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MAY 2018

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Ahh togetherness. What a wonderful thing to be united in our faith and friendship. The bonds of fellowship are like the glue that keeps us all connected.

This fellowship we have is special, and I would like all of our members to feel a sense of caring and togetherness. Maybe this idea of unity, togetherness, caring, upholding will be made clearer by the following story entitled: "Who Flew the Kite?"

"Who flew the kite?"..... "I did," said the sticks, "I did," said the tail. "I did," said the paper. "No, I did," said the wind. But they all flew the kite together. If the sticks had broken, the tail caught in a tree, the paper torn or the wind had lulled, the kite would have come down. Each had a part to play.

The application is inescapable, each has a job to do. If the work of the Lord is to be a success, then all the parts must be played by every member of the church, every member of the faith community. It is a matter of teamwork.

I would like to suggest to you that fellowship in the community of Christ means "rubbing elbows" with Jesus Christ on a daily basis, but also, "rubbing elbows" with other Christians so that one's faith may be strengthened, may be watered, may grow as God would want it to grow. Fellowship in the community of Christ is for us a strong foundation as we walk our Christian pilgrimage. It is that fellowship which encourages us to stay in the word of Christ, and live as Christ would have us to live.

The Christian theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, says in his book, "Life Together" these words about the importance of Christian fellowship and "rubbing elbows" with one another as we share ourselves in the community of faith:

"God has willed that we should seek and find His living Word in the witness of a brother or a sister, through the voice of the faithful. Therefore, the Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's word to them. They need them again and again when they become uncertain and discouraged, for by himself he cannot help himself without belying the truth. He needs his brother or sister as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine word of salvation. He needs his brother or sister solely because of Jesus Christ. The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother, his own heart is uncertain, his brother's is sure."

This fellowship, this community in Christ is very important for our faith and daily living. We need each other's faith as we journey now along the road of life. I need your faith to strengthen my faith and you need my faith to strengthen yours. We can rub elbows through the daily life of First UCC! We need each other's faith, we have an opportunity to share it with each other, to discuss it and to pray about it.

With the Greatest of Hope!

Pastor Bill

*Every Mom is that one
special STAR*



*Come help us celebrate the stars
among us...*

Where: Church Basement

When: Thursday, May 10th

Time: 5:30 arrival;
6:00 dinner

*Guest speaker to be announced
soon.*

*RSVP forms are in the back of
church.*



We will be celebrating Mothers at the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services on May 13th. The youngest and oldest mothers at each service will receive flowers.



Shareholders' Luncheon

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Sunday School News

By Margaret McFarlane

† We had a great Easter party! Fifty people joined us for an afternoon of fun. We enjoyed an egg hunt, face painting, treats, games and crafts. Many thanks to all who helped make it a success!

† Twenty-eight people joined us for our “Fun, Float, and Fellowship”.

† The Sunday School choir will sing at the 10:30 service on May 20. The students in Grades 5 & 6 will have a special part.

† Our last Sunday School class will be May 20. We will have sundaes as a final treat. Parents are welcome! We will meet in the Education Building basement at 9:45, after we have a short class time and choir.

† Please check the candle lighting schedule ~ students are scheduled through May 20.

† Don't forget to turn in donations for “The Mexican Children's Refuge.” Thank you so much for supporting this wonderful project! We want to meet our goal of \$1,500!

† **Summer Fundraiser:** This year our Sunday School is planning on selling food on a Saturday at McFarlanes' Retail Center. Please watch for further details.



Camp Registration Continues

We are aware of 5 campers who are registered for camp. Church camp is great fun and fellowship. To assist with our camping program, we continue to accept donations to our camp fund until the end of May. If you are planning to go to camp, please let us know by June 3rd. Camp website:

ucci.org/pilgrim-center



Sunday School families ... let me know if your family is interested and able to attend VBS this year.

The dates we are looking at:

June 11-15

Email: mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com



Summer Music Opportunities!

From Dennis Kahn, Music Director

Please contact Denny Kahn at 370-6000 if you would like to volunteer to provide special music at our worship services this summer.

We have dates available for summer music from Sunday, June 10th, through Sunday, September 9th.

