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Welcome Rev. Carly Kuntz – The First 100 Days

As we celebrate Rev. Keith Schroerlucke's pastoral leadership over the past 12 years, and say farewell (hopefully temporarily) to Keith and Sandra, we also prepare to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Carly Kuntz.



Pastor Carly's official first day with us is July 1. She will lead worship for the first time on July 8, and we have planned a special, all-church gathering on July 22. Her "First 100 Days" with us is a special time, as we look for opportunities to get to know Carly and help her learn about and integrate into the congregation. In addition to our regular worship, meetings and other opportunities to get to know each other, we also have several special events and opportunities planned for this First 100 Days. See more details in this issue of *Chimes*.

Brenda Furlow, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

Summer Worship Schedule

Special Event Worship Services

One service at 9:30 a.m.

July 22 and August 12

All other Sundays there will be worship services at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

June 17 –

Rev. Tina Lang preaching
"The Secret Garden"

Text: Mark 4:26-34

June 24 –

Rev. Tina Lang preaching
"The Other Side"

Text: Mark 4:35-41

July 1 –

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Jim Scorgi, retired clergy
from Northern Illinois

UMC conference

"Transition is Hard"

July 8 –

Rev. Carly Kuntz's
first Sunday at FUMC

"In the Beginning"

Text: II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

July 15 –

Special Food Pantry Offering
"Resurrection Power"

Text: Ephesians 1:13-23

July 22 –

Welcome Service for

Rev. Carly Kuntz

9:30 - Only one worship service
(No 8 or 11 a.m. services)

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT

July 22 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall
Welcome Celebration
for Pastor Carly

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

As I prepare myself for the transition in leadership here at FUMC, I find myself thinking a lot about what this church means to me. Certainly the pastoral leadership is a key component of this worshipping community. But the pastor is really part of a large and rich tapestry that makes this a place of sacred worth.

Today I find my heart and mind turning to one specific piece of that tapestry, and that is worship. What do I experience in worship? First and foremost, I am granted a wonderful opportunity to feel close to God. I can't say that the closeness comes from the same aspect of the worship service each week; but most often it is achieved through the time of prayer. Sometimes it happens when I hear scripture that seems to be aimed, like a laser, directly to my heart and my concerns or to my distorted perspective. (Yes, sometimes feeling "close to God" means that I feel really uncomfortable.) Sometimes it happens through the music. In fact, it was through music (specifically, the hymn Amazing Grace) that I found myself being "led" back to church after a long period away during my twenties. And, indeed, it often comes from the words of a sermon that unlock a new insight into my life or into my understanding of God.

Another important experience for me during worship is the opportunity to be near the "saints." There are many at First Church. The people who come immediately to mind are those who give generously to and help with the food pantry and other outreach ministries; those who provide music; those who teach; those who pray tirelessly; and those whose faces light up as they greet me (and everyone else who crosses their path). Simply being in their presence fortifies me for my week ahead. But, just as pastoral leadership changes, so also do the saints, who sometimes leave us... but always seem to be replaced by new worshippers and seekers who find us and bring us new blessings.

So, yes, we will soon lose one of the threads from the beautiful "worship part" of our tapestry. But the warp and woof of First Church is never dependent upon a single thread of a single weight and color. Worship leadership will change, and our tapestry will yet again be beautified and enriched in new ways.

Thanks be to God.

Kathie Nichols, Business Administrator



***"First Church
is a large and
rich tapestry"***



Welcome Pastor Carly

Join us as we help acquaint Pastor Carly Kuntz with First Church and Madison during her first 100 days of ministry with us.

Names and Faces

At the very beginning, one of the best ways we can help Pastor Carly get to know us is simply to put names with faces. So please, everyone, wear your nametags when you attend services on Sunday or participate in church activities, especially in these early months. If you don't have a nametag, contact the church office at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org, or fill out an order form at the Information Desk any Sunday morning.

Introductory Meetings

Pastor Carly has asked for the opportunity to meet with members of the congregation in small group settings. We are planning a number of small (10-15 people) meetings for the months of July, August, September and October, both at the church and in people's homes. Contact Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org or 608.256.9061 if you are interested in hosting a small group gathering. Then look for posted schedules of the gatherings, sign up if you are able to attend, and come prepared to answer these three questions: "Why did you join FUMC? What keeps you coming? What is your hope or vision for FUMC in the future?"

