

community in giving thanks to God for His many blessings!

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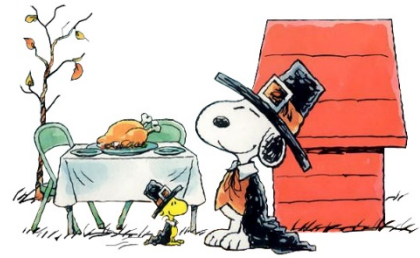
Throughout our faith journey, we are extended several invitations. From the invitation to make our confession of faith, to the invitation to care for a sick neighbor, to the invitation to bring food to the next church event, our life in a community of faith is full of invitations. During the next month, we will consider “**I am the way...**” **John 14:6** as a preparation for determining our investment in the ministry and mission of First UCC.

Bulletin inserts, scripture readings and sermons over these next few weeks will focus on issues related to the use of our time, talents and financial resources.

**Our campaign will culminate on Sunday November 17.** On that day, we ask that all members and households consider making an offering pledge for 2020. We will, also, celebrate this theme during our 6:00 p.m. contemporary service on November 14. Please be looking ahead and make a special effort to be with us that week.



Our Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be at **Concordia UMC in Prairie du Sac on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m.** You are asked to bring canned or dry goods to the service to donate to our area food pantries. Join our



## **Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal**

The annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal will be served at St. Aloysius School on Thursday, November 28, beginning at 12:00 Noon. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome! If you would like home delivery, call Mitch Maier (608-206-0436) or Sandy Maier (608-448-5131). Deliveries will begin at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mitch or Sandy.



## **Pie Makers Needed**

First UCC has been asked to provide pies for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Please use disposable pans and bake a pie (or two) that doesn't need to be refrigerated. The pie sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

Please bring your pies to Church by **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27.** There will be tables for the pies in the Education Building entryway. Thank you for sharing your gift of baking with others!



## **Sunday School News**

By Margaret McFarlane

✿ We welcome Anna, Emma, and Davis Lombard to our Sunday School Family.

✿ If you haven't sent back the Time & Talent sheets, please take an opportunity to do this, as soon as possible.

✿ On Sunday, November 10, students in second grade and new students will receive Bibles at the 10:30 service.

✿ The Sunday School choir will sing at the 10:30 service on November 17.

✿ We had 28 people in attendance for our Fall event. Thank you to the Sunday School Staff for providing the treats and Kari Larsen for the fire and s'mores. Even though we couldn't be in the church park, it was a fun afternoon.

✿ UNICEF boxes were sent home for those who would like to collect for this worthy cause. Money is due back by November 10.

✿ Our HARVEST HOME TABLE will be set up from November 3-24 in the narthex (by the ushers' counter) to collect food for the Food Pantry. Students can bring non-

perishable food, cleaning, and personal care items to class or they can put it on the table.

✿ 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> graders and confirmands are invited to paint the windows for Christmas on Sunday, December 1, at 1:00 p.m.

✿ The Sunday School hour will be extend-ed until 10:20 on November 17, November 24, December 1, December 8 and December 15. This will allow extra practice time for the Christmas program.

✿ The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15, at the 10:30 service.

✿ We will have program practice on Saturday, December 7 and 14, at 9:30 a.m. All students taking part in the program need to be present for both practices. Please let us know if this is a problem. Pre-K, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be dismissed at 10:15 after they practice. Grades 2-6 will dismiss at 11:30.

✿ The Music Festival is December 22 this year. The Sunday School will not be singing.



## **You can H.E.L.P.**

(Help Excite Little People!)



## **Harvest Home Table**

Our Sunday School is, again, sponsoring the Harvest Home Table from November 3-24. You can bring non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries to place on the table in the Narthex. All items will be donated to our local Food Pantry. (Baking items and mixes, baby food, formula, bar soap, laundry and dish detergent, cleaning products, diapers, and personal care items are especially appreciated.) The Food Pantry likes to use their financial sources to purchase protein foods, which are essential for good nutrition but difficult and expensive to donate.

