

# Happy Father's Day!

***"Blessed is the man who lets God lead the way!"***

## **We Celebrate Fathers**

We will honor the fathers of our church on June 16. We'll present Culver's gift cards (to enjoy their favorite custard treat) to the oldest and youngest father at the service.

**F**riend

**A**dvisor

**T**eacher

**H**elper

**E**mpathizer

**R**ole model in Christ

**SUMMER**  
**OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning Monday, June 3, through Labor Day, September 2, the Church facilities will be locked at Noon. Please make arrangements with the Church Office if you need to get in the building in the afternoon. Have a wonderful, happy summer!



## **Strengthen the Church**

***"The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12***

The **Strengthen the Church** offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to **Strengthen the Church**.



## **Summer Services at First U.C.C.**

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



## Hats Off To Our 2019 Graduates!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following youth from First U.C.C. who will be participating in the 2019 Sauk Prairie High School Graduation Ceremony on Friday, May 31.

Kylie Baier  
Taylor Breininger  
Cameron Brickl  
Jaclyn Dyrud  
Ashley Franck  
Ross Litscher  
Gillian Luchsinger

***“May God continue to be your Guide  
as you begin this new journey in  
your life!”***



## Congratulations To

**Ross Litscher**, son of Kristeen Litscher and Tom Litscher, who received the **2019 McFarlane Scholarship!**

**Taylor Breininger**, daughter of Rick & Jeanann Breininger, who received the **2019 First U.C.C. Scholarship!**



The rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Our 2019 Confirmands are:

Klaire Baier  
Carley Brickl  
Keagan Gulden  
Ella Midthun  
Emilia Pape  
Jackson Rasmussen  
Evan Roberts  
Joe Steuber

This is an important time in the life of our young people and in the life of our congregation. All are invited to attend the worship service and rejoice in the commitments made.

*“In Him you have been enriched in every way ~ in all your speaking and in all your knowledge ~ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you.”*

I Corinthians 1:5-6





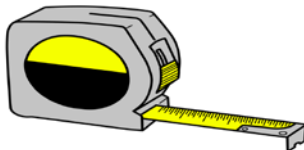
## Dedication of Memorials

May 2018-May 2019

*John Boehmer  
VaLera Accola  
Marlys Yurowski  
Ruby McFarlane  
Yvonne Brewer  
John & Ardis Trueb  
Reta Lysenko*

A special thank-you to the **Schorer Foundation** for their continued support of our Memorial Fund.

To the glory of God, and in the name of First United Church of Christ, we dedicate these gifts, expressing heartfelt appreciation to all who have supported the Memorial Fund in remembrance of their loved one.



**A Father's love is beyond measure.**

*Very special thanks to the kindness, generosity & helping hands of my mother-in-law, who always says "Yes" and Christian Fellowship at our 2019 Mother & Family Spring Fling!*

*Thanks, Peggy, for being available to help prep.*

*To Deb, my side kick and partner in crime, for*

*Thank you, Dean, for setting the project-tor up!!*

*Thank you to everyone who participated in any way.*

*Rose*

*Thank You  
From The Heart*



*Dear U.C.C. Consistory and McFarlanes: Thank you so much for giving me the McFarlane Scholarship. I will*

*be going to MATC in the fall, and this will help so much. I really appreciate it. Love,  
Ross Litscher*



As we approach the summer season, your Stewardship Committee would encourage you to consider how you can maintain your service commitment to God. Here at First United Church of Christ, the summer season may mean vacations, water parks, camping, picnics, and much needed family time. But, there continues to be a local need that requires our continued support:

\*Stock the Schools collects for our needy school students throughout June, July, and August  
\*The Sauk Prairie food pantry needs donations and volunteers

\*First UCC's Cow Chip Chicken Dinner will need your help in August

\*Mobile Meal deliveries continue

\*The food stand at the Badger Steam, Gas, and Engine Show allows you to contribute your earnings to any charity you choose.

These are just a few of the many local opportunities available.

Your monetary support of First UCC and to OCWM, Our Church's Wider Mission funds Associations, Conferences, and the national and global church. From the OCWM website; "OCWM funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep

local churches strong, effective, and growing." Nationally and globally, OCWM funds ministerial training, theological education, military chaplains, family projects in Africa, mission trips in the USA, and many, many more worthy projects.

Why are you hearing this message now? Because your Stewardship Committee firmly believes that Stewardship is more than just a fall campaign. We need you to share your time, talents, and treasures throughout the year. Don't let your stewardship take too long of a summer vacation!

