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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

A number of months ago I read an article about the 2017 UW Women's Volleyball team and their struggles. The Badgers had lost four of their previous six Big Ten Conference matches and were trying to figure out a way to right the ship. The team was playing hard and doing their best, but was finishing just short of victory. They were so close to winning these matches, but just couldn't get over the top. A senior on the team was looking for a word that described what the team was lacking in those tight contests, and the coach suggested that the team lacked "grit".

Webster's Dictionary defines grit as a, "firmness of mind or spirit, an unyielding courage in the face of hardship or danger". Grit is a positive personality trait based on an individual's (or team's) perseverance of effort combined with the passion for reaching a particular long-term goal. The UW Women's Volleyball team hunkered down and fought through the adversity of a sluggish start to finish the 2017 season on a positive note, going 22-10 overall and finishing in the national rankings at #12 overall.

Gritty people or organizations are able to maintain their determination and motivation over long periods of time despite experiences with failure and adversity. Long days of work, setbacks and disappointments, struggle and the sacrifice are worth it if you can reach the goal that you have set for yourself.

First UCC has faithfully embodied a love of the gospel for generations. It hasn't always been easy. For sure there have been times of struggle. But the goal here has always been to embody the love of Jesus and to make a positive impact in our community and beyond. This congregation has continually displayed a solid commitment to mission and outreach. Here's just a few examples of how this church has shown grit and resolve when it comes to the gospel:

Sunday school, Confirmation and adult education

Music at First UCC

Our Churches Wider Mission giving in 2017 - \$19,340

Eight trips to Back Bay Mission since 2007

Local outreach such as Sauk Prairie School Students in Need, the food pantry, and mobile meals

Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship

**Youth Ministry (Thirteen youth retreats since 2006 and three youth exchanges
with church partners in Moers Germany)**

Special Projects (elevator, organ, stained glass windows, flooring)

Visitation (shut-in, assisted living, nursing home)

Grit is about working on something you care about so much that you're willing to stay loyal to it, even if you have a setback or two. In spite of our challenges, the ministry at First UCC remains strong and viable. The members of this faith community have shown passion and perseverance for 159 years. Not every year has been easy, but the people of this church have displayed an incredible resilience as we embody the love of Christ in all that we say and do. May God continue to bless us here at First UCC in our mission and ministry.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill

Save The Dates!
Thursday, August 30
Friday, August 31

Do you remember the fun we had last year preparing and serving the Sixth Annual Friday Night Chicken Dinner for Cow Chip? Our meal was very well received, and we are preparing for our **“Seventh Annual” Chicken Dinner** to be served on Friday, August 31, 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 are sign-up sheets in the back of church.

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!

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!



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Enjoy the rest of your summer!

*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by
Terry & Cindi Steuber and Kleo Harris &
Family in loving memory of their beloved
Mother, Grandmother and Great Grand-
mother, Doris Steuber*

12 **Coffee Fellowship**

15 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.

30 **Preparation of coleslaw for the Cow Chip Chicken Dinner:** **9:00am** in
the Church dining room

31 **Preparation of potatoes & silverware for the Cow Chip Chicken Dinner:**
10:00am in the Church dining room

7th Annual Chicken Dinner ~ 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come & dine with us in the Park
Shelter or pick up some orders to go. Thank you for your support!

Rev. Bill Kapp
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9:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7)

Memorial Report

No Memorial gifts were received in July.



Radio Broadcasts

We thank the July sponsors of our 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship service Radio Broadcasts:

Jamie & Karen Wittwer, in loving memory of their beloved mother and mother-in-law, Margaret Wittwer.

The Accola Family, in loving memory of their beloved sister, sister-in-law, and aunt, Ruth Accola.

Honoring and celebrating the military men and women serving our country and preserving our freedom.

The Von Behren Family, in loving memory of their beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Alan Von Behren, Sr.

Pastor Bob and Sharon Rieke, in loving memory of their parents, Charles, Robert, and Gladys.

