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### **JUNE 2016**

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

We have now entered the season of Pentecost, which runs all the way to mid-November. The Holy Spirit blessed the apostles in Acts 2 with the ability to speak different languages of the various nationalities of people gathered for the Pentecost festival in Jerusalem (a Jewish harvest festival). Peter was also blessed with the Holy Spirit that day and gave the best sermon ever given. The apostles used these newfound gifts of the Spirit to tell people about God's love through Jesus Christ and 3,000 people were baptized and added to their number that day.

We in the Christian Church acknowledge that Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church. It happened at the Pentecost festival immediately following the ascension of Jesus into heaven. The apostles initially felt lost and scared after the risen Christ had departed, but then the Holy Spirit empowered them and gave them ability to be founding members of the Christian Church.

In 30 short years, the Church grew from what was considered an insignificant Jewish sect to a major force in the Roman Empire. Luke wrote Acts as a companion piece to his Gospel to show how Christianity was not a political threat to Rome, but rather the work of God's Spirit in building up a spiritual "kingdom", one comprised of all who live by faith in Jesus.

We continue that work of the Holy Spirit today as we participate in the wonderful ministry of First UCC Sauk City. We have each been blessed with particular gifts and abilities that the Spirit has made possible. When we use these gifts and abilities as one, we truly become the Body of Christ. The Church is more than one person. It's more than a building. More than a doctrine. The Church is the Church when the Holy Spirit empowers and inspires people to do ministry in Christ's name.

I will be away from the church a good bit this summer with a mission trip, wedding, & sabbatical time. But there is one thing which will not change during my absence - the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The Spirit will empower people such as Kurt Schultz, who will lead worship during many of the Sundays I am away. The Spirit will be present in the visitation of the *Member's-in-Ministry*, who will make hospital calls and nursing home visits in my absence. The Spirit will be alive in our office, as staff and church leaders come together to steer the course until my return after Labor Day. The Holy Spirit will be present, and who knows, things might go a little smoother than normal. ☺

Three different pastors will be providing funeral coverage while I'm away: Dennis Weis (July 10-23), Kendall Schlittler (July 24-31), and Doris Simpson (August). I am hopeful things will be quiet during the time I'm gone, but please know gifted people are in place to meet the needs of the church.

With the Greatest of Hope!  
Pastor Bill



***“Blessed is the man who  
lets God lead the way!”***

### **We Celebrate Fathers**

We will honor the fathers of our church on June 19. We'll present Culver's gift cards (to enjoy their favorite ice cream treat) to the eldest and youngest fathers in attendance at each service.

**F**riend

**A**dvisor

**T**eacher

**H**elper

**E**mpathizer

**R**ole model in Christ

### **Pastor Bill's Sabbatical**

In the event that you need to contact the church while Pastor Bill is on sabbatical leave (July 11<sup>th</sup> through and including September 5<sup>th</sup>), whether it be someone is in the hospital, needing visitation, funeral arrangement or any issues you deem necessary, please contact Rose Kleinert @ 370-1306 or any member of consistory. We will help you to the best of our ability.

# **SPREAD THE LOVE**

 **Strengthen the Church  
Special Mission Offering**

### **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 gift 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!***” \*Your “Strengthen The Church” offering envelope is enclosed.\*



### **\*\*Summer Office Hours\*\***

Beginning Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, through Labor Day, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## **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 \$650.00 for “The Mexican Children’s Refuge.” Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy project. Although we did not meet our goal of \$1,000, 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 15. 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 & Taylor Breininger, Jennifer & Brookelyn Cruse, Heather & Hannah Miller, Kim & Kylie Baier, Katie Homar, Jenny Brickl, Kari Larsen, Kiana Litscher, Chris Logterman, and Andrea Gavol. Thanks, also, to those who substituted or helped out during special programs.

★ Mark your calendars: Sunday School will begin, again, on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

★ We are aware of six students going to camp. We are accepting donations to help with their fees.

★ Rita Larsen will be helping with the sale of Culver’s cards for the Sunday School this summer. You can contact the Church office or Rita at 963-1748 or [ritalarsen@culvers.com](mailto:ritalarsen@culvers.com) if you want to purchase cards.

