



First United Church of Christ

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A message from Pastor Bill

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

I enjoy walking on the fringes of town when I'm in need of fresh air. I can see the farm fields and the bluffs, and it gives me a sense of peace. Amid the ice and snow, I marvel at the beauty of God's creation all around me. Before I know it, I'm filled with gratitude, thankful not only for the beauty of this world, but for the many blessings in my life.

This experience recalls something I recently read from author Michael Josephson, who says, "the world has enough beautiful mountains and meadows, spectacular skies, and serene lakes. It has enough lush forests, flowered fields, and sandy beaches. It has plenty of stars and the promise of a new sunrise and sunset every day. What the world needs more of is people to appreciate and enjoy it."

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Special points of interest

- Annual Meeting
- Knights of Columbus breakfast
- Mobile meals

I couldn't agree more. Sometimes we get so preoccupied with the busyness of our lives that we lose sight of all the good things we already have. Gratitude is the quality of **recognizing** the blessings of life, **acknowledging** that those blessings have come, and then **appreciating** the benefits those blessings bring us.

A person who exemplified the qualities of gratitude was a man in my former congregation by the name of Ervin. He was a successful attorney who became wealthy by the way of real estate, mostly through farm transactions. Ervin came from humble farming roots himself, and he never changed despite his riches. Ervin didn't drive a fancy car. He and his wife lived in the same humble abode for their entire married life. He came into the office every day, even into his late 80's, dressed in a suit and tie. Ervin lived a very simple life, and he always spoke about how thankful and grateful he was.

In the last years of his life, Ervin donated the funds to build a new library for the community. He spared no expense. A driving force behind Ervin's gift was a huge sense of gratitude. He wanted to give back to the community that had been so good to him. One of Ervin's favorite Bible verses that he quoted was, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good" (Psalm 106:1).

I believe a sense of gratitude can improve our attitude toward life and other people. It can make us happier and even reduce our stress. Being thankful is a recognition that God has been good to us.

What can we do to cultivate a spirit of gratitude in our lives? Here are a few easy steps:

- ◇ Find something positive in your life and choose to be grateful for it. If we focus on finding the good out of every situation, we can discover that our lives can be filled with immense gratitude.
- ◇ Write it down. Journaling is a helpful way to document and remember the joys of life.
- ◇ Let's learn to say, "Enough". As Paul writes in Philippians 4:11-13, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances". He adds that we are most content when we realize we can do anything with God in our lives.

For all these reasons I am grateful.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill

*I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me.*
—Philippians 4:13



Christian Education March News



What Has Been Happening ☑

- Forty Six Birthday Bags for the Food Pantry and Valentine's for the nursing homes were put together at the beginning of February and delivered. Thank you to all of you that donated time and supplies to make this happen. ☑
- In Sunday School we have been meeting virtually during the month of January. We resumed in person class with masks mandated on February 13th. Confirmation continues to meet virtually. Student have been busy preparing for Confirmation on Sunday, May 22nd. Adult Sunday School has started back up again and is viewing "The Chosen" season 2 video series. You are always welcomed to come after church Sunday mornings in the fireside room and join them. ☑
- We had a youth night on Wednesday Feb 16th where we completed an Escape Room. There is discussion with Black Hawk Methodist Church about us participating in a Fight Hunger fasting lock-in next year in February of 2023.
- Upcoming events ☑**
 - March 6th -We will have our whole congregation event where we are decorating shamrocks for our nursing homes. This activity will take place between church and the annual meeting. At this time, Nathan Brickl will be playing a Disney movie in the Youth Group room during the time of the Annual meeting. ☑
 - March 9th- Sunday School Staff meeting 7-8pm (virtual) ☑
 - April 20- Youth Group: We will be meeting hopefully again.
 - Let Mrs. Brickl know what your ideas are for an activity.