Getting to Know Madison

Because we want Pastor Carly to feel welcome and learn to love not only our church, but also the larger community, we will provide her with a list of 100 Great Things To Do in the Madison area. Ask her about her favorites so far, and provide her with some ideas of your own. **Send your ideas** to info@fumc.org or mail them to the church office.

Getting to Know You

We ask each member, family and friend of First Church to provide us with a note telling Carly a little about yourself. Include a recent photo if you have one – we may update the church directory with these photos as well. These can be sent electronically to Kathie Nichols' attention at knichols@fumc.org or by mail to the church office. We hope to receive at least 100 cards and/or notes for Pastor Carly, which we will deliver to her, one per day, for her first 100 days with us.

Special Worship Service on July 22

Pastor Carly's first Sunday preaching at First Church is July 8. We will formally welcome her with a special liturgy at all three services that morning. Then, we have a special "Welcome To the First Church Community" event planned for July 22. That Sunday, we will have a single service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a "Bring Your Own Ants" Picnic in Fellowship Hall (and the garden, weather permitting). Please put this date on your calendar and look for more information in the coming weeks.

Other Opportunities

We know Pastor Carly loves baseball and music. So to help her feel welcome and introduce her to our larger Madison community, we have a couple of special fellowship activities planned. We hope you can participate in one or both of these as well.

On Thursday, August 9, you can join Pastor Carly at The Playhouse in Overture Center for a dress rehearsal performance of The Four Seasons Theatre's "A Little Night Music." The musical will begin at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a light dessert and coffee reception at 6:30 p.m., both in Overture Hall. Thanks to our ongoing relationship with The Four Seasons Theatre Company, this special reception and performance are exclusively available to members and friends of First Church and at a greatly reduced price. Tickets are \$20 each and can be reserved through the church office at 608.256.9061 or online at www.fumc.org.

Those who share Pastor Carly's love of baseball can join her at Madison's very own "Duck Pond" for a Madison Mallards baseball game on Sunday, August 5. The game begins at 5:05 p.m. Reserve your tickets right away, as we have only a limited number, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$10 each and can be reserved through the church office 608.256.9061 or online at www.fumc.org.

Look for more information on all these gatherings in the coming months and plan to join the celebrations of the First 100 Days at First!

First 100 Days Planning Committee

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RETHINKING LEADERSHIP

Rethinking Leadership: Empowering Ministry

On April 28, over 30 First Church leaders attended a workshop presented by Dan Hotchkiss and learned about new ways of organizing lay leadership so that staff and ministry teams can focus on doing ministry without complex and time-consuming committee processes. Everyone enthusiastically agreed that this model fits our need at First Church, and the Church Council has empowered a task group to develop the policies that define responsibilities, authority, accountability, and core processes of a new leadership structure.

The “Rethinking Leadership Task Group” is led by Kate Vanderheiden (Church Council Chair) and Brenda Furlow (Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair). Other members of the group are: Lori Bowman, Tim Casper, Phil Greenwood, Tina Lang, Jan Moen, and Kathy Sandefur. Rev. Carly Kuntz attended the Hotchkiss workshop and is now working with the task group. Dan Hotchkiss is providing additional consultation.

The new organization model and processes will be defined by three groups of written policies, covering governance (the work of the board, similar to the church council), delegation (to staff, ministry teams, and board committees) and oversight. The task group and church council will be working together on this project through the remainder of 2012. Our goal will be to change over to the new model in 2013 for a trial run and development of additional policies related to discernment and strategy.

As we develop the details, it is important to hear from all who have an interest in church leadership or active participation in the church’s ministry teams. What is important to you about governance and accountability? What will empower you as leaders and doers of ministry? We’d like to hear your thoughts and past experiences, and we’ll also be sharing our progress and the key choices and considerations before us.

Here are the ways you can participate in the conversation:

1. Read our monthly column in the *Chimes* and share your thoughts and questions with one of the task group members, or send an email to council@fumc.org.
2. Attend the first Rethinking Leadership Forum on Sunday, June 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m. in LL05. Additional forums will be held as things progress.
3. Sign up for our email interest group by contacting the church office at 608.256.9061 or sending an email to council@fumc.org.

