



Sunday School News

Margaret McFarlane & Brigitta Brickl

★ Many thanks to those who gave donations for our Camp Fund. Since students are not able to attend camp this year, we will put the money in the Sunday School account to use for campers next summer.

★ As we close our collection for the Mexican Children's Refuge/Mabel's Building Mission, we are happy to report that we have collected \$1,000 for this worthy cause. Thank you to all who contributed!

★ We hope all our Sunday School families are doing well and look forward to seeing you as our church services start up again.

★ We pray for continued safety and good health throughout the summer!



Summer Music Opportunities

Dennis Kahn

It is certainly a strange time we find ourselves. All the research we're following tells us that singing as a congregation or in a choir setting is not in our near future. While this is not happy news, I know in my heart that last Sunday I could almost hear everyone in the park! We will continue to explore how music can still be a part of our worship and services as we move forward. Please know that First Choir will return as soon as it is safely possible. Take care and wear a mask!



Memorials Report

Updated

Memorials were received in loving memory of:

*Susan Pieper
Duane Woerpel*

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

Calling All Church Members Willing To Help Usher

As you may know we are going ahead with plans to open church to the public on July 5th with our 9 AM radio broadcast in the Sanctuary and also a 10:30 AM service in the building.

The specific rules we need to follow are being finalized now; but suffice to say, we will be following the Sauk County Health Department guidelines which many businesses and organizations are following now in Phase II.

We need ushers to greet people, help them feel welcome while they find their seating as a family group, answer any questions and perhaps most importantly help with wiping down the pews, railings and other touch surfaces after the service. We will have some masks, hand sanitizer and gloves available. We would like to do this after both services so you can see we need more than just a few folks from consistory.

If you are willing and able to take the risk of returning to the sanctuary, we could use your help. We are dedicated to making this re-opening as risk-free as possible while still getting together for services in the sanctuary.

Please call Cindy, at the church office, or myself, Dean Dahnert at 414-303-4499 and indicate if you can help at the 9 AM or the 10:30 AM service. We need to do this for a while as we hopefully see the Pandemic subside.

Thank you,

Dean Dahnert
Consistory



Thank you to the following members who donated monetary gifts toward our outdoor flowers:

Dianna Woerpel
Liz Bongard

Donations are still being accepted.

A Prayer Shared by Marlene Larsen

Dear God,

So far today I've done alright,

I haven't lost my temper, been nasty, grumpy, greedy, selfish, overbearing, yelled at anybody or hurt anyone's feelings.

I'm really glad about that.

However, in a few minutes, I'm going to get out of bed, and I'll need a lot of help from you the rest of the day. Amen

Thank You
From The Heart



From Dianna Woerpel & Family

Ecclesiastes 3: "There is a time to be born and a time to die." "A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." We have mourned and probably will for a long time. But, we have decided it is a time to laugh and dance and move on. Fortunately, Duane and I had 60 years of laughing (his dry humor), great families, parents, kids, sister, cousins, his teaching job he loved, friends volunteering, his Navy and Air Force service, his Faith and Church. He was a man of honor.

So, with the virus we would like to move on. Our heartfelt thanks to all who remembered him and us in anyway, gifts of prayers, money, food, phone calls, flowers. Hoping money to church will go towards new outdoor sign, welcoming all. A special thanks to Pastor Bill for his prayers and support and friendship through the years.

Duane's favorite quote and advice, paraphrased, to students and our kids was:

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you like everyone else is one of the hardest things." Emerson

He was himself!

Thank You
From The Heart



Hugs, from Lois Price

My fall was an accident I didn't expect to happen but happen it did. I want to thank all who thought of me with phone visits and the many cards and kindnesses during my stay at the hospital, Maplewood, and since my return home. God Bless All of You!



Cliffbrake Farm
Discounted Memberships

Cliffbrake Farm is offering FREE delivery of fresh produce this summer in the Leland/Denzer/Tower Rock/Sumpter/Bluffview areas. Memberships to receive large (10 items) or small boxes (5 items) of produce every two weeks are available on a sliding scale. We have financial assistance available so that income level is not a barrier to enjoying fresh greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, and much more! Cliffbrake Farm is prioritizing membership for anyone who is concerned about going out due to COVID-19, anyone with mobility or transportation challenges, and individuals and families who may be struggling financially. For more information contact Deb Moses at 608-712-2951 or cliffbrakefarm@gmail.com.