Reminders

- Let Mrs. Brickl know what your ideas are for an activity. Reminders ☑ Let us know if you still need to enroll for Sunday School and/ or Confirmation. ☑
- The Adult Sunday School Class will be continuing their video series **The Chosen**. (season 2) This can be viewed with the group on Sunday mornings at 10:20 am in the Fireside Room when they meet in person or stream online at:
 - <https://watch.angelsstudios.com/thechosen/watch>



Consistory Minutes
First United Church of Christ
Thursday, February 17, 2022

Those Present: Dean Dahnert, Peggy Ganser, Tammy Young, Rose Kleinert, Marcy Thurwachter, Pastor Bill, Heather Miller, Barb Sprecher

Those Absent: Tammie Huerth

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill's Report

See report in March Scoop

Committee Reports and Updates:

Building & Maintenance

Painting at the parsonage is almost finished

Special thanks to Tom & Margaret McFarlane for donating the paint for the parsonage

Main office computer has been upgraded

Christian Fellowship

See report in March Scoop

Finance

Nothing new to report

Members in Ministry

Continuing to make visits to nursing homes, etc

Others are reaching out via phone

Sunday School/Church Youth Program

See report in March Scoop

Stewardship

No meeting in February

Looking for new members

Open & Affirming

Nothing new to report

Ongoing Business Update

Tammy Young made a motion that masks become optional during church services, Heather Miller seconded.

Motion passed.

New Business Issues

Pastor Bill to be on vacation March 7th through March 14th

Barb Sprecher made a motion to adjourn, Rose Kleinert seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Next Consistory Meeting: March 17, 2022

Christian Fellowship February

There was no Christian Fellowship meeting in February



Things to ponder for the March meeting ~

Decide a Saturday morning for church spring cleaning prior to Easter celebration – March 26th or April 2nd (?)



Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00 pm in the Educational building basement.



FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SAUK CITY
40 ACTS OF KINDNESS
LENTEN
PROJECT
40 DAY CHALLENGE

On the following page you will find a checklist of “kind acts” for the Lenten season. Often people give something up for lent but the Stewardship Committee has decided it would be more meaningful to try and do 40 acts of kindness for the 40 days of lent. The first day of lent is Ash Wednesday which is March 2 this year. It continues for the next 40 days but does not include Sundays.

We encourage you to post the checklist on your refrigerator or bulletin board and try to check off one act of kindness every day of lent.

If you are unable to complete certain acts, simply duplicate one that you already did or substitute with an idea of your own. Households can make this a family effort or it can be run off so that each family member has their checklist.

“40 Days, 40 ACTS, 40 WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Jesus, in Acts 20:35 “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”