Outreach Ministries

**Sunday, June 17 – Open House
8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Lower Level**

You are invited to an Open House showcasing the FUMC Food Pantry, CSA program, Weekday Sandwich Program and the Semi-weekly Showers Program. Take the elevator or the stairs to the lower level. You will be greeted by volunteers who can speak first-hand about their engagement in our Outreach Ministries and how they feel about it. Refreshments will be available.

**Sunday, June 24 – Forum
8:30 - 11 a.m., Octagon**

The Homelessness Task Force will share a ministry moment during worship services and will be available to speak with you about shelter ministry and other volunteer opportunities.

Can You Help Us Out?

Volunteers are needed for helping during Food Pantry hours, unloading deliveries from the food bank, stocking shelves and making sandwiches. If you are interested in volunteering please call the church office 608.256.9061 or email info@fumc.org.

Pantry supplies are needed: plastic or paper grocery bags, personal care items, non-perishable food items and fresh produce. Place your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex on Sunday morning. Thank you!

A Word of Appreciation for Judy Lyons



During the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 17, we will offer a word of appreciation to Judy Lyons, who has served as our Coordinator of Homebound Ministries. Judy has offered love, support and much caring during her time in this position. Her understanding and great love for this congregation have been major aspects of her caring. Often working behind the scenes, Judy has visited and communicated with our homebound members, those in transition and many who were dealing with major crisis in their lives. She helped organize and coordinate several of our Caring Ministry programs. With sensitivity

and caring, Judy became the instrument through which our congregation connected with many people.

As Judy leaves this position, she remains a vital and integral part of our church community. Please, when you see Judy, offer a word of appreciation for her commitment, dedication and service to the church. You just might be the recipient of one of her hugs. Thank you, Judy.

New Visitation Staff Person to Begin

We welcome Carol Klukaczewski as our new Visitation Coordinator. She follows Judy Lyons, who hands over her role at the end of June. With her husband, Jim Newton, Carol has been an active member of First Church for more than 13 years. They have one daughter, Grace, who will be attending college in the fall.

Carol recently retired from her professional career in social work where she often related to our elderly population. She is excited about this opportunity to serve the church and we are excited to have someone like Carol moving into this part-time staff position.

Along with Pastor Carly, Rev. Tina Lang, and Marilyn Smith, Carol will be working to enhance our Visitation and Caring Ministry program. Please welcome Carol as she begins this ministry at First Church.



Retirement Recognition at Annual Conference

During the Wisconsin Annual Conference sessions retiring clergy and their spouses were recognized. Pastor Keith shared a few short stories about his 40 years in ministry with churches in Wisconsin and he expressed gratitude for the blessing of so many good relationships during those years. FUMC members and friends are grateful for those relationships too. Thank you, Keith and Sandra!



With hearts of gratitude...

We want to thank the members and friends of First United Methodist Church for the lovely retirement and farewell recognition; but most of all for 12 wonderful years. It has been our joy to be part of this community of faith. Your love for God and neighbor has been expressed and demonstrated time and time again. Often we have been the recipients of that love and for that we are grateful.

As we enter into this new phase of our lives, we do so with treasured memories of our time with you. We know you will receive and support Pastor Carly as you have so wonderfully supported and loved the Schroerlucke family these past 12 years. It is our hope that in some way our lives, words and witness have been a blessing to you, as you have surely been a blessing to us.

For all the remembrances, gifts and thoughtful messages, we are humbled and deeply appreciative. Thank you. We are honored by your generosity.

Now...

Care more than others think wise.
Risk more than others think safe.
Dream more than others think practical.
Expect more than others think possible.

Continue to embody grace and hospitality; nurture and honor the diversity among us; and, always, always, love God and love neighbor and together help realize a more loving and just world.

All our love,
Keith and Sandra Schroeerlucke

Welcome New Members!



Brian Soper & George Gay



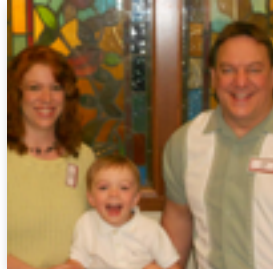
Lucille Mueller



Bette Barnes



Anne Lambert



Teresa, Brandon & Greg Karn



Lorraine Orchard



Jeanne & Wes Schirmer



2012 Confirmation Class

(Left to right) Rev. Keith Schroerlucke, Nicole Schmitgen (teacher), Maggie Spencer, Emma Crowley, Ally Counts, Brett Andreas, Braxton Senson, Eric Bowman, Lauren Zurovitch, Tyler Tweed, Kathie Nichols (teacher), Danielle Nelson, Seth Schroerlucke (teacher).

