

# the Chimes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON



Who was Jesus, anyway? This fall we will be asking that question in our worship and through a variety of other faith development experiences. This is not a quest for the historical Jesus, although it is important to understand the historical context in which Jesus lived and taught; only then can we honestly relate, in meaningful and significant ways, the message and teachings of Jesus to our time and place. This fall's emphasis will afford us opportunities to explore and reaffirm the centrality of Jesus on our journeys of faith, as well as the meaning and relevance of his teachings for our lives.

## *Who* will come to our Open House on Sunday, September 11?

Sunday, September 11 is our Fall Open House and everyone is welcome! Throughout the year children will be learning about **Our Wise Lord (OWL)** based on the text of Proverbs 2:6, "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Open House activities will have them learning about other church members and friends. Be especially aware of the children in our midst on September 11. Your signature may help a child with his or her "OWL" activity and you are sure to be delighted by a short conversation with one or more of our young ones.

Samples of books to be used in adult classes will be available for preview, First Cup Café resumes with wonderful breakfast foods and there will be good opportunities for reconnecting.

When you come for worship on September 11, give yourself extra time to enjoy the energy of our Fall Open House. Classes for all ages will begin the following Sunday, September 18.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

Pastor Schroerlucke begins a series of sermon messages focused on the latter chapters of the Gospel of Matthew. Many of these passages are the "Kingdom Parables" of Jesus that can give insight into the man behind the message.

Sunday, September 11 -  
Fall Open House  
Christian Education  
Special Offering  
Message: "Forgiveness"  
Text: Matthew 18:21-35  
9:30 - Chancel Choir,  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday, September 18 -  
Personal Essentials  
Pantry Drive

Message:  
"The Unfairness of Life"  
Text: Matthew 20:1-16  
8:00 Service in Chapel  
9:30 - Blessed Brass;  
Chamber Choir

Sunday, September 25 -  
Message: "Walk the Talk"  
Text: Matthew 21:23-32  
8:00 Service in Chapel  
9:30 - Chancel Choir,  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
11:00 - Chapel Choir

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

8:15-9:15 a.m. -  
First Cup Café  
Coffee Fellowship -  
until 11 a.m.

See what's happening at First Church this fall. Copies of the Fall Program Guide and the Homelessness Task Force Mental Health Series brochure are available at the Information Desk in the Narthex and online at [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org).

**We seek to embody grace and hospitality in the manner of Jesus, nurturing our diverse spiritual journeys and joining together as a servant community to help realize a more loving and just world.**

# Musings

A friend of mine in college had a poster on her wall that I have loved ever since I first saw it. This was during the early 70's when everyone (who was cool) had posters taped to their walls. The figure in the beautiful pen and ink drawing was immediately recognizable as Jesus. However, rather than depicting him in the usual pose, his head was thrown back as he laughed aloud. He radiated joy and delight.

As the discussion in a recent church staff meeting addressed our fall theme, "Who Was Jesus, Anyway?" I remembered the look on Jesus' face in that poster and it got me thinking. Of course Jesus would have had some wonderful times in his life and he certainly had some close, lifelong friends. He was fairly well-known—sort of a local celebrity. (Let's face it, you heal a few people and walk on water—it's got to make a lot of people want to "friend" you. And turning water into wine would, I think, make you go viral.) Of course Jesus must have laughed a lot as he found joy and took delight in his friends and in the world around him.

But consider the time and the place in which he lived, and his own particular life and future. His country was occupied by a war-mongering and heavy-handed governing power. He and his countrymen suffered taxation without representation and had no freedom of speech or assembly. When they protested, they could be whipped, jailed or crucified. He and his disciples were often persecuted not only by the governing Romans, but also by the Pharisees, who had both a religious and political agenda.

And yet, in his perfect example, Jesus was able to delight in life. He was able to focus on the "now" and revel in the moment. He could focus on the people he was with, instead of on the problems facing them all. His utmost faith in God's will and purpose allowed him to experience joy. Perhaps he was not certain in his mind how things would work out, but he was sure in his heart that God's love could override everything else.