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JULY 2020 SCOOP



*The SCOOP is sponsored by Rod Lysenko,
in loving memory of his mother, Reta Lysenko,
who was always inspired to sing in Church.*

- 4 **Happy Independence Day!**
- 16 **Consistory: 6:30 p.m.**
- 21 **Finance Committee: 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)**

God Bless America

by Irving Berlin

*“God bless America, land that I love, stand beside her, and guide her,
through the night with the light from above.*

*From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home!*

God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home!”

Memorials Report

No Memorial Gifts were received in June

Radio Ministry

We thank the June sponsors of our 9:00 Sunday worship service broadcast:

Tom & Margaret McFarlane and
Amanda & Matt Moseman, in
loving memory of Chuck & Ruby
McFarlane

David & Gloria Ramsey, in loving
memory of their daughter,
Tina Wilkinson.

♥ July Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Tom & Audrey Zimmermann, 56 years on July 18

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in July!
We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50
years. Please let us know if we missed your birthday or anniversary!



Rev. Bill Kapp
Pastor

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 9:00–Noon;
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Sunday Worship

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9:00 a.m. Face masks required

Broadcast over WRPQ AM740 & FM99.7

10:30 a.m. Face masks optional

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Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

It was an absolute joy to worship in our beautiful church park on Father's Day, the first time we've worshipped together publicly since March 8th.

COVID-19 has caused many changes throughout the world and in the life of our church. Even though we've not been able to gather in-person as a community of faith, our ministry has continued to move forward in a positive way. We have shown that First United Church of Christ is about much more than a building – it's about the people. Thanks to all of you who have supported this church through your generous gifts of offerings, time and talents in 2020. Your support is greatly appreciated!

I'm incredibly appreciative for the church consistory. Nothing could have prepared our leadership board for this unprecedented time, and they have risen to the challenge. Your consistory has met regularly online and in person since this outbreak has happened. Recently, the consistory has been working diligently to reopen our sanctuary for public worship. There are many considerations to make and a considerable amount of time has been put into developing procedures and precautions – they have met 5 of the past 6 Thursdays. I can't say enough about this group of lay-leaders, and I hope you're able to thank them personally for their time and dedication to First UCC.

Beginning July 5, we will resume indoor worship. We plan to have a 9am (mask required) worship service and a 10:30am (mask optional) worship service. It is a supreme challenge to meet all the needs of our faith community and there are no perfect solutions that will fit everyone perfectly. I am sorry if you are feeling as if your needs are not being met with our new changes. They have been made with the recommendation of the Sauk County Health Department and the Wisconsin Council of Churches. We are trying to make our worship space as safe as possible. Please keep an eye out for an all-church mailing that will explain the new worship procedures and reasons behind the changes.

As always, until a vaccine is developed and distributed, we cannot guarantee you will be 100% safe from contracting COVID-19 if you attend worship at First UCC. The safest options remain using the radio and the computer to connect on Sunday mornings. It is also been proven that wearing a mask helps to cut down on the transmission of droplets and aerosols into the air. Remember, it's not about **me**, it's about **we**. Wearing a mask is one way we can show love and kindness to our neighbor.

I want to personally reach out to our shut-in members and those with pre-existing health conditions who will not be able to worship publicly at church. I want to visit you this summer in the safety and security of your backyard as part of my "*Pastor on the Porch*" initiative. The idea is that I will come to your home with folding chair and communion. You can sit on your porch and I can sit on your lawn or driveway. We will socially distance in responsible way and I will bring a mask to wear.

Dear Consistory,

I would like to take an opportunity to thank you for all the extra time and attention you have given the church over these last few weeks.

This upcoming meeting will be our 3rd Thursday in a row getting together (and we have met 4 of the past 5 Thursdays). I am so grateful for your willingness to be leaders in our church during this challenging time.