Following our summer hiatus, First Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:45 p.m. Please consider joining us in the fall, if not before!



Do you eat at Culvers? Why not purchase a **Culver's gift card** to use on yourself. Of course, they also make great gifts. Our Sunday School earns a portion of each sale. Purchase gift cards from the Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of each month, before and after the 10:30 worship service, or e-mail orders to:

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com



Sixth Annual First Choir Concert!

We are pleased to announce that First Choir will again present a concert on Sunday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. in our First United Church of Christ sanctuary. This is a culmination of the choir's work from the entire year. We hope that everyone in the congregation will come out to attend this celebration of music at First Church. Please extend invitations to friends and family throughout the community. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Come one – come all!



Summer Services at First U.C.C.

Starting Sunday, **June 3rd**, through and including Sunday, **September 2nd**, our worship service will be held at **9:00 a.m.** We hope to see you there!



Strengthen the Church

“The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12

The **Strengthen the Church** offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the **Strengthen the Church** offering.

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Stock The Schools!!! Sauk Prairie School Students In Need: May's items are granola bars and toothbrushes & full size toothpaste. There is a box as you come into church to put your purchases in. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

2018 Easter **Lily & Palm Dedications**

*“He speaks, and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing.
And He walks with me, and He talks
with me, and He tells me I am His own.
The joy we share as we tarry there, none
other has ever known.”*

*“In The Garden”
C. Austin Miles*

*Russ & Sherry Pieper,
in loving memory of their parents*

*Jane Litscher & Family,
in loving memory of their husband, father,
and grandfather, David Litscher
&
in honor of their mother, grandmother, and
great-grandmother, Lucinda Gruber*

*The Bongard Family,
in loving memory of their husband, father,
grandfather, and great-grandfather,
Vic Bongard*

*Cliff and Jan Lawton,
in loving memory of their parents,
Clifford & Selma Lawton and Clarence &
Evelyn Skogen
&*

their sons, Russell Lawton and Jason Barry



***A Mother's Love Is Our First
Glimpse Of Heaven!***

Consistory Minutes
First United Church of Christ

Thursday April 19th


Attendance: Marcy Thurwachter, Dean Dahnert, Shirlee Lendved, Peggy Ganser, Mark Pierick, Don Larsen, Theresa Grimes, and Chris Logterman

Absent: Pastor Bill and Kurt Schultz

 Opening Prayer: Dean Dahnert

 Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in May Scoop

 Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Hasheider Roofing & Siding replaced trim on south roof edge
 - Tile project – diagram of lower level to figure measurements for tile replacement
 - Sauk Prairie Remodeling will look at space and submit bid. Consistory will get 2 additional bids.
 - Inquiries to MerrComm and Charter to review installation of phone and internet
- Christian Fellowship
 - See report in May Scoop
 - Cow Chip Chicken-Q will need a leader to oversee event
- Finance
 - No statements available to review this month
 - No meeting at this time
 - May need to meet pending bids on tile project
- Members in Ministry
 - Actively making visits
 - New members are welcome
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See report in May Scoop
 - Youth Program
 - Compassion International April 29 with short presentation
 - Youth Art Sale Fundraiser 8:00-12:00 PM April 29
 - Shareholder's luncheon after 10:30 service on May 6
- Stewardship
 - Meeting on April 26
 - Planning May activities – details to be announced

 On-Going Business

- ALICE Training – total of 34 people trained during 3 sessions hosted by Brigitta Brickl

New Business

- Canceling Sunday/Wednesday services and events for inclement weather
 - Possible guidelines can be to follow DOT or State Patrol, School closing decisions, etc.
 - Table until full membership present
- Consistory Summer meeting schedule
 - Discussed having meeting on 3rd Wednesday for June, July, and August
- Request for educational building use by Girls Scout Troop 3307 during 2018-2019 academic year
 - Mark move to approve, Marcy 2nd, motion passed

 Don move to adjourn, Theresa 2nd, motion passed

 Closing Prayer: Mark Pierick

 Next Consistory Meeting: May 17th

Dear Consistory,

My apologies for scheduling vacation time during the week that consistory meets. Here are a few thoughts I'd like to share in my absence:

-Southwest Association Annual Meeting held April 14 at Salem UCC Verona. Kurt, Mark, and I attended. It is important that our church is represented at these meetings. Thanks to Kurt and Mark for their time and efforts to attend the Association meeting.

