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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Once I was asked "why church?" by a friend who had grown up without organized religion and wanted to understand why someone would invest their time, talent and treasure within a congregation.

The answer, based on my own life experience, is that church connects me with God and with members of the faith community. Raising an eyebrow, my friend replied, "Even if that's true, it still doesn't answer the question. Clearly it is possible to encounter God outside of a church."-

It is possible to encounter God outside of a church for sure. We can experience God in the beauty of nature or by going on a mission trip. We can see God by observing and appreciating those people who do good things for others with no expectation of a reward in return. We can know God by opening up the words of scripture – any time and any place.

In struggling to explain "why church?", I started thinking about a list of needs that are met for me by participating in a faith community.

Shared Reality: As a community we believe different things, but we share an understanding that there is 'Something More' that gives life meaning beyond our individual identities and experiences. We share a commitment to following in the way of Jesus.

Self-Expression and Contribution: Church is where my leadership skills were first named, noticed and nurtured and where I was encouraged to use them.

Effectiveness: Through church I am part of the body of Christ that has the power, through our collective actions and service, to bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice a little quicker and more effectively than I can do on my own.

Challenge: Church challenges me to align my behavior with my values and beliefs, holding me lovingly accountable to being my most authentic self.

The list goes on and on: compassion, celebration, belonging, beauty, inspiration, fellowship...

There is no community that will totally meet all my needs all the time. But during this phase of life, I am grateful for how many of my needs are met by engaging with the First United Church of Christ in Sauk City, WI. And, equally important, how investing my time, talent and treasure in this community of faith provides me an opportunity to contribute to meeting the needs of others.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill

October 10th
Pastor Appreciation Day

Pastor

For the early Sunday mornings
For the middle of the night calls
For the wise counsel & advice
For the patience, love & sacrifice

Thank You
For always giving your all.
You are so appreciated!

October - Stock the Schools

Granola Bars & WATERPROOF
Winter Mittens/ Gloves
Snow pants & Winter Boots

You may drop your items in the bin just
inside the north side church doors on Sundays
or during the week in the red bin outside the
Education Building doors.



4K update...

Our school year is up and running. We have 17 students in the morning and 13 in the afternoon. Misty Schmidt is assisting me. This is her 3rd year at SPNC.

Thank you for giving us permission to paint and move the cubbies. We have a whole new look! Many thanks to Chris and Dean for helping with the cubbies, shades, and wire projects. Thanks to Tammie for mowing the park the day of our Parent Meeting. The park looked great! We are looking forward to running around over there.

Enjoy the fall weather-

Amanda



Dear First United Church of Christ Members & Staff:

Thank you so much for your continued generosity to our at-risk and in-need students. It really has made a very significant difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely on behalf of the Sauk Prairie District,

Susan Bauman-Duren, SPSP Social Worker

A Heartfelt Thank You
**TO ALL OF OUR
AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**
We couldn't do it without you!

CHICKEN DINNER WRAP-UP

First United Church of Christ hosted a stand-alone chicken dinner on Sunday, September 12. This dinner replaced the annual chicken dinner held in conjunction with the Cow Chip Festival. 200 chicken dinners were prepared and were sold out in 35 minutes. The financial report follows:

- ❖ \$2507 gross profit
- ❖ \$539.76 expenses
- ✓ \$1967.24 net profit

Special thank-yous are extended to Galen Alwin, chicken b-b-quer extraordinaire and his sidekicks Art Mueller & Don Larsen, Jane Litscher, Cole slaw expert, and Emily Fuchs, Cole slaw assistant and brownie maker. We would also like to acknowledge those who donated supplies and ingredients; Galen Alwin, Emily Fuchs, Jane Litscher, Deb Tschudy, Rose Kleinert, and Marcy Thurwachter.

Not to be forgotten are those who helped make the day an overwhelming success with their help in washing & wrapping potatoes, food preparation, finances, set-up & clean-up, traffic control, runners and delivery people.