Anyway, I've always loved that poster of my friend's, because I love seeing that side of Jesus. Seeing him laughing aloud in enjoyment of life gives me his blessing to do the same.

Despite the problems in our world and your own private pain, may you laugh aloud with joy at least once today.

Blessings,



*Susan Jeannette*, Director of Outreach Ministries



*“Jesus was sure in his heart that God’s love could override everything else.”*

## Help Stock Personal Essentials Pantry – Sunday, September 18

One of the local pantries our FUMC food pantry refers clients to regularly does not even distribute food. Instead, it complements pantries like ours by supplying personal care, cleaning, and hygiene items like toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent and so forth. The Personal Essentials Pantry, open Sundays and Thursdays, is housed at Zion Lutheran Church in Madison. Although we try to have these types of items available in our pantry, feeding our guests is our primary mission.

In support of this oft-used referral pantry, First Church is sponsoring a product drive on Sunday, September 18 to help stock its shelves. See the posting on the Octagon bulletin board for a complete list of items needed. Please drop off your donations in the big bin nearby. For more information contact Susan Jeannette at 608-256-4646, ext. 16 or [sjeannette@fumc.org](mailto:sjeannette@fumc.org).

## Madison United Methodist Service Day – Saturday, October 8

Join with our friends from other Madison United Methodist churches as we reach out to our community in service to others. This year organizers hope to have 200 volunteers to work on several projects around the city. The day begins with a gathering at the Vilas Park Shelter at 8:15 a.m. for a short worship service before traveling to the work sites. Work will be finished by 1 p.m. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Candace Moore at 608-230-5590 or [candacerandall@hotmail.com](mailto:candacerandall@hotmail.com). You can also sign up in the Octagon between services on Sunday, September 11 and 18.



### Art On Display in Chapel

Over the centuries, artists' imaginations have shaped various representations of Jesus. Those artistic renderings have likely shaped some of our own interpretations. Several FUMC members and friends have shared works of art, which will be displayed in the Chapel throughout the fall. Visit the Chapel and spend some time contemplating these diverse art pieces.



## “Living the Question” Classes Begin

**Wednesdays, September 14- November 16 (no class 9/28)**

Fellowship Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Thursdays, September 15- November 17 (no class 9/29)**

Room 208, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Pastor Schroerlucke will host this 10-week series of conversations around the topic, “Who Was Jesus, Anyway?” Using video highlights from the “Living the Question” series to get the conversation flowing, the group will share insights and understandings about the person of Jesus. These gatherings are intended to offer a safe environment where people can ask questions and discover insight for their lives. These sessions will be equally appropriate for people new to the faith journey and those struggling with old concepts and understandings. Enjoy a cup of coffee and good conversation as you share this journey together.

### Meditation Group – Monday, September 12 7-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel

The Meditation group will begin a new series of twelve sessions using a set of CDs by James Finley entitled “Christian Meditation”. Anyone interested in learning more about meditation, beginning to meditate or expanding their meditation practice is welcome to participate. Each weekly session includes some information, opportunities to share ideas and experiences and time to meditate. For more information, call Mary Bean at 608-222-5783 or Marilyn Smith at 608-273-3366.

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## Exodus Experience: A Pilgrimage to Egypt, Israel, Palestine and Jordan

If you are interested in biblical scholarship, archaeology, cultural, historical and geographical settings of the Bible, Christian origins in Egypt, struggles for peace and justice in the Middle East, or you just love to travel and learn, you may be interested in participating in this Exodus Experience in the Holy Lands.

Members and friends are invited to join Tina Lang for an 11-day study and travel experience through Egypt, Israel and Palestine. A four-day extension into the Galilee region and Jordan is also available.

The trip departs from Chicago on January 30, 2012 and returns February 9, or February 13 for those choosing to participate in the extension. Visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the Great Pyramids and Sphinx, Mt. Sinai, the Dead Sea, Qumran, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Mt. of Olives, the Judean Desert, Galilee, Petra and many more. Let the land itself teach you even as daily lectures, meetings and worship with indigenous people teach you.

