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Scenes of Sunday Morning



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

Sunday, October 9
Children's Sabbath
Rev. Tina Lang will reflect on the question, "Who was Jesus, anyway?" with the message "Anything Goes?"
Text: Matthew 22:1-14.
9:30 Chancel Choir.
11:00 Vocal Duet,
Worship in the Chapel.

Sunday, October 16
Mental Health Awareness Sunday
On this Sunday, we will focus on mental health concerns in our worship celebrations. Pastor Schroerlucke will have a special message on Radical Hospitality as it pertains to mental health and mental illness.
8:00 Worship in the Chapel. Members of the Forward Theatre group will share vignettes on mental health topics, at the 9:30 worship hour.
9:30 Chamber Choir and Blessed Brass.
11:00 Worship in the Chapel.

Sunday, October 23
Food Pantry Special Offering
New Member Sunday
Pastor Schroerlucke will share a message, "Hinges of Faith."
Text: Matthew 22:34-46, The Great Commandment.
We will receive new members during the 9:30 worship hour.
9:30 Chancel Choir and Bell Choir.
11:00 Chapel Choir,
Worship in the Chapel.
There will be a special offering to help support our Food Pantry and its important outreach ministry.

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

Our little girl, Selah, just turned three months old. It seems like every day she hits a new milestone, holding her head up a moment longer, babbling a new syllable, outgrowing another onesie. Like many new parents, we find ourselves thrilled by her growth, while wanting to stop time, and keep her small forever.

The warm days are passing too. In a few weeks the trees will be bare, and frost will cover the morning grass. In these moments it feels as if life is flying by. It makes us want to soak in every second with our daughter and drink up each last hour of sunlight.

Still, it is easy to get caught up in all the things that need doing: laundry, dishes, deadlines, church events, and oh yeah, sleep – it can be a challenge to just be present with our little girl without thinking of our long to-do lists.

I can't imagine what families from our youth group must feel with the increasing obligations of work, school, homework, friends, and extracurriculars like sports and theater. Not to mention making church and youth group a priority. There are so many options and obligations today, but time doesn't stop and it can be easy to slip into "managing" a family instead of truly being present with one another.

The daily changes in an infant are obvious, but we can't forget that our youth are also going through drastic changes: taking in new ideas, new experiences, and wrestling with issues that we never had to consider in our youth. It's important that we listen to their questions, hear their stories, and witness and honor who they are becoming. We have incredible youth in this church and we are continually awed by their growing introspection, spiritual openness and integrity in striving to live out their values. These are all integral aspects of our youth program – looking at who we are and what we believe, and helping each other live that out. We are truly honored to be present with them as they grow.

Likewise, being present in each moment is a way that God reveals his presence with us. So remember to be present with your family and enjoy the brilliance of the season as it changes, the trees as they go from green to scarlet to bare branches outlined against a clear sky.



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Seth + Nichole

Seth and Nichole Schroerlucke

Dang-Its Concert – Friday, October 8 at 7 p.m.

Bring your friends and “circle up” in the Sanctuary for an entertaining concert by local music group, The Dang-Its. A freewill offering will benefit Porchlight’s Safe Haven, a 24/7 shelter serving homeless persons with persistent mental illness.

The Dang-Its are an exciting and fiery country swing band featuring top-notch musicianship, expert vocals and a wide range of material from the humorous to the heartbreaking. Their repertoire includes folk, country blues, Cajun, bluegrass, classic country, rockabilly, country swing and more.

The benefit concert is part of a month-long mental health series offered by FUMC’s Homelessness Task Force. Let’s pack the house and have a standing room only audience as we show our support to Safe Haven and the people who serve and are served by this powerful and necessary program.

Concern for God’s Children

Two of the most reliable places for homeless persons to seek respite from the cold during the day, the downtown library and the basement of the Capitol building, will be unavailable this winter. With the onset of cold weather not far off, many have expressed concern for homeless persons who will suffer frostbite, and even worse, if no places are available to provide warm-up.

Several members of First Church are participating with other community groups to come up with possible solutions. We’d also like to have input from a wide cross-section of the congregation about what First Church can do, either on its own or as a part of the wider downtown Madison community.

Please submit your thoughts to Al Marty by October 16 via email to council@fumc.org.