Alton-Van Dyke Scholarship Program Expanded – 15 Awarded

The Alton Van Dyke Scholarship program has again expanded, adding a new category of recipients to the traditional scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

The new category recognizes college students who have continued their involvement and participation in our youth program despite the demands of their college studies. Their presence enriches the youth program and provides a valuable link between the youth director and the youth themselves.

As a result of this expansion, on Sunday, June 3, the church awarded Alton-Van Dyke Scholarships to seven graduating high school seniors and to eight college students who continue to work with the high school youth.

The Alton-Van Dyke Scholarship fund was created in 1995 in memory of Bishop Ralph Alton and his wife, Marian. The early leaders of the program were Van and Nancy Van Dyke. The traditional scholarships are awarded each year to graduating high school seniors who have actively participated in youth activities of the church. This year the seven Alton Scholarships are \$1,500 each. The eight new college student scholarships are \$550 each.

Nearly \$123,000 in scholarships have been awarded over the eighteen years of the program. During that time the scholarships have grown from \$325 to the current \$1,500. The number of scholarships awarded varies each year depending on the number of qualified applicants who apply.

The Alton-Van Dyke Scholarship Fund currently has an endowment base of more than \$423,000 and contributions are always welcome.

Outreach Ministry Transition

Susan Jeannette, our Director of Outreach Ministries for the past several years, is no longer working with us; her last day at FUMC was June 8. Her service to FUMC and the many guests who come through our doors every day was appreciated.

Staff Parish Committee will delay a search for a replacement until Rev. Carly arrives in early July. In the meantime, a group of dedicated volunteers familiar with our Outreach ministries have put together a great plan for a transition period. But we need your help. **Please consider how you can help** continue our important outreach ministries, especially in these busy summer months when school lunch programs are not available. Young people looking to fulfill volunteer requirements are always welcome, as are volunteers of all ages. Contact info@fumc.org or call 608.256.9061 if you are interested in volunteering.

Brenda Furlow
Staff Parish Relations
Committee Chair



Downtowners Softball Update

Well, we've yet to win a game this year as we stand at 0-4. However, as is our custom, we have a lot of fun and cheer each other on a lot. If that's what won games, we'd be 4-0! With Tom German managing the lineup each game, we're sure to pull out a few wins this season. Thank you to all who've come down to cheer us on. We love to see you, so come on down for a fun Monday evening. A link to the season's schedule and team standings is available on the [Featured and Future Events](#) page on the church website.

Africa University Update

Thursday, June 21 – 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Elaine Jenkins, who works in the Africa University Development Office in Nashville, TN, will visit Wisconsin soon after returning from the university's graduation and 20th anniversary celebration. Elaine writes, "I will have much to share."

Africa University, in Mutare, Zimbabwe, is a United Methodist school which educates students from many African countries. Everyone is invited to attend this session and learn how things are at the school. For more information, contact Fred Brancel via the church office at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org.

Alton-Van Dyke Scholarship Recipients



High school graduates: (left to right)
Megan Ackeret, Emiliano Fraire,
Grace Newton, Jocelyn Bock, Bobby Penner,
Jacob Rodgers, Jessica Rodgers.



College students: (left to right)
Nicole Schmitgen, Ashley Maitland,
Garrett Farin. Emily Burrows, Josh Williams.
Not pictured: Jennifer German, Kelsey Kyle
and Emily Phillips.

Congratulations to these dedicated and deserving young members of our congregation.



Roaring 20s Summer Schedule

- Friday, June 15 – Genna’s Lounge at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 30 – Bike ride at 1 p.m., meet at FUMC
- Friday, July 13 – Genna’s Lounge at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 20 – Dinner at the Old Fashioned at 6:30 p.m.

The “Roaring 20s” group is geared toward young adults in their early to mid-twenties, but all are welcome to join this laid-back group on their social outings. For more information, contact Max Olin through the church office at info@fumc.org or 608.256.9061.

