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## *The Active Spirit of Love*

As we have worked with the Scott and Kitt Foss family in the aftermath of their house fire last month, I am humbled and gratified by the outpouring of love, concern and willingness “to help in whatever way we can” from this congregation. Of course, this speaks volumes about our regard for Scott and Kitt and how they have touched our lives; it also speaks about the heart of this congregation.

We are a very diverse congregation in many ways. At times, this is a source of creative tension and even some frustration but there is no denying that at the heart of our congregation is the active spirit of love. That has been witnessed time and time again and most recently in our response to the tragic happenings with Scott and Kitt. We may not always think alike. We may have different theological and biblical perspectives and there may be political differences among us. As a downtown, regional church with members coming in from three to four counties, we may not know each other as well as we would like, but there is one thing we have in common – one heart; a heart for God and a heart to express that love in all that we do.

As we continue this journey together in 2011, I continually offer gratitude to God for each of you and wish for each of you a most blessed and joy-filled New Year. For the journey past with all its joys and sorrows, and the journey ahead with the unexpected and unanticipated opportunities – never, ever forget – Emmanuel - God is with us.

Thanks be to God.  
*Pastor Keith Schroerlucke*

## **Worship at First Church**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

**January 9**  
“How Do We Know  
When It's God?”  
8 a.m. - **Worship in Chapel  
with Holy Communion**  
Text: Isaiah 42:1-9 and  
Matthew 3:13-17  
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
- “Old Befana” musical

**January 16**  
**Human Relations Day**

**Martin Luther King  
Birthday Observance**

**Celebrating the life and  
dream of Dr. King at all  
three services.**

Remembering the vision,  
courage and love of this  
spiritual leader.

8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Worship in the Chapel**  
9:30 a.m. - **Blessed Brass**

On this Sunday we are  
reminded that Dr. King's  
dream is yet to be fulfilled  
and the work of making  
that dream a reality must  
continue.

A special offering supports  
United Methodist churches  
providing ministries that  
build bridges of understanding  
and community.

**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

When I came to First Church two years ago, I was a broken person. My rock – my husband, Bob – had passed away after a year of fighting an incurable cancer and a few weeks later my mom received a similar diagnosis. I felt overwhelmed and numb, adrift and alone. Loss is just so sad and it accentuated my helplessness. Obtaining this position gave me financial security, but what saved me was all of you, the people of First Church.

The staff, Outreach volunteers and so many others welcomed me with open arms and then embraced me and held me up. People whose names I didn't even know yet offered support and kindness and welcome. I've been given praise and hugs and comfort and lots of help. And as I've worked and learned and journeyed through grief and change, the burden of loss has been bearable. I thank you all for helping me fend off despair, and for providing your loving support as I heal.

I see the same outpouring of support and help to Scott and Kitt Foss. The genuine love shown over and over by the actions of all of you renews my faith and restores my soul.



*Susan Jeannette*, Director of Outreach Ministries



*“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.” Psalm 23*



## Old Befana – Sunday, January 9

9:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Services

We will again welcome Ken Lonquist and his talented cast of performers in the beautiful and poignant musical “Old Befana”. This has become one of our happiest traditions to hear the story sung and spoken of the old woman who keeps her front walk swept and her cookies fresh while she awaits the return of that “special child”. That special child could be you. This is a family favorite and a worship service that sees many guests and friends coming to enjoy this beautiful story told in a way that touches both children and adults.

## Altar Flower Sponsorship

Winter is just beginning, but already memories of green leaves and brightly colored petals are fading fast. You can add a splash of color and cheer to our worship services by signing up to sponsor the chancel floral arrangement for a particular week. Dedicate the arrangement in memory of a loved one, in appreciation for a friend, in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, or just because you like flowers and want to hurry spring along. If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Karen Andro at 256-9061 or email [office@fumc.org](mailto:office@fumc.org)

## Newcomer Orientation – Sunday, January 9

If you are interested in learning more about the vital and growing ministry of First Church, please come to one of our newcomer orientation gatherings. These gatherings provide time to ask questions, share information and get acquainted with others who may be new to the church. The next one will be held on January 9 at 11 a.m. in Room 203. If you plan on attending, let Mary Hasheider know. Call her at 256-9061 Ext. 34 or e-mail [mhasheider@fumc.org](mailto:mhasheider@fumc.org). If you are interested in membership, or simply desire more information, join us for this informal time of fellowship.

