.

Our volunteers included: Pastor Bill, who also provided the grill for the event; Rita Larsen; Don & Everett Larsen; Doug, Kari, Morgan, & Gavin Larsen; Ron Polacek; Andrea & Iris Gaval; Denny Kahn; Donna, Micki & Brookelyn Cruise; Trina, Finn & Seneca Ruyle; Jason, Sam & Ella Logterman; Jen & Bruce Pape & Family; and Tom Litscher.

We give a special thank you to Margaret McFarlane and Cindy Baker for their behind the scenes support and work.

Thank you!
Chris Logterman

A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE to **Chris Logterman** for coordinating this year's Sunday School & Youth Brat Stand. The many hours you put into organizing this event is much appreciated. Wonderful fellowship and food were enjoyed by all who stopped by!

CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

First United Church of Christ
Thursday, July 16th

Present: *Rose Kleinert (president), Pastor Bill, Tim Herbrand, Lyle Kuhnau, Mark Pierick and Debbie Tschudy*

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Bill

PASTOR BILL'S REPORT: (1) Has worked on wedding and funeral services. (2) Talked about cottage meetings – Stewardship – would need other church members to help host – featured speaker would be Mark Pierick.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve by Debbie, seconded by Mark, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: (1) Discussed lawn mowing, water issue in basement women's restroom, and gutters need to be cleaned out at church and the parsonage. (2) 3rd floor bubbler leaks – needs to be fixed or removed – Tim will contact Prairie Plumbing.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: (1) July 19 – coffee fellowship. (2) No Ice Cream Social this year. (3) August 9 – Men's Sunday Service. (4) August 16 – coffee fellowship. (5) August 22 – grill-out in the park with families.

FINANCE: Meeting yet to be determined – Don Larsen will be attending meetings.

LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Talked about having a contemporary service – would need a worship leader, maybe start week of September 13?

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY: Members are actively making visits to homes, nursing homes, and hospitals.

STEWARDSHIP: No recent meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHURCH YOUTH PROGRAM: (1) Brat Stand – Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18. (2) New carpet installed in 3 rooms. (3) September 13 - Sunday School starts back up.

ON-GOING BUSINESS: (1) Office doors – 2 new doors are in – labor was donated by Don Kleist – waiting for 1 more door. (2) Easter Sunday break-in – received insurance payment for new door. (3) Further discussions on dining room tiles.

New Business: (1) Ash trees in the park will need to be removed – diseased. (2) Otis elevator asked about doing an inspection. (3) September – no communion – Pastor Bill gone. (4) Chicken dinner at Cow Chip Festival – voted to continue again this year – a great church event.

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mark and seconded by Tim.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Bill.

Christian Fellowship Committee

Minutes of July 14th

From Debbie Tschudy

Next Meeting – August 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. – (always the 2nd Tuesday of the month)

In attendance: Pastor Bill, Carol Hehen-berger, Dorothy Kundert, Don Larsen, Rita Larsen, Sherry Pieper, Debbie Tschudy, Herm Tschudy and Dianna Woerpel

Miscellaneous church items or dates

Old Business

May 17 and June 21 – coffee fellowship

May 31 – Confirmation at 10:30 service – committee purchased boutonnieres for confirmands



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

New Business

July 19 – coffee fellowship

July ice cream social – cancelled

August 16 – coffee fellowship

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS – WE ALSO NEED A NEW CHAIR AND CHURCH FELLOWSHIP IDEAS

FELLOWSHIP EVENT – Saturday, August 22 – Church park cook out 4:30 p.m. to ??; rain date will be Sunday, August 23

This year's Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20, following the 10:30 worship service. Come and enjoy delicious smokey grilled pork chops and chicken! Further details and RSVP forms will be available soon and in upcoming Sunday bulletins and the September SCOOP.



Any other new business?

August 9 – Men's Sunday Service

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE **YTD Through June 30, 2015**

Actual Income: \$17,207.53

Actual Expenses: \$21,856.53

Net Ordinary Income: - \$4,649.00



From The He♥rt

Love, Connie Harrison

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and cards while I was in the hospital. I am so thankful for my congregation! The Power of Prayer is amazing!!

From Lucile Gasner

I am grateful to Carol Hehenberger for her visit and bringing a basket full of goodies!

From my grateful heart, Marlene Larsen

I want to "Thank You" – Pastor Bill, my family, and my church family. I received many messages of good will and the most beautiful cards. With care, phone calls, and many cards, it was my wish to get well. My goal has been to walk again. I will use a cane, but I want to leave the walker behind. Thank you so much!!

