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### **OCTOBER 2016**

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

One of the greatest things about the Christian life is its experiential nature. Christianity involves more than learning a set of scriptural laws or memorizing the definition of atonement. Christianity is to be lived out in everyday life. Yes, there are great theological truths to be meditated upon and assimilated. There are deep philosophical truths to be examined and reflected upon. But at the heart of Christianity is a life lived in the image of Christ. Authentic Christianity is practical, breathable and concrete. I believe that is one reason why Jesus taught through parables. His parables come out of everyday life experiences. He wanted his listeners to experience and breathe them inwardly and outwardly.

Luke 16 contains two parables that relate to stewardship: *The Dishonest Manager* (16:1-13) and *The Rich Man and Lazarus* (16:19-31). Both parables talk about how we manage the resources God has entrusted to us and the implications of our management.

The parable of the Dishonest Manager is a story about a rich man who had an investment broker embezzle money from him. The rich man suspected his employee was doctoring the books, and as a result of the mismanagement, the dishonest man was to be fired. But before the manager was dismissed, he reduced some of the outstanding bills of his best clients in order to curry their favor. The manager believed that the clients would feel indebted to him and take care of him in the future if he cut the bill. Instead of being upset with the dishonest manager for this last minute maneuvering, the rich man heaped praise upon him. The rich man praises him not for his pilfering but for his shrewdness in strategic planning. The rich man praises him for his ability to curry favor at his expense and that he could teach “the children of light” a thing or two about securing eternal advantages in heaven.

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus is a story about the “haves” and the “have nots” of the world. The Rich Man spent every day enjoying his wealth and all of its benefits whereas homeless Lazarus struggled every day with hunger and poor health. The rich man could have offered Lazarus assistance in the form of food, clothing, medical attention, or a job but he didn’t even notice there was a problem with the poor man lying on the sidewalk. The rich man was so wrapped up in his own life that he never considered helping poor Lazarus. When both men die their eternal roles are reversed. Lazarus is comforted for eternity while the rich man was condemned.

Jesus wants us to know that we are to be good stewards of everything that God has placed in our control. All things come from God and belong to God. While we are here on this earth we are mere stewards and caretakers of those resources which have been entrusted to us. Let us use the gifts we have been given to help the Lazarus’ of the world. Our efforts will reap eternal benefits.

With the Greatest of Hope!  
Pastor Bill



## **Sunday School** **All Church Hayride**

Pack a picnic supper and beverage, grab your folding lawn chairs, and join us for a hayride on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at Fritz Wytttenbach's home, E10941 River Road, Sauk City at 4:00 p.m. Midway through the ride, we will stop along the river and have a campfire, eat, and enjoy some fellowship. Everyone is welcome!! Hope to see you on the 1<sup>st</sup>!

The ***Neighbors In Need*** offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice & Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, & direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice & Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice & Peace Action Network, Justice & Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC Congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota (CAIM). CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

***Neighbors In Need*** needs your support! Your offering envelope is enclosed.



We're privileged to share Holy Communion with Christians of all denominations throughout our world on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We remember Christ's call to unity and His gift of one bread, one body for all.



## Sunday School News

From Margaret McFarlane

I am pleased to announce our staff for 2016-2017:

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Tammy Steuber

**Pre-K & K:** Katie Homar  
Kim Baier  
Kiana Litscher  
Kylie Baier

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Heather Miller  
Kari Larsen  
Hannah Miller  
Taylor Breininger  
Brenna Diehl

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Andrea Gavol  
Chris Logterman

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>:** Jennifer Cruse  
Jennifer Brickl  
Brookelyn Cruse

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** Jeanann Breininger  
Amy Bachhuber

**Confirmation:**

Pastor Bill  
Theresa Grimes  
Tom Litscher

**Choir Directors:**

Marcia Nachreiner  
Sherri Roberts


★ We have 47 students registered and 18 Confirmands. I am anticipating a wonderful year of Christian education.

★ We welcome all returning students. A special welcome to our new students: Bennett Finley and Clara Shuck.


