



## *First United Church of Christ Inc.*

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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Are you afraid of change, or do you look for it? Sometimes, we can be so set in our ways that we miss seeing how things could be enhanced by implementing a new idea.

During Jesus' time, even then, people longed for change. For years, they had been living under Roman rule. The desire to be free from this tyranny ran strong. They were living under spiritual leaders that either compromised their heritage to get along with Rome or under spiritual leaders that were so strict that the enjoyment of life was taken away. It was all so oppressive.

But Jesus came to offer something better. When Jesus came on the scene, he offered hope by saying, "Things can be different. Something good is here, something better, something available...now." And in offering this hope, Jesus cast a vision of a better Kingdom, now and in the future.

Jesus spoke a message of repentance. Repentance means that we have a necessary change of mind. Our views change. Our values and goals change. To repent means that we turn away from sin and turn to God. But as with anything, to wrestle something out of its accustomed course is often a painful process.

Jesus' message was also about hope. There is hope in God's Kingdom. It is a Kingdom where the poor matter to God as much as the rich, where those who mourn will be comforted, where the meek win, where those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled, where mercy is the order of the day, where the pure in heart will see God, where peacemakers are the heroes.

Jesus gave a vision for something different than what they were living. He offered change and the revolution began. Those listeners became followers. What about us? What are the small ways in which we can change to enhance our walk with Christ? We are called to live out the Kingdom of God here and now. It can be challenging no doubt, especially if there are changes that are needed. But in the end, we can demonstrate that we live under God's gracious rule, for it is the way to peace and fulfillment.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Bill*



## **Attn: First UCC Congregational Meeting**

As stipulated in our Constitution, if the Consistory has an ordinary expense which will exceed \$5,000 the Congregation must approve of the expenditure. Therefore a short Congregational meeting will be held on:

**June 13, 2021**

**Time: 10:15 (after 9:00 service)**

**Place: Sanctuary – (Meeting also offered virtually – please contact the church office with your e-mail address if you which to attend virtually)**

The two items to be considered by the Consistory are:

- Replace/Repair Parsonage Porch
- Repair the Bell Tower

**Ten percent of the Congregation will constitute a quorum. Both of these items are considered to be of a time sensitive manner. Please consider joining us.**



## **We Celebrate Fathers**

We will be celebrating Fathers on  
Sunday, June 20!

**F**riend  
**A**dvisor  
**T**eacher  
**H**elper  
**E**mpathizer  
**R**ole model in Christ

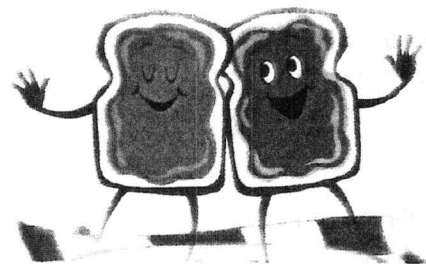


***"Blessed is the man who  
lets God lead the way!"***



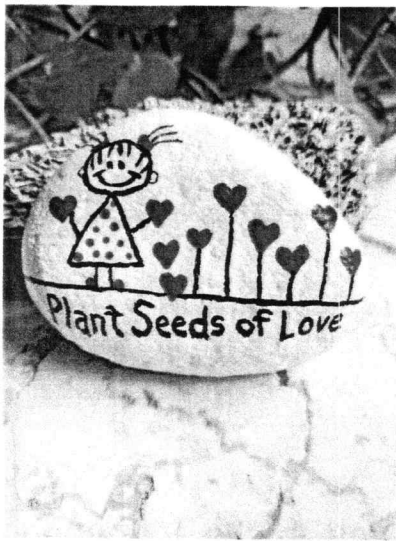
Thank you to the following members  
who donated monetary gifts toward  
our outdoor flowers:

Dianna Woerpel  
Cecy Haines  
Tammie Huerth  
Tom & Margaret McFarlane  
Sharal Steuber  
Lois Pieper  
Jane Litscher  
Russ & Sherry Pieper  
Liz Bongard  
Cliff & Jan Lawton  
Rose Kleinert  
Marcy Thurwachter



**Stock The Schools!**  
**Sauk Prairie Students In Need**

In June, we will be collecting jars of  
peanut butter & jelly and new &  
gently used (clean) leggings and  
sweatpants (size child 6-adult 2XL).