Lois Pieper

We are often reminded of the Many Hands that work with our church at the time of our Annual Report. Those Many Hands continue to keep the life at First Church going & growing. I'm wishing to recognize the hands of two very creative women who enhance every season with a canvas of color that lifts our spirits and energizes our worship time. Those two

ladies are Tammie Huerth and Kathy Johnson, who express their gifts and joyfully share what they have created. Why not pass on a thank-you when you see them!



A Pat on the Back and A Great Big Thank You:

A special thank you to our gardener extraordinaire, **Debbie Tschudy**, who keeps the flowers around the church and in the park watered, pruned, and looking beautiful. We appreciate all you do for us, Debbie!

Thank you to **Jamie & Karen Wittwer** for having the picnic tables in the Church Park refinished. They look fantastic!

Thank you to **Carol Hehenberger & Donna Cruse** for helping at Lorene Sprecher's funeral luncheon.

Thank you to **Donna Cruse** for helping at Cleo Schaefer's funeral luncheon.

From Christian Fellowship

Thank you to **Liz Bongard, Rita Larsen**, and **Fritz Wytenbach** for all the wonderful treats you brought in for our coffee fellowship on Sunday, July 19. We appreciate your time and working on this. Blessings to you!!

**First U.C.C. Church
Invites You and Your Family to Our**

Church Park COOK OUT

(right across from our church)

Saturday, August 22 – 4:30 to ???
Rain Date Sunday, August 23, at same time

We will have a large grill and chefs (men) to cook meats – bring any meats you want to cook, a dish to pass, and your own beverages.

We will have a bouncy house set up – bring any family games you enjoy playing outside – no baseballs or footballs – too many busy streets around the park.



Save The Dates!

**Thursday, September 3rd
Friday, September 4th**

Do you remember the fun we had last year preparing and serving the Third Annual Friday Night Chicken Dinner for Cow Chip? Our meal was very well received, and we are preparing for our **“Fourth Annual” Chicken Dinner** to be served on Friday, September 4th, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. (or until we run out of chicken)

We need a small amount of your time, and **It Is Fun!** There will be sign-up sheets in the back of church very soon.

Can you make 2 plastic milk jugs of ice? – Sign up!

Can you wrap potatoes in foil on Friday morning? – We Need You!

Can you wrap silverware in a napkin Friday morning? – Bring a friend!

Do you have extra green peppers or onions? – We need some!

We’re making coleslaw at church Thursday morning. – Are you available?

We need help loading and unloading supplies. – Can you lift tables?

Join our line-up to serve the food. – Just 1½ hour shifts!

Can you take a flyer to advertise for us? – Tell your friends, family, and co-workers!

**Rain or Shine,
come & dine with us in the Park Shelter or pick up some orders to go.
Thank you for your support!**

If you have any questions, call Carol at 643-4946. Last year our helpers’ ages ranged from 4 to 90⁺.



Memorial Report

Memorial gifts were received in June 2015
in loving memory of:

Penny Hall
Lilah Sprecher
Jesse Shimniok
(Jim & Lois Price's nephew)

*"Some day here on earth angels will rise and Jesus
will return to save us all. All our sins and all our
pain will shatter as our lives are made into peace.
Eternal joy will overtake us; following our Lord Jesus
into perfect Light. There will be no fear; as our Lord
holds the power to everything. There is nothing to
be afraid of."*

*Written by Abby Shimniok, Jesse's daughter,
on the eve of her father's death*

Radio Broadcasts

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

Jamie and Karen Wittwer,
In loving memory of their beloved
mother and mother-in-law, Margaret
Wittwer, whose birthday was July 11



♥ August Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Greg & Sharon Diehl, 20 years on August 1
Larry & Nettie Gander, 59 years on August 4

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August!
We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50.
Please let us know if we missed you on the August birthday calendar!!

Ushers

8:00	August	10:30	8:00	September	10:30
Scott Frosch		Todd & Kim Baier	Charmaine Carter		Heather & Hannah
Emily Fuchs		& Family	Daryl & Diane Matzke		Miller
Rose Kleinert					
Todd Pieper					

Communion Servers **Altar**

8:00	August 2	10:30
Daryl Matzke		Sharon Diehl
Duane & Dianna Woerpel		Tim Homar
		Ed Larsen

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AUGUST 2015 SCOOP



Enjoy the rest of your summer!

- 9 Men's Sunday**
- 11 Christian Fellowship Committee:** 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Coffee Fellowship**
- 20 Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Church Park Cook Out:** 4:30 p.m.-?? (See yellow flyer for more details)
Rain Date: Sunday, August 23, at the same time

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

Pastor Bill Kapp

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Saturday: 8:00-10:00 a.m. and by appointment
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Cindy Baker,
Church Secretary

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Sunday Worship:

8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7)
and 10:30 a.m.