August Anniversaries In Our Church Family

Larry & Nettie Gander, 62 years on August 4

Graig & Laurie Kerl, 20 years on August 15

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August!

Ushers

9:00	August	8:00	September	10:30
Jacob & Ben Kapp		Tom Litscher		Heather Miller
Cliff & Jan Lawton		Daryl & Diane Matzke		Larry Gander
				Sherri Roberts

Communion Servers

August 5	September 2
Dean Dahnert	Rose Kleinert
Larry Johnson	Nadene Litscher
Mark Pierick	Kurt Schultz



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

✝ Sunday School starts September 9th. 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.

✝ If you'd like to be a substitute for our Christian Education program, we'd love to have you! Call Margaret at 643-6327 or e-mail: mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com.

✝ We made a profit of \$500 at the Sunday School brat stand on Saturday, June 30. It was an extremely hot day but a profitable one! Many thanks to all who helped make this a successful event:

- Special thanks to Chris Logterman for coordinating the brat stand and sharing her wonderful organizational skills.
- Thanks to our team of volunteers – Sandy, Lindzi, Rita, Doug, and Gavin Larsen; Jack & Charlie Bachhuber; Chris, Jason, Ella, and Sam Logterman; Chris Blankenship, Tom McFarlane, and Brooklyn Cruse.
- Thanks to Donna Cruse for chopping all the onions!

- Many thanks to Fritz Wyttenbach and Jason Logterman for doing all the grilling in the heat.
- We appreciate the hospitality at McFarlanes' Retail Center. The tents and fans definitely helped us from melting.



Beginning September 5

First Choir
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"

Wednesday Night Fellowship
Beginning September 12

Fellowship Dinner
5:30 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Service
6:00 p.m.

New Flooring Fundraiser



Our church has held up very well for being 100+ years in age; sadly, time, the environment and normal wear and tear has taken a toll. We are in the process of giving this old church a beautiful face lift; unfortunately, with every turn, a few more wrinkles appear. 😊 We welcome and are grateful for any donation to help with the finances of the flooring 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. Let's visualize how our new floor will look. With the greatest of hope and aspiration.



Sunday School Fundraiser: Do you eat at Culver's? Why not purchase a Culver's gift card for a friend. They also make great thank-you gifts or birthday gifts. Our Sunday School earns a portion of each sale. If you want to purchase cards, you can contact the Church Office at 643-8387 or Margaret at:

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SAVE THIS DATE!



Picnic in the Park

This year's chicken and pork chop "Picnic in the Park" will be held on Sunday, September 9th, following the 10:30 worship service. Come and enjoy delicious smokey grilled pork chops and chicken! The Sunday School is providing the FUN! We hope to see you there. Further details will be available soon in the back of church and in the September SCOOP.





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 **everyone** who helped with the move in the basement!


Thank you to **Brigitta Brickl** and **Dean Dahnert** for providing a delicious lunch!


Thank you to **Tim Herbrand** for keeping the church, park, and parsonage grounds looking so nice.


Thank you to **Marcy Thurwachter** for the beautiful flower planters outside the Education Building. They are flourishing in the warm, sunny weather. (The church secretary made an “oops” and thanked the wrong person last month.)



Sauk Prairie Community News

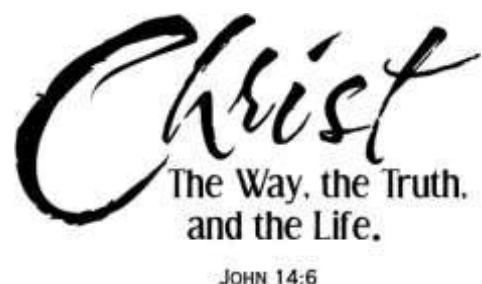
 **Stock The Schools!!! Sauk Prairie School Students In Need:** August's items are granola bars and school supplies, i.e. markers, folders, and glue sticks. There is a box as you come into church to put your purchases in. Thank you to everyone who has donated!