Thank-you!



A special thank-you to the green thumb crew that planted the beautiful perennials and annuals near the half-wall on Washington Street, the church sign on Madison Street, and church park sign. The crew spent a considerable amount of time digging weeds, raking, preparing the planting areas and planting plants they contributed. Thank-you to our crew of Emily Fuchs, Tammi Huerth, Pastor Bill, Rose Kleinert, Debbie Tschudy, and Marcy Thurwachter. Individuals making monetary contributions for the purchase of annuals from McFarlane's included; Tom & Margaret McFarland (gift card), Dianna Woerpel, and Jan Pierce. Contributions will continue to be collected as we look

forward to the fall season and planting bulbs. If you wish to contribute place your contribution in an envelope marked "Flowers" in the collection plate or drop off at the church office. THANK-YOU!



## **Summer Music Opportunities!**

From Dennis Kahn, Music Director

Thanks to all who have volunteered for special music for the summer. So far, several have volunteered, but have not committed to a date as of yet. Please contact Denny Kahn at 370-6000 if you would like to volunteer to do some special music at our worship services this summer. We have dates available for summer music from Sunday, June 9, through Sunday, September 8. Remember that our worship services in June through September 1<sup>st</sup> are at 9:00 a.m. Following our summer hiatus, First Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 p.m. Please consider joining us in the fall, if not before!



**From Dennis Kahn**

Thank you to all who attended our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual First Choir Concert on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>! We may be small in numbers, but every member brings energy, commitment and their talents to make our music ministry a positive experience. I appreciate how our members are willing to try new things, suggest music and even tell me when something isn't working. I hope this collaborative process can continue for years to come. Thanks, again, to all who make our music ministry a "happy" place to be!

While we will have special music performances throughout the summer, part of me is already looking forward to September when First Choir can "get back at it!" It is my hope that everyone who has been with us returns and that more will entertain the idea of getting involved in music here at First Church.

**Stock The Schools!!!**  
**Sauk Prairie School**

## Students In Need

June's items are jars of peanut butter & jelly and new or gently used (clean) leggings and sweatpants (size child 6 – adult 2XL). There is a box as you come into church to put your purchases in. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!



## Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

★ It was a fun "Sundae Sunday" for our close of Sunday School. All students received a certificate and treats. Thank you to Amanda Moseman, Peggy Ganser & the Confirmands that helped serve and clean up.

★ Currently, we collected \$1,227 for "The Mexican Children's Refuge." Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy project. We give thanks for being able to support the Feierabend's as their group of friends build houses in Mexico!

★ The Sunday School choir sounded great on May 19. Many thanks to all who joined in, it was a wonderful way to end the year. Special thanks to Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 for sharing their cute song.

♥ My heartfelt thanks to Pastor Bill, Cindy Baker, and our wonderful Sunday School and Confirmation staff; Jeanann & Taylor Breininger, Adam Baier, Jennifer Cruse, Katie Homar, Jenny Brickl, Amanda Haselwander, Kari Larsen, Chris Logterman, Marcia Nachreiner, Andrea Gavol,

Mark Pierick, Theresa Grimes, and Tom Litscher. Thanks, also, to those who substituted or helped out during special programs.

★ Many thanks to Donna & Micki Cruse for helping count offering, again this year.

★ Mark your calendars: Sunday School will resume on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

★ We are aware of two students going to camp. Please let us know by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, if you are going to camp and have not contacted us yet.

★ It has been a pleasure to guide the Sunday School here at First U.C.C. Thank you to the staff, parents, and students for a wonderful year! We hope to see you at the 9:00 church service this summer. May God be with you!



Happy Father's Day



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**JUNE 2019 SCOOP**



- 2**      **9:00 a.m. Worship Service begins** (through September 1<sup>st</sup>)  
**Confirmation Sunday**
- 16**     **“Happy Father’s Day”**  
**Coffee Fellowship**
- 18**     **Finance Committee: 7:00 p.m.**
- 20**     **Consistory: 6:30 p.m.**

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Pastor

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**“Fathers who walk with God light the way.”**



## Memorials Report

No Memorials were received in May.

## Radio Ministry

We thank the May sponsors of our 8:00am Sunday worship service broadcasts:

Cliff & Jan Lawton, in loving memory of their parents, Clarence & Evelyn Skogen and Clifford & Selma Lawton.  
Liz Bongard & Family, in loving memory of Vic Bongard.

