



Upcoming Events

JANUARY 1, 2022



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Consistory meeting

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Collection of cake mixes, frosting, balloons, and birthday candles for Food Pantry



Sauk Prairie Stock the Schools
Granola bars, mechanical pencils, markers and colored pencils are requested during January. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated by all in need. Please drop your donations off in the red tote outside the church educational doors or inside during church worship hours

We would appreciate your time and effort of sharing your time & talent survey with us! We are also working on updating email addresses for internal use only (in case of church closure, emergency announcements etc. Your information will not be shared outside of the church) if you wouldn't mind updating your email and/or your phone number to the survey. Thank you for taking the time to help with our ministry.



Men's Fellowship

You are invited to attend the 2022 No Regrets Men's Conference is coming up fast! **"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me Heavenward in Christ Jesus."**

These days are challenging! We need men who can purposefully PRESS ON. The No Regrets Men's Conference will ignite your spiritual passion for Christ and lay the foundation for you to press on with world-class speakers and thought leaders, inspiring worship and compelling discussions.

Join us on **February 5, 2022** for a small group gathering of men at First UCC.

We'll have donuts for breakfast and pizza for lunch and lots of opportunities for fellowship while we listen and learn.

Please let the church office know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly for food. For additional information including details about the speakers, please visit this web site:
<https://www.noregretsconference.org>



RADIO MINISTRY

We thank the January radio sponsors of our 9am worship service:

Dianna Woerpel in memory of: Duane Woerpel and in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary

Evelyn Accola in memory of: Andrew & Anna Accola, Ruth Accola, Roy & VaLera Accola

Rod & Carol Hehenberger in memory of: Luella Jensen

Memorials received in December in loving memory of:

Karen Ammann

[Sunday 9 AM Worship is Broadcast on WRPQ Radio, AM 740, FM 99.7 or Live Stream Audio from the WRPQ.com website.](#)

Reverend Bill Kapp

Office hours:

**Tuesday through Friday: 9 am to Noon
Saturday: 9:30 am to 11:30 am and by appointment**

Pastor Bill:

**Home phone:
Email:**

**608-370-2249
bill_kapp@ucc-saukcity.org**

First UCC

**Office hours:
Office phone:
Email:**

**8 am to Noon Monday through Friday
608-643-8387
office@ucc-saukcity.org**

May your marriage be blessed with love,
joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.

A very happy
Wedding Anniversary
to both of you

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Stueber celebrate 40 years of marriage on January 2nd

Mr. & Mrs. George Perry celebrate 54 years of marriage on January 6th

These couples represent 94 years of marriage.

Congratulations to you all!!

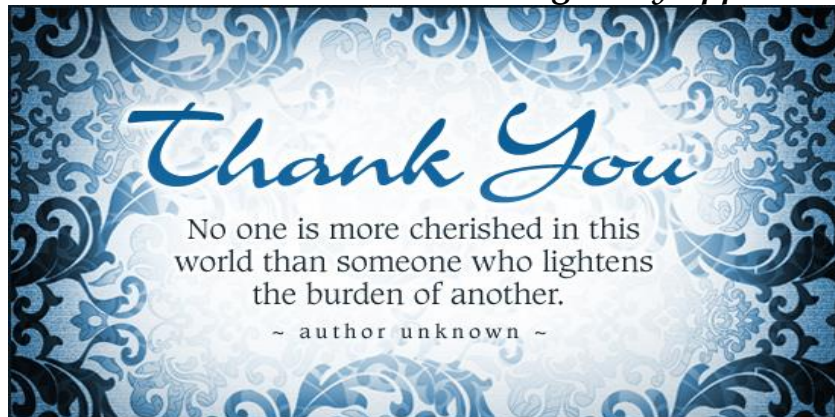
**Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in
January!**

(We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 0 or 5; and over 50)

**Please let us know if we missed you on the December birthday
calendar**

*Thank you to all who help spread our Ministry throughout the
upcoming year.*

Your time and donations are greatly appreciated



**This month's Scoop is sponsored by Randy & Barb Kuhnau and family:
Rachel, Ryan, Owen, Ryan & Grace, Heather and Heidi. In honor and
celebration of Lyle & Dorothy Kuhnau's 60th wedding anniversary on
December 27, 2021.**



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

THANK-YOU. THANK-YOU!

The Stewardship Committee would like to extend their thanks to the 58 members that returned their goal cards pledging a total of \$111,168. The importance of these goal cards cannot be stressed enough as they lend valuable direction to the Finance Committee as they develop the 2022 church budget.