Five of you formed a sub committee in May to work on ways to get our church back together for public worship. You have had two extra meetings in order to come up with solutions to seating, cleaning procedures and other logistical issues. I have bombarded you with articles and resources about the COVID-19 virus. I have given you all the information from the Wisconsin Council of Churches regarding new ways of worshipping (such as no singing due to increased aerosols in the air). These are not easy changes to make, and yet, you are doing your best to find ways to cut down the potential transmission of the virus in our church. I am so appreciative of you and for all you are doing on behalf of the members of First United Church of Christ.

Each person has had a specific role to play in our reopening process. I am hopeful that we can come up with plans and procedures for indoor worship in the near future. In the meantime, we will enjoy our beautiful church park as we get back together as a faith community.

You have gone over and above the call of duty serving on the First UCC Consistory. These are unprecedented times and I am grateful you are leading our church forward in a positive way.

In terms of my Pastor's report:

1. I am going to try to re-introduce some pastoral home visits over the summer. I will call this initiative: "Pastor on the Porch".

The idea is that our church members could come out onto their porch (or patio) with a chair, and I would be in my own lawn chair sitting on their driveway or in their yard a healthy distance away. This might be a nice way to make connections in a socially responsible manner.

I will promote this opportunity over the next few weeks and people can just call the church office (643-8387) or call me (370-2249) to set up a visit. I would love to visit and summer is the perfect opportunity to do so outside.

2. I am meeting with Scott Kinnamon on Friday to talk more about how we could set up online live streaming for our worship services moving forward. This will be a nice supplement to connect with our members (in addition to the radio broadcast) during this COVID-19 era. I am thinking this can be a viable option even when we begin having public worship again. Many of our at risk members may choose to play it safe at home.

3. I have a funeral this Friday at Hooverson funeral Home. The family initially wanted it at our church, and I told them we were not ready to have the public in our church building yet. As soon as we come up with details on COVID-19 procedures, we may be able to once again open up to the public for funerals in the future.

4. I have reserved the church park for Sunday, July 26, from 4 to 7 PM to host my oldest child's high school graduation party. There will be live music from the "Hard Tellin' Band" and all the ingredients for root beer floats will be made available. We will encourage attendees to bring their own picnic baskets, blankets, chairs and yard games. Members and friends of the First UCC Faith Community are invited.

5. Kirsten Perry/Nick Sarac wedding re-scheduled for August 1 in the First UCC church park. I indicated that the wedding party and family would be granted access to the church to get ready for the ceremony but that we would

not have public bathrooms available. This may change as we develop procedures for in-church activity during COVID-19.

6. I would like to take my 2nd week of vacation August 3-10, 2020. We would need pulpit supply for August 9. I believe Kurt said he is unavailable but perhaps we can schedule something for that date.

Sincerely,
Pastor Bill

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP JUNE (ZOOM MEETING)

Present: Deb Tschudy, Dianna Woerpel, Peggy Ganser and Rose Kleinert

Opening Prayer



- June 9th - Christian Fellowship via Zoom
- June 14th - Virtual Coffee Fellowship 9am

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY 4TH



NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11TH @ 6:30 P.M.

Consistory Minutes

First United Church of Christ

Thursday, June 4th

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

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Reopening church during Covid19

- Review notes from subcommittee
- Storage for books, cushions, etc. – considered 3rd floor in the classroom elevator opens into
- Discussed 1 vs 2 services and options
 - One service masks required and one optional
 - Live music and pre-recorded music
 - Section off seating more to limit sanitizing between services
 - Time of services
 - Radio broadcast at 9:00AM
- Ventilation discussed
 - Run night before and shut off for service and keep windows and doors shut to keep heat and humidity out
- Signage from Sauk County Health
- Discussed using the church park once a month or so to allow people to return to church with less restrictions
 - Seating
 - Sound system
 - Alternative plans if rain
- Tammy move to start a weekly service in the park on June 21 at 10:30AM, second by Don, motion passed
 - Radio broadcast will still air at 9:00AM
 - Weather permitting, rain/storms no service
- Sourcing materials
 - Personal protective equipment, signage, disinfectant, paper towels, etc.
 - Mark take lead on sanitizing/disinfecting and coordinate with Chris Garcia
 - Tammy take lead on signage and masks
 - Communion packets and worship supplies
 - Bill will talk to Cindy; Tammie will take the lead and coordinate with Rose
 - Music and sound
 - Dean will take the lead and coordinate with Denny
 - Don will assist as needed for set up and tear down
 - New procedures explanations for services
 - Communication regarding outdoor service – Tammy, Tammie, and Dean will take the lead
 - Indoor service procedures – Chris will take the lead
- Mark move to meet next week at 6:30pm, Tammie second, motion passed
- Mark move to approve the proposed set up for indoor seating, Tammy second, motion passed
 - Add roping off front rows