★ Our theme this year is *“Put Jesus In The Center Of All You Do....He Is The Missing Piece That Brings Meaning To Our Lives!”*

★ October 16<sup>th</sup> is Children’s Sunday at the 10:30 service. The Children’s Choir will perform for the first time. Our Sunday School staff will be commissioned.

★ Our Sunday School will be participating in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF project. Collection boxes will be going home soon and are due back by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

 I have a desk in the library. If you need to leave me a message, there is a notebook for your convenience. You can also e-mail me at:

**[mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com](mailto:mmcfarlane1219@gmail.com)**

 We have new children’s bulletins available every Sunday on the table before you enter the Sanctuary. Please encourage your child/children to take one!



### Nursery Care Available

Donna Cruse is once again staffing our Nursery on the third Sunday of each month during the 10:30 worship service. The Nursery is available for children Kindergarten and younger. We thank Donna for this valuable service!



**CONSISTORY MEETING**  
First United Church of Christ  
September 12, 2016  
6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Tom Litscher, Theresa Grimes (Secretary), Rose Kleinert (President), Debbie Tschudy (Vice President), Mark Pierick, Chris Logterman, Shirlee Lendved, Kurt Schultz, Pastor Bill

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Bill

**Pastor Bill's Report:** (1) Discussed Campital Campaign - committed to providing \$5,000.00 per year. Rose will create fundraising visual for the campaign. (2) School-Clergy meeting with school next week. (3) Two weddings - 9/30/16 in Dubuque, IA. and another on 10/1/16. Pastor will not be present at 9/28 Contemporary Worship service due to a wedding. (4) Fall hayride on 10/1 - Pastor will be late. (5) Adult Germans coming 10/3-10/13/16. Kapp's to host Carl Heinz from Moers at their home. (6) On vacation 10/17-10/24/16. (7) WI Conference Board of Directors meeting at Pilgrim Center in Green Lake yesterday and today - Pastor attended.

**Approval of Financial Reports and Invoices:**

(1) Reviewed and approved financial statements and invoices for large stained glass window. Discussed cost of smaller stained glass window. Motion to approve by Deb, second by Mark, motion carried. (2) Reviewed invoice for elevator inspection (required). Motion to approve by Mark, second by Deb, motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building & Maintenance:** (1) Further discussion regarding elevator inspection to be certified and in compliance with State code.

Motion to approve made by Mark, second by Shirlee, motion carried. (3) Bathroom remodel to begin next Monday, 9/19/16, the day after church picnic. Contractor to coordinate with Prairie, Plumbing & Heating to remove toilet. (4) Discussed trees in church park - treatment every three years. (5) Contractor completing bathroom remodel also to do basement hall/ramp. Remove carpet, paint with special paint, remove carpet in elevator and replace. Motion to approve and move forward made by Kurt, second by Deb, motion carried. (6) Needing to check to see if gutters in Parsonage need to be cleaned - Rose to check. (7) Discussed leak in kitchen. Mark spoke with Dean Masonry, to meet with this week. (8) Outlet which plugs 30 cup coffee maker blowing breaker. Mark to talk with electrician.

**Christian Fellowship:** (1) Church cleaning days: Friday, October 14, and Saturday, October 15. (2) Committee to meet tomorrow.

**Finance:** No meeting scheduled at this time.

**Members In Ministry:** Actively making visits and taking communion to shut-ins, nursing homes, and hospitals weekly. Always seeking volunteers to join.

**Stewardship:** Needing to reinstate committee. What does the Stewardship Committee do? Focuses on congregational support in way of time, talents, and treasure; educates congregation on what our church needs financially to sustain itself and move into the future; fundraising efforts; to name a few. If interested, please see a member of the Consistory.

**Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth:**

(1) Sunday School began on Sunday, 9/11/16, with 48 Sunday School students. Unusually small Kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class this year (divided classes differently, i.e. Kindergarten is with Pre-K). (2) Entire staff returning again this year (we are very blessed). (3) Bouncy house is planned for the annual church picnic (September 18).