Thanks are also in order for those who have contributed to the Capital Campaign.

Phil Bongard

Roger & Peggy Heidenreich

Jan Lawton

Jane Litscher

Stacey Noltner

Lois Pieper

Lois Price

Sharal Steuber

Marcy & Steve Thurwachter

Diana Woerpel

Tammy Young

Along with contributions from the members listed above, the Chicken Dinner, Bake & Craft Sale, and the Sunday School art sale have combined for a total of \$8184.74. This leaves us with \$48,815.24 remaining to be raised. The Capital Campaign funds will be used to repair the church's bell tower and to replace the front porch of the parsonage. Both projects are expected to begin this spring as soon as the weather allows.



Thank You For Making H.E.L.P. A Success!

Margaret McFarlane, H.E.L.P. Coordinator

The H.E.L.P. (Help Excite Little People) Project was a great success! Due to Covid 19, everything was very different, again this year. Families filled out wish lists and we fulfilled their wishes as best as we were able with the gently used toys and items for teens that we collected from our church and the community. We had a wonderful variety of good, used toys, and many brand new things. As in the past, the monetary donations were appreciated and were used to buy batteries, and items for teens. On the day of the distribution we provided 42 families (131 children) with Christmas gifts! Heartfelt thanks for making the holidays brighter for our Sauk Prairie families!

Special thanks to.....

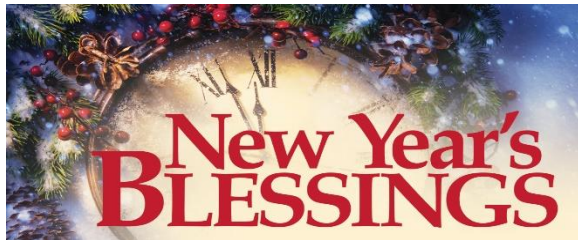
- * **Church and 4K staff** who helped carry in the donated items from the collection bins; special recognition to **Chris Garcia**
- * **Cathleen Wilkinson** for typing, taking phone messages, etc....
- * **Prairie Sampler Quilt Club** for the beautiful blankets
- * **Churches, schools, and organizations** that collected items; St. John's Lutheran Church of Prairie du Sac, SPNC-4K, SP Earthlings 4-H Club, students at Grand Avenue School
- * **Generous support from area businesses;** J. Sliter Buildings, Tools Of Marketing, McFarlanes' Retail Center, Bank Of Prairie du Sac
- * **Mission Possible** (Tim and Susan Herbrand) for their generosity
- * **Those who read our list of needed items** on Facebook and searched for gently used items or went shopping to purchase them; special thanks to Sue and Carrissa Herbrand, Kari Larsen, Marcy Thurwachter, Cathleen Wilkinson, Katie Homar, Jean Bachhuber, and the many people who dropped things off anonymously
- * **First U.C.C. Sunday School** for collecting gifts on December 5
- * **Members** that generously gave monetary donations, so we could fulfill wishes
- * **The "elves"** who diligently washed, repaired or organized items; Marcy and Steve Thurwachter, Gary and Sandy Schlender, Shirlee Lendved, Dianna Woerpel, Taylor and Jeanann Breininger, Katie Homar, Lori Anderson, Dale and Becky Kowalski, Debbie Tschudy, Pastor Bill, Jenny Brickl, Jean and Jack Bachhuber, the Doug Larsen family, Andrea and Sebastian Gavol, Kassie Gavol and friends, Amanda Moseman, Tom McFarlane, Peggy Ganser, Donna and Micki Cruse
- * **Individuals** that helped carry all the organized boxes and bags upstairs on December 17; John Bachhuber, Cory Rothmann, Matt Moseman, Cody Elsing, Pastor Bill, Dean Dahnert, Tom McFarlane, Katie Homar, and Marcy Thurwachter
- * **Those who helped on the day of the distribution;** Jenny and Jesse Brickl, Rose Kleinert, Pastor Bill, Matt and Amanda Moseman, Dianna Woerpel, the Homar family, Heather Miller, Mary Breunig, Sharon Diehl, and Sophie Sunday

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

JANUARY

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During the month of January, for all Church activities we ask that all who enter and/or attend any activity to please wear a mask or face covering in order to help prevent Covid-19 as it is on the rise during this Holiday season. We appreciate your help and cooperation.

