



**OCTOBER 2022**



Here is a heads up for what promises to be an important worship and after worship experience on October 9. Recently (on September 18<sup>th</sup>) I attempted to answer the question that has been floating around for a few weeks: “Why do we have to read the First Church Welcome Statement *every week*?” My answer had three parts. First, I noted that we have not always formally been a welcoming congregation toward LGBTQ neighbors. Second, I reminded us that many of our LGBTQ neighbors have been badly hurt by churches over the years and so they have an understandably hard time believing we are serious. And finally, because we never know who will be coming to worship with us or listening in for the first time, it is *really important* for us to lead with a strong and unambiguous welcome that includes friends and neighbors who are decidedly unwelcome in some other churches in Sauk City.

This, perhaps, makes some of us uncomfortable. But our discomfort is less relevant than our calling to offer a vigorous and sincere welcome to people who are trying to find their way to God and are hoping God might be found here in our worshipping community.

Bearing with our own discomfort to offer real welcome to others is a perfect expression of Jesus’ command that we love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

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Here is why October 9th is important: To move this discussion along and increase our own understanding, I have invited two friends of mine from Mount Horeb—Amy Lyle and Ashley Green, to share the sermon time on October 9 and to tell their story of raising a child who identifies as *non-binary*. The first thing they will do is explain what “non-binary” actually means. Then they will tell stories of their experience and talk about the importance, to their child and to families like theirs, of having a supportive community gathered around them, supporting them and their child.

We have all heard the saying, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Amy and Ashley will put a human face on that saying and bring it to life for us. Then they will be staying after worship to host a Question-and-Answer session for anyone who wants to engage them with questions or conversation. I promise you will really enjoy this conversation, too. Amy and Ashley are two of the kindest, most compassionate and understanding people I have ever met. I am proud to call them friends and grateful for the opportunity to share them with you.

Those of you attending the Adult Bible Study that meets each week now after the worship service, will face a difficult choice—do you skip the study to attend the Q&A, or do you skip the Q&A to attend the study. Or, if enough of the class wants to, we could cancel the class for that Sunday, and all attend the Q&A with Amy and Ashley. If you are part of that class, please let me know your preference and we will adapt, as necessary.

This will be a Sunday in church you will not want to miss. So, clear your calendar from any other distractions and be sure to be there.

Always in hope,

Brad Brookins





# Christian Education News



Sunday School and Confirmation have started the year off strong! Let us know if you still need to enroll. (608) 643-8387 or email at [firstuccsauke@gmail.com](mailto:firstuccsauke@gmail.com).

## Upcoming events

- During the Month of September and October we are asking our youth and their families to host a Lemonade Stand to raise money for the Sauk Prairie School District food service department to help those students in need of breakfast and lunch.
- 2nd/3rd Grade Bible Distribution during church on Oct 2nd
- Fall Celebration and Tailgate Oct 2nd right after church decorate pumpkins for the nursing homes and have pumpkins to take home
- Wednesday October 19 5:30-7:00 Youth Group Grades 7-12th (Treinen Farm -- Lodi Wisconsin) whole families are invited but the Youth Group account would pay for students grade 7-12.



Sign up here <https://firstuccsauk.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=0JTHFHJ> or contact Mrs. Brickl.

- October 27-29th Sauk Prairie Against Hunger Pack Event at Grand Avenue Elementary School. We need 20 people for our time on Thursday October 27 6:30-8:30.



Please sign up here: <https://firstuccsauk.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=7J9BPHW>

- November 6th Whole Church event Food Pantry Collection, Youth Art Sale and Veteran's cards.