Parking Fundraiser

To raise money to help pay for the recent College/Young Adult Social Justice Mission Trip, members of these two groups will be collecting \$5 parking fees for use of the church lot on Saturdays during Farmer’s Markets this summer. Members and friends of the church will not be asked to pay, but donations are always welcome!

College/Young Adult Social Justice Mission Trip Recap

The ten young adults who went on this “first annual” trip had an amazing week, experiencing everything from how to weed tomatoes and pick fresh blueberries to learning about the deepest shadows of racial tension and oppression.

We started by exploring the intense depths of current and past issues such as homelessness, racial segregation, community living and the power of change through uplifting talks with Rev. Gilbert Schroerlucke in Louisville, KY and members of the Open Door Community of Atlanta, GA. Next we made it to the peaceful, serene Koinonia Farm, where we learned about sustainability, intentional living, permaculture and the beauty of our relationship with the Earth. While there, we also partnered with the Fuller Center for Housing to help repair a home for a family in need and witnessed the issues of immigration through a hospitality house for family and friends of immigrants who have been detained at the Stewart Immigration Detention Center.

I find it difficult to even begin to share about all we learned and how immensely we were changed by this trip. We all would like to express our gratitude to the congregation for their support and blessings.

If you want to know more about this trip, I cannot urge you enough to speak to any of those who went: Zoe Delain, Stefan DeLong, Amanda and Hannah Fry, Laura Green, Kelsey Kyle, Nicole Schmitgen and Max Strommen, accompanied by Seth, Nicky and Selah Schroerlucke.

Kelsey Kyle

Lay Speaker Classes Offered

Basic Lay Servant Ministry Class

Dates: Saturdays, June 23 & 30

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Place: La Farge UMC, La Farge, WI

Register by: Saturday, June 16

Advanced Lay Servant Ministry Training

“Leading God’s People in Prayer”

Dates: Wednesdays in August (5 sessions)

Time: 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Place: Dell UMC, Westby, WI

Register by: Sunday, July 22

There are no registration fees for either class. To register send an email to lafchu@mwt.net or call 608.625.2375. For more details, including titles for suggested reading, visit www.fumc.org.



Elaine Weidemann Honored at Annual Conference

For over 25 years, the Wisconsin United Methodist Federation for Social Action has given annual Perry Saito Awards to individuals who demonstrate their loyalty to Christ through faith and work to further justice and peace through the United Methodist Church. Elaine Weidemann (on the right) was the recipient of a Saito Award at the 2012 Annual Conference gathering. Congratulations, Elaine and thank you for a lifetime of witness and social action.

Thank You

Carolyn McVey has volunteered in the church office every Tuesday morning for more years than we can count. In addition to a gracious welcome and bright smile, she has offered many hours of service primarily related to record keeping and other tasks associated with children's ministries. Thank you, Carolyn, for your years of faithful service!



A Wonderful Evening

Dear First Church Friends,

Thank you all for helping me to celebrate my 60th birthday and supporting Porchlight's Safe Haven program for homeless people with mental illnesses. We had a friendly turnout of enthusiastic singers, and raised over \$1,500 in donations, plus several grocery bags' worth of toiletries.

I especially appreciated the assistance of Ann Kniskern, Kathy Sandefur and Mary Bean (Homelessness Task Force members), Susan Jeannette and Scott Foss, who helped with arrangements for lyrics. Thanks also to Liz Gill and anyone else on the kitchen crew. I am so grateful to be a part of this church community.

(This reminds me of a song: "I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together!")

Kathy Maldegen



A Celebration

On May 20, Rev. Tina Lang celebrated with **Sonja Parr**, our former Youth and Young Adult Ministries Coordinator, as she was awarded a Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary. Sonja was commissioned for ministry at Annual Conference and will serve as Associate Pastor at Beaver Dam UMC beginning July 1. Congratulations, Sonja!



FUMC Library Catalog Online

Our library genie has accomplished his first task: The entire FUMC library collection is now searchable online. At www.fumc.org click on the "Get Inspired" tab, and then on "Library." (If you are reading this electronically, [click here](#) to check it out!)



Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers:

Anona Gilbert, Bonnie Landgraf, Marge Detroy, Jean Ebersohl and Lillian Wirth.

We offer our prayers and support to members of our congregation who have recently lost a loved one:

Warren Ingram died on Monday, May 7, just three weeks after his wife, Caroline, died.