NONPROFIT ORG

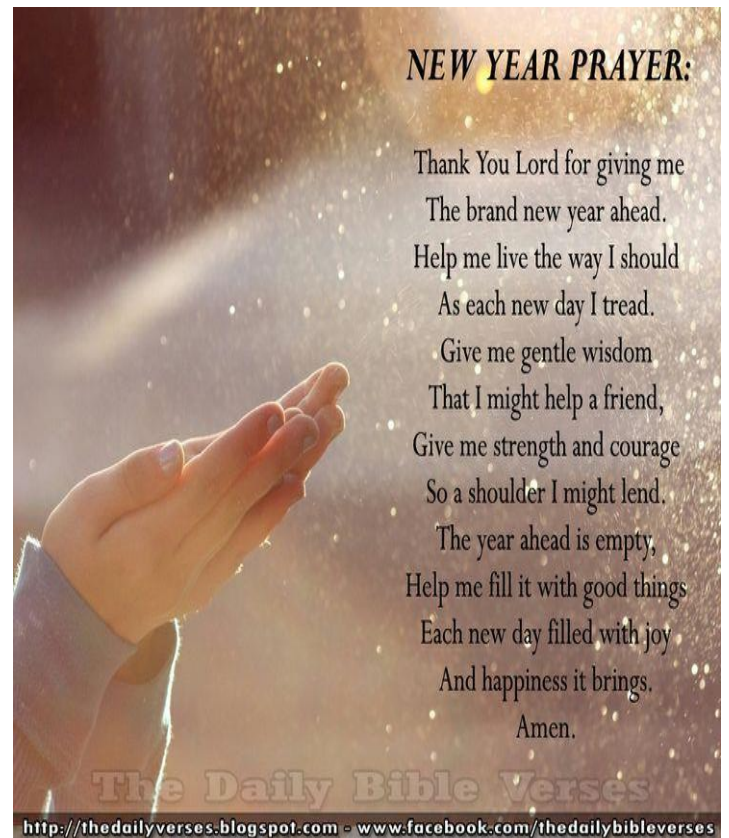
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NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Have you ever forgotten something and then later remembered? I think we all can identify with that.

It's often my keys, mask, or my wallet. I leave the house without something, realize that I've left it behind, and must turn around and go retrieve what I have just forgotten. Come to think of it, I have even left my children behind once or twice and had to go back in order to retrieve them.

Several years ago, the movie "Home Alone" came out about a family going on a long trip to Paris and accidentally leaving their son behind. It was a fun movie about a boy named Kevin, who discovered the joy of Christmas despite being left home all by himself. He found a way to go shopping, order pizza, thwart the bad guys, and realizes a grumpy old man was actually very kind and caring.

We can do the same thing – starting out 2022 and forgetting what we have just celebrated, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him
May not perish but may have eternal life."***

We rejoice in the coming of Jesus, but do we embrace this perfect gift, accept it and take it with us? Or do we forget about it and leave it behind?

If we truly accept this gift, how are we handling it? Do we grasp it with so much of our being and hold onto this close to our heart or do we take it out only when it's convenient for us? If we tell ourselves that we have accepted Jesus and promise to follow him, are we talking Jesus with us wherever we go, or do we leave him behind?

Just before Jesus' departure, he said that he would not leave us alone. He would give us his Spirit to guide and direct us, a helper who would go beside us. Can we accept this gift, embrace it with all of our being, and take it with us into the New Year?

Jesus gave us two important commands: love God and then love our neighbor. There is nothing in these Commands that focuses on us. We can freely accept this gift of a Savior, trust and embrace him with all our being, and live out his teaching by being kind to those around us.

I encourage you to walk on the path of Christ in 2022, accept, acknowledge, worship, and praise Jesus with every step you take. Please don't forget and accidentally leave him behind.

With the greatest of hope!

Blessings,

Pastor Bill



Christian Education January News



On December 5th after the church service we decorated Christmas cards for church members, held a toy drive for Help Excite Little People and did some caroling.

Thank you to those that participated and attended our **SUPER Christmas Program** on December 12th, The students worked so hard and did an amazing job.

Happy Birthday Jesus occurred on December 19th for Sunday School. We enjoyed time together and cupcakes.

January 2nd we will not be having a church wide activity but will again on February 6th.

We are starting to collect **Cake mixes, frosting containers, balloons, and birthday candles for our Food Pantry Birthday Bag activity on February 6th.**

At this time we will NOT be doing the Culver's Gift Cards. Due to changes in contacts and time commitments we do not feel it is possible this year.