Contact Tina Lang at 608-256-9061 or [tlang@fumc.org](mailto:tlang@fumc.org) if you have questions or would like the full itinerary, pricing and registration information.

## Youth Program Thank You!

As one program year closes and another begins, I want to thank all the volunteers who have helped support the Youth Program with their time and energy over the last year. It is humbling to have so many involved who care so deeply about our youth and their spiritual growth. The following list does not include the many, many others who supported the program with their generous financial giving, prayers and attendance at various events and fundraisers. To all of you, and on behalf of our grateful youth: Thank you, thank you, thank you! Here's to a great year!

*Seth Schroerlucke*, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

## 2010-2011 Youth Program Adult Volunteers

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Paul DeLong	Cindy Geary	

## Packer Party/Lunch – Sunday, September 18 at noon

Watch the defending Super Bowl champs take on Carolina on the large screen in Fellowship Hall. Stake out your spot at noon with a lawn chair, pennant, maybe a homemade sign, and then enjoy a Tailgate Lunch of brats, burgers and (root)beer while the game begins (suggested donation, \$6). To help with food planning (we want to have enough for everybody!) please sign up this Sunday, September 11 on the board in the Octagon or send an email to [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org).

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**Our church Library volunteers hard at work.**

## **Sunday Faith Development Opportunities**

The following classes will begin meeting weekly on Sunday, September 18.

**Bible Study** – 8:30-9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Facilitated by Daniel Cochran. Each week the group discusses the Scripture passages that will be read and preached in worship services that morning. While some historical, literary, and theological context will be provided each week for spiritual and intellectual exploration, this is a discussion-based Bible study where personal perspectives, beliefs, doubts and questions will help shape the conversations held in an open, accepting atmosphere.

**The Journey** – 9:30 a.m. in Room 208. With a focus toward parents and couples, this fellowship-based class meets with a topic and discussion format to share life's journeys together. Topics vary, though they frequently include parenting, our faith, the Bible and many more. Join the group for a single Sunday or become a regular participant.

**Theology for the 21st Century** – 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05. The class will start the year with a study of the book *Profiles of Jesus*. In this book, words and deeds of Jesus as identified by the Jesus Seminar furnish a basis for a profile of the Jesus of history. Readers will see not Jesus the icon of myth and creed, but a provocative young man of first-century Palestine whose vision and determination to live that vision gave birth to a new form of faith and changed the course of history. Class discussions are often lively and always enlightening.

**The Christian Adventure** – 11 a.m. in Room 208. This class starts the fall by reading and discussing a book authored by Bernard Brandon Scott, one of the two lecturers who will be with us for the Jesus Seminar in late October. *Re-Imagine the World: An Introduction to the Parables of Jesus* offers an interpretation of the key parables of Jesus in the context of other things Jesus said and did. The result is a startling and provocative picture of the historical figure and the challenge he presents to contemporary life.

**Two Jewish Scholars Write About Jesus** – 11 a.m. in Room LL09. Facilitated by Brian McCarthy. David Flusser (d. 2001) of Hebrew University, Jerusalem and Geza Vermes, current emeritus at Oxford, have thought and written extensively about Jesus' life. From their unique perspective, these two experts on the world in which Jesus lived demonstrate their admiration for Jesus and their conviction that his distinctive teachings have decisive significance for both Jews and Christians today. The authors' thoughts offer a rich complement to Jesus Seminar scholarship.