## Thanks to Kiwanis

This summer the Westside Kiwanis gave a \$1,500 donation to our FUMC Food Pantry and last month the Downtown Kiwanis donated food and personal care items. We appreciate these donations and also those who advocated for us: John Thomas and Carroll Spencer on the west side, and Curtis Wittwer downtown. Thank you.



Come and join the fellowship and fun at this month’s Game Days:

1-3 p.m. in Room 208

- Wednesday, January 12
- Wednesday, January 26

Beat the post-holiday blahs with a spirited round of euchre or a board game.

## Next Chimes Deadline

Please submit your articles for the January 20 *Chimes* by Wednesday January 12 to [chimes@fumc.org](mailto:chimes@fumc.org). Thank you.

## Christmas Community Dinner a Success



A huge Thank You goes to Ralph and Erica Kauten (pictured with Susan Jeannette) and their team of wonderful volunteers for once again providing a delicious meal in an inspiring atmosphere on Christmas Day. Volunteers delivered a record 282 meals to those who are homebound, including many First Church members who also received a poinsettia plant. In Fellowship Hall, 309 meals were served, for a dinner total of 591 meals. Thanks also to Clausen’s Bakery and Schoep’s Ice Cream for their contributions of homemade bread and dessert.

## Isthmus Brass Ensemble Concert

The Isthmus Brass Ensemble provided a beautiful and moving concert on Friday evening, December 17. The concert was a benefit for Porchlight, a long-time partner organization of First Church. Approximately 60 people were treated to music ranging from *Handel’s Concerto Grosso* to familiar Christmas carols such as *O Come All Ye Faithful*. And what a treat: the talent was breathtaking. The event raised over \$700 for Porchlight’s programs. We’re proud to be a part of community programs like this.

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## All-Church Study Planned –

**January 16 – February 20**

*Simpler Living, Compassionate Life* will be the focus of a six-week all-church study organized for small groups. As part of the study, we will learn how to encourage actions and lifestyles which more deeply reflect core Christian values and result in more meaningful, joyful living and discuss the connections between consumption, global economics and increasing inequities between rich and poor. See the insert in this issue of *Chimes* and watch for books at a display table in the Octagon on Sunday.

## Yoga for Good Sessions

Instructor Meg Wambach is leading two weekly classes. The Monday class meets from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and the Wednesday class meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both classes are held in the Chapel. Fees are \$6 per class; “drop-ins” are always welcome. A portion of the class fees are donated to our Food Pantry. Contact Kathie Nichols at knicols@fumc.org or 256-9061, Ext. 11 with any questions.



## United Methodist Women

**Deborah Circle** will meet at Talula’s Restaurant (802 Atlas Ave) on Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please note the earlier, time. For more information, call Sandra Schroerlucke at 298-0274.

**Ruth Circle** will meet at Capitol Lakes on Tuesday, January 11 at noon. Judy Lyons will lead a discussion about caregiving.

## When The Weather Outside is Frightful

In the event of adverse weather conditions, there are several ways you can check for news regarding First Church cancellations:

- Call the church office at 256-9061 and select option 7 to hear a recorded message of the latest information.
- Watch local TV stations (or go to their website):
  - WISC Channel 3 – [www.channel3000.com](http://www.channel3000.com)
  - WMTV Channel 15 – [www.nbc15.com](http://www.nbc15.com)
  - WKOW Channel 27 – [www.wkowntv.com](http://www.wkowntv.com)

Be sure your e-mail address – one that you have access to on evenings and weekends – is up-to-date on the church’s Listserve.

## A New Year Health Challenge Benefitting Our Food Pantry

Looking for extra incentive to take off those holiday pounds and get into shape? Or maybe you don’t have weight to lose, but would like to exercise more regularly in the New Year. Here’s a great “no-strings-attached” way to get yourself in shape and make a contribution to our food pantry at the same time. It’s called the **Million Pound Challenge**. For every pound of weight you lose or for every hour you exercise, the Princeton Club and other sponsors will contribute 10 pounds of food (up to a million pounds!) to Second Harvest Food Bank, and you even get to pick which food pantry receives the food. You don’t need to be a member of the Princeton Club to take part in this challenge, but we hope you’ll join our FUMC Wellness Team for your own health and for the good of our pantry. The **Million Pound Challenge** started January 1 and goes through May 31 so register soon! Go to: <http://www.princetonclub.net/mpc/> click on “Sign Up”, then join the First United Methodist “team”. Make your loss a gain for our food pantry!