The red sleigh is out in the Education Building entryway, and it is again time to think of our holiday toy collection. From now until mid-December, we'll be collecting

good, used toys and items for teens to distribute to children and youth in need in our community. You can participate by:

- 🎁 Spreading the word that we're collecting toys.
- 🎁 Bringing toys to put in the sleigh. If you have time to clean your donations, please mark the bag/box
- 🎁 Making monetary donations if you don't have any toys to "recycle."
- 🎁 Volunteering to be an "elf." Elves wash and organize the toys. We meet in the Sanctuary basement. Our November toy washing sessions will be:

- \* **Thursday, November 14, 10am-Noon**
- \* **Tuesday, November 19, 10am-Noon**
- \* **Friday, November 22, 10am-Noon**
- \* **Monday, November 25, 10am-Noon**

- 🎁 Pick one or join us for as many as you are able.
- 🎁 Watch for the December schedule in next month's *SCOOP*!

**If you have questions, please contact:  
Margaret McFarlane at 643-6327.**



## **MUSIC @ FIRST CHURCH**

Even though it is only November, the holidays are just around the corner. The Advent/Christmas Music Festival will take place at both services on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any and all who would like to share their gifts of music should contact Denny Kahn at either 370-6000 or 963-4915. Both vocal and instrumental selections are welcome.

Music, as always, is such a special part of the Christmas season. First Choir will be singing throughout Advent and on Christmas Eve. While the holidays are busy, perhaps coming on board with First Choir would be a way for you to experience the joys of Advent and Christmas music. Please consider coming to choir on Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m. to join our "festive group!"

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday School Christmas Program @ 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Choir rehearsal at 6:45 p.m.

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Music Festival @ both services

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve Service – First Choir

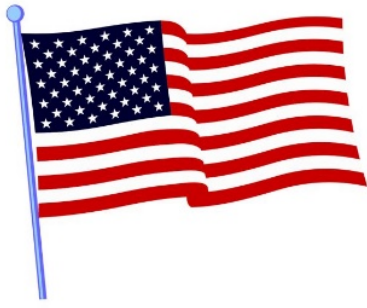
**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** – No Choir rehearsal

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** – Choir Off





*Rose Kleinert, Chair*



### Honoring Those Who Served

In accordance with Veteran's Day, First United Church of Christ will be honoring those who have served or are currently serving our country on Sunday, November 10, at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

There will be a coffee fellowship between services. We are hoping you can join us!

### Thank you from the ...

A big shout-out to **Duane & Dianna Woerpel, Debbie Tschudy, Sherry Pieper, Marcy & Steve Thurwachter, Cliff & Jan Lawton, Ed & Linda Lehan, Stacey Ambort, and Rita Larsen** for delivering Mobile Meals. You not only bring their meal but share your friendly, kind faces to brighten their day.

Thank-you to **Kathy & Larry Johnson** for donating three hydrangeas for the church park. They have been planted on the west side in front of the bridal wreath. We look forward to beautiful blossoms next summer!

*From Christian Fellowship*



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*To the Church cleaning crew!!!*

*Thank you for giving part of your weekend to help clean our church: Dianna Woerpel, Carol Hehenberger, Deb Tschudy, Tammie Huerth, Peggy Ganser, Sherry Pieper, Marcy Thurwachter, and Haden Haas. Your time is valuable, we appreciate yo*



Thank you **Deb Tschudy, Rita Larsen, and Fritz Wyttenbach** for the awesome treats for our October Coffee Fellowship ... everything goes great with BACON!!! Thanks for that special treat Fritz.

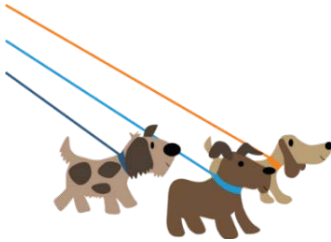




## **Christmas Poinsettias**

We invite you to donate towards poinsettias and greenery in memory or honor of a family member or friend. All donations will be acknowledged in the January SCOOP. You may put your donation in the offering plate or take it to the church office.

## **Dog Walker**



Karen Ammann is looking for a **dog walker**. If you would be interested in receiving more information, Karen's phone number is 370-2842. Applicants must be 16 years or older.

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**504 Washington Avenue**  
**Sauk City, WI 53583**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**NOVEMBER**  
**SCOOP**

7 O & A Subcommittee: 6:00 p.m.  
 10 Honoring our Veterans: both Worship Services



**Harvest Home Table: November 3<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

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*This month's SCOOP is sponsored by Harland & Lorraine Hartmann in honor and celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 6<sup>th</sup>.*