Dean Dahnert, in celebration of his granddaughter's, Briann Jaedean Brickl, 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Shirley Litscher Albers, Tom and Todd Litscher, and Terrienne Bradbury, in loving memory of their late father, Lenard Litscher.



## June Wedding Anniversaries In Our Church Family



Galen & Pam Alwin, 35 years on June 2

Phyllis & Frank Kirchstein, 64 years on June 29

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in June!

We acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50 years.

## June and July Ushers

### June

Rod & Carol Hehenberger  
Herm & Debbie Tschudy (2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>)

### July

Larry & Kathy Johnson

## June & July Communion Servers

### June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Confirmation Sunday

Theresa Grimes  
Shirlee Lendved  
Tom Litscher  
Chris Logterman

### July 7<sup>th</sup>

Barb Brock  
Peggy Ganser  
Tammie Huerth

Starting Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, through and including Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, our worship service will be held at 9:00 a.m.

We hope to see you there.

Dear Consistory,

We are about to enter a new season in the life of our faith community - the half-year of the Church - which begins on Pentecost Sunday June 9.

On Pentecost, we will hear a story of the apostles hiding in fear. Jesus had just ascended into heaven, leaving them without their beloved leader and guiding force. But before He left, Jesus promised that there would be an advocate, another guiding force known as the Holy Spirit, who would be with them moving forward.

I am thankful that the Holy Spirit lives on today. The Spirit has given you all special gifts. I'm thankful that you're using some of them while serving on the First UCC Consistory. I appreciate your leadership and faithfulness.

In terms of my report:

- 1.) Thank you for the opportunity to attend Credo. It was a vocational clergy conference geared towards my personal and professional wellness. I gained new insights about myself and ministry and connected with some other clergy in meaningful ways.
- 2.) My office email is now up and running again! It has been out of commission since holy week. Sorry for the inconvenience while it was down.
- 3.) General Synod is June 21-25 in Milwaukee. We have the all church day on Sunday, June 23. Last I checked, 15 people from church had signed up to attend that day in Milwaukee. We will caravan over to the Columbus UCC after our 9am worship, and from there we will take a charter bus that will drop us off right at the front door & pick us up when we leave. Cost for the bus is \$14 per person.
- 4.) Last year we had a successful church fellowship outing to a Madison Mallards baseball game. We tailgated in the parking lot and sat together in a block of seats during the game. It was a lot of fun. We will try this opportunity again. We are planning another tailgate and attending the Madison Mallards game Saturday, July 27. I am arranging for a block of 20 tickets.

Regards,  
Bill

Consistory Minutes  
*First United Church of Christ*

*Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>*

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

Absent: Kurt Schultz

✚ Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Pastor Bill's Report

- See report in the May Scoop
- Email down last week and this week. Technician coming in to fix. Contact Pastor Bill via [billkapp@frontier.com](mailto:billkapp@frontier.com) for the time being.
- Chris Garcia is exploring mulcher options to attach to mower.
- Discussion of plants/flowers around church and park sign. Marcy will organize.

✚ Committee Reports and Updates:

- Building & Maintenance
  - The TDS Communication Fiber connection has been completed to the church.
  - A new four-line business phone system has been installed in the church offices, office entryway and 4K Program classroom.
  - An unforeseen electrical issue in our boiler room was discovered that impacts our new phone system and will need to be resolved with a relatively simple service call from an electrician.
  - A short section of roof trim and soffit on the educational building North wall was lost during the most recent spring windstorm, Hasheider Roofing has repairs underway.
  - An alarm buzzer in the elevator shaft has failed its annual test. Otis elevator services have been notified and repairs will be made to the alarm system. Repairs should be made before our operational license ends, there should be no interruption in elevator use.
  - Dave Bongard has been asked to look at the front porch of the parsonage for his opinion and a possible quote for cleaning and repainting the porch.
  - Waiting on a quote from concrete raising firm Duerst in Dane for repairs on the parsonage driveway concrete. Appointment May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Please report any difficulty connecting to the church office from a landline. The main number is 608-643-8387. The alternate number is 608-643-2561.
  - Insurance inquiry regarding coverage. Dean will review and report back to Consistory.
- Christian Fellowship

