

June 2014

SCOOP

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

There is an old tale told of a wise woman who was traveling in the mountains. She found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry. The wise woman opened her bag to share her food and the hungry traveler saw the precious stone. He asked the woman to give it to him. Without hesitation, she handed him the stone.

The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone's worth, and he knew it would give him security for a lifetime. But, a few days later he went back in search of the wise woman and returned the stone to her.

"I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

What this woman had is what the author of 1 Peter calls "a living stone". The author is addressing new Christians in the Roman provinces of Asia Minor. They were facing social pressures and persecutions, but the letter urges them to live like Christ and to resist any temptation to retaliate against those who oppose them. Instead of becoming defensive and angry, the author counsels these fledgling communities: *Live so fully into the example of Christ that your community becomes living stones that will build God's church not just in bricks and mortar but in flesh and bone.*

In short, the author of 1 Peter urges these communities to be like this wise woman. She had all the world's possessions within her grasp. Her own security in this world assured, she recognized that if she was to truly be alive in this world, she needed to give all of that away. Instead of investing in the stones of this world, she invested in the living stone that gives life and security that this world just doesn't understand.

Individually, and as the Church, God calls us to become these living stones. We don't do that by forsaking this world for the next, or even by preaching and teaching that the realm of God is near. Instead, we become living stones by following the pattern of this wise woman: giving away all the love, all the treasure, and all the grace and mercy that has been given to us by God.

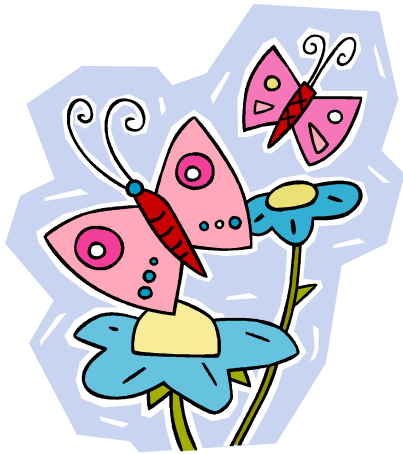
Let us be Christ's living stones, ready to freely give all that we have and ready to bring the word of salvation to all who stumble upon us.

With the Greatest of Hope, Pastor Bill

Dedication of Memorials

May 2013-May 2014

On this Sunday before Memorial Day, we observe the annual dedication of "Our Living Memorials." The Memorials Committee of First United Church of Christ, Sauk City, is very grateful for each of the monetary remembrances given to the Memorial Fund during the past year. During the past year, memorials have been received in loving memory of:



Hazel Boettcher
Verla Buroker
Maxine Cairns
Waunita Fradette
Shirley Garner
Lela Genz
Chuck Hall
Chuck Henning
Joan Jones
Rosemary Lichtenwalner
Dean Lucey
Reta Lysenko
Al Maenche
Shirley Moely
Hugh Nelson
Robert Schmitz
Phyllis Sorg



and in honor and celebration of:

Verda McFarlane's 90th birthday
and
Donna Seitz's 80th birthday

A special thank you to the Schorer Foundation for their continued support of our Memorial Fund.

To the glory of God, and in the name of First United Church of Christ, we dedicate these gifts, expressing heartfelt appreciation to all who have supported the Memorial Fund in remembrance of their loved one.



***"Blessed is the man who
lets God lead the way!"***

We Celebrate Fathers

We will honor the fathers of our church on June 15. We'll present boxes of candy to the most senior and youngest fathers in attendance at each of our worship services.



Congratulations To Our 2014 Confirmands!

The following youth will be confirmed on Sunday, June 1: Vaughn Anderson, Brenna Diehl, Samantha Huerth, Kiana Litscher, Hannah Miller, Libby Nachreiner, Adam Pape, and Logan Perry.

"In Him you have been enriched in every way ~ in all your speaking and in all your knowledge ~ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you."

I Corinthians 1:5-6



Strengthen the Church: "Invest In The Vision!"

THANK YOU for supporting ***Strengthen the Church!*** Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the ***Strengthen the Church*** offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gifts will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that ***"God is still speaking!"***



Ice Cream Social 24TH Annual Ice Cream Social

SAVE THIS DATE! Our 24th Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, July 20. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. Make sure and put this "fun" date on your calendar!



Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

★ It was a fun “Sundae Sunday” for our close of Sunday School. All students received a certificate and treats. Thank you to the parents, helpers, and staff that helped serve and clean up.

★ We collected \$1,500.00 for “The Mexican Children’s Refuge.” Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy project. We give thanks for being able to support the Feierabend’s as they build houses in Mexico!

★ The Sunday School choir sounded great on May 18. Many thanks to all who joined in, it was a special way to end the year.

♥ My heartfelt thanks to Pastor Bill, Cindy Baker, and our wonderful Sunday School staff: Amy Bachhuber, Marcia Nachreiner, Tammy Steuber, Jeanann & Bailey Breining, Jennifer & Brookelyn Cruse, Heather Miller, Heather Haas, Kim Baier, Katie Homar, Jenny Brickl, Kari Larsen, Chris Logterman, and Andrea Gaval. Thanks, also, to those who substituted or helped out during special programs.

★ Mark your calendars: Sunday School will begin, again, on September 7.

★ Thank you to the staff, parents, and students for a wonderful year! Have a safe summer! May God be with you!



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will take place here at our Church on June 16th-20th from 9:30 a.m.-Noon. The theme is:

“SonTreasure Island—Where Kids Discover God’s Love!”

Students ages pre-K through 6th grade are welcome. Please pre-register as soon as possible. Registration forms are by the bulletin board as you enter the Education Building. (Prior registration is required.) Returned forms can be placed in the basket, also, found by the bulletin board or returned to Church by mail. If you have questions, contact Margaret McFarlane, Sunday School Superintendent, at 643-6327.



Christian Education Summer Fundraiser

Our Sunday School and Youth Group are scheduled to run a brat stand at Piggly Wiggly on Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19. If you would like to help plan, cook, or serve brats, please contact Jason or Chris Logterman at 644-8135 or see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex area. We could use your help!

Summer Music Opportunities!

From Dennis Kahn, Music Director

Thanks to all who have volunteered for special music for the summer. So far, several have volunteered, but have not committed to a date as of yet. Please contact Denny Kahn at 370-6000 if you would like to volunteer to do some special music at our worship services this summer.

We have dates available for summer music from June 8th through September 7th. Remember that worship services this summer are at 8:00 AM.

First Choir will be singing on June 1st at the 10:30 a.m., which is Confirmation Sunday.

Following our summer hiatus, First Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3rd. Please consider joining us in the fall, if not before!



****Summer Office Hours****

Beginning Monday, June 16th, through Labor Day, September 1st, the Church facilities will be locked at Noon. Please make arrangements with the Church Office if you need to get in the building in the afternoon. Have a wonderful, happy summer!



*"As long as we have
memories, yesterday remains.
As long as we have hope,
tomorrow waits.
As long as we have love,
today is beautiful."*

Anonymous



CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

First United Church of Christ
May 15, 2014

Present: Pastor Bill, Tom Litscher, President, Lyle Kuhnau, Theresa Grimes, Tim Homar, Tim Herbrand, and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill's Report: (1) Easter sunrise service was a success with 103 in attendance. (2) Choir concert was on May 18th – thank you to the choir for a fabulous concert. (3) 18 members of the congregation will be traveling to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS on June 7th returning on June 15th.

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve by Tim Herbrand, second by Theresa, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports and invoices: Motion to approve by Rose, second by Tim Homar, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School/Church Youth Program:

(1) Confirmation Sunday is June 1st at the 10:30 service. (2) Young Ambassadors will be hosting the youth from Germany on July 6th through July 22nd, scheduled trips to Milwaukee (July 13th) and Chicago (July 20th). (3) Vacation Bible School (SonTreasure Island-Where Kids Discover God's Love!) begins June 16th through June 20th. (If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Margaret McFarlane or the church office.

Members in Ministry: A gathering of thanks for all who make visits will be on May 22nd at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Liz Bongard. Continued thanks to all who actively make visits to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals weekly. If you are interested in making visits, please contact Liz Bongard or the church office. *All are welcome to join.*

Christian Fellowship: (1) Coffee Fellowship June 1st, July 13th, and August 17th. (2) June 1st Confirmation - will purchase boutonnieres for Confirmands. (3) July 20th Men's Sunday service. (4) July 20th Ice Cream Social.

