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Here is a letter I wrote for on behalf of the Open and Affirming Committee that was published in the July 14, 2022 edition of the Star News. This is the part of the Committee's effort to be more public and visible with the congregation's support of and welcome to our LGBTQ neighbors and friends.

Please let us know if you saw this in the paper and especially if you have heard any responses-positive or otherwise, from neighbors and friends.

Thanks,

See you in church,

Brad Brookins, Interim Pastor

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First United Church of Christ—Sauk City



504 Washington Ave
Sauk City, WI 53583

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 10, 2022

An open letter to our LGBTQ friends, their families and allies

Dear Friends,

We want our welcome to include you.

In past years, with some exceptions of course, much of the Christian church has not treated you well. We have been quick and persistent in our judgment and condemnation. We have pushed you out of our congregations. We have said you were broken or sinful or diseased or otherwise unsuited for our company. We have suggested that you pray more, or more sincerely; that if you did so God would remove from you the affliction we found so objectionable. We have told your parents to evict you and your friends to reject you. In short, the behavior manifested by too many Christians has been unconscionable, if not unforgivable.

And yet, we are humbly asking your forgiveness. We have sadly misrepresented God, whom we claim to serve, and Jesus, whom we claim to follow. We have denied the gospel of Jesus—what we refer to as the good news that calls us to love and respect and support all people.

We are speaking only for ourselves here, although there are many other Christian people in our community who would agree. We are sorry for the pain and suffering the church has caused—and in many settings continues to cause. We ask for the forgiveness we do not deserve.

Recently, the members of First United Church of Christ—Sauk City chose to become an Open and Affirming congregation within the larger United Church of Christ. We want to offer an unqualified rejection of the judgment that has been aimed at the LGBTQ community— wherever it has come from in the past and wherever it continues today. The Bible does not condemn you, nor your families, and neither do we. We will stand with you against hatred, fear and bigotry. And we offer you an unqualified welcome into this church family whenever you feel this could benefit you.

We are committed to being a gathering of Jesus' followers who refuse to draw lines to exclude anybody. So if you need a place of safety and welcome in Sauk City, a place to serve God and to stretch your spirit, a place to learn and to grow and from which you can bless the world, we will be here to help you and to receive your help in return.

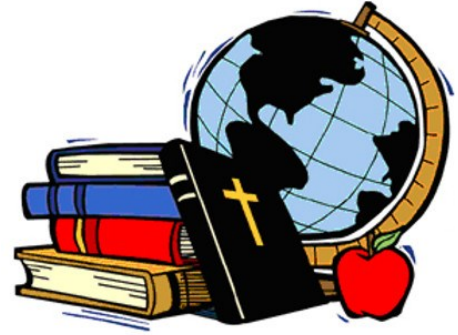
At the very least, we want you to know you already are, and always have been, a beloved child of God. You are not broken. You are not in need of repair (anymore than the rest of us, anyway) and we would be happy to count you as friends and fellow travelers on the way.

On behalf of the people of First United Church of Christ—Sauk City, in humility and love,

Rev. Brad Brookins, Interim Pastor



Christian Education News



Register NOW !

Dear Sunday School and Confirmation Families and Friends,

Now is the time to register for the 2022-2023 Christian Education year. We will be offering classes for Youth Sunday School grades 4K-6, Confirmation grades 7-8 and Adult Sunday School for all those 9th grade and up. We look forward to seeing all of you for the start of the Program on **September 11th, 2022**. (Schedule for classes will remain the same as 2021-22 year) Please have enrollment forms and tuition payments for Youth Sunday School and Confirmation to the church office by August 31st. Forms can be found on the church webpage under the Sunday School and Confirmation tabs. <http://www.ucc-saukcity.org/> You can also register on-line starting this year!! We look forward to seeing your smiling faces!



Upcoming events

- The Library on the office floor of the Education building has been reorganized. Come Check it out!
- Staff Meeting for Christian Education Teachers is set for **Aug 3rd from 7-8** and will be a google meeting virtually.
- Kickoff for the coming year occurs on **Sunday September 11th**. The format of the programming for Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult study will occur the same as last year.
- We are having a **Back to Church Night** for members, families, and those interested in attending our Christian Education Programs on Sunday, August 14th. Bring a friend or another family and come for fellowship and explore what the church has to offer! Bingo Scavenger Hunt and snacks will be provided.