Jack Accola, Dean Dahnert, Emily Fuchs, Peggy Ganzer, Carol & Rod Hehenberger, Tammie Huerth, Scott & Christy Kinnamon, Don Larson Ed & Linda Lehan, Cliff & Jan Lawton, Jane Litscher, Nadine Litscher, Tom Litscher, Heather Miller, Pastor Bill, Sherry Pieper, Ron Polacek, Evan Roberts, Sherri Roberts, Barb Sprecher, Steve Thurwachter, Herm & Deb Tschudy, Di Woerpel, Tammy Young.

Lastly, thank-you to Ken Meyers, manager of the Cedarberry Inn for advertising our event on his hotel's billboard.

Thank-you all!
Marcy Thurwachter & Rose Kleinert,
event co-chairs

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

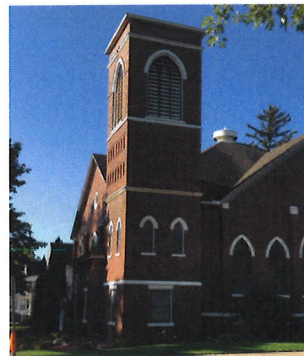
The First United Church of Christ Consistory has announced a Capital Campaign to raise funds for next spring's major repair projects. These projects and funding amounts were approved by the congregation at a special meeting held on Sunday, June 13th.

Church bell tower.	\$42,000
Parsonage porch.	<u>\$15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$57,000

To kick-off this capital campaign it was decided to use the net proceeds from the recent chicken dinner for the project. The \$1967.24 will be added to the account.

There will be a large poster board which will track our progress to our goal of \$57,000. The generosity of members of the First United Church of Christ has a long history. Our most recent capital campaigns have resulted in new flooring for the church basement floor, repairs to the stained glass windows, and repairs to our pipe organ. Your continued support of First UCC is greatly appreciated.

Donations may be mailed to the church office, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering box on Sundays. Please be sure to indicate "Capital Campaign" in the memo line if writing a check.



Dear Consistory,

September 12 was a fantastic day in the life of First UCC! There was a feeling of excitement in the air (and the aroma of grilled chicken 😊).

It was the first day of Sunday school and confirmation in our new formats. We had a promising turnout at church, with Sunday school and confirmation families present. We installed our Sunday school staff during the service and hit the ground running at Sunday school with a lesson on Adam and Eve, the first superheroes of the Bible. Our students learned about the power to make positive choices for themselves. A virtual confirmation class was held after the worship and most everyone in that group was in attendance. The class leaders experimented with using power point slides during the online lesson and had a positive result. The lesson of the day was on the theme of creation.

First UCC hosted a drive-thru chicken dinner after worship and sold out all the dinners in 35 minutes. What a blessing to have such wonderful cooks with Galen Alwin and Company leading the charge. We had impeccable organization and plenty of willing people to help wrap potatoes, make cole slaw, direct traffic, take money, transport the chicken from the grill to the kitchen, assemble the dinners and run those dinners out to people waiting in their vehicles. Thanks to everyone who supported the event by ordering a meal. The chicken dinner ran smoothly and those who participated enjoyed themselves.

What I appreciated most about that day was the positive spirit amongst our membership. There was palpable joy and excitement at just being able to do things we used to take for granted before the age of Covid. For sure it looked different, with people masked at church and us not being able to host a sit-down dinner, but it was super, nonetheless. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and guide us.

In terms of my report:

- 1.) Two members of the Wisconsin Conference UCC Staff (Conference Minister Rev. Franz Rigert and Director of Development Rev. Andrew Warner) would like to meet with members of First UCC on Monday October 4 (via zoom or in person) to express their gratitude for our strong OCWM offering support and to listen to the hopes and dreams of our members.
- 2.) Trip to Back Bay Mission has been scheduled for June 12-18, 2022. We have reservations for 16.
- 3.) Attending clergy development group every 1st and 3rd Friday via zoom or in-person.
- 4.) Baptism request from the Sarac family. Still determining a date, perhaps in October.
- 5.) Conducting worship services at Maplewood September 9, October 7 and December 16.
- 6.) I would like to take my 2nd week of vacation Oct 11-18. My plan would be to lead worship on 10/10 and be gone 10/17. Thank you for your consideration