✚ Adjourn

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

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: June 11th

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First United Church of Christ

Thursday, June 11th

Attendance: Pastor Bill, Kurt Schultz, Dean Dahnert, Don Larsen, Tammie Huerth, Mark Pierick, Peggy Ganser, Heather Miller, and Tammy Young

Absent: Chris Logterman

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Reopening church during Covid19

- Discuss preparation for the church service in the park June 21st
 - Sound system in place
 - Denny able to connect to the sound system, he will bring organ over to park
 - Pastor's supplies – Pastor will bring his supplies to the park
 - Communion kits were ordered and are here
 - Rose Klienert to work with the communion kits during service
 - A table will need to be in the park for communion kits
 - Chris Garcia to supply 2 trash cans
 - Setup service on the East side of the park shed – Washington Street side
 - A couple of chairs to be brought out from the park shed
 - No Pulpit needed for Pastor
 - Lecture stand for Liturgist – Pastor to bring over
 - No bulletins
 - Check on extension cords for sound system and organ - Don
 - Bring masks to the park for folks who want to wear them - Tammy
- Pastor concerned about still being in phase I for June 21st service. Too many people may be gathering in the park for service. Will find out June 15th from the Sauk County Health if we will be in phase II. If we don't go to phase II we will need to have a plan B
- Reopening of the church sanctuary
 - Subcommittee will continue to rope off pews in preparation for service in the Sanctuary
 - Subcommittee will finish taking all items out of the pews
 - Mark ordered 375 Lysol wipes for disinfecting
 - Tammy ordered 100 masks
 - Bruce Koch has 125,000 masks. He will be giving us 200.
 - Signage – Tammy – working on getting signage laminated and ready to put up
 - Chris working on a list of rules for service
 - Need instruction for ushers for both 9:00 and 10:30 service
 - Will need Consistory members to assist in ushering for the first several weeks
 - How do Consistory members feel about an indoor service at 9:00 and a 10:30 outdoor service in the park. Don – ok with that. Tammy suggests to be ready for a in the sanctuary service by August 1st. Pastor Bill – by the time our Sunday school is back in session would like to be back, both services, in the sanctuary. Look for a date to open the sanctuary for 9:00 service– first Sunday in July? TBD Need to have all things in place.
 - At next Consistory meeting – have all things in place for service in the sanctuary.
 - Will wait for the County data to move forward.
 - Chris Garcia to come in after last service and sanitize bathrooms and sanctuary
 - Pastor is concerned about connecting with people who are not able to come to church. Or people who are not well enough to come and shouldn't come. Needs to be able to reach out to our older parishioners
 - Don will be looking for hand sanitizer. All are to be trying to find hand sanitizer

✚ Adjourn

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

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: June 18th

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First United Church of Christ

Thursday, June 18th

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

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in the July Scoop
- Back Bay Mission Trip January 16-24, 2021
- Service in the Park this Sunday. Woerpel Family would like to use the service as a memorial for Duane.
- Chris move to approve Pastor Bill's vacation for August 3-10, Mark second, motion passed
 - Kurt is not available to cover the service.