## **Sunday School News**

Margaret McFarlane & Brigitta Brickl

★ We are making our final request for the Mexican Children's Refuge/ Mabel's Building Mission. You can mail your donations to: 504 Washington Ave., Sauk City.

★ Don't forget to let us know if you have a family member going to camp. We are collecting donations to help our campers with their costs. United Church Camp Inc. is excited to welcome guests back. The camp website is: [ucci.org/pilgrim-center](http://ucci.org/pilgrim-center).

★ Our last Sunday for the 2020-2021 year was Sunday, May 23. It was not our typical "Sundae Sunday," but we still celebrated and had Culver's treats in our classrooms. Special thanks to Culver's for their kind donation!

★ It was another unusual year but we are grateful that our classes were able to meet in-person for 13 Sundays and that Mrs. Brickl led virtual lessons throughout the Sunday School year!

★ Mark your calendars; Sunday School will resume again on Sunday, September 12. Details to follow in August.

★ Thank you to Cindy Baker and Chris Garcia for all they do for us and to Donna Cruse for counting our offerings.

★ Many thanks to the Sunday School families for their participation and support of our Christian Ministry Program.

★ Our heartfelt thanks to our Christian Ministry team that led classes; Pastor Bill, Amanda Haselwander, Kari and Morgan Larsen, Jeanann and Taylor Breininger, Nadene Litscher, Mark Pierick, and Tim Homar.

★ We wish you a safe and healthy summer! God's blessings!

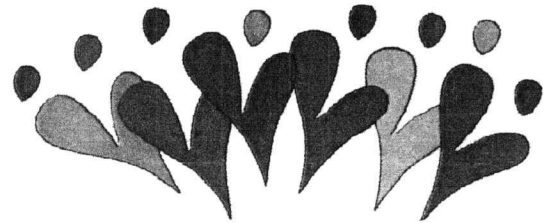




**SINGING & MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH**  
from your Music Director Dennis Kahn

Greetings one and all. The past 14+ months have been a strange, new and challenging experience concerning music at First Church. When everything shut down a year ago March, we tried to follow the best available information about live music in our worship setting. Some of the early recommendations and advice proved to be spot on and some eventually needed to be modified. Having attended virtual seminars on transmission and safe practices, I am confident that we were prudent and correct in adopting the policies we've set in place. As a church that is based on caring and love, I would hope you would agree that erring on the conservative, safe side not only helped prevent the spread but also provided a safe and comfortable space for worship in the sanctuary. Even now as we are seeing more and more folks vaccinated, it is my recommendation that we continue the safe practices until we are assured that "herd immunity" is achieved. If you are attending worship in the sanctuary and wearing a mask, you can safely sing in a subdued voice behind your mask on the Gloria Patri and Doxology. If you are not wearing a mask, I would encourage you to "sing in spirit" only. It is my greatest desire to hear not only the First Choir live in the sanctuary, but also the entire congregation "belting" out hymns once again. We are so close to achieving this goal, but we're not there yet.

Remember that those with compromised immune systems, children and the unvaccinated are still at risk and need our understanding, cooperation and support as we work to our goal. On an additional note, it has been my great pleasure to be selecting the hymns for the worship services. There are over 600 possibilities in the New Century Hymnal and in most cases, people tend to like to sing the same "old" familiar hymns. It is like the wardrobe situation where one wears 20% of their clothes 80% of the time. Hearing new hymns and learning about them isn't a negative, but just different. Rest assured that we will be able to sing the "oldies and goodies" hopefully in the near future.



**Thank you!**

Thank-you to the following individuals who have helped to make the outside area surrounding the church and the church park much nicer looking: **Emily Fuchs, Sharal Steuber, Debbie Tschudy, Rose Kleinert, Dianna Woerpel, Marcy Thurwachter, and Tammie & Al Huerth!**

Bunches of thanks to **Rose Kleinert** and **Tammie Huerth** for keeping the ball rolling with the Annual Report, the monthly newsletters, and other office duties during Cindy's absence!!!