## **Vacation Bible School**

This year our Church is joining St. John’s Lutheran Church in Prairie du Sac for VBS. Their classes will be held August 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade is 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Classes for Pre-K students are 9:00-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$35 per student, but the First U.C.C. Sunday School will pay half the cost. Please let Margaret know if your children are going at:

[mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com](mailto:mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com).

## **Check It Out**

The following books have been added to the Library:

*Forever My Little Boy*

*Forever My Little Girl*

In honor of Taylor Breininger,  
Sunday School Assistant

*God Gave Us Heaven*

In honor of Kylie Baier,  
Sunday School Assistant

# FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

504 Washington Avenue  
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*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by  
Rod Lysenko, in loving memory of his  
Mother, Reta Lysenko.*

- 5           **9:00 a.m. Worship Service** begins (through August 28<sup>th</sup>)
- 14          **Christian Fellowship:** 6:30 p.m.
- 16          **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 19          **“Happy Father’s Day”**
- 23          **Basement Sale:** 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- 24          **Basement Sale:** 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 25          **Basement Sale:** 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 26          **First U.C.C. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Motorcycle Ride Fundraiser:**  
beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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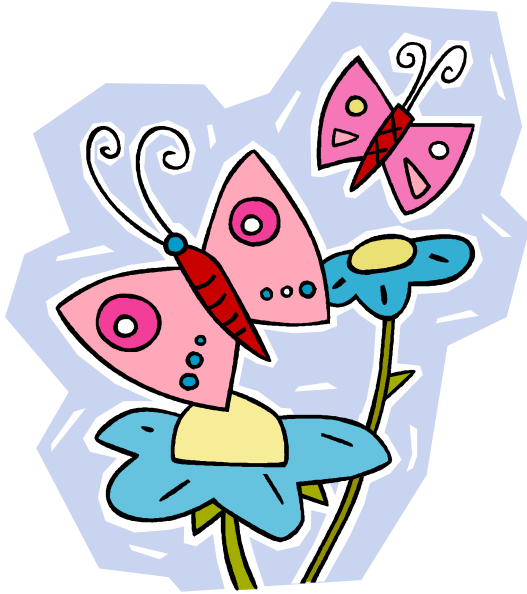
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Church Secretary    Office phone: 643-8387; E-mail: office@ucc-saukcity.org



**“Fathers who walk with God light the way.”**

## **Memorials Report**

No Memorials were received in April.



## **Radio Ministry**

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

Kleo, Gregg, Scott, Joanne, Cara, & Colin Harris, In honor and celebration of their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Doris Steuber, on Mother's Day 2016.

The Bongard Family, In loving memory of their husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Vic Bongard.

Cliff & Jan Lawton, In loving memory of their parents, Cliff & Selma Lawton and Clarence & Evelyn Skogen.

Rod Lysenko, In loving memory of his mother, Reta Lysenko.

Dean Dahnert, In celebration of his granddaughter's, Briann Jaedean Brickl, 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **♥ June Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥**

Phyllis & Frank Kirchstein, 61 years on June 29

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in June!

We acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50 years.

## **June and July Ushers**

### **June**

Rod & Carol Hehenberger  
Herman & Debbie Tschudy

### **July**

Trina, Finn and Seneca Ruyle

## **July Communion Servers: Altar**

**8:00 a.m.**

Shirlee Lendved  
Dianna Woerpel  
Fritz Wyttenbach

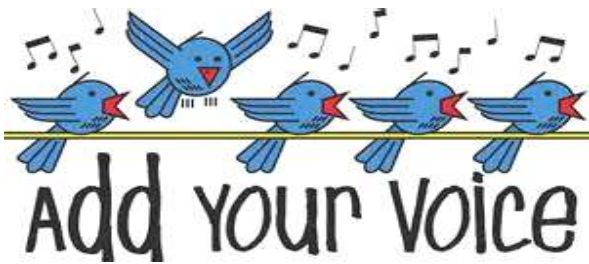
**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10:30 a.m.**

Theresa Grimes  
Don Larsen  
Chris Logterman

**Starting Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, through and including Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, our worship service will be held at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!**





## **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 Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, and the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Remember that our worship service this summer is at 9:00 a.m.

Following our summer hiatus, First Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us in the fall, if not before!



