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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

Easter is coming in just a few short weeks. Even though my boys are getting older, they will still probably hunt for decorated eggs in the backyard on Easter morning. There will also be Easter baskets for each child that will be filled with chocolate eggs, plastic eggs with coins inside, and that annoying plastic grass. After worship has ended, there will be an Easter dinner and we will enjoy a nice afternoon together.

In my humble opinion, Easter Sunday is the best day of the entire year. The joy and wonder of the empty tomb signifies that the love of God is stronger than sin and death. We don't have to worry what tomorrow may bring because Christ has secured our future with Him. What a relief that is. Our Easter faith trusts that what God has done with Christ Jesus, God will also remember to do with us.

But, we cannot fully appreciate the happiness and joy of Easter Sunday without first experiencing the pain and sadness of Good Friday. We can't have one without the other. Good Friday leads us to the darkest place in Jesus' journey - to the cross. The people who were praising Jesus at the beginning of the week were the same ones who were shouting for his crucifixion. It is an incredibly sad story, and yet, without the cross, Jesus would have never been able to serve as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

I encourage you throughout the rest of Lent and during Holy Week to focus not just on the anticipated joy of Easter Sunday, but also on the sacrifice that was made in our behalf. God's remembering of creation promises to restore wholeness and fulfill justice, extend mercy, and bring life, as God has intended from the beginning. May you and I become the witnesses of this new creation so that we can be those whose trust roots deep into the soil of Easter. May God's remembrance be our life and hope for all time and beyond time, world without end.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bill

Sunday School News!

By Margaret McFarlane



✝ We only had 5 in attendance at our “Fun, Float, and Fellowship” on March 16!

✝ On Palm Sunday, April 14, all students are welcome to join in a palm procession at the 10:30 worship service.

✝ Our annual Easter Party will be Saturday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m. We will enjoy an egg hunt followed by treats and other fun!

✝ There are no Sunday School or Confirmation classes on April 21.

✝ To find out about the many camps available at Pilgrim Center, go to their website: ucci.org/pilgrim-center. Let us know if your child/children plan on attending camp.

✝ Don't forget our Mexican Children's Refuge project. Donations should be turned in by April 28. Make checks payable to “Mabel's Building Mission”.

✝ Thanks to those who participated in singing on March 17. The Sunday School choir will not be singing in April as the third Sunday falls on Easter. Students will sing again on May 19.

✝ Check out our “Each and Every Day I'll Shine” by the elevator. Students are sharing their acts of kindness.



Sunday School Fundraiser

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

mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com



Greetings From Your Music
Director! Dennis Kahn

As always, summer is rapidly approaching. Every year during summer, we enjoy sharing "Special Music" for as many Sundays as is possible. This year, we have openings for special music from Sunday, June 9th, through Sunday, September 8th. Please contact me at: MaryBear24@gmail.com or 370-6000 or 963-4915 or, if you would like to share your musical talents with us this year.

Do you, or does anyone in your family: play piano, or perhaps another musical instrument, or perhaps sing? To our students coming home for the summer, it would be so special if they would share their talents with us. Solos or ensembles are welcome! If anyone else has been wondering about how to get involved in music here at First Church, this may be an excellent opportunity for you to give it a try. Enjoying a wide variety of the many different sounds of music during our summer services would bring great joy to all!

I would be happy to work with you to assist you as you prepare a summer music selection, or to talk with you about becoming involved in First Choir in the fall.

I look forward to your call. Happy Spring!

♪♪ **FINALLY** ♪♪
♪♪ **PLEASE RESERVE** ♪♪
Sunday evening, May 5th,
at 7:00 p.m. for the
7th Annual
First Choir Concert.

Refreshments & fellowship to follow! See you there!



EXTRA! EXTRA!
FIRST U.C.C. NEWS!

Summer Services at
First United Church of Christ

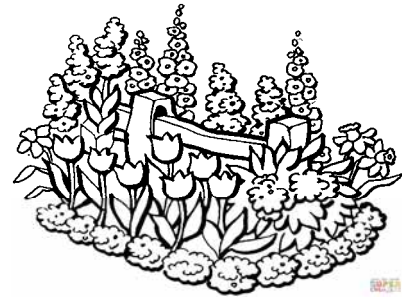
Starting Sunday, **June 2**, through Sunday, **September 1**, our worship service will be held at **9:00 a.m.** We hope to see you there!