- November 11-13th looking to get a group together to see the Sauk Prairie HS drama *The Laramie Project*. *It is a serious play about the 1998 death of Matthew Shepard, who was beaten unconscious -- and later died of his injuries -- because he was gay.* Please note the material is of sensitive nature. Please keep an eye out for sign up sheet or contact Mrs. Brickl
- Wednesday November 16th 5:30-6:30 Youth Group Grades 7-12th TBD



Christian Education is interested in looking to give the Education Wing top floor a facelift. We are looking for someone to create a Mural on the North Wall of the Community Kitchen. If you are interested please submit a proposal to Consistory or Mrs. Brickl so they can be voted on by consistory to choose an artist.



## Sauk Prairie STOCK THE SCHOOLS

*Stock the Schools program suggested donations for October:*

- Granola bars/Protein bars (any nutritional items are always appreciated)
- Waterproof mittens/gloves, snowpants and boots. New or gently used items are always appreciated.

Thank you for your support with our program.

Items may be dropped off during Sunday worship on the bench across from the elevator or outside in the red bin located outside the educational doors during office hours.

**Consistory Minutes**  
**First United Church of Christ**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2022**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Brad

**Book Conversation:** What we talk about when we talk about God

**Pastor Brad's Words:** See October Scoop

**Committee Reports and Updates:**

**Building & Maintenance:** Dean is working on ChurchTrac

**Christian Fellowship:** No meeting in September

**Finance:** No meeting in September

**Members in Ministry:** Still making calls and visits

**Sunday School/Church Youth Program:** See report in October Scoop

**Stewardship:** No meeting in August

**Open & Affirming:** See report in October Scoop

**Search Committee:** See report in October Scoop

- Met on 9/6/2022 with Rachel Bauman (Associate Conference Minister)

**New Business Issues:** Air conditioning in the Pastor's office for this year has been tabled at this time

- Windows in the church office are very old and will be replaced
- Dean Dahnert made a motion to approve the purchase of some office furniture for Pastor's office. Peggy Ganser seconded; motion approved.
- Tammy Young made a motion to keep weekly communion. Barb Sprecher seconded; motion approved

Tammy Young made a motion to adjourn, Suzanne Litscher seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Closing Prayer:** Rose Kleinert

**Next Consistory Meeting:** October 20, 2022

## ***SEARCH COMMITTEE***

Dear First UCC Members,

Understandably there have been several questions to our Search Committee regarding the process and timeline for calling a new pastor. The timeline for this process differs for each congregation, yet the search and call process set by the Conference is purposefully patient, deliberate, thoughtful, and typically takes 12 to 18 months.

The Search Committee's next step – and perhaps its most important task – is to complete our Local Church Profile. Our Local Church Profile is an honest and comprehensive description of our Church congregation and our identity, our strengths and weaknesses, and our vision and vocation as a Body of Christ. Our Profile is how pastors seeking a calling will evaluate whether our church is a good match, so it is critical that we take the time to get it right. We do not want to rush the process and get it wrong, as we may then find ourselves back to square one.

To complete the Local Church Profile, the Search Committee will be seeking your input, listening and gathering your thoughts, beliefs, disappointments, and hopes for our congregation. In the near future we will offer various methods for

collecting this input and asking each of you your preference for being a part of this process.

As our Search Committee has begun our work, we are truly discovering that the meaning behind “Search Committee” is twofold. We first search for and discover our congregation's identity and only then do we begin the process of searching for a pastor to join us in our ministry.

We will continue to inform you about the process via the Scoop and announcements on Sundays, please feel free to reach out to any of the Search Committee members with questions.

Peace be with you,

The Search Committee

Tammie Huerth - Chair

Scott Kinnamon - Chaplain

Mary Breunig - Secretary

Brigitta Brickl

Tim Homar

Marcy Thurwachter

Herm Tschudy





Thank you! We are so grateful and blessed for the MANY people that gave their time in prepping, serving, and clean-up for our chicken drive-thru dinner; albeit the weather, off-site cooking and some soggy clothes made it a bit of a challenge, we sold-out. Despite all the inconvenience the weather brought us this year—the chicken was grilled to perfection once again by our man Galen Alwin and his team! We can't thank him enough for taking time out of his busy schedule to cook for us.