Let Your Creative Inner Child Out to Play

Greeting Card Ministry volunteers gather at church on a semi-regular basis to make birthday, anniversary and Christmas cards for all members of our congregation. As one group regular says, “It’s sort of like being back in kindergarten. We get to dabble in glitter and glue. Ribbons and sequins. Buttons and bows. Stamps and punches.”

If piles of cardstock and glitter get your creative juices flowing, this convivial group invites you to join them on Thursday, October 20, from 10 a.m. until noon in Room 208 for the last card-making session for this fall. (The group will resume its regular schedule after the first of the year.) If you’d like more information, call Nancy Vidlak at 608-291-0121.

Newcomer Gathering – Sunday, October 9

Room 202, 11 a.m.

If you’ve been visiting with us in worship and would like to consider membership, or if you simply desire more information about First Church, please come and share in this informal time of fellowship in Room 202 at 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 9. Our conversation will center around the church’s ministries. There will be discussion about membership as well as time to get acquainted with one another. Please contact Mary Hasheider at 608-256-9061, Ext. 34 or email mhasheider@fumc.org if you plan to attend. If you’re unable to attend and are interested in membership, please let Mary know.



Packer Party – Sunday, October 16

Cheer for the team and enjoy a tasty lunch at our next Packer Party on Sunday, October 16 at noon in Fellowship Hall. On the menu: burgers, brats, chips and Autumn Dessert Bars. (You won’t find these at Lambeau!) Sign up through the church website (click on the Events tab, then click on the Packer Party event listed under October 16) or add your name to the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. To help with meal planning, please let us know by Thursday, October 13 that you are coming. Suggested donation for lunch is \$6.

Prayer Breakfast – Sunday, October 23

8:15 a.m. outside the Chapel
(Note date change)

Explore ways to strengthen your prayer life while you commune with others in prayer and fellowship. The time will begin with a light breakfast in the conference area outside the Chapel at 8:15 a.m. and will then move into the Chapel to conclude by 9:15 a.m. To be included in the breakfast, please sign up at www.fumc.org (click on the Events tab, then click on the Prayer Breakfast event listed under October 23) or call the church office at 608-256-9061.

Parking Notice

The parking lot next to the Masonic Center will not be available for use by First Church-goers on the morning of Sunday, October 3.

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Jesus Seminar

The Jesus Seminar will be coming to First United Methodist Church Friday, October 21 – Saturday, October 22. On these two days Bernard Brandon Scott and Kathleen Corley will be speaking on the topic “First Century Jesus Movements: How Did Christianity Evolve?” Sessions will include “From Jesus to Constantine: Disunity to Unity” on Friday evening and “The Many Faces of Early Christianity”, “Living in the Empire”, and “What Can We Learn” on Saturday. For workshop descriptions and other details, visit <http://www.westarinstitute.org/Events/JSORs/madison2011.html>, where you can also register online or call 877-523-3545.

Need Volunteers for Jesus Seminar

The Lyons Lecture Committee is looking for a few people to help with registration as participants arrive for this lecture series. They need one more volunteer to help with registration on the evening of Friday, October 21, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and two volunteers for Saturday morning, October 22, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. If you are willing to help at either or both times, please contact Brenda Furlow at info@fumc.org or 608-238-9192.



CROP Walk is Sunday, October 16. Join the fight against hunger! You can register to walk or sign up to sponsor a walker at the table in the Octagon on Sundays or online at www.churchworldservice.org.

Mental Illness or Mental Health

**Presented by First Church Homelessness Task Force
Sundays at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in Room 203**



Persons with a mental illness face isolation and fear due to stigma and misperception of the illness. No one knows exactly what causes these disorders or why it affects some and not others, but no one is to blame, especially not the victim of the illness. We encourage you to attend these final two sessions of the series and browse the books on display on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 9 – “Recovery” The types of mental illnesses we are exploring are chronic and often persistent. Two Safe Haven clients will share their personal experiences on the road to recovery. Learn about stable living, and work/employment programs in our community.

Sunday, October 16 – “The Role of Faith Communities” What is the role of faith communities, and specifically, what are the ministry opportunities for First Church? FUMC member Kathy Maldegen will share personal witness of her clinical depression and the impact on her personal and professional life. She will talk with us about the stigma of mental illness and suggest ways persons of faith can be advocates.

Driving to Church from Verona?

