



**JUNE 2022**



Members and friends of The First United Church of Christ,

As many already know, May 29, 2022 was Pastor Bill's last worship service at First UCC. We have been fortunate enough to find an interim Pastor. You should have received an introduction letter from him; please join us in welcoming Pastor Brad.

Greetings First United Church of Christ—Sauk City

As you have heard by now, your Church Consistory has invited me to serve as your interim pastor, beginning on the first Sunday of June. This is an invitation I am pleased and honored to accept. At their request, I am sending you this brief introduction.

My name is Brad Brookins. My wife, Lorna, and I live in Mt Horeb with our very big and very hairy retired farm dog, Benedik and a more recently adopted Beagle named Ruby. We have two grown daughters. Our oldest lives in Mt Horeb where she is a free lance writer and operates her own pet sitting business. Our younger daughter is a Mennonite pastor currently working as a chaplain in a Chicago hospital. Lorna works as a (soon to be almost completely retired) Health Unit Coordinator at Meriter Unity Point Hospital in Madison.

Until June of 2020 I was the pastor of the Mt Vernon United Church of Christ, a little ways southeast of Mt Horeb. I retired, for the first time, after serving there for almost 16 years. Before Mt Vernon I served three different UCC churches as interim pastor—two in Fort Atkinson and one up in La Crosse. And after Mt Vernon I was the interim pastor at Immanuel UCC in Darlington for almost a year and a half.

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I retired for the second time at the end of last February and since have spent my time remodeling our house and turning as much of our front yard as I can get away with into a native Wisconsin prairie.

I really love being retired. I just don't seem to be very good at it :-)

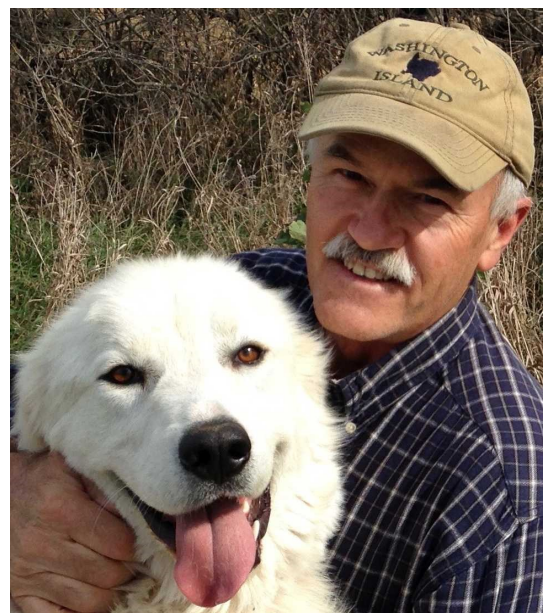
So now, at the invitation of your Church Consistory, I am here to spend the next several months with you during this very interesting time in the life of a congregation.

The interim period is a challenging time in the life of any church. This in-between space always brings a mix of anxiety and excitement, of questions and hopes; with a few fears thrown in for good measure. But to find yourselves as you do now, between settled pastors somewhere between the middle and the edge of a pandemic, raises a whole different set of challenges. So I can promise you two things from the start. First, much of what we have to do to be the church during our particular set of social, cultural and political stressors will, at times, be difficult. But second, and more importantly, however difficult the coming months prove to be we will not, for a moment, be left alone. We will hold on to the family and friends around us and we will be held up by the ever present, never failing Spirit of God.

So thank you for this invitation. I am looking forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and I am excited to see what your future may bring.

Blessings,

Brad Brookins



*Welcome*



## Christian Education News



### What Has Been Happening

- May 1st We had our Carnival and Potluck . Thank you to all that came. So many smiles, games and wonderful food!
- Our 2nd year confirmation students had a busy May with decorating their own stoles to having a Breakfast all together. On May 22nd we had 9 youth go through confirmation.
- On May 22 we also had our last Sunday School Class with Sunday Sundaes. Students enjoyed making their own Sundaes.
- Adult Sunday School finished up season 2 of The Chosen Series. Please let us know if you have ideas for the fall or are interested in learning more about this fabulous opportunity on Sunday mornings.
- Thank you to everyone for a great Christian Education School Year!