April 14: Palm Sunday

First U.C.C.

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



Easter Garden

Christian Fellowship is going to have an **Easter garden** for Easter Sunday. Please bring your flowering plants or flowers to church by Good Friday, April 19, by Noon. There will be a table in the Education Building entryway to set them on.

Any plants brought in from home can be taken home after the 10:30 worship service on Easter Sunday.

Anyone wishing to **donate money toward Palm plants or Easter lilies** can continue to do so. Send donations to the church office or put them in the offering plate on Sunday - designated for Easter plants. Thank you!



April 18: Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service

First U.C.C.

7:00 p.m.



April 19: Good Friday

St. John's Lutheran Church

1:00 p.m.

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First U.C.C.

7:00 p.m.

April 21: Easter Sunday

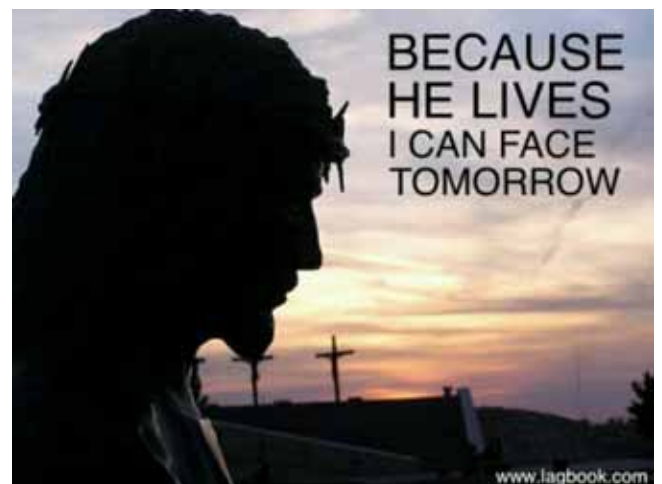
**"JESUS
IS
RISEN!"**

Sunrise Worship Service: 6:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

No Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study classes today.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.



"God's splendor is a tale that is told.
His Testament is written In the stars"



Psalm 19:1

FAMILY DANCE YOUTH FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

5:00-7:00 P.M.

UCC MAIN DINING ROOM/FIRESIDE ROOM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

\$10.00/Individual

\$20.00/Couple

\$30.00/Family of 3 or more



**DJ with music for all ages, food, photo opportunities,
fellowship, and FUN!**

Annual Meeting Minutes
First United Church of Christ
March 3, 2019

- Call to order by Mark Pierick, Consistory President
- Opening Prayer by Pastor Bill
- Declaration of a quorum – 56 members present
- Parliamentarian: Tim Homar
- Head Teller: Emily Fuchs Teller: Theresa Grimes
- Approval of minutes from the 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting of March 4, 2018: Motion to approve by Jackie Sliter, second by Kathy Johnson, motion carried.
- Approval of 2019 Budget, motion to approve by Cecy Haines, second by Denny Kahn, motion carried.
 - Motion by Tammy Young to move her offering counting position to an unpaid position, volunteer position, Dean Dahnert second, motion carried.
 - Discussion about if we would have to revisit with a new person in the role.
 - Question about investments. Tim Homar addressed explanation to move some funds to CD's for higher interest and flexibility to access money. Morgan Stanley account is not performing as well other opportunities.
 - Mission Possible funds are the Badger Steam and Gas fundraisers – explanation of program by Sue and Tim Herbrand, started with the Mission group and expanded to other church and community programs
 - Volunteers determine which programs receive the funds they earn. This is a wonderful opportunity to do mission work.
 - Tom Litscher requested the consideration of the salary for our pastor in the future.
- Approval of Committee Reports as presented in the Annual Report. Motion to approve by Tammy Young, second by Dianna Woerpel, motion carried.
- New Business: Upcoming Projects and Congregational Issues:
 - Consistory did not identify any capital projects for 2019. There are a number of smaller projects that will need attention.
 - Flooring and painting projects from last year was covered by donations.
 - Jamie Wittwer noted the white trim around the building is starting to have peeling paint and cement/brickwork starting crumble.
 - Dean Dahnert reviewed work done to help these issues and outlined work to be done to make improvements in the foundation and the cement and brick work.
 - Dianna Woerpel noted that the Parsonage needs attention in 2019. The driveway, steps, and painting will be addressed.
 - Sound system improvements are appreciated by Denny Kahn, the choir, and the community. Appreciation shared.
 - Dean Dahnert explained upgrades in the phone system has helped with the overall sound system and internet/wifi access.
 - Usher schedule would like to move to a sign-up process similar to how liturgists sign-up. Volunteers can sign-up by the week or take an entire month if they wish to do so. Sign-up will begin for April. Rita Larsen and Brigitta Brickl discussed that there may be an online version to sign-up, similar to the sign-up programs used in the schools.
 - Margaret McFarland brought up the need for a list of duties to be completed after each service.