Regards,

Pastor Bill

Consistory Minutes

First United Church of Christ

Thursday September 16, 2021

Those Present: Dean Dahnert, Peggy Ganser, Tammy Young, Tammie Huerth, Rose Kleinert, Linda Lehan, Barbara Sprecher, Linda Lehan, Marcy Thurwachter, Pastor Bill

Those Absent: Heather Miller

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in October Scoop

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Elevator and electrical repairs required have been completed
 - Contract has been signed for the Parsonage porch repairs to be completed next spring
- Christian Fellowship
 - Has not met in the last month
 - Excellent turn out for our Chicken Dinner
- Finance
 - Robin Meier met with Consistory to present the latest report
- Members in Ministry
 - Continuing to make visits to nursing homes, etc. when they are open for visitors
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See report in October Scoop
- Stewardship
 - Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 23rd
- Open & Affirming
 - See report in October Scoop

✚ Ongoing Business Update

- Successful opening to the Sunday School year

✚ New Business Issues

- Marcy Thurwachter will have a message for the congregation on the upcoming Capital Campaign for the Bell Tower and Parsonage Porch repair
- Barb Sprecher made a motion that the monies raised at the September 12th Chicken Dinner be donated to the Capital Campaign, Tammie Huerth seconded. Motion approved.
- Feed My Starving Children packing will be happening again in October. Pastor Bill will be registering volunteers as of October 1st.

Tammie Huerth made a motion to adjourn, Rose Kleinert seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

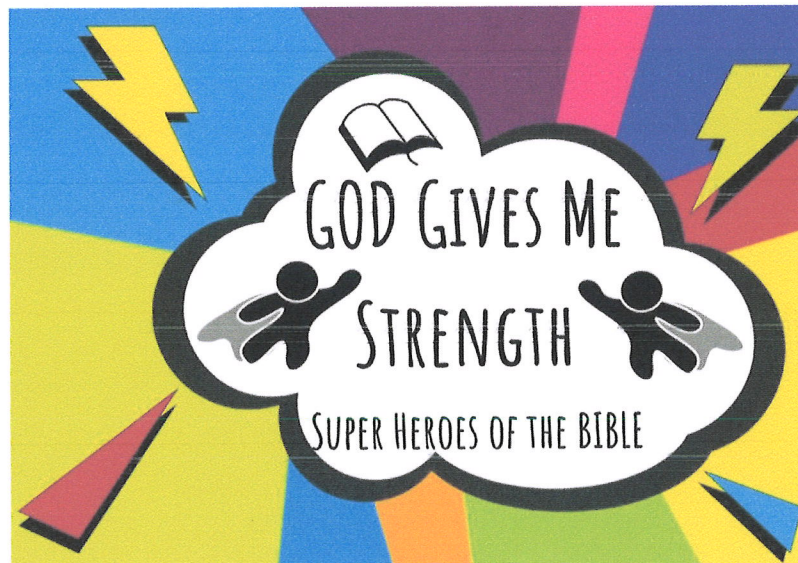
✚ Next Consistory Meeting: October 21, 2021

October Sunday School News

- Sunday School and Confirmation have started the year off strong! Let us know if you still need to enroll.

Church Office (608) 643-8387 or email me at firstuccsaukce@gmail.com .

- Our Sunday School follows the lead of Sauk Prairie School District for our masking policy and calendar. This plan gets updated weekly at https://www.saukprairieschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=498855&type=d
Pastor Bill and Mrs. Brickl will closely follow the decisions being made by the district.
- The Adult Sunday School Class has started their video series **The Chosen**. This can be viewed with the group on Sunday mornings at 10:20 am in the sanctuary or stream online at: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch>
- Our registered 2nd grade students will be receiving their Bibles on October 3rd at the 9:00 church service.
- October 3rd after church we will be having a Fall tailgate gathering. Pumpkins will be available to decorate for our local nursing homes and some to take home and enjoy. Hotdogs and chips will be available to enjoy on your way home.
- Our Confirmation Class will meet in person on the evening of Wednesday, October 20th to paint blocks in the youth group room.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

The stewardship committee met on Wednesday, September 23rd. All members were in attendance.