### Upcoming events

- **Camp**– If you plan on attending a UCC camp this summer please let Mrs. Brickl or the Church office know as you may be eligible for a scholarship. <https://uccci.org/>

## Registration NOW Open!

- We are starting to take registrations and tuition payments for the 2022-2023 school year! Consider completing that before the summer.

Dear Sunday School and Confirmation Families and Friends,

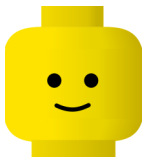
Wow, it has been a wonderful year! We know that you get busy over the summer and wanted to make sure you can start registering for the 2022-2023 Christian Education year. We will be offering classes for Youth Sunday School grades 4K-6 Confirmation grades 7-8 and Adult Sunday School for all those 9th grade and up.



We look forward to seeing all of you for the start of the Program on **September 11th, 2022**. (Schedule for classes will remain the same as 2021-22 year)

Please try to have enrollment forms and tuition payments for Youth Sunday School and Confirmation to the church office by August 31st.

Forms can be found on the church webpage under the Sunday School and Confirmation tabs. <http://www.uccsaukcit.org/>



Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ or Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use: P \_\_\_\_\_  
D \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration 2022-2023

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of First UCC Sauk City? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number(s): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number(s): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Email Address (Main form of Communication): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (to be used for google meets): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs that may limit participation in Christian Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Health problems or medications that the Christian Education Staff Should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Does First UCC Sauk City have permission to take pictures/ videos of your child for the use in church publications? (example: website, newsletter, special events info.)

Please Check:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need help with Tuition? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

(if no, please include tuition payment of **\$25** cash or check made out to **First UCC Sunday School** program with name of student in the memo)

How are you able to help? \_\_\_\_\_

(Volunteer for special event, Help with a Youth Group Activity)

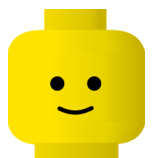
Dates or events willing to volunteer or teach \_\_\_\_\_

(Grade or weekly rotation to teach, 1st Sunday of the month activities, Substitute teacher, Christmas program, etc.)

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Students will not be admitted without a current enrollment form on file.

\*Please see webpage for additional enrollment forms, electronic form or email [firstuccsaukce@gmail.com](mailto:firstuccsaukce@gmail.com)





# Consistory

## Consistory Minutes *First United Church of Christ*

Thursday, May 19, 2022

**Those Present:** Dean Dahnert, Peggy Ganser, Tammy Young, Rose Kleinert, Pastor Bill, Heather Miller, Suzanne Litscher, Carrie Finley, Stacey Noltner, Barb Sprecher

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Bill

**Committee Reports and Updates:**

**Building & Maintenance**

Parsonage porch has been completed

Bell Tower work scheduled to start the beginning of June

**Christian Fellowship**

See report in June Scoop

**Finance**

Carrie Finley has agreed to be the co-signer for the checking account, replacing Pastor Bill

**Members in Ministry**

Continuing to make visits to nursing homes, etc

**Sunday School/Church Youth Program**

See report in June Scoop

**Stewardship**

See report in June Scoop

**Open & Affirming**

Nothing new to report

**Ongoing Business Update**

Nothing new to report

**New Business Issues**

Nothing new to report

Peggy Ganser made a motion to adjourn, Heather Miller seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Closing Prayer:** Dean Dahnert

**Next Consistory Meeting June 16, 2022**





Christian Fellowship Minutes Tuesday, May 10th Discussion on Pastor Bill's last Service on Sunday, May 29th. After service there will have a farewell fellowship, hopefully in the park, if not, the church basement. Our next meeting will be determined.



## BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

Building and Maintenance report for May 2022

- The parsonage porch capital project is finished and makes the parsonage look really nice.
- Also in the parsonage; flooring has been installed, finishing trim around the floor, the basement swept clean, dishwasher and several other little repair items have been attended also. The house is looking very nice and refreshed.
- Parsonage Items looking to completed, as soon as back ordered materials arrive, are bathroom sink-top, new faucet, trim around the floor and reinstallation of the toilet.
- Some exterior items such as filling concrete cracks and expansion joints will continue to be worked on now that the weather has warmed.
- Many Thanks to Chris Garcia, Tammie Huerth, Rose Kleinert, Suzanne Litscher, Mark Pierick and other volunteers for pushing this project along to completion!
- The bell tower restoration will likely now start at the end of May, first of June. The cold, wet weather of this spring has set back the schedule of Krause Konstruktion. Their crews have been working hard in Minnesota where they had some early breaks in the rain. As those projects are completed they will be moving their equipment back into Wisconsin.