“40 DAYS, 40 ACTS, 40 WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> 1. Send a thank you to someone who is under appreciated | <input type="radio"/> 21. Have flowers delivered to a nursing home |
| <input type="radio"/> 2. Contact a close friend and tell them how much you appreciate them | <input type="radio"/> 22. Leave an extra tip for waitstaff |
| <input type="radio"/> 3. Bring coffee or a treat for a co-worker | <input type="radio"/> 23. Drop off goodies to your local fire department/ police department |
| <input type="radio"/> 4. Write a note to a clergy member | <input type="radio"/> 24. Pay a child's hot lunch account at your local school |
| <input type="radio"/> 5. Return a grocery cart | <input type="radio"/> 25. Bring a cup of coffee or a treat to a crossing guard |
| <input type="radio"/> 6. Make a donation to First UCC's Capital Campaign | <input type="radio"/> 26. Let others go in front of you. All day! |
| <input type="radio"/> 7. Call an old friend and catch up | <input type="radio"/> 27. Keep food/water in your car for the homeless |
| <input type="radio"/> 8. Donate Blood | <input type="radio"/> 28. Thank a bus driver in your school district |
| <input type="radio"/> 9. Compliment a stranger, family member or friend | <input type="radio"/> 29. Help a neighbor or someone in need |
| <input type="radio"/> 10. Bite your tongue in a sticky situation | <input type="radio"/> 30. Offer to “shop” for someone that is not able to get out on their own |
| <input type="radio"/> 11. Pray for someone you wouldn't consider a friend | <input type="radio"/> 31. Donate an item to “Stock the Schools” |
| <input type="radio"/> 12. Volunteer at your local charity or food pantry | <input type="radio"/> 32. Donate a package of toilet paper to the Sauk Prairie area Food Pantry |
| <input type="radio"/> 13. Clean out closet and donate | <input type="radio"/> 33. Pay it forward when going through the drive-through |
| <input type="radio"/> 14. Thank your local health care workers | <input type="radio"/> 34. Pick up some trash in a park or on a sidewalk |
| <input type="radio"/> 15. Write a letter to a grandparent/grandchild/ college student | <input type="radio"/> 35. Visit or call someone at a nursing home or assisted living |
| <input type="radio"/> 16. Write a thank you note to the mailman or delivery person | <input type="radio"/> 36. Take a moment to just listen to someone in need |
| <input type="radio"/> 17. Give someone a ride to church | <input type="radio"/> 37. Thank a retail service worker or trades person |
| <input type="radio"/> 18. Start a thankfulness or kindness journal | <input type="radio"/> 38. Thank your local educational and support staff |
| <input type="radio"/> 19. Invite a guest to First UCC's Sunday service | <input type="radio"/> 39. Donate to your local animal shelter or veterinary clinic to animals in need |
| <input type="radio"/> 20. Tell your boss or co-worker that they are doing a great job | <input type="radio"/> 40. Smile at a stranger and say “hello” |



"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart-not reluctantly or under compulsion-for God loves a cheerful giver." -2 Corinthians 9:7

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Capital Campaign:

*Peggy Ganser
Tammie Huerth
Lois Price
Phil Bongard
Teresa & Scott Grimes
Cecy Haines
Harland & Lorraine Hartmann
Rod & Carol Hehenberger
Dennis Kahn
Tom & Joan Kaul, in memory of Edsel and
Caroline Steuber
Roger Heidenreich
Cliff Lawton
Jane Litscher
Stacey Noltner
Lois Pieper
Sharal Steuber
Dianna Woerpel
Tammy Young
Herm & Debbie Tschudy
Marcy Thurwachter
Rose Kleinert
James Wittwer*

We encourage you to contribute as the repairs to the bell tower and parsonage porch will take place this spring. Our current total is \$23,025 which leaves us in need of an additional \$33,975 to cover the anticipated costs of these projects.

Please send your check to the church office, or drop it off at Sunday worship service or at the church office during business hours or in the mailbox. Make sure to indicate "Capital Campaign" in the memo line. Thank-you!

(For continued updates, check in often with our Facebook page, monthly Scoop newsletters and the First United Church of Christ website)

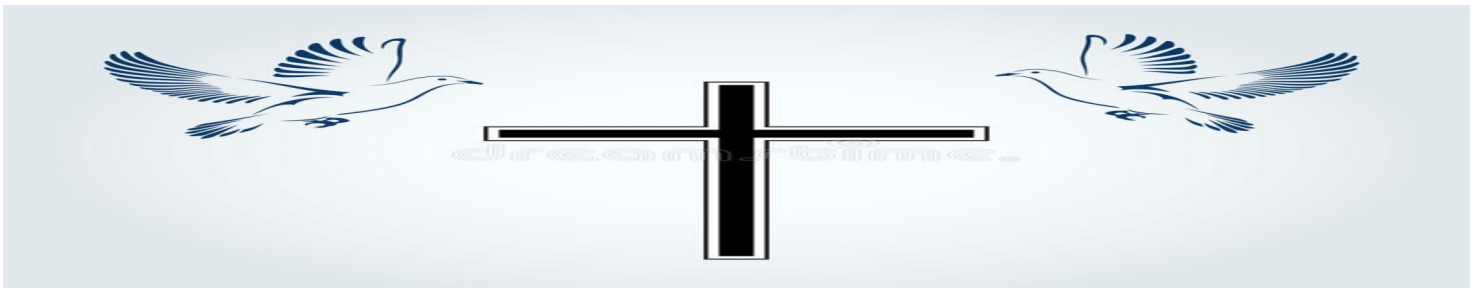
(Sincerest apologies if we have missed your contribution, please let the office know to include your name in the next Scoop)