 **6:8 Community Meal** is held every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Time: 5-7pm. Address: 821 Industry Dr., Sauk City. **FREE FOR ALL**. Childcare available.

 **SPAH Cow Chip Food Booth Volunteers Needed!** Cow Chip is fast approaching, along with our need for volunteers to man the Sauk Prairie Against Hunger Food Booth. Many hands are needed, and ALL proceeds go directly to our Pack Event in October. The Pack Event runs from October 25-27th this year, and again will be held at Grand Avenue School. If you would like to help at Cow Chip, go to:

<http://signup.com/go/SDuBSib>.

Thank you!



Stewardship Committee Meeting 7/11/18

Attending: Pastor Bill, Marcy, Sherri, Shirlee

We will host another Listening Session for the general congregation on Sunday, July 15 @ 10:10 a.m.

Questions to ask: What does being a member of the First UCC mean to you?

Why do you attend/not attend church?

How can your family be more involved?

Marcy brought a pamphlet from the Baraboo UCC, which is an Open & Affirming church, and active in social justice issues. This led to a discussion of how we could “tweak” our brochure to make it easier to read and more relevant. We also talked about how we could use our First UCC banner and set up a table with promotional information to promote our church at community events and fundraisers. We could look at “catch phrases” to describe our church. Marcy will email a copy of the Baraboo UCC pamphlet to committee members.

First UCC still needs to develop an expanded Mission Statement.

Mission Trips are a good thing for our church to be doing, but we could do more in our own community; for example, Habitat, 6:8.

We will talk to Consistory about First UCC becoming an Open & Affirming Congregation. Shirlee will bring info on what it means and the process toward this designation, should we decide to move forward with it.

Next meeting, Thursday, July 26, @ 5:30



Christian Fellowship Minutes

July 10th @ 6:30 pm

Attending: Pastor Bill, Charmaine Carter, Dorothy Kundert, Diana Woerpel, Sherry Pieper, Sandy Schlender, Deb Tschudy & Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Thank you, Deb, for hosting & the TREATS! - Reviewed May and June activities.



- July 10th Christian Fellowship meeting-6:30 pm - discussed donation for church dining room upgrade, amount to be determined.
- July 15th Coffee Fellowship - Thank you Fritz and Marcy for your scrumptious treats.
 - July 15th Stewardship listening session following 9:00 am service.
- July 28th Take me out to the ballgame "Mallards Game" \$15.00 a person, sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



- August 12th Coffee Fellowship
- Friday, August 31st - Cow Chip Chicken dinner - volunteer sheet in the Narthex - all hands-on deck, many hands make the task lighter, please consider signing up; help is also needed in food preparation. Questions? See any consistory member.



- September 9th 8:00 and 10:30 am services resume, Communion Sunday (altar) **and** join us for our annual chicken and pork chop "Picnic in the Park" (details coming soon) - no worries Packer season starts later in the month!

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Our Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th, @ 6:30.

Dear Consistory,

I was asked this past Sunday what the color green represents on the altar paraments. A great question.

During the season of Pentecost we have learned about the Holy Spirit and the role it plays in the life of the Christian Church. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity, one of the three facets of God we recognize: Father (Creator), Son (Christ), and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is alive today and guides and directs not only our ministry of the church, but is also present in each of our lives as well.

The color green represents spiritual growth – both individually and in the life of the faith community as a whole. We rely on the Holy Spirit to empower our ministry and give us life and energy for our work.