A big thank-you to Emily Fuchs and Dianna Woerpel for planting the flowers which brighten the Washington Street entrances. These beautiful flowers were bought at McFarlane's!

Thank-you also to those of you who have donated to the flower fund:



*flowers, flowers, flowers*

Cecy Haines  
Rose Kleinert  
Jan & Cliff Lawton  
Jane Litscher  
Tom & Margaret McFarlane  
Marcy Thurwachter



Funds have been used to buy flowers, fertilizer, Preen, and mulch. We're looking forward to a summer of fantastic, colorful flowers!!



**Thanks for  
Donating!**

We continue to receive funds for the Capital Campaign which now totals \$28,175 thanks to contributions from:

Beth Huerth & Kristy Litscher

We are hopeful that repairs of the bell tower will begin soon. Donations to the campaign are still welcome!



The Stewardship Committee has suspended meetings as we are down to only two members at this time. We await the arrival of a new pastor to add members and reconvene the committee. In the meantime we will continue to provide messages via The Scoop, the Sunday service, and Facebook.

#### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Summertime for many of us means a more relaxed time for family, travel, and fun. Its amazing though how this "vacation" time can add stress to what should be a time to recharge our batteries. Planning a vacation trip or big family get-together can actually cause us to lose sight of what's really important; being together with our loved ones. Its easy to forget that there are many in our church family and community who are unable to meet the basic needs of day to day living. They will not be able to enjoy what we take for granted; summer picnics, b-b-ques, biking, hiking, and boating with family and friends. No they are simply wondering where their next meal will come from, how to fill their car's gas tank, making their rent payment, and paying utility bills. During these summer months let's all think back to our Lenten campaign of 40 Acts of Kindness. We can share the abundance we have with those who are in need. When the call comes for donations to our local food pantry, Stock the Schools, or a specific need for a special family...be ready to answer the call!





## **Greetings From Your Music Director!**

As always, summer is rapidly approaching. Every year during summer, we enjoy sharing "Special Music" for as many Sundays as is possible. This year, we have openings for special music from Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me, your music director, at: 608 370-6000 or 608 963-4915 or [MaryBear24@gmail.com](mailto:MaryBear24@gmail.com), if you would like to share your musical talents with us this year.

Do you, or does anyone in your family: play piano, or perhaps another musical instrument, or perhaps sing? To our students coming home for the summer, it would be so special if they would share their talents with us. Solos or ensembles are welcome! If anyone else has been wondering about how to get involved in music here at First Church, this may be an excellent opportunity for you to give it a try. Enjoying a wide variety of the many different sounds of music during our summer services would bring great joy to all!

I would be happy to work with you to assist you as you prepare a summer music selection, or to talk with you about becoming involved in First Choir in the fall. With the greatest of confidence, we plan that First Choir can resume its regular activities in September. Stay tuned!







Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kirchstein on 67 years of marriage

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Polacek on 55 years of marriage

*May your Anniversary lead to many more glorious years of  
happiness and joy!*

*Celebrate and make this occasion a memorable one!*



(All 1st wedding anniversaries and anniversaries ending in "0" and "5" and all anniversaries over 50 are recognized.  
Please let us know if we have missed yours)