Acknowledgements



No March Anniversaries to report
(we acknowledge 1st anniversaries and
anniversaries
ending in 0 or 5 and all over 50)



LIMB HAS fallen from the
family tree
that says
Grieve not for me
Remember the BEST TIMES,
the laughter, the song
the good life I lived while I was STRONG.

A memorial was received

For :

Ron Lipka

ANNOUNCEMENT



Attn: First UCC Annual Congregational Meeting

As stipulated in our Constitution, there shall be an Annual Meeting the First Sunday in March.

March 6, 2022

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

Place: Sanctuary (meeting also offered virtually-please contact the church office at 608-643-8387 or firstuccsaukce@gmail.com to give your e-mail address if you wish to attend virtually even if the church already has your e-mail address.

Ten percent of the Congregation will constitute a quorum.

Please consider joining us!

(Annual Meeting Booklets are available in the Narthex or call the church office to receive a copy by mail)

**Knights of Columbus
Blackhawk Council, No. 3099
Sauk City, WI 53583**

*Knights of Columbus Blackhawk Council, No. 3099-Sauk City is sponsoring a Country Breakfast on Sunday, March 6th, from 8:00am to 12:00 pm at the St. Aloysius gym
608 Oak Street in Sauk City, WI*

This breakfast helps us raise funds for our various charity projects that we sponsor throughout the year for our community and also provides recognition for all of our emergency personnel, who include Fire Fighters, EMT's and Police of Sauk-Prairie. Members of these organizations are invited to wear their dress uniforms to our breakfast and their breakfast will be free. It is our way of thanking those who help others in time of need.

The menu will include fresh from the griddle pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, sausage links, applesauce cup & fruit cup and beverages.

The price will be \$9/ adults, \$7/senior citizens, \$5/children 6-12 & free for children under 6.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

*John Helt
Breakfast Chairman
608-798-2328
608-712-7919*

MOBILE MEALS VOLUNTEERS

We need 2 people for each day: one driver and one "runner"

Meals are ready for pickup at Sauk Prairie Hospital located at 260 –26th Street, Prairie du Sac, WI

At 11:20-11:30am

It only takes about an hour to complete the route

Route and delivery instructions are next to the sign up sheet

Week of March 21, 2022

Monday, March 21 Shirlee Lendved
Dave Lendved

Tuesday, March 22 _____

Wednesday, March 23 _____

Thursday, March 24 _____

Friday, March 25 _____

Sign -up sheet will be at the back of the church on the table, or
you can contact the office to reserve your volunteer date.



*Thank You
For
Making
A
Difference*



St. Patrick's Day Word Search

J S Q W J H G L W I I N X H W V F
 L L T E G O T T R R E U X Z T A I
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- Pot Of Gold
- Leprechaun
- Shamrock
- Holiday
- Rainbow
- Clover
- Parade
- Green
- Green
- Irish
- March
- Pinch
- Kilt
- Luck





Happy Birthday

March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Sebastian Gavol	Iris Gavol		Lori Warren	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Todd Pieper	Don Kleist	Greg Diehl	John Bachhuber Mia Sunday		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sharal Steuber					Lois Price Samantha Dyrud	Kenzington Kleist
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sydney Sprecher				Jennifer Klingemeyer		Marcy Thurnwachter David Kolb
27	28	29	30	31		
Kevin Klingemeyer Kerstin Perry	Pastor Bill Kapp	Linnea Nanchreiner				



Greetings to all celebrating birthdays March!