Special thanks to Jane Litscher for taking the lead on the cole slaw prep, Carol Hehenbeger for taking care of the cash box, Herm & Deb Tschudy, and Chris Garcia for loading and unloading chicken and to our back and forth drivers Cory Noltner and Tim Homar!

Additional thank-you's go out to: Peggy Ganser, Di Woerpel, Ed & Linda Lehan, Kathy & Larry Johnson, Emily Fuchs, Tam-mie Huerth, Sherri Roberts, Sherry Pieper, Barb & Dean Sprecher, Steve Thurwachter, Scott & Christy Kinnamon, Ron Polacheck, Jan Lawton, Ollie Schuck, Jack & Judy Accola, Heather Miller, Carrie Finley, Mary Breunig, Jenny & Carly Brickl, Stacey Noltner, Tammy Young, Rod Hehenberger, Doug, Kari, Gavin & Morgan Larson, Sunday schoolers, high schoolers, confirmands and any others that pitched in Last minute.

**Cookie bakers:** Lois, Carrie F, Kathy, Lorna, Jan, Katie, Sherri R, Barb, Dorene, Peggy, Debbie, Marcy, Sherry P, Shirlee, Cathy R. and others.

### **Co-Chairs Marcy Thurwachter and Rose Kleinert**

Our final financial report shows expenses of \$1635.58, sales totaling \$3972.00 for a total profit of \$2336.42. The finance committee will determine the best use of the proceeds.

## **FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**



In the coming weeks, there will be messages each Sunday leading to our November Stewardship Sunday. This year we will not be using the Stewardship pledge cards. In conversations with the Finance Committee, it was decided that the cards were not serving as much of a useful purpose as had been hoped for. This does not mean however that we have lessened the value of our Fall Stewardship Campaign.

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Your support, both through your volunteer actions and financial contributions, are needed more than ever. The need is real...take time to reflect and pray on how you can best support First United Church of Christ-Sauk City.

On Sunday, October 2 we will have a special offering for the United Church of Christ's Neighbors In Need. The Neighbor's In Need "Behold" offering will focus on economic justice. One third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Justice and Witness Ministries use two thirds to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations and support various justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

### ***About the Council for American Indian Ministry***

The Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. The council provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians and to the wider church. Justice issues that affect American Indian life are communicated to the whole UCC by CAIM.

Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, and many other tribes in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors. In addition, CAIM strives to be a resource for more than 1000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations and to strengthen their participation in the life of the church.



You can bring an envelope to church on Sunday, October 2 with your special offering, mail it or bring it to the church office. Clearly mark your donation **"Neighbors In Need"**. Thank-you!





## Calling All Members with Smart Phones!



Help us get our New Church Software System in as many member's hands as possible. Scan the QR code on the right. Install the **ChurchTrac Connect** application and create a log-in for yourself. Be sure to use a great password only you will know. You will get a text message back when your account is granted. Many wonderful features; Bulletins, News, Church Calendars, online sign-ups for events, etc. will be coming your way on **Connect**!

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## Y o u C a n H. E. L. P.

(Help Excite Little People)

It is again that time to think about our holiday toy collection. From now until mid-December, we will be collecting gently used toys for children and items for teens to distribute to children and youth in need in our community. The little red sleigh is out by the elevator for you to leave your donations. We will also have our outside collection bins during November and December. Watch the November Scoop for our cleaning schedule. If you have questions; email Margaret McFarlane at [mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com](mailto:mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com) or call 643-6327. Thank you!



# Holiday Toy Drive



**WANTED:**  
**MOBILE MEALS DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS!**

We need two volunteers every weekday. One should plan to drive his/her car on the route, and one should plan to “run” the meals into the houses. Meals are ready for pickup at Sauk Prairie Hospital located at 260 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Prairie du Sac at 11:20am – 11:30am. Total delivery time is usually one hour. A detailed routing and delivery instructions are provided.