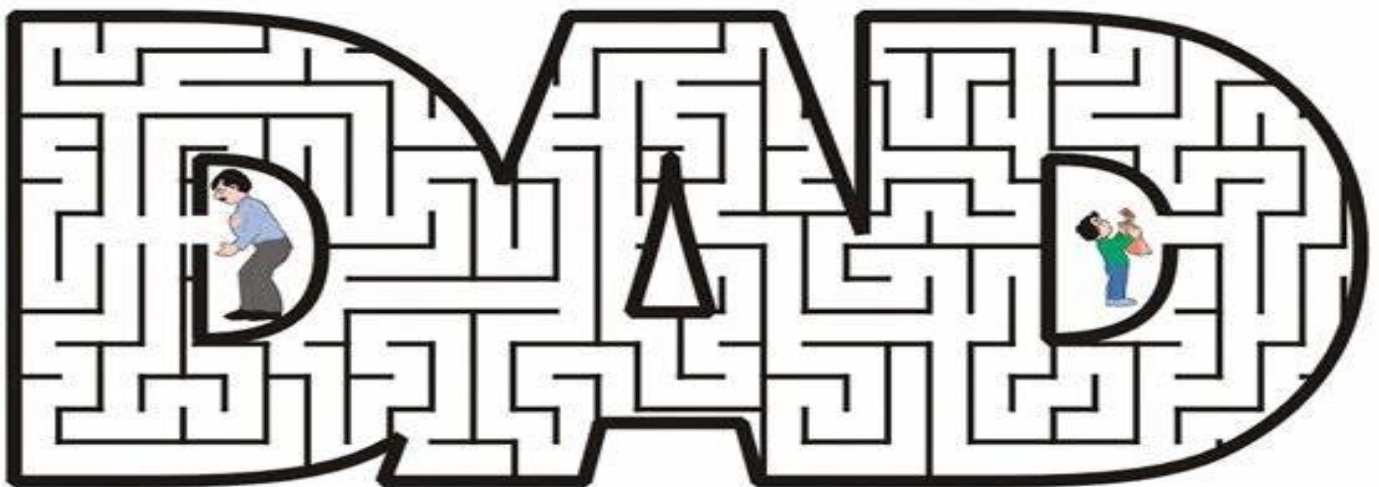
Memorials were received in memory  
of Donna Seitz who passed away on  
May 11, 2022.

Memorials were received in memory  
of Thelma Niederklopper who passed  
away on May 22, 2022

# Happy Father's Day

**The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine  
Upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance  
upon you and give you peace...  
Numbers 6:24-26 ESV**

*D's Art Gallery 2015*



HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
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# Summer Word Search

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Tammie Huerth will be checking in periodically, however, she may not be there during normal office hours.





2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Mara Steuber Ted Larsen Ed Larsen Paul Beerkircher	4
5 Jennifer Brickl	6 Ella Logterman Bennett Finely	7 Dayton Ballweg Katie Baier	8 Maddie Sprecher	9	10 Dorothy Kundert	11 Jan Henning
12 Kristeen Litscher	13	14 Clyde Pellett 	15 Theresa Grimes	16 Kassia Marquardt	17 Emilie Novotny Melissa Brickl Austin Litscher	18
19 	20	21 Jeff Dyrud 	22	23	24	25 Sandy Jensen
26 Christy Kinnamon	27 Lyle Kuhnau Tyler Klingemeyer	28 Winnie Grass Pat Boehmer Henry Niederklopper	29	30 	July 1	2



Birthday wishes to all celebrating in June!  
May your days be filled with love, joy and happy memories!  
Please let the church office know if your  
special day was missed.

Sauk Prairie School District Stock the Schools appreciates all the donations that are contributed each month for the students in the district. The month of June suggested donations are: Jars of peanut butter and jelly. Personal item suggestions are: sweatpants and leggings (new or gently used) sizes 5-2xl



## Sauk Prairie STOCK THE SCHOOLS Together We Soar

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated. Please drop your donations off in the red tote outside the educational doors during office hours (Mon-Fri 8am –Noon) or inside during church worship hours.



## Friendly Reminders

**June 2022**

**Consistory meeting:**

**June 16, 2022**

**Stewardship Committee:**

**TBD**

**Christian Fellowship Committee:**

**TBD**

**Sunday School :**See Christian Education report

**ACH delay:** We appreciate your monthly ACH donations for the congregation members that utilize this service, however we are experiencing some delays with processing due to the upgrading of the bank software. Your May donations have not been charged as of the close of the month. We are sorry if this has caused any discrepancies in your records. You may see two withdrawals in the month of June (May and June) 2022. We are working with the bank on this issue. Thank you for your patience during this process. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the church office.



If you would like to receive the church newsletter via email in PDF, please let the church office know via phone or email (please include the email address you prefer). In becoming more streamline, we will be transitioning to electronic newsletters to anyone who prefers an electronic version. Anyone who wishes to still receive a mailed paper copy will still receive one.



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