## Scenes from Advent and Christmas

### Church Women United Meeting – Saturday, January 15

9 a.m. at Trinity UMC

Steve Schooler, Executive Director of Porchlight, will be the guest speaker at Church Women United's Human Rights Celebration at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1123 Vilas Avenue, Madison. The program will begin with a continental breakfast. All are welcome to attend.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend –

*A special gift to last a lifetime*

Sometimes what a couple really needs is just to get away from the rest of the world for a couple of days and focus on each other. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend-United Methodist can provide the structure and unobtrusive "tour guides" you need for a romantic, intimate getaway adventure. Giving your spouse the gift of yourself is something both of you will remember, treasure and benefit from for a lifetime. Workshops will be held on the following dates:

- February 18-20, 2011 Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac, WI
- October 21-23, 2011 Rader Retreat Center, Pine Lake, Westfield, WI

For more information visit [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org) or [w1marriage@gmail.com](mailto:w1marriage@gmail.com) or call toll free 1-866-633-3862. Ron and Sharon Morishita at (262) 554-0369 can also answer any questions.



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## Sunday Opportunities

**Coffee, Food & Fellowship** – The First Cup Café is open from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Coffee fellowship time continues until 11 a.m.

**The Journey** – 9:30 in Room 208. A fellowship-based class with a focus toward parents and couples meets to share life journeys and discuss topics of interest.

**Theology for the 21st century** – 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05. Newcomers are welcome to join in the lively discussion of books being studied.

**The Christian Adventure** – 11 a.m. in Room 208. Come join in the interesting and enlightening conversation.

**Islam and Arabic Tradition** – January 16 – February 13, 11 a.m. in Room LL05. In our increasingly global context it is important for people of faith to become better acquainted with a variety of faith traditions and cultures. Enrich your own spiritual journey by learning about Mohammed, Islamic faith practices and Arabic tradition.

**Especially for Women** – 9:30 and 11 a.m. in Room LL09 on January 16. Caroline Spencer will offer ideas especially geared to women regarding fitness and nutrition. This gathering for women of any age will be a great way to begin the new year.

**Shaping a Life of Significance for Retirement** – 11 a.m. in Room 203. Beginning January 23, Ann Herrold-Peterson facilitates an encore session of this class for folks moving toward retirement, recently retired, or long time retired and interested in sharing ideas about this season of life. The class is open to previous participants and newcomers alike.

## Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: David Slutterback, Margaret Woerpel, Ramona Clift, Jane Johnson, Lynn Peterson, Arabella Ann Cobb (granddaughter of Cal and Joy Cobb), and Jim Risler (Iraq).

A memorial service for Howard Holzman, husband of Charlotte Holzman, will be held on Saturday, January 8 at 3 p.m. Please remember Charlotte and her family in your prayers and fellowship.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom Brown on the loss of his wife, Lee Brown, who passed away on December 31. A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 10 at 3 p.m.

## HospiceCare Programs Offered

A variety of free sessions will be offered this month at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Fitchburg. More details are available at [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org). Note that most sessions require pre-registration.

## Making the HospiceCare Choice

This question-and-answer seminar will inform participants of what hospice is and who is eligible. The first session will be held on Tuesday, January 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the second on Monday, January 17, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register, call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs at (608) 327-7202.

## Grief Support Groups

HospiceCare will begin six grief support groups and offer a recurring group for those grieving the death of a loved one. To register, call HospiceCare at (608) 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

## Birthdays

### January 10

Robert Duckworth, Glenna Jackson, Doug Maynard, Katelyn McCosky

### January 11

Joyce Leadley

### January 12

Paul Wydeven

### January 13

Gail Anderson, Norm Beachley, Leslie Mieke, Jean Shoemaker

### January 14

Michele Moede, Karen Moser, Sue Petkovsek, Roy Prestage, Dorcas Volk

### January 15

Bob Walton, Max Wendt

### January 16

Barb Blackburn, Emma Crowley, Mitch Dann, Betty Land

## January 17

Karen Andro, Andy Bean, Ramona Clift, Luke Esslinger

## January 18

Zachary Cummings, Dean Leeper, Chandler Sanford, Ellen White

## January 19

Helen Kuntz, Nichole Lee Schroerlucke, Maggie Spencer

## January 20

Carrie Haskins, Maya Tjugum

## January 21

Glenn Oestreich, Julie Woerpel

## January 22

Marissa Charlson, Rachel Fisher

## Anniversaries

### January 15

David & Lorene Wendricks

## First Church Food Pantry

### Hours of Operation:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Food Pantry Closed:

Monday, January 17

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# all God's Children

## Youth Ski Trip – Saturday, January 22

The Youth will be heading out to Tyrol Basin on Saturday, January 22 for some great downhill action. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org to sign up.