## **Coffee Fellowship**

During the month of June, there will be **Coffee Fellowship** each Sunday 15 minutes before the worship service and 15 minutes afterwards. The sign-up sheets for June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> are in the back of church.



## **Dedication of Memorials**

May 2015-May 2016

On this Sunday before Memorial Day, we observe the annual dedication of "Our Living Memorials." The Memorial 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, memorials have been received in loving memory of:

**Rene Gasner**

**Lilah Sprecher**

**Penny Hall**

**Jesse Shimniok**

**Cleo Schaefer**

**Lorene Sprecher**

**Gladys Rieke**

**Marianna Regier**

**Norman & Lela Genz**

**Sue Brewer**

**Roger Diehl**

**Reta Lysenko**

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.



### **Birthday Card Shower**

Our friend, Charlie Ritchie, will be turning "100 years young" on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Let's fill his mailbox with "Happy Birthday" wishes on his special day. Charlie's address is: 327 Washington Street, Sauk City, WI. Thank you!



### **From The He♥rt**

**Love, Connie Harrison**

Thank you for all the prayers and cards. I am very much on the road to recovery!!!

### **From Christian Fellowship**

Many thanks to all who helped with our Mother-Child Banquet (Plant a Seed), and all who came to enjoy a loaded potato bar, macaroni & cheese, salad and dessert thanks to Fritz Wyttenbach and his helpful crew of men, Mark Pierick, Larry Johnson, Rod Hehenberger, Doug and Don Larson, and Jamie Wittwer. Lois Pieper helped Dianna decorate tables, and Rita Larson manned (womanned) the tickets. A special treat was a musical program provided by Susan Frankland from Lodi with trivia questions along with old and newer songs.

A special thank you to **the men of First U.C.C.** who hosted the Coffee Fellowship on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day! The theme of the Coffee was "Mom's favorite store-bought cookie." A special thank-you to **Fritz Wyttenbach**, who organized the event. Wonderful goodies and fellowship were enjoyed by all!



### **From Dennis Kahn**

Thank you to all who attended our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual First Choir Concert on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>! An event like this is not only the music; but all the time and effort spent to set up the church, plan and prepare the fellowship, and clean up afterwards. Thanks to all who helped. Special thanks go to Sharal Steuber for serving as our greeter. Thanks to all for helping with fellowship afterwards.

I can't begin to say how much I enjoy working with the choir folks throughout the year. Everyone brings their time, effort and talents to make our music ministry a positive experience. I appreciate how our members are willing to try new things, suggest music and even tell me when something isn't working. I hope this collaborative process can continue for years to come. Thanks, again, to all who make our music ministry a "happy" place to be!

While we will have special music performances throughout the summer, part of me is already looking forward to September when First Choir can "get back at it!" It is my hope that everyone who has been with us returns and that more will entertain the idea of getting involved in music here at First Church.



## **CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES**

First United Church of Christ

May 19, 2016

**Present:** Pastor Bill, Tom Litscher, Theresa Grimes (Secretary), Rose Kleinert (President), Debbie Tschudy (Vice President), Mark Pierick, Kurt Schultz, Shirlee Lendved, Chris Logterman, and Don Larson

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Bill

**Pastor Bill's Report:** (1) Pastor lifted up the need for help with cleaning up at the end of Chicken Dinner/Friday evening of Cow Chip. Needing a crew of 4-6 to help take down and return things to church. (2) Discussed sabbatical. Three local Pastors to help cover funerals. Kurt Schultz to lead worship while Pastor is gone except 7/24/16 - possibly Men's Sunday that day.

**Secretaries Report:** Motion to approve by Don; second by Mark. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Financial Reports and invoices:**

Robin Meier was present and reviewed various funds, history of committees and use of funds. She offered some suggestions which would allow future growth. Thank you for all you do, Robin!

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building & Maintenance:** (1) All Bids submitted following last month's meeting. (2) Basement Specialists need down payment prior to start of work. (3) Parking lot to be done once school is out. Hometown Asphalt will call a week before they are able to reseal the lot. (4) Church weed

trimmer is not working. To take to McFarlanes to see if able to repair. If not, Don made motion to purchase new weed trimmer, Kurt second. Motion carried. (5) Barb from the school will be finishing the landscaping in front with their sign. She would like to keep the bush in. She has spoken to Debbie about her plans.