In terms of my report:

- 1.) June 16-24 Mission trip went extremely well. 18 members of the congregation participated and traveled to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. It was a wonderful week of work and we enjoyed our time together. Our work focused on home restoration, volunteering at a homeless day shelter, volunteering at a Soup Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch, and volunteering at a food pantry. These trips seem to get better every year and 2018 was no exception. In addition, we went out for BBQ at The Shed, visited New Orleans, and celebrated our last evening at a local seafood restaurant. The plan is to send another group from Sauk City First UCC in June 2020.
- 2.) The Christian Fellowship organized a wonderful outing to *The Fireside* dinner theatre on June 30. Seventeen members of the congregation participated. Another fellowship outing is in the works, a Madison Mallards baseball game on Saturday July 28 at 6:05pm with the *First UCC tailgate* beginning at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 and sixteen members of the church have registered thus far.
- 3.) I have ordered materials for the 2018-2019 confirmation year. We have a membership with Faith Inkubators, which we have renewed for \$189. The membership will be good until August 31, 2019. We get the curriculum online and print out packets for each confirmand. This is cheaper than ordering books for every student. The three areas of study (30 lessons) for this program year will be: ***The Lord's Prayer, Hot Topics in the life of Teens, and The Life of Jesus.***
- 4.) Youth retreat will be January 18-20, 2019 at the Wilderness in the Wisconsin Dells. We've had great success on our previous 13 retreats and I look forward to another wonderful experience this time around. As always, the success of the retreat will hinge upon recruiting willing adult chaperones.
- 5.) Our Local Church Discernment Committee (LCDC) is scheduled to meet Sunday August 5 after the worship service. This committee is set up for Kurt Schultz, who is discerning his call to serve as a Licensed Minister in the Southwest Association. We hope to have our LCDC meet with Kurt in September and perhaps, by October, the group will be ready to recommend him to the Southwest Association Division on Church and Ministry to serve as a Licensed Pastor.
- 6.) I'm thankful for the vacation time the church gives me every year. Thus far I have taken time away in April (1 week) and July (1 week). I have two more weeks of vacation to take yet in 2018 and I'd like to get that on the schedule. I'd like to be on vacation August 27-September 4 and October 22-29. This means we will need pulpit supply on September 2 and October 28.

With the Greatest of Hope!

Consistory Minutes

First United Church of Christ

Wednesday July 18th

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

Absent: Dean Dahnert

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in August Scoop
 - Mark move to approve Pastor Bill's vacation request, Shirlee 2nd, motion passes

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Work on flooring project and underway. This is a great opportunity for a good cleaning and painting.
 - \$10,000 paid for work as down payment. Will owe approximately \$10,000 more at end of project
 - Quotes for rain gutter work being collected.
 - Elevator phone needs updating to be able to renew our operator's license. Otis gave estimate of \$1,500 for replacement.
 - We will not pass inspection in August without a working phone. If that happens, we will not be able to use the elevator.
 - Kurt move to approve the estimate and replace the elevator phone, Shirlee 2nd, motion passes
- Christian Fellowship
 - See report in August Scoop
 - Fireside outing June 30 was a success
 - Mallards game outing July 28 has 20 people attending
 - Discussing how to support the flooring project
- Finance
 - No statements to approve
 - Funds available do not equal amount owed for flooring and elevator phone. Discussed options for payments.
 - Discussion about food sales as fundraisers
- Members in Ministry
 - New members welcome
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See report in August Scoop
 - Teresa is encouraging youth to get involved with church events and supporting our members
- Stewardship
 - Hosted listening sessions in May and July
 - What does being a member of First UCC mean to you?
 - Why do you attend/not attend church?
 - How can your family be more involved?
 - Discussed developing a mission statement for First UCC
 - Will investigate how to become an open and affirming congregation
 - Discussed branding for First UCC

✚ Ongoing Business Update

- Storage shed
 - Working through process to build correctly
- Treatment of trees for emerald ash borer
 - Suggested to get trees inspected. Treatment works best if applied before disease appears.

- Dean will contact Slater Diederich Tree Care for estimate
- Cow Chip Chicken Q
 - We will need a handwashing station
 - Working on gathering volunteers, ordering supplies, and logistics for the event
 - We will need more volunteers to help set-up and/or clean-up to cover our share of work for holding our event. Set-up is leading up to Cow Chip, and clean-up is Sunday morning 7:00-12:00PM.

✚ Adjournment

- Peggy move to adjourn, Theresa 2nd, motion passes

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting August 15th