- Kathy Johnson suggested to include the duties on the sign-up list so that people know the expectations.
 - Tim Homar suggested to have training/reminders two times a year to review and also helps make connections between members.
 - Carol Hehenberger suggested to send a letter to those who have ushered to explain the changes, that they are needed, and invite them to continue to attend and volunteer as ushers
 - Dean Dahnert introduced a new Time & Talents project to have members consider how they can contribute the church and our needs.
- Brigitta Brickl volunteered to do more ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) safety training if it is desired.
- Correction to memberships – Tom Litscher was not on Consistory in 2018. Peggy Ganser should have been listed.
- Mark Pierick confirmed that the summer service schedule will be one service from the first Sunday in June through the first Sunday September at 9:00AM. The service will have a radio broadcast at 9:00AM as well.
- Consistory Elections: Nominations for two positions, Tammie Huerth and Heather Miller. Motion to close and approve nominations by Tammy Young, second by Lois Pieper, motion carried.
 - Kurt Schultz and Chris Logterman accepted another three-year term. Motion to approve by Mark Pierick, second by Brigitta Brickl, motion passed.
 - Theresa Grimes and Shirlee Lendved are the exiting members of Consistory.
- Introductions of Consistory Members: Mark Pierick, Peggy Ganser, Don Larsen, Chris Logterman, Kurt Schultz, Marcy Thurwachter, Dean Dahnert, Tammie Huerth, and Heather Miller
- Report from Pastor Bill
 - Thanked the congregation for our support and work on behalf of the church.
 - Thanked our decorating committee for their continued work and dedication
 - Thanked Dean Dahnert and his attention to the flooring project
 - Thanked everyone involved with the painting project
 - Theresa Grimes and Shirlee Lendved thanked for their Consistory services and their willingness to take on new projects and service to the church
 - Welcome Heather Miller and Tammie Huerth to Consistory
 - Thanked the Pastor-Parish Committee
 - Mark Pierick thanked the countless people who do work for the church who do not desire recognition
- Motion to adjourn by Tim Herbrand, second by Tammy Young, motion passed.
- Closing Prayer by Pastor Bill

Consistory Minutes
First United Church of Christ

Thursday, March 21st

Attendance: Pastor Bill, Peggy Ganser, Kurt Schultz, Dean Dahnert, Mark Pierick, Don Larsen, and Chris Logterman

Absent: Marcy Thurwachter, Tammie Huerth, and Heather Miller

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in the April Scoop
- Donations can be offered to a variety of ministries in our community
- Suggest listing Mission Possible in the bulletin to remind members of the opportunity

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Natural gas line quote received from Prairie Plumbing & Heating
 - Kurt move to approve spending money to fix the natural gas line, Peggy second, motion passed
 - Painting invoice received and paid by church member
 - Touch up painting and work on doors will be done by David Bongard
 - Windows in kitchen may need replacing
 - Furnace in Parsonage is having issues and Prairie Plumbing & Heating fixed and it is running again
- Christian Fellowship
 - See report in the April Scoop
 - Discussed doing another dinner theatre trip at Palace Theatre in Wisconsin Dells on Saturday May 4th at 7:00 PM, *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*
 - Discussed going to Mallards game in July
- Finance
 - Approve financial statements
 - Dean move to approve February financial statement, Don second, motion passed
 - Discussed processes for financials and payments
 - Discussed possible compensation for consistent volunteers who work with financials/offerings
- Members in Ministry
 - Actively making visits
 - New members welcome

- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - See report in the April Scoop
 - Youth Group
 - Family Dance on April 27 at church – fundraiser event
 - Confirmation June 2nd at 9:00AM service, 8 confirmands
- Stewardship
 - No meeting in March

 Ongoing Business Update

- None

 New Business Issues

- Mission Possible - promotion on website requested
- Chicken-Q at Cow Chip – discuss future leadership
- Upgrade signage for the church
 - Dean will gather information for Consistory review

 Adjourn

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

 Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

 Next Consistory Meeting: April 25th



Dear Consistory,

The season of Lent is now upon us. Throughout this time of the liturgical year, Christians have an opportunity to examine our sinful nature and to engage in spiritual disciplines that bring us closer to Jesus Christ. It is humbling to know that God loves us so much, that God would give God's only son as an atoning sacrifice for our sin, so that we may find forgiveness and a fullness of grace. Let us walk with humility and hope as we follow Jesus to the cross.

In terms of my consistory report:

*Kurt Schultz leading worship March 31.

*First UCC hosts ecumenical Lenten Service Wednesday April 3. We are hosting twice in 2019. Offering proceeds will be donated to *Sauk Prairie School Students In Need*.

*I have registered Kurt Schultz and myself for the Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting April 5-6 at the Wilderness in the Wisconsin Dells. I plan to go to required boundary training on Friday from 10am until the start of the meeting. I will also be at the meeting most of the day on Saturday.

*The Bank of Prairie du Sac fraud department contacted me 3/12 regarding suspicious charges on church credit card. First UCC had just received a new card in the mail, but it had already been compromised by the time we received it. That card was suspended and a new credit card will be issued to the church in 7-10 business days.

*The First UCC food stand ("Mission Possible") will be held May 3-5 and August 16-18 at the Badger Steam and Gasoline Engine Club. This has been a wonderful fund raiser for mission trips, church improvements (i.e. new utility shed) and community outreach (SP Students in Need). People can earn up to \$10 per hour to be applied toward their favorite cause (mission trip, Church, Sauk Prairie Music Association, etc.) We need 15 people per hour to run the food stand and we'd like to get more church members involved with this project. This can be an important alternative revenue stream for First UCC moving forward.

*Compassion Sunday is on May 5. Our youth have supported a child, Dian from Indonesia, through Compassion International for 7-8 years. On Compassion Sunday we will hear more about this ministry and celebrate the work and efforts that our youth have put forth.

*Credo program in Richmond, VA May 14-20. I have secured flight arrangements and filled out some biographical paperwork. More paperwork on the way.

*Confirmation Sunday June 2 at 9am. Eight students to be confirmed.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bill

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Christian Fellowship Agenda (March 12th)

Attending: Pastor Bill, Dianna Woerpel, Sandy Schlender, Carol Hehenberger, Dorothy Kundert, Sherry Pieper, Charmaine Carter and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer:

The church basement dining area is painted, quilts and new curtains have been hung (thank you Dean for hanging the quilts)! Thank you to everyone for their participation and special thanks to David Bongard for painting!



- ❖ March 3^d Annual Meeting (9:00 am service) coffee and donut holes were provided briefly between service and meeting.
Thanks Rita...
- ❖ March 12th Christian Fellowship meeting 6:30 pm - Dianna Woerpel's home - Thanks for hosting Dianna!
- ❖ March 13th The 2019 chili/soup supper - 4:30-6:15pm. Thank you for another year of chairing this event, Emily Fuchs and Shirlee Lendved; it was a very successful event, we raised \$635.34.



- ❖ April 3^d First UCC hosts Lenten Service, coffee fellowship to follow
- ❖ April 7th Coffee Fellowship between services
- ❖ April 2nd Easter Sunday (6:30am service, breakfast to follow (volunteers needed))
- ❖ April 27th Youth fund raiser dance (CF will help with decorations and food).