This is a very rewarding volunteer experience. If you wish to volunteer for one or more days, please sign up below. WEEK #ONE (fill in dates after each day):

Monday 10/24     Driver\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_  
                          Runner\_\_Deb Tschudy \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_ 608-963-4873

Tuesday10/25     Driver\_\_Di Woerpl             \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_ 608-643-8936  
                          Runner\_\_friend             \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday10/26 Driver\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_  
                          Runner\_\_Deb Tschudy             \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_ 608-963-4873

Thursday10/27     Driver\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_  
                          Runner\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

Friday10/28         Driver\_\_Di Woerpl             Phone #\_\_ 608-643-8936  
                          Runner\_\_friend             \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

WEEK #TWO (fill in dates after each day):

Monday 10/31       Driver Steve & Marcy Thurwatcher\_Phone #\_\_715-701-3036  
                          Runner\_ \_same\_\_\_\_\_ Phone#\_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday11/1         Driver\_ Thurwatcher             Phone #\_\_\_\_\_  
                          Runner\_\_\_\_\_ same \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

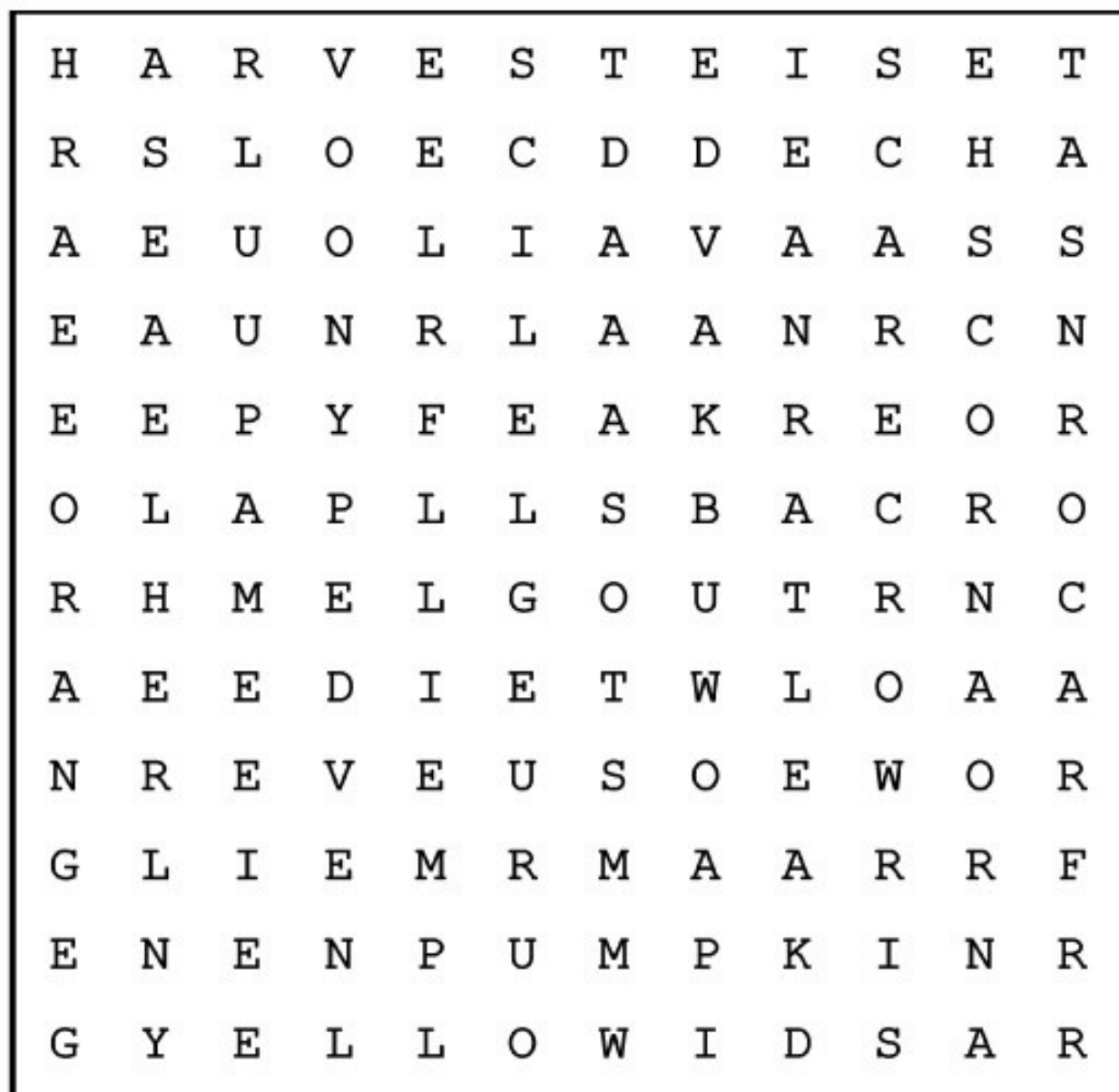
Wednesday11/2     Driver\_ Thurwatcher             Phone #\_\_\_\_\_  
                          Runner\_\_same \_ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