## Birthdays

### September 11

Chris Jones, Alex Mitchell-Morton

### September 12

Paul Nagel

### September 13

Joey Aliota

### September 14

Kevin Fehr, Curt Weatherhogg

### September 15

Cynthia Stanford, Molly Thompson

### September 17

Amy Barger, Briant Lawler,

Jeff Lenzen, Davis Nelson,

Maggie Rathert, Kathy Sandefur

### September 18

Tom Bessey, Tricia Hillner,

Alice House, Dave Roth, Jenn Tyler

### September 19

Anna Cavallo,

Ben Van Kauwenbergh,

Kate Vanderheiden, Jan Weatherhogg

### September 20

Nancy Barth, Noah Fehr,

Nancy Hicks, Becky Kurtz,

Michael McDermott,

Scott Prestage, Randy Smith,

Laura Wineland Fernandez

### September 21

Debbie Bradley, John Dabel,

Bill Rameker, Jami Simpson

### September 22

Heather Buggs

### September 23

Kathie Nichols, Julie Ann Nottestad

### September 24

Julia Frohreich, Caroline Ingram,

Missy Roth

### September 25

Benjamin Blazel, Wyatt Jones,

Sadie Munson, Jerry Spade

### September 26

Heather Engwall, Greg Lang,

Laura Lenzen

### September 27

Mark Celichowski, Kathy Hill,

Jeff Hughes, Bob McMahon

### September 29

Doug Caves, Sally Hughes,

Dick Reinke, Gabrielle Strittmatter

### September 30

Bob Eagle, Sue Eagle,

Marjorie Meixner, Bill White

## Anniversaries

### September 12

Bruce & Connie Bandt

### September 13

Ed & Joyce Clapp

Brian & Millie Webb

### September 16

Dan & Sara Darmstadter

### September 16

Dave & Melissa Roth

### September 20

Peter & Mary Duff

### September 22

Thomas & Nancy Klawitter

### September 23

Tim & Janet Nebel

### September 24

Steve & Sue Pearson

### September 26

Tom & Annette Hamilton

### September 27

Max & Laura Wendt

### September 28

Dale & Becky Hughes – 20 years

### September 30

Scott & Marina Edwards

Jeremy & Ann Peacock

Matthew & Cynthia Stanford

## Joys & Concerns

Edna Rose, Alan Brown, Rudy Wieland,

Hisashi Miyazaki (husband of Fumiko

Miyazaki), Cliff & Ruth Bossert, Kirk

Luker (Afghanistan), Samuel Sesing

(Afghanistan), Alec Johnson (grandson

of Bill and Jane Johnson), Werner

Bremel (Mary Hasheider's dad).

Jim Childs, 52-year member of First

Church, died on Tuesday, September

6. Arrangements are pending. Let us

surround Dona and the family with

our prayers and our spirit of love and

fellowship. Jim will be greatly missed.

## Next Chimes Deadline

Please submit your articles for

the September 25th edition of

*Chimes* by September 15 to

chimes@fumc.org. Thank you.

## First Church Food Pantry

### Hours of Operation:

Monday: 10 a.m. - noon

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - noon

Thursday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - noon



## Game Days in September

Wednesday, September 14 and 28

1-3 p.m. in Room 208

Bring your own favorite board game

or join a group playing one from the

church's game closet.

## UMW Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday,**

**September 13** at noon at Capitol Lakes.

Marjory Lyford will present, "Will There

Be Peace in Ireland?" based on her

recent study cruise to the country.

## Conversation with the Bishop – Sunday, September 25

1:30-3:30 p.m. at Asbury UMC,  
6101 University Ave., Madison

Have you met our Bishop? On

Sunday, September 25, Bishop Linda

Lee will host a time to visit with

clergy and laity from the Madison

area. The afternoon session is

scheduled for two hours, from

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. (Packer kick-off

is 3:30 p.m.) The theme will be

"Love Unconditionally", presented

by Bishop Lee, followed by open,

informal dialogue / Q&A time with

the Bishop.

# all God's Children

## **Bible Learning Breakfast**

**Sunday, September 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Third, fourth and fifth graders and their parents are invited to bring their Bibles for our Bible Breakfast! Join together in some fun Bible learning games. As the games help you get acquainted with your Bibles, you will also snack on interesting and tasty Bible foods. Email or call Rev. Tina Lang at [tlang@fumc.org](mailto:tlang@fumc.org) or 608-256-9061, ext 15 to let us know you're coming so we have plenty of breakfast foods ready. Remember to bring your Bible!