-Women's Sunday April 22 and Compassion Sunday/Youth Art Sale April 29. Thanks to Christian Fellowship for coordinating Women's Sunday and thanks to Theresa Grimes for coordinating Compassion Sunday/Youth Art Sale.

-General Synod 32 in Milwaukee is June 21-25, 2019. For the first time in our history, the Wisconsin Conference UCC will host the national meeting of the United Church of Christ. It is quite a sight to see how our denomination functions on a national scale, with all of the Conferences represented. Music, worship, plenary sessions, featured speakers. There is a spirit and excitement at General Synod like no other. I am excited for this event and wish to take different groups from our church (over multiple days) to experience it. The estimated cost of hosting General Synod will be approximately \$40,000. The Wisconsin Conference is appealing to congregations in the Wisconsin Conference to help defray the cost. Perhaps our church will consider supporting this initiative with a financial contribution. They ask for a gift of either \$100, \$250, \$750, \$1000, or another amount.

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-I've had a conversation with Sue Herbrand about the First UCC Food Stand Fundraiser and making sure we are following the correct accounting procedures for a non-profit. For the last couple of years Tim and Sue Herbrand have provided leadership to run a food stand during the May Swap Meet Auction and the August Steam & Gas Engine Club Show. I appreciate the enormous amount of time and energy the Herbrand's have put forth into this project. They have used their own funds to finance this initiative and First UCC and members of the Sauk Prairie community have greatly benefitted because of their generosity. People from our church have worked at this food stand to raise money for the 2018 mission trip to Back Bay Mission. The Sauk Prairie Music Association has also partnered with the First UCC Food Stand Fundraiser by recruiting Sauk Prairie students & their families to work the food stand as a way to help defray their participation costs in band and show choir. I think moving forward there is a real opportunity for our church to raise much needed funds for First UCC initiatives and building improvements. Sue will have a conversation with Robin Meier to make sure we are in compliance with the proper accounting procedures.

With the greatest of hope!


-Pastor Bill

Christian Fellowship Minutes – April 10th 6:30 pm

Attending: Pastor Bill, Sandy Schlender, Sherry Pieper, Deb Tschudy, Charmaine Carter, Carol Hehenberger, Peggy Ganser and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill



- **Easter Sunday Breakfast** – Special thanks to Fritz and his helpers for always taking care of our appetites. It was an enjoyable and scrumptious breakfast!
-  **Spring cleaning**, Saturday, **April 14th, 8:00 am -Noon** (if during the week or Friday better suits your agenda, please do so), sign-up sheet is available.
- **Women's Sunday:** Sunday, **April 22nd**
 - Coffee Fellowship between services
 - Theme “Gifted by Grace”



- **Christian Fellowship:** No meeting in May or June / Happy Spring
- **Mother/Child banquet – Thursday, May 10th** (5:30 arrival 6:00 dinner): “Stars are Among Us” - see scoop
- **Coffee Fellowship**, May 13th



- **Confirmation Sunday** – June 3rd (Rita to purchase boutonnieres)
- **Men's Sunday** - June 24th (men are handling)
- **Coffee fellowship** – June 24th



- **Coffee Fellowship** – July 15th

Possible Outings

- Mallards game, Fireside (Fort Atkinson) theater and dinner, concert in the park (Sauk City)

Looking ahead

- Cow Chip chicken dinner
- Picnic in the Park

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10th, @ 6:30



THANKS FROM THE **HE ♥ RT!**

From Sauk County Department of Human Services:

Thank-you for the support you have given to the children that are served by Sauk County Human Services. As you know, the needs of children can be all over the map. One thing that is universal for all children is their need for underwear and socks. These are things that are needed on a regular basis. Also, clothing for older children, sizes 7 and up and in good condition, are very useful. We are very appreciative of the assistance your church has offered in the past, and we continue to be grateful for the heart you share for disadvantaged children.



Thanks & **A Tip Of The Halo**

A big thank-you **Liz Bongard, Peggy Ganser, Cathy Brewer, and Jeff Engelbretsen** for delivering Mobile Meals the week of April 2nd!