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
 - Elevator inspection
 - Inspector noted that we need to keep better records
 - Otis Maintenance does keep records and the system is in good shape
 - Parsonage front porch needs attention
 - Dean will look into getting a group of people together to do some light construction and painting
- Christian Fellowship
 - See report in July Scoop
 - Zoom Fellowship June 14. It was a success keeping us connected!
- Finance
 - No meeting held in May or June
 - Approve April and May financial statements
 - We do have a Paycheck Protection Program loan. We are waiting to know if the loan will be forgiven.
 - Offerings are up. We are thankful for the congregation's support.
 - Don move to approve the April and May financial statements, Peggy second, motion approved
- Members in Ministry
 - Some visits made through windows, phone calls being placed
 - Health and safety is a priority
 - Pastor Bill will start porch/patio visits with members
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
 - No report for the June meeting
 - Youth Group
 - Youth Exchange postponed until 2021
 - Mission trip postponed until January 16-24, 2021
 - Retreat for next year is to be determined
- Stewardship
 - No meeting in May or June
 - Consistent communication to the congregation will continue
- Open & Affirming
 - No meeting in June
 - Work is on hold until face-to-face meetings can resume

✚ Ongoing Business

- Services and Church Office Business amidst COVID-19

- Church Office access is limited. Communication encouraged via phone and email for the health of all church and 4K staff.
- Reopening church during Covid19
 - 10:30 service in the park starts Sunday, June 21, weather permitting
 - All pieces in place for worship
 - Handouts from the Wisconsin Council of Churches explaining why we are taking the steps for reopening and not singing
 - Letter communication and website explains the process for the service
 - Consistory members will greet and do any ushering needed.
 - Indoor service preparation and planning
 - Reviewed usher duties
 - Dean will write up a call for volunteers to help with ushering, sanitizing, etc.
 - Automatic hand sanitizer dispenser and refills ordered, shipped July 10
 - Don picked up bottles to get us through until the dispenser delivered
 - Mark has 300+ sanitizing wipes for our use
 - Tammy Young and Bruce Koch, coordinator for Sauk County Habitat for Humanity, secured masks for our members who would like them but do not have a mask.
 - Communion packets ordered
 - Mark door to Education Building as emergency exit and to use the elevator, rope off stairs during church services
 - Signage and posting needed
 - Tammy Young leading signage
 - Rhonda Pierick volunteer to make signs
 - Communicate to members the changes and why they are in place
 - Once sanctuary plans set, Sunday School planning and preparation will need to begin
 - Discuss concerns from members regarding reopening
 - Mark move to target July 5 to reopen the church, Peggy second, 8 aye, 1 nay, motion passed
 - We are reopening earlier than many other churches in the area
 - 9:00AM masks required, 10:30AM masks optional
 - Communicate to members to stay home and utilize the radio broadcast, Facebook live stream to come, if not comfortable attending in person

✚ New Business

- No Cow Chip Festival Labor Day weekend
- Badger Steam & Gas Show is also to be determined if it will happen in 2020.

✚ Adjourn

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

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: June 24

Consistory Minutes

First United Church of Christ

Thursday, June 24th

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

Absent: Tammy Young

- + Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill
- + Reopening church during Covid19
 - Review letter to congregation regarding reopening for service inside the church
 - Chris will set up Google doc for sign up
 - Pastor Bill will edit and mail early next week
 - Signage
 - Accessible bathroom and elevator sign
 - Social distancing sign
 - Welcome signs
 - 9:00AM Mask required and 10:30AM Mask Optional
 - Instructional signs
 - Dean will work with Tammy and Mark (Rhonda) on production and posting of signs
 - Materials and supplies
 - Tape noting social distancing
 - Mark is leading – working Saturday, June 27 in the morning
 - Pews and balcony all marked for seating
 - Table in entryway with hand sanitizer and masks
 - Ushering
 - Some Consistory members volunteered to usher
 - Dean will recruit more ushers
 - Usher duties updated
 - July 4th weekend need to present and retire the flag
 - Disinfecting between services
 - Chris Garcia will disinfect clean after the second service
 - Gloves – Tammy has a supply she will bring for ushers to use
- + Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Event
 - Wytttenbach's can get chickens with at least 2 weeks notice
 - Galen Alwin willing to help
 - Date TBD
 - Volunteers needed
- + Adjourn
 - Tammie move to adjourn the meeting, Don second, motion passed
- + Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill
- + Next Consistory Meeting: July 16 (unless needed earlier)