First United Church of Christ
August 14th, 2022 - 9 am
504 Washington Ave,
Sauk City, WI

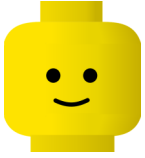


Back to Church

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

"All Are Welcome". If you are looking for a Home Church, Christian Education Program or are already a member, come and join us for fellowship. Bring a friend or another family and explore what the church has to offer! Bingo Scavenger Hunt and snacks will be provided after the service.





Confirmation _____ or Sunday School _____ For Office Use: P _____
D _____

Registration 2022-2023

Student's Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Parent/ Guardians: _____

Are you a member of First UCC Sauk City? Yes _____ or No _____

Home Phone Number(s): (____) _____ Cell Phone Number(s): (____) _____ (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: ____ - ____ - ____ Age: _____ Grade in School: _____

Family Email Address (Main form of Communication): _____

Email Address (to be used for google meets): _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: (____) _____

Special Needs that may limit participation in Christian Education:

Does your child have any Allergies: _____

Health problems or medications that the Christian Education Staff Should be aware of: _____

Does First UCC Sauk City have permission to take pictures/ videos of your child for the use in church publications? (example: website, newsletter, special events info.)

Please Check: Yes _____ or No _____

Do you need help with Tuition? Yes _____ or No _____

(if no, please include tuition payment of **\$25** cash or check made out to **First UCC Sunday School** program with name of student in the memo)

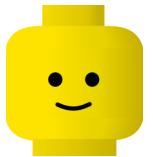
How are you able to help? _____

(Volunteer for special event, Help with a Youth Group Activity)

Dates or events willing to volunteer or teach _____

(Grade or weekly rotation to teach, 1st Sunday of the month activities, Substitute teacher, Christmas program, etc.)

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____



***Students will not be admitted without a current enrollment form on file.**

***Please see webpage for additional enrollment forms, electronic form or email firstuccsaukce@gmail.com**

Consistory Minutes
First United Church of Christ

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Those Present: Rose Kleinert, Heather Miller, Pastor Brad, Barb Sprecher, Carrie Finley, Suzanne Litscher, Stacey Noltner, Tammy Young

Those Absent: Peggy Ganser, Dean Dahnert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Brad

Denny Kahn

Scott Kinnamon

Pastor Brad's Report

See report in August Scoop

Committee Reports and Updates:

Building & Maintenance

Parsonage porch and the bell tower projects complete, the grand total was \$50,080. Monies contributed via the Capital Campaign was \$28,175. Remainder was paid through cashing in a CD.

The large Fir tree strikes again, between the church and parsonage, trim, take down, etc. Dean reached out to Slater Dieterich, they are currently not taking on any new business. Dean will be reaching out to The Tree Monkey.

Christian Fellowship

Met in church park July 12th

See report in August Scoop

Rose made a motion to consolidate Christian Fellowship, Members in Ministry, and Stewardship committees to become one committee. Suzanne seconded, motion passed.

Finance

No meeting in July

Members in Ministry

No one to report

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Sunday School/Church Youth Program

See report in August Scoop

Barb made a motion to approve the Sunday School Brochure. Heather seconded, motion passed.

Stewardship

No meeting in July

Open & Affirming

Setting up a booth at the Baraboo Pride event on Saturday, August 6th from 11-5

Next meeting Tuesday, August 2nd at Shirlee Lendved's home

Search Committee

Kick-off meeting is Tuesday, August 2nd @ 6:30 pm

Ongoing Business Update

Nothing new to report

New Business Issues

Requested the purchase of two new picnic tables for the park (tables would be plastic, and one end chained to a tree) cost is approximately \$112.50 each. Tammy made a motion to approve the purchase. Suzanne seconded, motion passed.

Have finance committee research QuickBooks on-line version \$75 per year versus \$400. TechSoup (a website offering applications for churches)

Talked about options for the parsonage: Short-term rental, daycare

Request to reserve the church for Todd Litscher family on September 9, 2023

Drive Thru chicken dinner after service on Sunday, September 11, 2022

Weekly communion will be done throughout the summer, will revisit in September

Cathleen has requested vacation for July 29th and August 2nd. Carrie made a motion to approve. Heather seconded, motion approved.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn, Suzanne seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Brad

Next Consistory Meeting: August 18, 2022

Christian Fellowship July 12 th Agenda



Discussion:

- *Ladies were offered whether or not they would like to continue on this committee (many have been on for over 6 years)
- *Discussed consolidating Christian Fellowship with Members In Ministry and Stewardship
- *July 24th Coffee Fellowship
- *Current Coffee Fellowship status
- *Chicken Drive-thru Dinner

August:



- *August 9th Organizational Meeting for Chicken drive-thru (September 11th)
- *August 7th Coffee fellowship ?
- *August 21st Coffee Fellowship

SEPTEMBER

- *Chicken drive-thru – all hands-on deck

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9th

6pm in the church park



It is hard to fathom we're more than halfway through 2022. I am pleased that we have been able to once again begun singing hymns during worship. As we move into August we will continue to monitor the effects of the new variants and whether we can continue to sing hymns and whether First Choir can again sing live during worship. Fingers crossed!