Please let the church office know if we missed your special day.

**Radio
Ministry**



Special thanks to our March radio sponsors of our 9 am worship service:

Rod & Carol Hehenberger : In loving memory of Ray Jensen

Sunday 9 am Worship is Broadcast on WRPQ Radio, AM 740, FM 99.7 or Live

Stream Audio from the WRPQ.com website



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 contact the Church office for available dates.

The cost of a radio broadcast sponsorship is \$85 and the monthly Scoop is \$50 (cost of paper and postage)



FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Reverend William Kapp

Pastor Bill

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Tuesday through Friday 9am – Noon

Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am and by appointment

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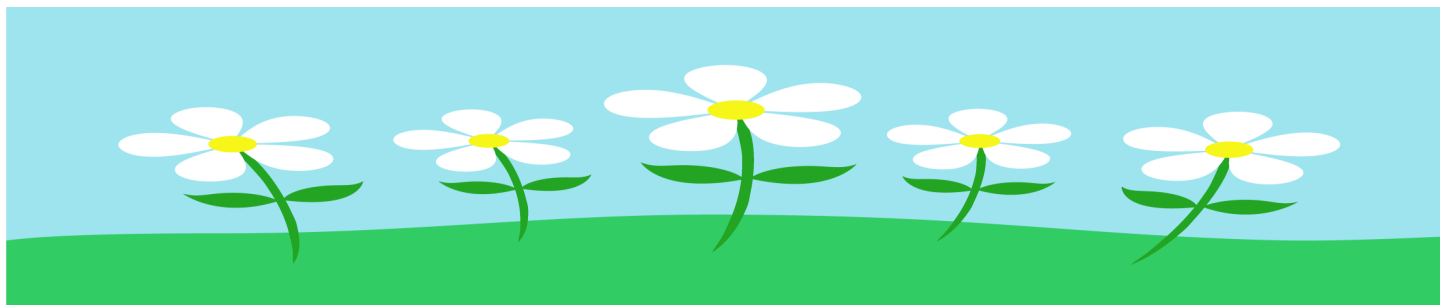
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March 2022

Annual Meeting:

March 6, 2022 @ 10:15am

Church Sanctuary (meeting also offered virtually-please contact the church office if you wish to attend virtually)

Consistory meeting:

March 17, 2022

Finance Committee:

April 20, 2022 @ 7pm

Stewardship Committee:

TBD

Christian Fellowship Committee:

March 8, 2022 @ 6pm

Educational building basement

Sunday School Activities:

March 6-decorating shamrocks for nursing homes during annual meeting

Disney movie in Youth Group room during Annual meeting

March 9-Sunday School staff meeting 7-8pm (virtual)

April 20-Youth Group

MOBILE MEALS :

WEEK OF MARCH 21-25

March:

2- Ash Wednesday

13- Daylight Savings- "Spring ahead"

17- St. Patrick's Day

20- First day of Spring

SAUK PRAIRIE STOCK THE SCHOOLS

Together We Soar



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 March suggested donations are :

Ritz crackers, men's & women's deodorant and soap.

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated by everyone.

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.

...Christ also loved the church
and gave Himself up for her...
that He might
present the church
to Himself glorious,
not having spot or wrinkle
or any such things,
but that she would be
holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25, 27

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March 2022

The church is open for in person Sunday worship. Masks are optional. Please respect those that wish to use social distancing and/or wear a mask. We hope to continue with in person worship service as long as the spread of Covid-19 continues to be on a steady downward trend.

We appreciate your continued patience and cooperation while we continue to work through the challenges of Covid-19 and all the variants. Thank you.

Please continue to check for updates on our web page, Facebook or by contacting the church office.

If you are uncomfortable with in person worship, please tune in to our Radio broadcast or watch live on You-tube.

When it Rains, look for
Rainbows
 When it's Dark,
 look for *Stars*