## **Sign Up for Family Fun on the Farm**

**Sunday, October 2**

**Depart from church 12:30 p.m.**

Spend a fun afternoon on the Treinen Farm in Lodi, where you can take a hayride, pick a pumpkin, visit the animals in the barnyard, slingshot pumpkins and gourds over the pond, and find your way through a corn maze – and these are just some of the activities that await! Get more details, including prices, and sign up on the registration sheet near the Children's Library. Registrations will be accepted through Sunday, September 25.



A sneak peek at Treinen Farm's newest creation, an ahhh-maze-ing depiction of Icarus from Greek Mythology.

## **School Supplies for Homeless Children**

Drop off backpacks and school supplies in the buckets near the Children's Library through October 16.

## **Sunday Classes & Childcare**

**Bible Learning Breakfast –**  
For children Grades 3-5 and their parents  
Sunday, September 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

### **Children**

Children come to 9:30 a.m. worship and go to their classes after the Pastor's "Conversation with the Children."

**Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.**

- Toddlers Age 2 and 3 – Room LL19
- Preschoolers – Room LL17
- Grades K-1 – Room LL10
- Grades 2-3 – Room LL15
- Grades 4-5 – Room LL11

### **Childcare**

9:15 a.m. – Noon

Infant – 2 years:

First Floor Nursery - Room 104

Toddlers age 2 and older:

Lower Level - Room LL12

### **Youth**

Meet at 9:30 a.m.

Middle School: Room LL02

High School: Room LL04

**Sunday Schedule for Middle & High School Youth:**

- Confirmation (3rd Sunday):  
Room LL06
- High School Seniors (2nd Sunday):  
Room LL06

### **Young Adults**

- College Group:  
Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel
- Potluck/Discussion Group (4th Sunday): 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

### **Young Adult Events**

- Theology Night –  
Friday, September 23 at 8 p.m.  
Great Dane (Downtown location,  
123 E. Doty Street)  
"What Does it Mean to be a Christian?"  
Join the group to hang out and discuss  
interesting topics about faith.



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# Calendar

Next CHIMES Deadline: September 15  
 Next Publication: September 22

## FUMC Building Open Hours

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### Sunday, September 11

Christian Education Special Offering  
 Open House for Fall Programming  
 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room  
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

### Monday, September 12

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

### Tuesday, September 13

7:30 a.m. Faith and Reason - Capitol Lakes  
 12:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Capitol Lakes  
 6:30 p.m. SPRC - Room 208

### Wednesday, September 14

1:00 p.m. Game Day - Room 208  
 6:30 p.m. “Living the Question”  
 Conversations  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. Outreach Ministries Council  
 - Room 208  
 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good (Last in  
 6-wk series) - Chapel

### Thursday, September 15

10:00 a.m. Weekday Welcome Team  
 Meeting & Lunch  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 a.m. “Living the Question”  
 Conversations  
 - Room 208

6:00 p.m. Lyons Lecture Committee  
 - Room 208

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 - Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
 - Music Room

### Friday, September 16

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
 - LL05

### Sunday, September 18

Personal Essentials Pantry Drive  
 8:00 a.m. Worship Service in Chapel  
 8:15 a.m. Homelessness Task Force  
 - Room 203  
 8:30 a.m. Bible Study - Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Learning Breakfast  
 - Music Room  
 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room  
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Planning Team  
 - Room 203  
 12:00 p.m. Packer Party & Lunch  
 - Fellowship Hall

### Monday, September 19

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

### Tuesday, September 20

6:00 p.m. Church Council - Chapel

### Wednesday, September 21

11:30 a.m. Chimes Group - Room 208  
 6:30 p.m. “Living the Question”  
 Conversations - Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, September 22

10:30 a.m. “Living the Question”  
 Conversations - Room 208  
 3:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Team - Room 208  
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

### Friday, September 23

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - LL05

### Sunday, September 25

United Methodist Women Sunday  
 8:30 a.m. Bible Study - Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. “Mental Illness or Mental Health?  
 Understanding the Continuum”  
 - Room 203  
 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room  
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 p.m. Meal & Movie “Minds on the Edge”  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 1:30 p.m. Conversation with the Bishop  
 - Asbury UMC