Over the past years I have frequently been asked if I prefer playing organ or piano. It is an interesting question as I didn't come to playing organ until much later in life. Unlike my brother, Bob, who studied both organ and piano from a young age, I didn't take up the organ until I was in my 50s. With that said, I find it difficult to choose my favorite. For some music, especially worship music, the organ is my absolute favorite. On the other hand, in some cases, piano versions of worship music allow for more variety and perhaps even the possibility for greater interpretations. It is a reality that fewer and fewer people are choosing to take up the organ. I would also suggest that fewer children are studying piano given the greater variety of activities available to youth today. When I was a child, there were at least 4 active piano teachers serving the Sauk Prairie area.

In our house alone, every week 15 to 25 students came for weekly lessons both during the school day and into the evening studying originally with Christine Mickelson and eventually with my brother Bob.

Just recently, I met with the Consistory to share some thoughts about the future of music at First Church. The fact that I will be 72 in December suggests the reality that sometime in the future a new organist/music director will be sought. I have no plans to step away, but being prepared for the future is always a good idea. Back to piano vs. organ. We have seen other churches unable to find an organist. Sometimes the only candidates available will be strictly pianists. It also may be a possibility that the choir director is not the person that plays for worship services.

For the present time, I will continue to alternate between piano and organ depending on how the music selected for worship would best be presented. We are blessed that the organ is a fine instrument that has required little maintenance over the years since it was last refurbished in 2004. Our digital piano with all its settings allow us to explore traditional and new sounds for our worship services.

With September just around the corner, it is my hope that we can again start up First Choir for live worship performances. If the circumstances allow, our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 7th at 6:45 PM. We would love to have you join us as we begin this new chapter in making music to the glory of God!

Dennis J. Kahn

O & A
Outreach Opportunity



First UCC-Sauk City is participating in the 2nd annual Sauk County Pride event, held at the Sauk County Fairgrounds in Baraboo this August 5-6. We will have a booth there to let people know we are an Open & Affirming church in the area and share our contact information.

If you would be interested in helping staff the booth on Saturday, August 6th, there will be a sign up form in the narthex.

Please consider this outreach opportunity.

**Radio
Ministry**



Sunday 9 am Worship is Broadcast on WRPQ Radio, AM 740, FM 99.7 or Live

Stream Audio from the WRPQ.com website

Special thanks to our August radio broadcast sponsors:

August 7th

Jane Litscher

in memory of : Lloyd Gruber

August 14th

Dean Dahnert

In honor of: Brigitta Brickl's birthday

August 28th

Sharol Steuber

In honor of : her 67th wedding

Anniversary on September 2nd

If you would like to remember or honor a family member or friend by sponsoring a Sunday morning worship service radio broadcast or our monthly newsletter, please contact the Church office for available dates. The cost of a radio broadcast sponsorship is \$85.

Scoop sponsorship is \$50 to cover cost of postage and paper.



2nd Annual Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner

On Sunday, September 11, First UCC will host a drive-thru chicken dinner beginning at 11:00 a.m. until all dinners are sold. All church members are asked to consider signing up to help prepare for the dinner and/or work the dinner on the 11th. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex or you may contact Marcy Thurwachter at :

mgthurwachter@gmail.com

The following is list of jobs:

- Washing potatoes (Wed. 9/7)
- Wrapping potatoes (Fri. 9/9)
- Food prep (Sun 9/11) this is the assembly line that fills the orders.
- Runners (Sun. 9/11) Takes the dinners from the assembly line to the delivery tent.
- Traffic control (Sun. 9/11) Direct cars
- Take orders & deliver dinners. (Sun 9/11) take orders from cars, work with the head cashier and deliver dinners.

Church members wanting to place an order may do so on that Sunday prior to 11a.m. We will sell an additional 50 dinners as we sold out extremely quickly last year (250 this year). The cost is still being considered as we work with our vendors.

Sauk Prairie STOCK THE SCHOOLS



The month of August suggested donations are:

Granola bars, Protein bars

SP SCHOOLS SUPPLIES DRIVE

The start of the school year is just around the corner and our local school district is asking the community to donate from the following list of requested items. First UCC members can drop off their donations in the red tote which is located outside the Ed Building doors every morning. Donations will be transported to the District Office on August 31.