## Youth Missions Fruit Sale – Sundays, January 23 – February 13

The Annual Fruit Sale to support Youth mission trips will be starting soon. As in past years, there will be a variety of kinds of fruit to choose from. Orders can be placed at the Youth Kiosk in the Octagon on Sunday mornings. Pickup day for the fruit will be Sunday, February 27. The youth thank you for your support.

## Youth Mission Trips Kick-off – Sunday, January 23

An important informational meeting will take place on Sunday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Young people who plan to participate in the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) or the middle school mission trip and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

This meeting will provide:

- Details about how to register for the mission trips
- Examples of how to reduce registration fees
- Fundraising tips
- A chance to meet fellow mission trippers
- Information about how youth can help with the upcoming Fruit Sale

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## Upcoming Youth Fundraisers

- Annual Fruit Sale – Begins Sunday, January 23 (see article on this page)
- Mardi Gras Dinner & Dessert Talent Show – Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Auction – Sunday, May 8 from 8 -11 a.m.
- Spring Cleaning - Date TBD
- Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 6 (benefits FUMC Food Pantry)

## Sunday Classes & Childcare

### Children

January 9 – Old Befana –

Families attend worship together

January 16 – Sunday School

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

9:45 Classes

- Wee-Learn (6-30 month-olds plus accompanying adult) – Room LL11
- 2 and 3-year-olds – Room LL19
- 4 and 5-year olds – Room LL17
- Grades K-1 – Room LL15
- Grades 2-3 – Room LL10
- Grades 4-5 – Room LL03

### Youth

January 9 – Old Befana –

Families attend worship together

January 16 - Meet at 9:30

Room LL02

January 23 – Meet at 9:30

Room LL02

Mission Trip info

### Childcare

9:15 a.m. – Noon

Infant – 2 years: First Floor Nursery - Room 104

Toddlers age 2 and older: Room LL12



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## Periodicals

Week of 1/6

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# Calendar

Next CHIMES Deadline: January 12, 2011  
 Next Publication: January 20, 2011

## FUMC Building Open Hours

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 1:00p.m.  
 Monday -Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**BUILDING CLOSED: Monday, January 17**

### Sunday, January 9

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m..  
 "Old Befana" - Sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m. Newcomer Orientation  
 - Room 203

### Monday, January 10

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good  
 (Last day of session)  
 - Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group  
 - Chapel

### Tuesday, January 11

12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle  
 - Capitol Lakes  
 5:00 p.m. Witness Against Torture  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. SPRC - Room 208

### Wednesday, January 12

1:00 p.m. Game Day - Room 208  
 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

### Thursday, January 13

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
 - Music Room

### Friday, January 14

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
 - LL05

### Sunday, January 16

Human Relations Day Special Offering  
 8:30 a.m. Homelessness Task Force  
 - Room 203  
 11 a.m. Simpler Living - LL10  
 4:00 p.m. Simpler Living - Narthex  
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Mentor and Confirmand Retreat

### Monday, January 17

Building Closed for MLK Holiday  
 7:00 p.m. Simpler Living  
 - Webb Home

### Tuesday, January 18

7:00 p.m. Simpler Living  
 - Maynard Home

### Wednesday, January 19

7:00 p.m. Simpler Living  
 - Lyons Home

### Thursday, January 20

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee  
 - Room 208  
 11:30 a.m. Chimes Group  
 - Room 208  
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Simpler Living  
 - Nichols/White Home  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
 - Music Room  
 7:45 p.m. Simpler Living  
 - Fellowship Hall

### Friday, January 21

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
 - Music Room  
 7:00 p.m. Simpler Living  
 - Capitol Lakes

### Saturday, January 22

Youth Ski/Snowboard Trip  
 Tyrol Basin