Dedication of  
"Our Living Memorials"  
May 2020-2021

First United Church of Christ is very grateful for each of the monetary remembrances given to the Memorial Fund during this past year in loving memory of the following individuals:

Susan Pieper  
Karen Ammann  
Duane Woerpel  
Lucinda Gruber  
Pastor Herb Feierabend  
Christine Logterman  
Bob Slotty  
Betty Pierick  
Ella Pacholke  
Buford Wicklund  
Harry Mann  
Florence Markgraf  
Caroline Steuber  
Verna Von Behren  
Merlyn & Sally Beerkircher  
Lorraine Esser

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 heart-felt appreciation to all who have supported the Memorial Fund in remembrance of their loved one(s).

# Consistory Minutes

## *First United Church of Christ*

*Thursday May 20, 2021*

Those Present: Pastor Bill, Dean Dahnert, Heather Miller, Marcy Thurwachter, Tammy Young, Rosemarie Kleinert, Linda Lehan, Barbara Sprecher, Peggy Ganser

Those Absent:

- + Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill
- + Pastor Bill's Report
  - o See report in June Scoop
- + Committee Reports and Updates:
  - o Building & Maintenance
    - o The furnace in the parsonage requires some repairs and the specifics will be discussed, so that we can authorize the expense. Repairs can be made, or the furnace can be replaced with a more efficient unit.
    - o Barb Sprecher made the motion to fix the parsonage furnace at a cost of \$450. Tammy Young seconded. Motion passed.
    - o Marcy asked if the contractors for the parsonage porch would consider maintenance free composite materials instead of wood as it lasts longer and requires less maintenance.
    - o We are being told by the village the apartment development on Madison Street will be approved, which will change the 3-phase power system of the church over to newer 3 phase service in the next 60 days. We have a quote from Ever Ready Electric to perform the work needed in the church. This only effects our elevator.
    - o Tammy Young made a motion that we accept the bid from Every Ready Electric to make the electrical changes. Tammie Huerth seconded. Motion passed.
    - o We have finally had two contractors, who specifically restore church masonry, look at our Bell Tower and provide quotes for two different approaches to the restoration of the Bell Tower exterior.

- Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> regarding some much needed capital improvements for the exterior of the church. Marcy Thurwachter made the motion, Barb Sprecher seconded. Motion passed.
- Christian Fellowship
  - No meeting in May. Will be meeting in June.
  - Flowers were ordered for the confirmands.
- Finance
  - Met in May
- Members in Ministry
  - Pastor Bill has been making visits to the assisted living members
  - Committee will try to get out and see members on Pastor Bill's behalf while he is on Sabbatical this summer
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
  - See report in June Scoop
- Stewardship
  - Did not meet in May, see message in June Scoop
- Open & Affirming
  - See report in June Scoop
- ✦ Ongoing Business Update
  - Dean Dahnert made a motion that the tape marking distancing and the ropes closing off pews be removed though signage will remain. Rose Kleinert seconded. Motion passed.
  - September 12<sup>th</sup> will be a chicken dinner.
- ✦ New Business Issues
  - Rose Kleinert made a motion to adjourn, Tammie Huerth seconded. Meeting Adjourned.
- ✦ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill
- ✦ Next Consistory Meeting: June 17, 2021



Dear Consistory,

I am incredibly grateful for your leadership. You have stepped up during challenging times to keep our church on the path of faithful Christian discipleship and ministry.

It is not an easy proposition to render decisions on tough issues, especially when we do not have 100% consensus amongst our faith community. Covid has put us into this position many times over as we have had to implement safety procedures (mask wearing), opening and closing for public worship (Christmas and Easter services on the radio only) and rolling with the latest changes in the CDC guidelines. We try to be faithful in our decision making, especially when not all members agree on these issues.

The situation over the past 14 months has been ever-changing. You have done your best to stay on top of things by using a nimble approach to address key issues as they arise. You have implemented in-person meetings, virtual meetings and making group decisions via email discussions to keep the church moving in the right direction. Many of you have stepped up in your own unique and wonderful ways to keep the various committees of the church functioning efficiently. Thank you!

Please know that the time and talents you share on behalf of First United Church of Christ are much appreciated.

In terms of my report:

- 1) Confirmation Sunday will be this Sunday, May 23. Four 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed during the 9am worship service.
- 2) Sabbatical schedule for the summer has been finalized. Worship services have been planned and sent out to the various participants. Thanks to all the members who will be preaching over the summer, and especially to Tammie Huerth for providing leadership on the scheduling.
- 3) I have made some in-person visits to members of the congregation since I have been vaccinated. It has been wonderful to re-connect and share communion. I am looking forward to scheduling many more pastoral visits in the fall and would appreciate members of the congregation reaching out to me if they would like one.
- 4) I have not scheduled any vacation time in 2021 because of my sabbatical. I do not plan on taking all of my allotted time, but I would like to discuss some possible dates at our next meeting of time that I will need off.
- 5) I will be offering another Open and Affirming themed sermon on Sunday, September 26.