Stewardship: (1) Revisiting "mission statement" and committee terms. (2) New member outreach.

Finance: (1) Reviewing improvements, policies, offering, etc. (2) Next meeting scheduled for August 12.

Building & Maintenance: Repair cement between church and educational building on the lower level.

Ongoing Business: Strategic goal planning; review draft lists of questions of where the church is going (to be discussed at next meeting).

New Business: (1) Outdoor maintenance teams. (2) Committee term limits. (3) All committees meeting scheduled for September 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Next Consistory meeting: Third *Thursday, June 19th*, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Herbrand, second by Lyle, motion carried. Closing prayer from Pastor Bill. Lord's Prayer

Christian Fellowship Committee

Minutes of May 13

From Debbie Tschudy

In attendance: Dorothy Kundert, Lois Pieper, Sandy Schlender, Debbie Tschudy

Old Business

April 13 – Pastry, Pantry, Produce table – funds to go toward the Youth group - \$35.00

Coffee fellowship - April 27 (Women's Sunday) and May 11 (Mother's Day) – thanks everyone

April 27 – Women's Sunday – theme “*Gifts from the Garden*” – went very well – wonderful sermon by Brigitta Brickl

May 8 – Mother/Child Banquet/Thursday-- thanks to all -Theme was “*Spread the Love*” – we made \$294.17 – will go into our fund

New Business

Coffee Fellowship dates

June 1 (Confirmation Sunday)
July 13
August 17

June 1 – Committee to purchase boutonnieres for Confirmands – Rita will purchase

July 20 – Men's Sunday Service – possible theme “*A Map to Christ*” – Debbie will check with some of the men on a Chair

(Last year was July 21 –Chair was Larry Johnson and sermon by Kurt Schultz)

July 20 – Ice Cream Social and time – tentative for 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. ?? – but we need to check on other churches – Methodist and Blackhawk to make sure it doesn't interfere with their events

(Last year was 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Pastry, Pantry, and Produce with it)

Any other new business?

Next Meeting – June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Misc. church items or dates

May 18 – Choir concert 7:00 p.m.



Dad

A dad is a person who is loving and kind, and often he knows what you have on your mind. He is someone who listens, suggests, and defends. A dad can be one of your very best friends! He's proud of your triumphs; but when things go wrong, a dad can be patient and helpful and strong. In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part. There's always a place for him deep in your heart. And each year that passes, you're even more glad, more grateful, and proud just to call him your dad!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



We are looking for volunteers to help with our monthly coffee fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for the next three months. We continue to end up with the same members donating their time and buying and bringing in treats. We need some of you to step up once in a while and help, or if you are just willing to bring in some treats for the coffee fellowship once in a while to help out. We have members who have done this that can assist you, if you would like to Chair sometime. If you have any questions on what needs to be done, please contact Debbie Tschudy at 608-643-8697. Thank you in advance for helping with your time and talent.



Church Directory

There are still Church directories available to purchase if you would like one. The cost of a directory is \$5. Give Cindy a call in the church office – 643-8387 – if you would like one or stop on by. ☺

35th SEASON WYOMING VALLEY HYMN SING SCHEDULE

Location: Wyoming Valley School
Cultural Arts Center
6306 State Highway 23 **
Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

June 1	Leader: Patrick Gilbert
July 6	Leader: Joy Bickford
August 3	Leader: Dawn Van Epps
September 7	Leader: The Carlson's
October 5	Leader: Quintin Greene

**Five miles south of Spring Green

**Ten miles north of Dodgeville

11th Annual Chicken BBQ

Sponsored by: Denzer UMC
At Honey Creek (Denzer) Town Hall

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friend

Advisor

Teacher

Helper

Empathizer

Role model in Christ



From The He♥rt

From Christian Fellowship Committee:

Many thank-you's are in order for the delightful Mother-Child Banquet on May 8th: for the delicious meal under the direction of **Fritz Wyttenbach** and his able **crew of gentlemen**; to **Kathy Johnson** who had our tables tastefully decorated with hearts and roses; to **Cecy Haines** for being our Mistress of Ceremony for the Banquet; and, last but not least, to **Sara Ramthum**, our Speaker of 6:8, who reinforced us how to **Spread the Love** each day. In gratitude to all of you; what a Special Evening!!