## Coffee Fellowship

**Sunday School Second Graders & New Students Receive Bibles: 10:30 Service**

14 **H.E.L.P. Toy Washing: 10:00 a.m.-Noon**

17 **Stewardship "Celebration Sunday"**

**Family Sunday:**

❖ **Sunday School Choir Sings @ 10:30 Worship Service**

19 **H.E.L.P. Toy Washing: 10:00 a.m.-Noon**

**Finance Committee: 7:00 p.m.**

21 **Stewardship Committee: 5:30 p.m.**

**Consistory: 6:30 p.m.**

22 **H.E.L.P. Toy Washing: 10:00 a.m.-Noon**

25 **H.E.L.P. Toy Washing: 10:00 a.m.-Noon**

27 **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at Concordia UMC in Prairie du Sac:  
7:00 p.m.**

28 **Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!**

**Rev. Bill Kapp**

Pastor

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 9:00-Noon; Saturday: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Office phone: 643-8387; Home phone: 370-2249; E-mail: bill\_kapp@ucc-saukcity.org

## Memorials Report

No Memorials were received in October.

## Radio Ministry

We thank the October sponsors of our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service Radio Broadcasts:

The children and spouses of Don & Ruth Hehenberger, in loving memory of their parents.

The Family of Lucinda Gruber, in honor and celebration of Lucinda's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Herm & Debbie Tschudy, in loving memory of family members, Emil & Martha Tschudy, Dale & Anna Mae Dennis, Alvin Tschudy and Peter & Dominic Giacomino.

Dean Dahnert, in honor and celebration of his daughter and son-in-law's, Nathan & Brigitta Brickl, 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



## November Anniversaries In Our Church Family



Richard & Donna Kaufman, 51 years on November 4

Randy & Barb Kuhnau, 25 years on November 5

Lorraine & Harland Hartmann, 65 years on November 6

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in November!

## Ushers

<u>8:00</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>10:30</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Kurt Schultz	Dianna Woerpel & Homar's	1 <sup>st</sup> :	Dianna Woerpel	Tim & Sue H.
10 <sup>th</sup> :	Kurt Schultz	Logterman Family	8 <sup>th</sup> :	Open	Tim & Sue H.
17 <sup>th</sup> :	Kurt Schultz	Homar Family	15 <sup>th</sup> :	Open	Tim & Sue H.
24 <sup>th</sup> :	Open	Logterman Family	22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Open	Tim & Sue H.
			29 <sup>th</sup> :	Open	Tim & Sue H.

## Communion Servers

<u>November 3</u>		<u>December 1</u>	
<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Dean Dahnert	Carol Hehenberger	Herm & Debbie Tschudy	Theresa Grimes
Daryl Matzke	Tim Homar	Jamie Wittwer	Don Larsen
Marcy Thurwachter	Shirlee Lendved		Tom Litscher

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

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



# Consistory Minutes

## *First United Church of Christ*

*Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>*

Attendance: Pastor Bill, Mark Pierick, Chris Logterman, Peggy Ganser, Tammie Huerth, Marcy Thurwachter, Dean Dahnert, Heather Miller, Kurt Schultz, and Don Larsen

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Open & Affirming survey of Consistory members

- As part of the information collection processes, Chris and Tammie introduced the survey and provided time to complete it anonymously.

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in the November Scoop
- Changes in health insurance
  - Starting January 2020 a bill will be sent to cover health and dental

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
  - Driveway on parsonage is complete and bill received for payment.
  - Need to look at eave troughs on buildings. Hasheider Roofing contact for a quote.
    - Concerns about flooding and tree needles clogging spouts
  - Cracked brick on northeast corner of building. Contacted Dean's Concrete for quote.
  - Cream colored portion of brick needs attention. Will need attention in the near future.
  - Parsonage porch needs attention in spring.
- Christian Fellowship
  - See report in the November Scoop
  - December meeting will be to work at H.E.L.P. toy cleaning
- Finance
  - Approve financial statements
    - No financial statements to approve
  - Finance Committee met October 15.
    - Continued discussion about restricted funds and congregational use
    - CD is coming due at the end of the month. Finance will address, possibly reinvest if no need for cash-on-hand
      - Mark move to reinvest the CD, Tammie second, motion passed

- Offerings taken by Consistory member and dropped in night deposit at Prairie Bank at the Prairie du Sac branch after service.
- Members in Ministry
  - Actively making visits
    - Discussed making visits during winter months to keep members connected
  - New members welcome
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
  - See report in the November Scoop
  - Youth Group
    - 11 confirmands this year
    - Feed My Starving Children food packing October 24
    - The Crossing meal November 17
    - Youth Retreat February 14–16
      - Registration due December 8
    - Promoting Youth Exchange in 2020 and 2021
    - Mission June 2020
    - Confirmation will be May 31 at 10:30 service
- Stewardship
  - See report in November Scoop
  - Reviewed the presentation on estate planning
  - Stewardship Sunday is November 17
- Open & Affirming
  - October meeting focused on preparing to survey congregation to start process of discussing what it means to be Open & Affirming with the larger membership
  - Planning discussion/Q&A sessions, bible study, etc. for winter and spring