Reminders

- Let us know if you still need to enroll for Sunday School and/ or Confirmation.
- Our Sunday School follows the lead of Sauk Prairie School District for our mask-ing policy and calendar. This plan gets updated weekly at https://www.saukprairieschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=498855&type=d
Pastor Bill and Mrs. Brickl will closely follow the decisions being made by the district.
- The Adult Sunday School Class has started their video series **The Chosen**. This can be viewed with the group on Sunday mornings at 10:20 am in the Fire-side Room or stream online at: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch>



January

2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ron Polacek Logan Diehl Brandon Krzyszanski
Todd Litscher 2	3	George Perry 4 Gillian Luchsinger	Lynn Luchsinger 5	Dianna Woerpel 6 Dean Dahnert	Jackson Rasmussen 7	8
9	10	Andrea Gavol 11 Morgan Larsen	12	Georgia Selden 13	Suzanne Litscher 14	15
Macee Gulden 16	17	18	19	Marilyn O'Donnell 20 Henry Homar	21	22
23	24	Robin Meier 25 Kelly Riley	Marlene Larsen 26	27	28	29
Doug Larsen 30	31					

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TIME & TALENTS



*We are searching for volunteer snow shovelers to help with snow removal before worship service
(does not have to be every week/snow fall commitment)*



Stewardship is the joyful activity of sharing your time, talents, and treasures in service to God's ministry.

NAME(S) in HOUSEHOLD: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS/ADDRESSES: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

CELL: _____

Check all categories that apply.

INTEREST/TALENT INVENTORY

_____ I am an artist.	_____ I enjoy talking to people.
_____ I am a musician.	_____ I like to organize things.
_____ I like to bake.	_____ I enjoy public speaking.
_____ I like to craft.	_____ I am a seamstress.
_____ I enjoy working with children.	_____ I am a graphic designer.
_____ I enjoy building things.	_____ I enjoy working outside.
_____ I enjoy technology.	_____ I enjoy working with numbers.

Next, select all of the areas that you may be interested in sharing your talents.

YOUTH MINISTRY

_____ Chaperone at youth retreat	_____ Host Youth Exchange youth
_____ Help with fundraisers	_____ Mentoring

SUNDAY SCHOOL

_____ Teacher (plan & teach purchased curriculum)	_____ Assistant (help classroom teacher)
_____ Fundraisers: _____ Brat Stand	_____ Sell Culver's gift cards
_____ _____ Serve/cleanup on Sundae Sunday	

WORSHIP

_____ Communion helper (prepare and clean-up when communion is served)

_____ Scripture reader

_____ Usher

_____ Sanctuary care (candles, attendance books, pencils, etc.)

_____ Offering counter

_____ Provide altar flowers

_____ Special services (Women's Sunday, Men's Sunday, Maundy Thursday)

_____ Lay Minister

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

_____ Funeral lunch-host/hostess	_____ Visit shut-ins
_____ Fall/Spring church cleaning	_____ Home communion server
_____ Coffee Fellowship	_____ Church picnic
_____ Cow Chip Chicken Dinner	_____ First U.C.C. Food Stand at
_____ Chili dinner	_____ Badger Steam, Gas & Engine
_____ Card ministry	_____ Club

MUSIC MINISTRY

_____ First Choir
_____ Special music (especially during the summer)
_____ Accompanist

_____ Instrumentalist
_____ Guitar
_____ Piano/organ
_____ Brass/woodwind/strings

COMMITTEES

_____ Consistory
_____ Building & Maintenance
_____ Stewardship

_____ Christian Fellowship
_____ Finance
_____ Members in Ministry

PHYSICAL UPKEEP

_____ Painting
_____ Lifting heavy items
_____ Electrical
_____ Plumbing
_____ Carpentry

_____ Flooring
_____ ** Snow removal**
_____ Raking leaves
_____ Mowing/trimming
_____ Landscaping

_____ I have a truck
_____ I have a trailer
_____ Church Park beautification

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

_____ Meals on Wheels
_____ Salvation Army Bell Ringer
_____ Food Pantry volunteer
_____ Feed My Starving Children
_____ Relay for Life

_____ Blood Mobile
_____ Help Excite Little People (H.E.L.P.)
_____ Provide pies for community
_____ Thanksgiving

SOCIAL MEDIA

_____ Facebook maintenance
_____ Instagram

_____ Website maintenance

TECHNOLOGY

_____ Web page construction and management
_____ Sound system management

_____ Radio broadcast audio supervision
_____ Internet/WIFI router management

Please return the survey to the box on the table in the back of church, drop it in the mailbox at the educational doors or mail it to the Church office by January 31, 2022.

Thank you all for your help.