Marcy Thurwachter reviewed the recent chicken dinner and the financial report. The consistory approved earmarking the \$1967 profit for use in the capital campaign, raising funds for repair of the church bell tower and replacement of the parsonage porch.

Sherri Roberts will be presenting a message on behalf of the stewardship committee on Sunday, September 26th. Sherri's focus will be on the upcoming Stewardship Fall Campaign. Sherri had questions regarding the feature verse for the campaign which Pastor Bill was able to answer.

The committee discussed assignments for upcoming Sundays during the fall campaign. Each committee member will present a message beginning with Sunday, October 17th and continuing until November 14th which is Stewardship Sunday. Pastor Bill will present a sermon that Sunday on stewardship. Pastor Bill reviewed the materials that were ordered from the UCC Conference for use during the fall campaign. Marcy asked if there were videos available as well which could be posted on the video board. Pastor Bill will be talking with Rev. Andrew Warner about this issue.

The committee discussed the pledge cards which are distributed to all members/families. Marcy had received feedback from a couple of members who felt that they were unable to make a commitment. Pastor Bill pointed out that the cards do say it is not a pledge that is without flexibility. Tom Litscher thought perhaps a "commitment card" might be better. Pastor Bill suggested a "goal card". The committee agreed that the idea behind the cards was to give the finance committee a starting point as they develop the budget for the following year.

Linda Lehan and Marcy Thurwachter will help Pastor Bill with the fall campaign mailing on September 29th.

The next meeting date will most like be via Google Meet at a date to be determined.

STEWARDSHIP FALL CAMPAIGN

The annual fall Stewardship Campaign will feature Psalm 1; 3a: "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season."

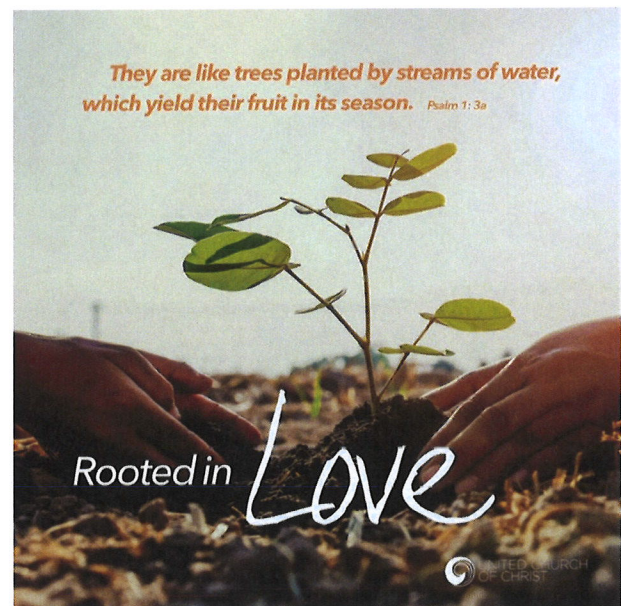
The stewardship committee will be sharing messages centered around this Psalm each Sunday for the four weeks leading up to Stewardship Sunday on November 14th.

Additionally, congregational members will receive a stewardship mailing the week of October 3rd. This mailing will include a "goal card" which members are asked to complete and return. The purpose of the card is to give members a giving "goal" which is a flexible goal. It is also of use by the finance committee as they plan the year's budget.

We hope you find the fall campaign to be informative, thoughtful, and inspirational, and that you will continue to be a steward of First UCC.

Your Stewardship Committee,

Linda Lehan, Tom Litscher, Sherri Roberts, Marcy Thurwachter and Pastor Bill



Open & Affirming Sub-Committee

Meeting

September 9, 2021

In Attendance: Dennis Kahn, Tammie Huerth, Shirlee Lendved, Barb Sprecher, Dean Sprecher & Christi Kinnamon

Absent: Pastor Bill Kapp

1. Survey

- a. Discussion about the survey and the results of it.

2. September 26th Service

- a. Pastor Bill will be preaching on September 26th with the theme of O&A

3. Common Chords

- a. The singing group Common Chords will be performing during our October 10th worship service.
- b. The group is requesting that all parishioners be masked during the service.