(4) Hayride scheduled for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. (5) Sunday School music - Sherri Roberts and Marcia Nachreiner to alternate. (6) Looking forward to a wonderful year of Christian Ministry!

**Ongoing Business:** (1) Contemporary Worship Service to change times to 6:00 p.m., beginning this Wednesday, September 14, with fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. Choir to follow at 6:45 p.m. (2) Discussed church keys - to have locksmith replace tumblers, make individual “Do Not Duplicate”, numbered keys, to have 6 extra keys for “check out” from Cindy if needed. Motion to approve made by Theresa, second by Shirlee, motion carried.

**New Business:** (1) Church kitchen door - carry over to October. (2) Kristy Litscher to look at new microphones for church. (3) Bookcase for balcony – ordered. Mark will look at anchoring to wall. (4) Discussed borrowing items from church - to review procedures. Needing to ensure prompt return and communication of items borrowed.

**Next Consistory Meeting:** October 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion to **adjourn** by Deb, second by Mark, motion carried.

**Closing and Lord’s Prayer:** Pastor Bill



## **Joyful Gifts**

We invite you to fill the bassinette (which is in the Church Office) with new and gently-used clothing for children ages Newborn to 5 years old. We are collecting all types of clothing: sleepers, pajamas, socks, onesies, underwear, and diapers. This project is in conjunction with Sauk County Human Services. The clothes will go to children who are being placed outside of their homes.



Don't forget about our Wednesday evening worship service! It is a casual, contemporary service at 6:00 that is fun, come-as-you-are and lasts 30-40 minutes. We are looking for people to help with the music. If you play an instrument or sing and like contemporary Christian music, come be a part of the team! We would love to put together a praise team or band—commitment level is your choice. Sign up for one service or many, solos or groups. Or just let us know you are interested! Don't have time for dinner before coming to the service? A light supper is served in the church dining room from 5:30-6:00. No need to bring anything, just show up for fun fellowship and good food before the service. For more info, contact: Kristy Litscher at: 643-6199 or **[KristeenLitscher@outlook.com](mailto:KristeenLitscher@outlook.com)**, Theresa Grimes, Pastor Bill or the church office.





**Minutes of September 13, 2016  
By Dianna Woerpel, Chair**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Summer Coffee Fellowship: Towards the end of summer, didn't do every Sunday. Thanks to Emily Fuchs and Rose Kleinert for hosting on August 28<sup>th</sup> when "Three Wives' Men" added to worship service.

Chicken Dinner at Cow Chip Festival: BIG THANK YOU to Carol Hehenberger for organizing and leading the many volunteers. Thanks to them for preparing coleslaw and potatoes ahead of time and for setting up, serving, and cleaning up afterwards. A special thank you to Galen Alwin for barbequing the chicken.

Church Picnic on September 18<sup>th</sup>: Co-chairs: Charmaine Carter & Carol Hehenberger. Sign-up sheets for helpers and bringing bars and cookies.

Small Refrigerator: Not doable because of limited electrical connections.

Church Cleaning: Friday, October 14, and Saturday, October 15, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Floats for Parades: Consider doing floats next June.. Idea?

**NEW BUSINESS**

Thank you to Doris Steuber's family for donating \$200 to Christian Fellowship.

Picnic in the Park next year: Request from Margaret McFarlane to consider having picnic in the park next year. Will actively pursue this next Spring. Also, look into using Park more often for events.

Christian Fellowship Finances: Fund balance: \$8,491.59. \$500 donated to Stained Glass Windows repair.

When needing help, consider calling people and/or assigning people.