Thursday 11/3       Driver\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_  
                          Runner\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

Friday 11/4           Driver\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_  
                          Runner\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

# FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



## WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin	harvest
yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	





Brigitta & Nathan Brickl celebrating  
13 years on October 9th

Jackie & John Sliter celebrating 38  
years on October 13th

**Congratulations to you all on  
your many years together!**

\*\*We are recognizing all anniversaries as of this issue. If we have missed your special day or choose not be recognized, please let the church office know or update your information in your Church Trac profile\*\*

**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.**

**Scoop sponsorship is \$50 to cover cost of postage and paper.**

**Radio  
Ministry**



**Sunday 9 am Worship is Broadcast  
on**

**WRPQ Radio, AM 740, FM 99.7 or  
Live Stream Audio from the  
WRPQ.com website**

**Special thanks to our October radio  
broadcast sponsors:**

**October 2nd**

**Jane Litscher: in loving memory of:  
Lucinda Gruber**

**October 9th**

**Dean Dahnert : in honor of Brigitta  
& Nathan Brickl's wedding anniversary  
and Nathan Brickl's birthday  
(October 10th)**

**October 23rd**

**Rod & Carol Hehenberger : in  
memory of Ruth & Don Hehenberger**

**October 30th**

**Herm & Deb Tschudy: in memory of  
their family members (fathers) Emil  
Tschudy & Dale Dennis, (mothers)  
Martha Tschudy & Anna Mae Dennis  
(brother in law and nephews) Peter  
& Dominic Giacomino &**

# OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Stacey Noltner	4	5 Katie Homar Midge Beerkircher	6 Taylor Breining	7	8 Emily Fuchs Kathy Johnson
9 Leona Shinker Christopher Niederk- loper	10	11 Christi Ballweg Casey Brickl	12 Stanley McFar- lane	13	14	15
16 Marcia Nachreiner	17 Herman Tschudy	18	19	20 Danielle Mack	21	22
23 Terry Steuber Jackie Ballweg Jeanann Breining	24	25 Ed Lehan	26	27	28 Hogan Haas	29 Emily Matzke Jack Bachhuber
30 Lorraine Hartmann Bruce Kleinert	31 Megan Young			Please let the office know if we missed your birthday...or		If you would like to be excluded from the birthday calendar



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**CONSISTORY:** *October 20th @ 6:30pm*

**FINANCE:** *October 18th @ 6pm*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** *See report in Scoop*

**SEARCH COMMITTEE:** *See report in Scoop*

**STEWARDSHIP/FELLOWSHIP:** *See report in Scoop*

**O & A:** *October 9th Guest speakers with Q&A after*

## First United Church of Christ

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