4. Dick Wagner

- a. Author Dick Wagner will be speaking about his book "We've Been Here All Along" after the October 10th worship service. This event will be held in the Fire Side room and there will be a short fellowship prior to his presentation.
- b. The author also requests that everyone attending be masked.

5. Our next meeting will be

October 7th, 5:00 pm at Shirlee's farm.

Christian Fellowship

There was no Christian Fellowship committee meeting held in September. We had a wonderful time participating in our First Chicken Dinner!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00 pm** in the church park (weather permitting).

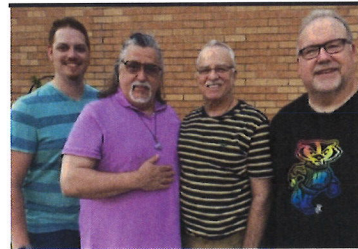
Please join us everyone is welcome.

Finance

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 19th at 6:30pm



Mark your calendar



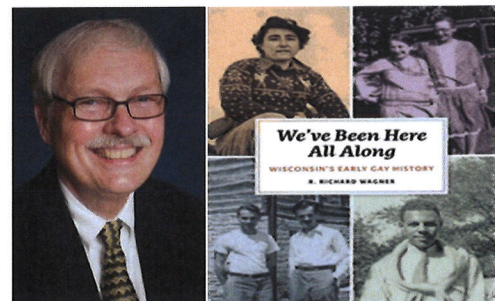
Please join us on **October**

10th for two very special events at our church!

First, Common Chords, an outreach ensemble of Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus, will perform three songs at our 9:00 service.

Following the service, all members of the congregation are invited to attend a brief "Meet & Greet" and Fellowship. Then at 10:15, R. Richard Wagner (Dick Wagner) will speak for about 45 minutes in the Fireside Room about his book "We've Been Here All Along".

Mr. Wagner will share with us the inspiration for writing his book about Wisconsin's early gay history, along with some of his own stories as a gay leader in Wisconsin.



October Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Stacey Noltner	4	5 Midge Beerkircher Katie Homar	6 Taylor Breininger	7	8 Emily Fuchs Kathy Johnson	9 Leona Shinker Clayton Haselwander Chris Niederklopper
10	11 Cristi Ballweg Casey Brickl	12 Stan McFarlane	13	14 John Lendved	15	16 Marcia Nachreiner
17 Herm Tschudy	18	19	20 Danielle Mack	21	22	23 Jackie Ballweg Jeanann Breininger Terry Steuber
24	25 Ed Lehan	26	27	28 Zachary Franck Hogan Haas	29 Jack Bachhuber Emily Matzke	30 Lorraine Hartmann Bruce Kleinert
31 Megan Young						



May your week be filled with laughter and sunshine! 🌞



Memorial Report

Gifts were received in September

In memory of Calvin Sorg

Special Thanks to our September *Radio Broadcast Sponsors*

Pat Boehmer, and Kristy, Ross, & Kiana Litscher, in loving memory of their husband, father and grandfather, John Boehmer.

Verda McFarlane, in loving memory of her husband Robert McFarlane.

Cliff & Jan Lawton, in loving memory of their sons, Russell Lawton and Jason Barry



October Anniversaries in our Church Family



Congratulations

Jim & Corrine Jonas, 51 years on October 24

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in October!

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

Please let us know if we missed you on the October birthday calendar or any other month.