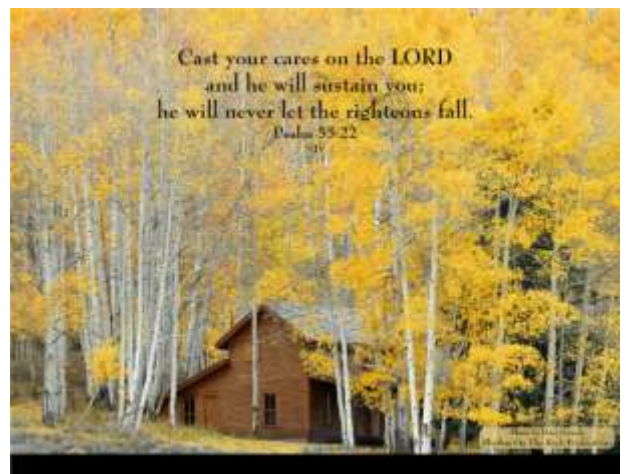
Decorating: Thanks to Kathy Johnson and Tammie Huerth for Summer decorating and Fall decorating.

Before Stained Glass Windows installed, they need to be washed, also Plexiglas.

Ideas considered for more fellowship: Mallard's game, golf outing, retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp, casual picnic in the park, hayride, lunch somewhere once a month, Relay for Life, combine service in the park with casual picnic.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**NEXT MEETING**: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.





Churches and service organizations in the Sauk Prairie community take turns delivering these meals to the homebound. First United Church of Christ is responsible for the weeks of **October 31<sup>st</sup>** and **November 7<sup>th</sup>**. Two people (a driver and a “runner”) are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church. Your dedication to this program helps make it possible for the recipients to recuperate from hospitalization and/or meet special dietary needs. Thank you, in advance, for volunteering to help deliver mobile meals!

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!** It's that time of year again, and the church needs volunteers to help keep our grounds clean and safe. A calendar will be placed in the church entry soon. If you can give any time to help us through the Fall and Winter months, please sign up. It's a great way to motivate our kids to be helpful and so appreciated by all. Any questions, please call the Church office or any Consistory member.



All are invited to help with our **Fall cleaning days** on Friday, October 14, and Saturday, October 15. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. both days. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of church soon. We welcome all who are able to help do some work to sign up; the more helpers we have, the more projects we can get done!! Come when you can and stay as long as you can. If you have any project(s) to add to the cleaning list, please call the Church Office. Thank you in advance for doing your part to help.





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## Fifth Annual Chicken Dinner At Cow Chip was Mmm Good!!

Church projects are the glue that keep our church going. Our crew of workers this year included old friends and new up to 99 years old. There were onion tears and lots of laughter and fellowship as we worked to accomplish another delicious meal.

Thank you to **Galen Alwin** for all his work getting supplies, setting up, and for cooking all afternoon and evening with **Larry Johnson** and **Don Larsen's** assistance. Thank you to all who helped prepare the food and donated supplies; who set up, served, and cleaned up after; and to the **Wytttenbach's** for getting the chicken and keeping it refrigerated in their truck until we used it.

All the busy hands included: **Diane & Daryl Matzke, Tom Litscher, Rose Kleinert, Sherry Pieper, Debbie & Herm Tschudy, Dorothy Kundert, Emily Fuchs, Peggy Ganser, Phil Bongard, Rhonda & Mark Pierick, Rita & Ed Larsen, Ron Polacek, Dianna Woerpel, Doug Larsen, Liz Bongard, Jan Pierce, Cecy Haines, Donna Kaufman, Gary Schlender, Marilyn Horstman, Marcy & Steve Thurwachter, Charmaine & Ward Carter, Tammie Huerth, Nettie & Larry Gander, Heather Miller, Shirlee Lendved, and Kathy & Larry Johnson.** (If I missed anyone, I am sorry.)

Thank you for coming with friends and family to enjoy our meal.

The profits from this fundraiser go into our church treasury. Over \$95 of supplies were donated, which helped us earn around \$1,500 to help with church expenses.

I hope you all enjoyed helping with this project and will do it again soon. Jesus loves all your helping hands!

Thank you!  
Carol Hehenberger



Preparations for Cow Chip are underway. Instead of having to hand over the silverware preparations to a fellow church member, the project was taken to Maplewood Village. For years, Lucinda Gruber was part of the committee to prepare the silverware used for First UCC's Chicken Dinner at the Cow Chip Festival. Lucinda Gruber now heads up a group at Maplewood Village each year for us with a smile. Many hands make quick work, and the tenants at Maplewood Village are proud to be able to give back to the community.