A big thank you to our Tenebrae disciples: **Dean Dahnert, Jamie Wittwer, Kurt Schultz, Terry Steuber, Don Larsen,**

Tom Litscher, Tim Herbrand, and Mark Pierick.

A **special thank you** to **Rose Kleinert** for organizing this year's Women's Sunday; to our skit performers; and to all the women taking part in the service and those attending today's service. Thank you to **Charmaine Carter, Rita Larsen, & Deb Tschudy** for hosting Coffee Fellowship.

FROM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Easter breakfast**. A special thank-you to **Fritz Wytenbach**, who organized this event! The food and fellowship were fantastic!

Thank you to those who donated plants and flowers for our **Easter Garden: Dianna Woerpel, Lois Pieper, Tammie Huerth, Rose Kleinert, Sherry Pieper, Sharal Steuber, and Margaret McFarlane**. The garden was beautiful and colorful.



What nasty weather church cleaning day brought (sure didn't feel like April); but like the mail service, not wind, nor rain, nor sleet or snow will keep our people away. What a joy it was to see everyone! It is true what they say many hands make the task lighter. Thank you, thank you, thank you to **Jack Bachhuber, Dean Dahnert, Chris Garcia, Peggy Ganser, Carol Hehenberger, Mary Jensen, Sherry Pieper, Deb Tschudy and Marcy Thurwachter**. You are a true blessing!

Always thankful, Rose Kleinert
Christian Fellowship Chair

Memorials Report

Memorial gifts were received in April in loving memory of:

Reta Lysenko

A monetary gift was, also, received from the Schorer Foundation.



Radio Ministry

We thank the April sponsors of our 8:00 Sunday worship service radio broadcasts:

The Accola Family, in loving memory of their parents', Andrew & Anna Accola, wedding anniversary.

Jamie & Karen Wittwer, in loving memory of Jamie's father, Clifford Wittwer.

Steve & Marcy Thurwachter, in loving memory of Marcy's mother, Shirley Moely.

Rod & Carol Hehenberger, in loving memory of Carol's mom, Luella Jensen.



May Anniversaries In Our Church Family



Lowell & Winnie Grass, 59 years on May 10

Kurt & Wendy Schultz, 25 years on May 20

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in May!

We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50.

Please let us know if we missed you on the May birthday calendar!!

May and June Ushers

| 8:00 | May | 10:30 | June 9:00 a.m. |
|--|------------|--------------|--|
| Emily Fuchs Rose Kleinert Scott Frosch | | | Herm & Debbie Tschudy Rod & Carol Hehenberger |

May and June Communion Servers

| 8:00 | May 6 | 10:30 | June 3: 9:00 a.m. |
|---|--------------|--|--|
| Marcy Thurwachter Herm & Deb Tschudy | | Tim Herbrand Chris Logterman Jamie Wittwer | Theresa Grimes Shirlee Lendved Tom Litscher Chris Logterman |

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*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Rod Lysenko,
in loving memory of his mother, Reta Lysenko.
Reta was proud to sing in the Church choir.*

May 2018

- 3 **Family Fun Night:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 6 **Shareholders' Luncheon:** after the 10:30 Worship Service
- 10 **Mother-Child Banquet:** Banquet starts at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- 13 **"Happy Mother's Day!"**
 Coffee Fellowship
- 17 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 20 **Last day of Sunday School: Sundae Sunday**
 Sunday School Choir sings at the 10:30 Worship Service
 6th Annual First Choir Concert: 7:00 p.m.
- 24 **12 Step Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m.
- 27 **Dedication of "Our Living Memorials"**
- 28 **Have a safe and happy Memorial Day:** Church Office Closed

Rev. Bill Kapp
Pastor

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon;

Saturday: 9:30-11:00 a.m. and by appointment

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Cindy Baker

Church Secretary

Sunday Worship:

Sunday School

Confirmation

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8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7) and 10:30 a.m.

9:10-10:10 a.m. for ages 3 through 6th grade (through May 20th)

9:10-10:10 a.m.; **Adult Bible Study:** 9:10-10:10 a.m.