#### Ongoing Business Update

- Cistern needs filling
  - Building and Maintenance will investigate options

#### New Business Issues

- None

#### Adjourn

- Chris move to adjourn the meeting, Don second, motion passed

#### Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

#### Next Consistory Meeting: November 21<sup>st</sup>

Dear Consistory,

I'm appreciative of the different ministries happening at First UCC – education, music, visitation, youth, community outreach, etc. Thanks for all your efforts on behalf of the congregation!

In terms of my report:

\*I attended the school/clergy meeting at the Sauk Prairie Schools District Office on 10/3. The group meets three times per year to discuss issues related to the school district and the community. The main portion of the meeting was directed at future expansion and renovation of the high school and the Merrimac School. We also touched base on the current number of homeless students in the school district and the resources available to help.

\*Wisconsin Conference UCC-UEK Working Group Meeting to be held 10/23 at the Conference office in DeForest. This is the German partnership committee I am now serving on. I've received feedback from three of our church's youth regarding their interest in participating in the upcoming youth exchange.

\*I'm leading worship services at the Pines on 10/24 – The Pines Assisted living at 3pm and the Pine Villa at 3:30pm.

\*Feed My Starving Children food pack event on 10/24 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Grand Avenue School. We have room for 20+ people from church to participate. The group will meet by the lighted sign at 6:15pm.

\*I will be giving a couple of stewardship themed sermons leading up to Stewardship Sunday on 11/17. Stewardship materials have been ordered from the national office.

\*Youth will serve the meal at The Crossing, UW Campus Ministry, on 11/17.

\*I'm once again coordinating the Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign for Sauk Prairie. We will have bell ringing stations at the Piggly Wiggly in Sauk City and the Sauk Prairie Market in Prairie du Sac. Concordia UMC, St. John's Lutheran PdS, Bethlehem UMC Blackhawk and First UCC (as well as other community businesses and organizations) will ring the bell during the four weeks leading up to Christmas.

\*Youth retreat at the Wilderness Resort February 14-16, 2020. Early-bird reservations due 12/8.

Regards,  
Pastor Bill

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2019**

The Stewardship Committee met on October 17, with all members present. The meeting began with the committee reviewing the September presentation by Rev. Andrew Warner. Rev. Warner presented to a group of 13 on estate planning. The committee also reviewed the updated Time & Talents survey that went out in the October Scoop.

New business focused on the upcoming Stewardship Sunday, November 17. Pastor Bill shared that he had materials ordered from the UCC Conference and is planning on including those materials in the weeks leading up to Stewardship Sunday. Marcy will develop some posters specific to First UCC. The committee will also take an active part in promoting the 17<sup>th</sup> each of the next Sundays.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for November 21.



## Christian Fellowship Agenda (October 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Attending:** Deb, Carol, Peggy, Sherry, Sandy, Dianna and Rose

**Opening Prayer:** Rose

**Guest:** Theresa Grimes, brief commentary on Open & Affirming



- ❖ **October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Church Fall Cleaning Days (8:00 – 12:00)
- ❖ **October 13<sup>th</sup>** - Coffee fellowship



- ❖ **November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee Fellowship



- ❖ **December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Coffee Fellowship
- ❖ **December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Craft and bake sale
- ❖ **In place of a meeting we will give time to H.E.L.P. cleaning**

### Food for thought & Events to think about for 2020

- List of activities posted near the church entrance (Rose)
- Events for 2020 to be discussed further

**Closing Prayer:** Rose

**Next meeting is Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30 pm**



**SIGN ME UP**



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**FOR THE CHRISTMAS**

**CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

**Mark your calendars...**

**First UCC's Annual Craft and Bake sale is**

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

- If you are a crafter, baker or love to tinker please consider signing up to sell your talents at our table.
- Watch for the sign-up sheet coming soon



- Handmade gifts are gifts of love!



If you have questions, please feel free to contact Christion Fellowship or contact Rose at 608-370-1306 email: [rosemarie@ramaker.com](mailto:rosemarie@ramaker.com)