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

## Christian Fellowship

No meeting in May

Present:

Opening Prayer:



In June we will continue to discuss/plan our Women's Sunday on July 25<sup>th</sup> (Women of the Bible).

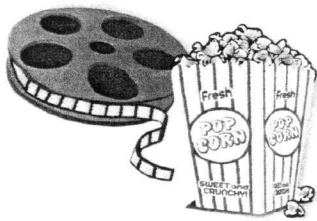
- *Spring cleaning* was done on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – special thanks to Deb Tschudy, Peggy Ganser, Sandy Schlender and Chris Garcia for their help in clearing the dust 😊
- *Chicken Dinner* – we will not be providing a dinner at the Cow Chip Festival this year; however, we are planning a drive through (via our church parking lot). The date is yet to be determined (perhaps mid-September). If anyone is interested in participating, please reach out to the church office, Marcy Thurwachter, or Rose Kleinert.
- Summer park event to be determined.
- Dedication of lights to be determined.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**  
(Church Park, weather permitting)

**Open & Affirming Sub-Committee**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

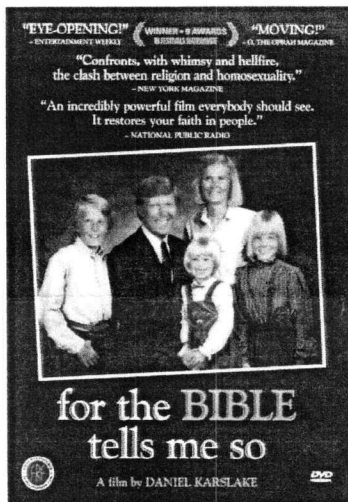
**In Attendance:** Pastor Bill, Dennis Kahn, Shirlee Lendved, Tammie Huerth, Barb Sprecher, Dean Sprecher & Christy Kinnamon

1. Pastor Bill's Open & Affirming sermon-April 25
  - a. Discussion on response and feedback
  - b. Plan for a second sermon last Sunday in September
2. The D.I.S.H.
  - a. Looking for thought provoking and informative articles for the August issue.
  - b. Using the ABC's of the LGBTQ book for information.
3. O&A Movie Night (Day)
  - a. Movie – "For the Bible Tells Me So"
  - b. June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - c. In the sanctuary at 10:15
  - d. Light snack provided
4. Another Movie is in the works
  - a. "The Times of Harvey Milk"
  - b. Scheduled for late fall – October
5. Book Study
  - a. "We've Been Here All Along"
  - b. Parishioners interested in participating should contact the church office by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Books available in the public library or on-line
  - d. Book study date is July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 in the Ed building
6. Next Meeting
  - a. June 3 @5:00 – Shirlee's house



## O & A Events

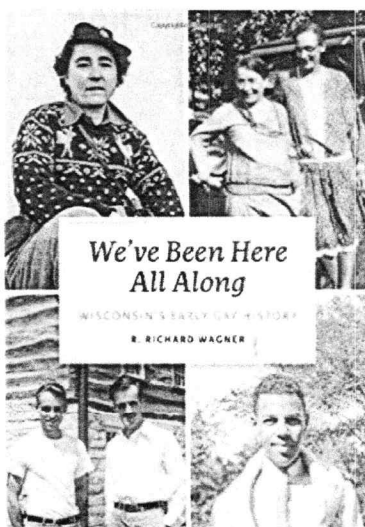
### *For the Bible Tells Me So...*



**June 6, 2021 at 10:15 in the sanctuary (after church service)...light snack will be available**

From Amazon...Through the experience of five very normal, very Christian, very American families - including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson - we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. With commentary by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech, "For The Bible Tells Me So" offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity."

### **Book Study #2. *We've Been Here All Along*, by R. Richard Wagner**



We are offering another opportunity to the congregation. If you are interested, please let the church office know by **June 15th**, so we can email you the discussion dates. We will set up discussions in July, dates to be determined. The book is available in the library system—there are 30 copies. Anyone who goes in and places a hold should have it within a week.