Rev. Bill Kapp: **Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday: 9:00am through noon.
Saturday: 9:30 - 11:00 am, by appointment
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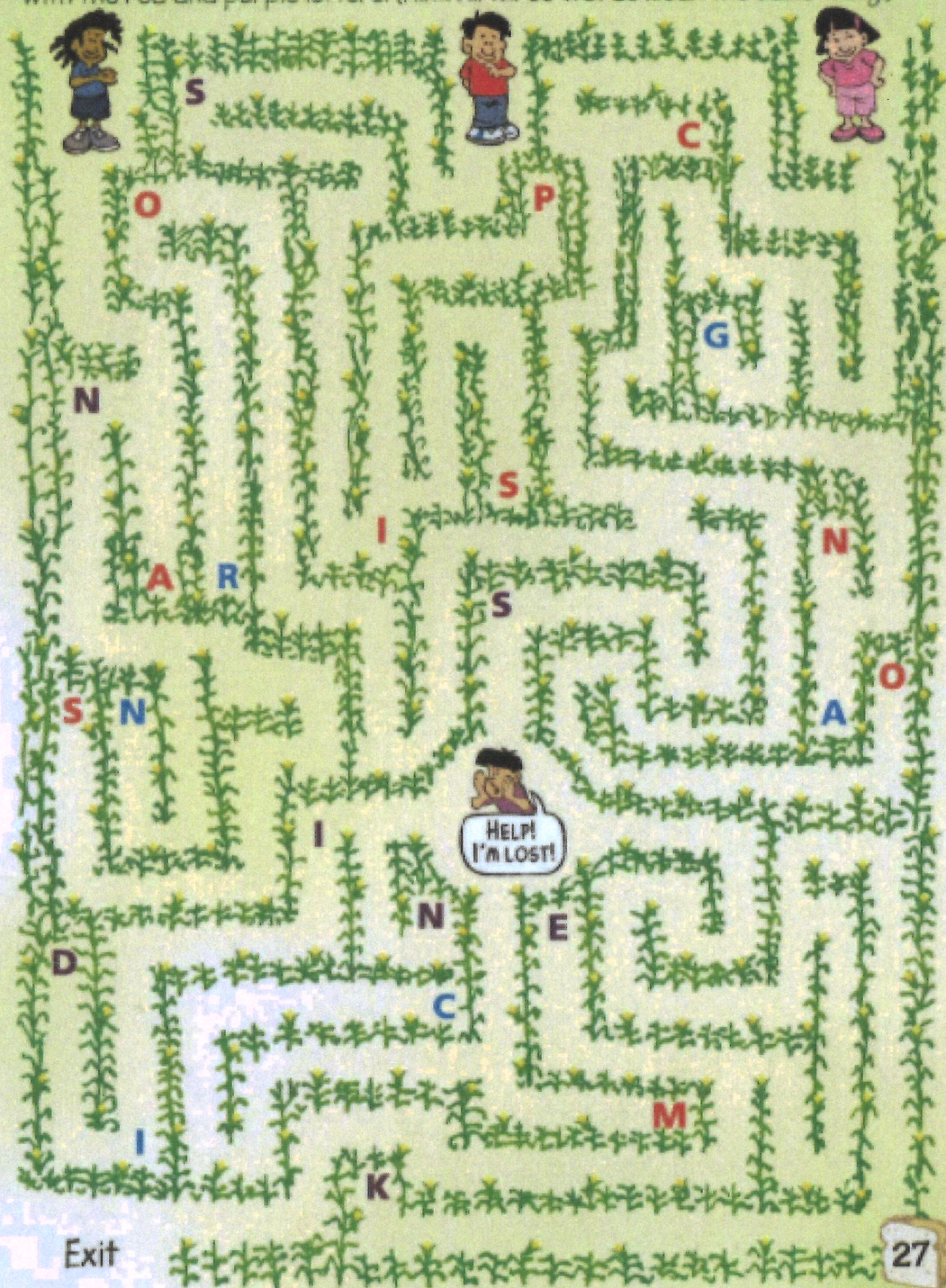
Church Secretary: **Office phone:** 643-8387; Monday through Friday: 8:00am through 12:00pm
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Amazing Corn Maze



Which of these kids can help the lost child and lead him to the exit? Solve the maze and then find the colored letters. On a separate sheet of paper, write all the blue letters and then unscramble them to make a word. Do the same with the red and purple letters. (Hint: All three words mean the same thing.)



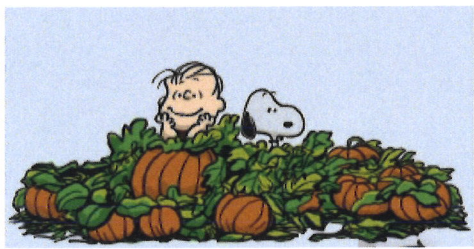
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October 3rd

October 7th

October 12th

October 19th

October 21st

Communion

O&A Shirlee Farm 5 pm

Christian Fellowship 6 pm (church park)

Finance 6:30 pm

Consistory 6:30 pm



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