- ❖ May 4th Church cleaning 8am - noon
- ❖ May 4th Possibly attending Dells Palace Theater at 5:30 pm (dinner & show)
- ❖ May 9th Mother/child banquet (chair and volunteers needed)
- ❖ May 14th Christian Fellowship meeting 6:30 pm (Carol Hehenberger's home).
- ❖ May 19th Coffee Fellowship, in our beautiful church dining room (?)

Upcoming Outings

- ❖ Saturday, May 4th (7:pm @ The Palace Theater dinner & show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat").
- ❖ July 14th Women's Sunday
- ❖ July 20th or 27th Mallards Game

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 14th, @ 6:30 pm at Carol Hehenberger's home.



FROM THE HEART

From Karen Ammann

Thank you to everyone for your warm get-well wishes while I was in the hospital.

From Ed Larsen, Jr.

Thank you to my First UCC family for the cards and well wishes after my surgery. Also thank you for your hospital visits and Peggy Ganser for rides to therapy. It is great to be a part of a caring church family.



Thanks & A Tip Of The Halo

A special thank you to co-chairs **Emily Fuchs** and **Shirlee Lendved** for all their hours spent preparing for our 2019 Chili-Soup Supper. Everyone enjoyed the yummy food and warm, friendly fellowship! *You two are awesome!*



Chili-Soup Supper

As chair persons for our evening of soup and desserts, we want to thank all who so generously donated, be it food, labor, or pleasant greetings to our guests.

We appreciate your time and talent! We estimate that we served 92 people plus workers. A great time was had by all!

Our donations totaled \$635.34. Again, we thank each of you for your special contributions.

Sincerely,

Emily & Shirlee

P.S. All soups were gone, and an array of desserts were enjoyed after Worship service.



Memorials Report

No Memorials were received in March.

Radio Ministry

We thank the March sponsors of our 8:00 Sunday Worship Service radio broadcasts:

Rod & Carol Hehenberger, in loving memory of Carol's father, Ray Jensen.

♥ April Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Mark & Beth Huerth, 30 years on April 22

Kevin & Jennifer Klingenmeyer, 15 years on April 24

Rick & Kim Peters, 35 years on April 28

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in April!

Ushers

8:00

April

10:30

Dave Bongard
Liz Bongard
Peggy Ganser

Tom & Margaret McFarlane
Amanda Moseman

Communion Servers

8:00

April 7

10:30

8:00

May 5

10:30

Barb Brock
Peggy Ganser
Mark Pierick

Carol Hehenberger
Tom Litscher
Chris Logterman

Herm & Debbie Tschudy
Rose Kleinert

Tim Herbrand
Tim Homar
Heather Miller

Sunday Worship:

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

Sunday School:

9:10 a.m.–10:10 a.m. for ages 3 and older; **Confirmation:** 9:10 a.m.–10:10 a.m.; **Adult Bible Study:** 9:10-10:10 a.m.

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SCOOP



APRIL 2019

- 1 **Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting:** 6:30 p.m.
- 3 **Ecumenical Lenten Service at First U.C.C.:** 6:30 p.m.
- 4 **Family Fun Night:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 7 **Coffee Fellowship**
- 10 **Ecumenical Lenten Service at Concordia UMC:** 6:30 p.m.
- 14 **Palm Sunday:** Sunday School Palm Procession at 10:30 Worship Service
- 16 **Finance Committee:** 7:00 p.m.
- 18 **Maundy Thursday Worship Service:** 7:00 p.m.
- 19 **Good Friday Worship Service:** 7:00 p.m.
- 20 **Sunday School Easter Party:** 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 21 ***He Is Risen!* Worship Service:** 6:30 a.m.; **Breakfast:** 7:30-10:15 a.m.;
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.; **No Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study classes**
- 25 **Consistory:** 6:30 p.m.
- 27 **Family Dance Youth Fundraiser:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Fellowship Night

- Dinner in Dining Room:** 5:30 p.m.
- Contemporary Worship Service:** 6:00 p.m.
- First Choir:** 6:45 p.m.