Hazel Cowing, mother of Ross and Kay Cowing, died on May 9.

Marja Barger's father, Rev. George Barger died on May 14.

Edith McAusland died on Sunday, June 3.

Lucy Hasheider, Phil Hasheider's aunt died Tuesday, June 5.

Congratulations to families who welcomed new additions recently:

James Donald Mancuso on April 17 to Denise Mancuso and Denise Rasmussen. James joins his older brother, Nicholas, in the family circle.

Noah Christopher Van Anandel was born on May 3 to Eric and Tracy (Von Haden) Van Anandel. Noah has two adoring "big" sisters, Stella and Olivia. He is the newest grandchild for Terry and Jan Von Haden.

We celebrated three baptisms at FUMC on Sunday, May 20:

Maxwell David Hoeme, son of Joseph and Lisa Hoeme, was baptized during the 9:30 worship hour.

At 11:00, Zachery Thomas Counts and William Lloyd Counts were baptized during the same worship service in which their older sister Ally was confirmed. The twins' parents, Thomas Counts (Michell Ackeret) and Catherine Ackeret (Brian Ackeret) looked on.

Coming Up

Sunday Mornings

A Harvest of Good Books – 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05. You can view a list of weekly titles online at www.fumc.org or in the brochure available at the Information Desk.

Open House for Caring Ministries Programs – June 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m. on the lower level near the Food Pantry

Forum: Rethinking Leadership – June 17, 10:30-11 a.m. in Room LL05

Forum: Homelessness/Shelter Issues – June 24, 8-10:30 a.m. in Room 208

Mondays

Meditation Group – 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Recurring Calendar Events

Yoga for Good Sessions

Mondays: 11:45 a.m. in the Chapel

Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

There will be no class on Wednesday, July 4.

(Independence Day holiday)

Faith & Reason Group

This group will take a break for the Summer. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11.

Next Chimes Deadline

The next issue of *Chimes* will be published July 12. The deadline for submitting articles is noon on Tuesday, July 3.

Independence Day

The church building, offices and Food Pantry will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in celebration of the Independence Day holiday.

First Church Food Pantry

Monday: 10 a.m. - noon

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

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - noon

(Closed July 4th)

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

Friday: 10 a.m. - noon

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all God's Children



Summer Sunday School Begins Sunday, June 24

Calling all kids! Summer is here and we are ready to jump in and explore God's underwater universe. Join us as we explore stories of people who learned about faith by knowing how to depend on God, dared to care, chose to follow Jesus and changed the world. Beginning June 24, come and join us as we swim with humpback whales and sea horses, explore through coral reefs, take a journey to the ocean floor and learn how to discover our own faith and trust in God, whose love is bigger than the sea. We will see you soon!



Youth Missions Auction Fundraiser Recap

Thank you to all who supported youth and college missions through this auction and to all the youth and adults who helped put it together. It was such a fun morning with a great energy in the air. From the buzz at the live auction to the delicious pancake breakfast it was a great way to celebrate Mother's Day. Together, we raised over \$2,500! Thank you, First Church!

Children & Youth

June 24 - First Day of Children's Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

* All children through grade 5 meet in Lower Level Sunday School rooms.

Childcare on Sundays 9:15 a.m. – Noon

- Infant – 2 years:
First Floor Nursery - Room 104
- Toddlers age 2 and older:
Lower Level - Room LL12

Middle School/High School Summer Sunday School Picnic/Discussions:

- June 17
- July 15
- August 19

Youth Events

- June 20-24 – MS Mission Trip (Su Casa in Chicago)
- July 8 at 9 a.m. – HS Mission Trip Training Workshop (Youth Rooms)
- July 21-29 – HS ASP Mission Trip (Harlan, KY)
Youth Missions Sunday (Sanctuary)
- August 12 at 9:30 a.m. – Youth Missions Sunday (Sanctuary)
- August 12 at 11:30 a.m. – Youth Program Celebration (Wingra Park)

Young Adults

- June 16 at 9 a.m. – Berry Picking
- June 24 at 5 p.m. – Potluck/Discussion
- July 7 – Habitat Build
- July 22 at 5 p.m. – Potluck/Discussion
- August 26 at 5 p.m. – Potluck/Discussion

Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org for more info.



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Scenes from Pastor Keith's Retirement Celebration