The Queen of Garage Sales, Sue Herbrand, has done it again! A huge thank you to Sue for organizing this year's basement sale. She put countless hours into sorting, pricing, displaying all of the donated items, and boxing up the leftovers. A big thank-you to all of her **elves**. And, last but not least, thank you to everyone who donated items or was a customer at the sale.

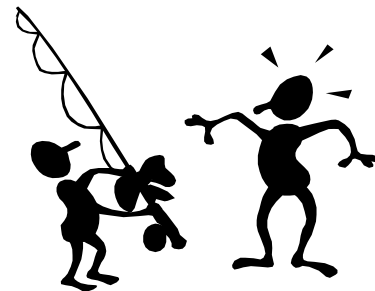


Congratulations!



Carrissa Herbrand who received the 2014 First U.C.C. \$500 Scholarship and the 2014 McFarlane Technical Education \$600 Scholarship! Carrissa is the daughter of Tim and Sue Herbrand. *Congratulations, Carrissa, and good luck in college!*

 **How About Sponsoring A Radio Broadcast or Our Newsletter?** 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 call the Church office. The cost of sponsoring a radio broadcast is \$75.00, and the cost of sponsoring a monthly **SCOOP** is \$50 (cost of paper and postage).

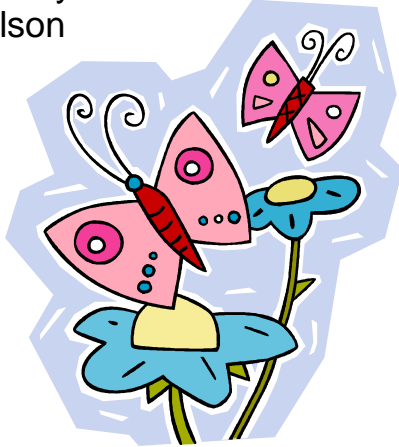


***"A Father's guiding hand
is a gift from God!"***

Memorials Report

Memorials were received in April in loving memory of:

Waunita Fradette
Joan Jones
Reta Lysenko
Shirley Moely
Hugh Nelson



Radio Ministry

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

Ted, Kleo, Gregg, Scott, Joanne, Cara, and Colin Harris, In loving honor and celebration of Doris Steuber on Mother's Day.
Liz Bongard & Family, In loving memory of Vic Bongard and in celebration of Jacob & Melissa Brickl's 7th wedding anniversary
Cliff and Jan Lawton, In loving memory of their parents, Cliff & Selma Lawton and Clarence & Evelyn Skogen

♥ June Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Phyllis & Frank Kirchstein, 60 years on June 29

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in June!
We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50 years.

June and July Ushers

8:00 a.m. June 2014

Rod and Carol Hehenberger
Herman and Debbie Tschudy

8:00 a.m. July 2014

Tim, Sue, and Carrissa Herbrand

June Communion Servers: Confirmation Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Barb Brock
Rose Kleinert
Daryl Matzke
Terry Steuber

June 2014



10:30 a.m.

Carol Hehenberger
Lyle Kuhnau
Ed & Rita Larsen

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7)
Sunday School Resumes September 7th
Confirmation: Resumes September 7th

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JUNE SCOOP



*This month's SCOOP is sponsored
by Rod Lysenko,
In loving memory of his mother,
Reta Lysenko*

- 1st **Confirmation Sunday: 10:30 a.m.**
 Coffee Fellowship between Worship Services
- 10th **Christian Fellowship Committee: 6:30 p.m.**
- 15th **“Happy Father’s Day”**
- 16th-20th **Vacation Bible School ~ “SonTreasure Island—Where Kids
Discover God’s Love!”: 9:30 a.m.-Noon**
- 19th **Consistory: 6:30 p.m.**

Pastor Bill Kapp Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 8:00–Noon;
 Saturday: 8:00–10:00 a.m. and by appointment
Office phone: 643-8387; Home phone: 370-2249
E-mail: bill_kapp@ucc-saukcity.org

Cindy Baker, Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.–Noon
Church Secretary Office phone: 643-8387; E-mail: office@ucc-saukcity.org

**“The love of a father lives forever
in the heart of His child.”**