**Christian Fellowship:** (1) Will be purchasing boutonnieres for Confirmands. (2) Will have coffee fellowship 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after 9:00 a.m. service in Summer. Sign-up in back of church. Discussed logistics- someone to come early to unlock church and set up, someone to stay to clean up and lock up church. (3) Looking at 7/24 as Men's Sunday. (4) Possibly to have service in the park in Summer vs. Fall.

**Finance:** No meeting scheduled at this time. Discussed specific finances with Robin.

**Members in Ministry:** Actively making visits and taking communion to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals weekly. They will be making all visits while Pastor is on sabbatical. All are welcome to join.

**Stewardship:** Needing to reinstate committee. What does the Stewardship Committee do? Focuses on congregational support in way of time, talents, and treasure; educates congregation on what our church needs financially to sustain itself and move into the future; and fundraising efforts to name a few. If interested, please see Pastor Bill or a member of the Consistory.

### **Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth:**

(1) Sunday School raised \$650 to go towards Mabel's Children's Refuge. (2) May 15 was Sundae Sunday/last day of Sunday School. (3) 4 Youth to be confirmed Sunday, 5/22/16. (4) Collecting Camp donations. 6 youth attending Camp. (5) Chris Logterman is unable



to coordinate Sunday School brat stand on July 15 & 16 this year. Looking for a coordinator. (6) Will not have VBS at our church this year – invited to join St. John's in Prairie du Sac 8/1-8/4/16.

**Ongoing Business:** Anna to take large stained glass window on 6/18/16 for repair.

**New Business:** (1) Needing new copy machine in church office. Motion to approve upgrade of copier in office made by Mark, second by Shirlee. Motion carried. (2) Discussed the need to do a fundraiser for the "Capitol Campaign". To discuss further at next meeting. (3) Head Start will utilize Church park on 5/23/16 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Next Consistory Meeting:** June 16, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Chris. Second by Debbie. Motion carried.

Pastor Bill – Closing Prayer

## **Christian Fellowship**

### **Minutes of May 10**

From Dianna Woerpel

**Prayer:** Pastor Bill

**Old Business:** (1) Church Cleaning: April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. New shelving in kitchen store-room. (2) Mother-Child Banquet: May 5<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 75 attended. Loaded potatoes, salad, macaroni & cheese, and dessert served by Fritz Wyttenbach and several men. Sue Franklin, singer, provided the program. \$419 in receipts; \$196.01 in costs. (3) Coffee Fellowship: May 8<sup>th</sup>. Provided by men. Mom's favorite store-bought cookies. (4) Confirmation: May 22, 2016. Rita will take care of boutonnieres for 4 male Confirmants. (5) Summer Coffee Fellowship: One service at 9 a.m. Will try for one month-coffee 15 minutes before service and 15

minutes afterwards. Simple with doughnuts, fruit. Donation jar on table. Sign-up sheet. (6) Choir Concert: May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Choir will provide refreshments. Deb Tschudy and Rose Kleinert will help serve.

**New Business:** (1) Men's Sunday: July 24<sup>th</sup>. Kurt Schultz will be gone. Check with Fritz or Mark Pierick re: service. Pastor Bill will help with ideas, etc. (2) Service in the Park: July 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bill will be here. (3) Brat Stand: Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School unable to do. Pastor Bill will check with some members to see if willing to do at least one of the days. (4) Summer Meetings: July meeting will be casual with picnic at Woerpel's home. (5) Cow Chip Chicken BBQ: working on it. Possibly two shifts of helpers. Need 4 strong helpers to help load van after dinner. Will discuss next meeting. (6) Church Picnic: Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Deb will call Galen Alwin re BBQ. (7) Basement Sale: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Prayer**



## **Stained Glass Windows**

The last of the large stained glass windows that needs to be repaired yet will be removed from the church on Saturday, June 18. There are at least 6 cracks that will need to be repaired. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause, there are envelopes in the back of church. Thank you to many of our members who have supported this project and the ongoing repairs of our church. It is truly amazing that after this window is completed, all large windows will be done; and we will only have the smaller stained glass windows to repair at some point in the future. Blessings to you all!!!