## **Message From The Stewardship Committee**

We are all looking forward to the warm days of summer, gathering with friends and family in the beautiful Wisconsin outdoors, maybe even some traveling.

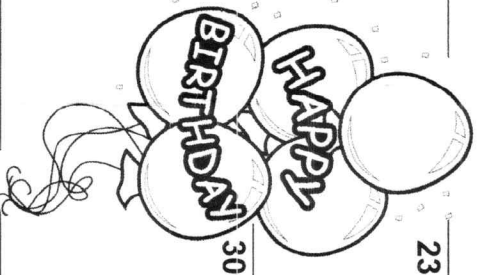
Our church and its mission which serves its members, community, and those in need, does not take a vacation. It is important that we all continue to support these missions financially as well as supporting the July food pantry drive. We depend on the church for so much, let's make sure the church can depend on us!

Thank you!



# **Stewardship**

# June Birthdays

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                               | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY               | SATURDAY               |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|------------------------|
|   |   | 1<br>Casey Lendved<br>Nolan Lendved   | 2  | 3<br>Paul Beerkir-<br>cher<br>Ed Larsen, Sr.<br>Ted Larsen<br>Mara Steuber | 4<br>Jennifer Brickl | 5                      |
| 6<br>Bennett Finley<br>Ella Logterman         | 7<br>Klaire Baier<br>Dayton Ballweg                           | 8<br>Maddie Sprecher                  | 9  | 10<br>Dorothy Kundert  | 11<br>Jan Henning    | 12<br>Kristy Litscher  |
| 13  | 14<br>Clyde Pellett   | 15<br>Ashley Franck<br>Theresa Grimes | 16<br>Kassia Marquardt   | 17<br>Melissa Brickl<br>Austin Litscher<br>Emilie Novotny                  | 18                   | 19                     |
| 20  | 21<br>Jeff Dyrud  | 22                                    | 23   | 24   | 25<br>Sandy Jensen   | 26<br>Christy Kinnamon |
| 27<br>Tyler Klinggen-<br>meyer<br>Lyle Kuhnau | 28<br>Pat Boehmer<br>Winnie Grass<br>Henry Nieder-<br>klopfen | 29                                    | 30<br> |  |                      |                        |

"The father who leads his family in prayer leads his family everywhere!"





## **Memorials Report**

Memorials were received in May from:

### **The Schorer Foundation**

Memorials were received for:

**Verna Von Behren  
Caroline Steuber**



## **Radio Ministry**

We thank the May sponsors of our 9:00am Sunday worship service broadcasts:

Lois Pieper, in gratitude to **those who** keep our Church Park so well groomed. Alan & Shirley Albers, Tom & Todd Litscher and families, and Terrianne Bradbury and family, in celebration of **Lenard Litscher's** 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 14. Liz Bongard, in loving memory of her husband's, **Vic Bongard**, 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 23. Dean Dahnert, in celebration of his granddaughter's, **Briann Jaedean Brickl**, 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 28. Rod & Carol Hehenberger, in loving memory of Carol's parents, **Ray & Luella Jensen**.



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



**Ron & Lois Polacek, 50 years on June 12  
Matt & Amanda Moseman, 5 years on June 26  
Frank & Phyllis Kirchstein, 66 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.



**The 9 AM Sunday Service is open again for in-person worship. Masks are optional. Social distancing will be observed.**

**You can listen to the Sunday Worship Radio Broadcast at 9 AM on WRPQ Radio, AM 740, FM 99.7; Live Stream Audio from the WRPQ.com website; or join us on our YouTube Channel Live Stream!**

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*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Rod Lysenko, in loving memory of his Mother, Reta Lysenko. Reta enjoyed singing in First Choir. Reta and Margaret Wittwer were dear friends.*

**JUNE**

- 3 O & A Subcommittee: 5:00 p.m. at Shirlee Lendved's home
- 6 O & A Movie: "for the BIBLE tells me so" – in the Sanctuary after the 9 a.m. worship service
- 9 Christian Fellowship: 6:00 p.m. In the Church Park – weather permitting
- 13 Congregational Meeting: 10:15 a.m. (after the 9 a.m. Worship Service)
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Consistory: 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Happy Father's Day!



**"Fathers who walk with God light the way."**

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