- Binders 1"
- Black Sharpies
- Colored Pencils
- Expo Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers
- Bottled Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Washable Markers
- Headphones/earbuds
- Heavy Duty Backpacks
- Pencil Boxes/heavy duty pencil pouches
- Pencil cases that snap into binders
- Post it notes
- Single subject notebooks

(Sponsored by your Stewardship Committee)



**Larry & Nettie Gander celebrating 66 years
together on August 4th**

**Daniel & Heather Haas celebrating 25 years
together on August 15th**

**Roger & Peggy Heidenreich celebrating 50
years together on August 27th**

(All 1st wedding anniversaries and anniversaries ending in "0" and "5" and all anniversaries over 50 are recognized. Please let us know if we have missed yours)



Memorials were received for :

Ron Lipka

Walter Dickerson



**Pastor : (Interim)
Brad Brookins**

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9am-Noon

Tuesday through Friday

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**First UCC office :
Cathleen Wilkinson**

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8am to Noon

Monday through Friday

Office Manager

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If you would like to receive the church newsletter via email in PDF, please let the church office know via phone or email (please include the email address you prefer). In becoming more streamline, we will be transitioning to electronic newsletters to anyone who prefers an electronic version. Anyone who wishes to still receive a mailed paper copy will still receive one.

Summer Fun Word Search

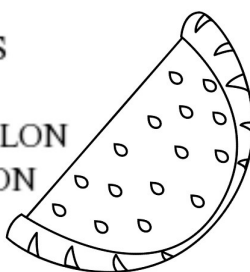
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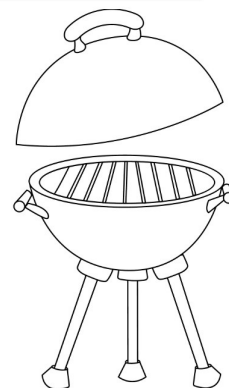
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GOLF
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BASEBALL
TRAMPOLINE





AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lowell Grass Christine Hardtke	2
3 Diane Matzke	4 Shane Steuber	5 Patsy Hering Julie Perry	6	7	8	9
10 Forrest Hartmann	11 Kylie Baier	12	13 Tom Litscher	14 David McFarlane	15 Kelsey Marquardt	16 Kari Larsen Tyler Jensen
17 Laurie Kerl Brigitta Brickl	18 Beth Huerth Gavin Larsen	19 Evelyn Koenig Sam Sprecher	20	21	22	23 Amanda Moseman
24	25 Mark Pierick	26	27 Peg Heidenreich Lois Polacek	28 Scott Grimes	29	30 Ed Larsen Libby Nachreiner
31 Logan Perry Cliff Lawton Peggy Ganser						

Birthday wishes to all celebrating in August!

May your days be filled with love, joy and happy memories!

**Please let the church office know if your
special day was missed.**



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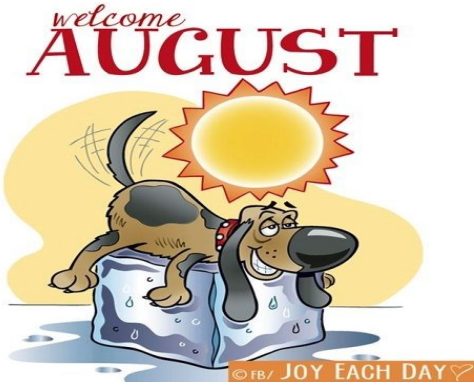
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The Scoop Subscription Drive!

We need your help to develop an accurate mailing list for the Scoop Newsletter. Our goal is to send the newsletter out only to people who *want* to receive it (so we aren't cluttering your mailbox) and we want to save the expense for the church of printing and mailing unwanted copies.

So—if you would like to receive the Scoop every month, we need you to call the church office (608-643-8387) or email us (office@ucc-saukcity.org) to let us know. We will include this reminder in the Scoop in August, September and October. Beginning with the November edition, copies will be sent only to those who have opted to receive it.

Also please let us know if you are willing to receive the Scoop by email to your computer rather than a paper copy in your mailbox. For additional cost saving for the church, we'd like to move as many people to the email format as possible. Please send us your preferred email with this request.

If your phone number, email or address changes please let us know. Every month we receive a few returned mailings with incorrect addresses. This also results in additional costs for the church.

Thanks for helping us out. If you have any other ideas on how to improve the Scoop, please let us know.

(All information remains confidential and is only used for communication purposes within the church)