- No meeting in April
- Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> attending dinner theatre in Wisconsin Dells. Payments requested as soon as possible.
- Church cleaning Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Discussing Madison Mallards game on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:05PM. 20 tickets available for \$12/ticket.
- Special thanks to Fritz Wyttenbach, Christian Fellowship, and Stewardship for the Easter breakfast
- Finance
  - Approve financial statements
    - No statements to review
  - CD coming due, matures April 30 and will automatically renew if we do not take action within 10 days. Rates will be established April 30
    - Mark move to approve Finance Committee's decision on renewal of CD. Peggy second. Motion passed.
  - Finance Committee meeting cancelled for April.
- Members in Ministry
  - Actively making visits
  - New members welcome
- Sunday School/Church Youth Program
  - See report in the May Scoop
  - Youth Group
    - Family Dance on April 27 5:30–7:30PM at church – fundraiser event
    - Confirmation June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00AM service, 8 confirmands
- Stewardship
  - Meeting is next week. Notes will be in the June Scoop.
  - Barb Brock and Tom Litscher are new members.
  - Working on updating our pamphlet and Time and Talents opportunities for church community involvement
  - Discussing opportunities to promote our church in the Sauk Prairie area

#### Ongoing Business Update

- Welcome Tammie and Heather to Consistory!
- Cow Chip Chicken–Q leadership

#### New Business Issues

- Discuss Good Friday services at First UCC and community services
- Membership requirements – Attend, Commune, and/or Contribute at least once a year

#### Adjourn

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

✚ Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

✚ Next Consistory Meeting: May 23rd

## Christian Fellowship Meeting Minutes (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

*Attending: Carol & Rod Hehenberger, Sherry Pieper, Deb Tschudy, Sandy Schlender, Dorothy Kundert, and Rose Kleinert*

*Opening Prayer: Rose*

*Recap: Reviewed April and first part of May activities*

- ❖ *April 3<sup>rd</sup> - First UCC hosted Lenten Service, coffee fellowship followed (this fellowship had much better attendance than the fellowship after Soup Supper)*
- ❖ *April 7<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Fellowship between services*
- ❖ *April 21<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday (6:30am service)*
- ❖ *April 27<sup>th</sup> - youth fund raiser dance (once again this year, the weather hindered things and dance needed to be rescheduled for the following week)  
Thank you to all in whatever capacity you helped.*
  
- ❖ *May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> - Church cleaning 8am - noon*
- ❖ *May 5<sup>th</sup> - Attended Palace Theater in the Dells*
- ❖ *May 9<sup>th</sup> - Mother and family Spring Fling 5:30 - 7:00 28 people attended. We collected \$186.00 - after donations of roughly \$100 - thank you ladies for all your time and goodies!*
- ❖ *Discussed having one event to celebrate both Mother and Father's Day (Pot Luck)*
- ❖ *May 12<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Fellowship, in our beautiful church dining room*
- ❖ *Happy Mother's Day!!! Wonderful turnout...*
- ❖ *May 14<sup>th</sup> - Thank you Carol & Rod for opening your home for our meeting.*



- ❖ *June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9 am Summer services begin*
- ❖ *June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Confirmation Sunday (Rita, boutonnieres ?)*
- ❖ *June 16<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Fellowship - church basement*



- ❖ *July 14<sup>th</sup> - Women's Sunday (topic, sermon, skit, etc)*
- ❖ *July 20 or 27<sup>th</sup> - Mallards game*

*Looking ahead to August and September*

- *August -Cow Chip Chicken dinner (?)*
- *September -Annual Park Picnic (?)*

*Closing Prayer: Rose*

*Next meeting is Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30 pm in the church park (weather permitting).*

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Stewardship Committee held its first meeting with its new members on April 29. The committee welcomed new members Barb Brock and Tom Litscher. They join returning members Pastor Bill, Sherri Roberts, and Marcy Thurwachter.

The committee began the meeting with a review of the past year which included developing a mission statement, conducting listening sessions, beginning work on a new informational pamphlet to replace an out dated one, and updating the "Time & Talents" interest inventory.

Committee members were charged with taking Marcy's draft of the Time & Talents sheet and making appropriate additions and revisions prior to the next meeting.

Discussion of a promotional booth at various community events brought about mixed views. Tom shared that the foot traffic at the Sauk City June Tunes was somewhat lacking last year. We need to find events that will focus on our target audience. The church's Cow Chip chicken dinner was one suggestion. A meeting with a representative of the SP Chamber of Commerce would be a good starting point to identify appropriate events.

A review of a previous idea to hold a round table discussion regarding estate planning for members wishing to make an estate gift or pledge to the church was well received. The round table is targeted for September.

Promoting automatic withdrawal for monthly giving.

Summer vacation stewardship reminders to be included in the Sunday, May 19, services and printed in the June Scoop.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28.

Submitted by Marcy Thurwachter