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**From Charmaine Carter & Carol Hehenberger, Co-Chairs, Church Picnic**

50 men, women, and kids enjoyed the Bouncy House and the chicken & pork chops dinner at our annual Church Picnic on September 18<sup>th</sup>. **Galen Alwin** is a Master at grilling! Others to be thanked for helping serve and making goodies are: **Rose Kleinert, Emily Fuchs, Rod Hehenberger, Rita Larsen, Kari Larsen, Nettie Gander, and Liz Bongard**. Thank you, also, to everyone who helped with clean-up. Great day, great picnic, great workers, great fellowship!! Since we had a small turn-out, many of the leftovers were used for the Wednesday night supper.

A big round of applause to **Carol Hehenberger** for organizing our Fifth Annual Chicken Dinner at Cow Chip. It was another successful year! We truly appreciate all of your hours of hard work putting this event together!! God Bless You, Carol!



**From Christian Fellowship**

A special thank you to co-chairs **Carol Hehenberger** and **Charmaine Carter** for all their work organizing this year's Church Picnic. Everyone enjoyed the picnic food and wonderful fellowship. We appreciate all you did!

Thank you to **Charmaine Carter, Donna Seitz, and Dianna Woerpel** for hosting the Coffee Fellowship on September 11<sup>th</sup>, welcoming Pastor Bill back. The treats and fellowship were enjoyed by all!



## Memorials

Memorials were received in August in loving memory of:

Doug Steuber



## Radio Ministry

We thank the September sponsors of our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service radio broadcasts:

Buford Wicklund, In loving memory of his beloved wife, Dorothea Wicklund.  
Verda McFarlane, In loving memory of her husband, Robert McFarlane.

## ♥ October Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Lois & Jim Price, 67 years on October 22

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in October!  
We acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50.  
Please let us know if we missed you on the October birthday calendar!!

## Ushers

8:00	October	10:30	8:00	November	10:30
Barb Brock		Scott & Theresa Grimes	Larry & Kathy Johnson		Tim & Katie Homar
Melissa Brickl		Randy Kuhnau	Kurt & Wendy Schultz		Tom Litscher
Terry Steuber					

## Communion Servers

8:00	October 2	10:30	8:00	November 6	10:30
Daryl Matzke		Tim Homar	Liz Bongard		Larry Johnson
Mark Pierick		Don Larsen	Shirlee Lendved		Rita Larsen
Gary Schlender		Ed Larsen	Nadene Litscher		Chris Logterman
Terry Steuber		Todd Pieper	Daryl Matzke		Dianna Woerpel



**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 a.m. (broadcast over WRPQ AM740 and FM99.7) and 10:30 a.m.  
**Adult Bible Study:** 9:10-10:10 a.m.  
**Confirmation:** 9:10-10:20 a.m.; **Sunday School:** 9:10-10:10 a.m. for ages 3 years/older  
**Pastor Bill Kapp:** Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 8:00-Noon;  
Saturday: 8:00-10:00 a.m. and by appointment  
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**Cindy Baker:** Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.–Noon; E-mail: office@ucc-saukcity.org

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# **October 2016 Scoop**



*The October SCOOP is sponsored by Herm & Debbie Tschudy, In loving memory of their fathers, Emil Tschudy & Dale Dennis; their mothers, Martha Tschudy & Anna Mae Dennis; and their brother-in-law and nephew, Peter & Dominic Giacomino.*

## **Every Wednesday is Fellowship Night at First UCC!**

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

- 1 Sunday School Invites You To Join Them For Dinner & A Hayride: Meet at Fritz Wyttenbach's home at 4:00 p.m.
- 2 Worldwide Communion Sunday
- 3 Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Christian Fellowship Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Cleaning days at Church: beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Cleaning days at Church: beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- 16 Children's Sunday School Choir sings at 10:30 Worship Service  
Commissioning of Sunday School Staff at 10:30 Worship Service
- 20 Consistory: 6:30 p.m.