There is an older member of our church who has recently moved to Verona. She would very much like to come to church, but there is no public transportation from Verona. She would be happy to help pay for gas if someone would pick her up once or twice a month. She lives at Four Winds Manor, 303 S. Jefferson St. Please call the church office, 608-256-9061, or Judy Lyons, 608-833-3315, if you could help this long-time member of our church family attend Sunday worship on occasion. Thanks in advance for this act of caring.

“Democracy from the Inside Out”: A Webcast with Parker Palmer

Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Participate in the kick-off of a series of conversations about “doing democracy from the inside out”, available to us through a live webcast on the large screen in our Chapel.

1. 7 p.m. - Parker Palmer of the Center for Courage & Renewal will talk about some key issues in American democracy.
2. 7:30 p.m. - Conversation partners who see these issues from different vantage points will join Mr. Palmer in the discussion.
3. 8 p.m. - Offline conversation about the webcast among those gathered in the Chapel.

An array of topics and focused questions will help participants:

- Explore our own civic values.
- Share concerns about our current political climate.
- Imagine human-scale things we can do to help reweave the civic fabric in our own communities.

Following this October 11 event, the Center for Courage & Renewal will provide additional materials and opportunities to help interested people continue the conversation.

“Living the Question”
Wednesdays, through November 16
Room 208, 6:30-8 p.m.
Thursdays, through November 17
Room 208, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Facilitated by Pastor Schroerlucke.
Come and participate in a dynamic discussion about the person of Jesus. A DVD series will act as a conversation starter for asking questions and discovering insights for our lives, whether we are new to the faith or long-timers struggling with old concepts and understandings.

October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

United Methodist Women of FUMC encourage church members and friends to support Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) in their efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of domestic violence survivors and their families. You can show your support by wearing a purple ribbon this month. Pick yours up (they're free) at the table in the Octagon.



Sunday Faith Development Opportunities

Bible Study –

8:30-9:15 in Fellowship Hall. (Note time change.) Facilitated by Daniel Cochran. Each week the group discusses the Scripture passages that will be read and preached about in worship services that morning.



College Age Class – 9:30 a.m. in the Library. Primarily for undergraduate students, though everyone is welcome, this new group watches and discusses a short video each week from a series called “Re:Form”.



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.



Theology for the 21st Century – 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05. The class is studying the book *Profiles of Jesus*. Class discussions are often lively and always enlightening.

The Christian Adventure –

11 a.m. in Room 208. This class is studying *Re-Imagine the World: An Introduction to the Parables of Jesus*, which offers an interpretation of the key parables of Jesus in the context of other things Jesus said and did.



Two Jewish Scholars Write About Jesus – 11 a.m. in Room LL09 through October 16. Facilitated by Brian McCarthy. Through their writings, two authors who are 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.

For more information on these classes go to:

<http://www.fumc.org/get-involved/sunday-morning/adults/>

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Please remember these FUMC members and Friends in your prayers: Fid Sailor, Kathleen Cooley, Allan Marty, Jean Ebersohl, Wilma Brockmiller, "Edie" Edna Rose, Cliff & Ruth Bossert, Florence Wittwer (Curtis Wittwer's mother), Cindy Doers (Kay Knipfer's niece), Hisashi Miyazaki (husband of Fumiko Miyazaki), Kirk Luker (Afghanistan), Samuel Sesing (Afghanistan), Alec Johnson (grandson of Bill and Jane Johnson).

We celebrate with Jill Bladl and Stacy Green the baptism of their daughter, Delaynee Rae Bladl. Delaynee was baptized in our Sanctuary on Sunday, September 25.

Offices Closed Tuesday, October 11

Our program and support staff will be involved in a day-long, off-site planning retreat on Tuesday, October 11. The building and offices will be closed that day. Evening meetings and activities will be held as scheduled.

Ruth Circle Meeting – Tuesday, October 11

The UMW Ruth Circle will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at noon at Capitol Lakes. This month the group will celebrate some special birthdays – everyone's! Bring your own bag lunch, but leave room for cake.

Annual Church Conference Date Set for Tuesday, November 29

Save the date: Our congregation's annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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

Items Lost But Now They're Found

It's an awful feeling to realize you left something behind at church. But what a great feeling to learn that someone turned it in to the Lost & Found! This could be your experience too. If you have lost something at church in the last few months, check the Lost & Found "inventory list" posted at the Narthex Reception Desk for a wide variety of items, large and small. Maybe your missing item will be on the list. But check soon, because next month all unclaimed items will be given to Susan Jeannette, our Director of Outreach Ministries, for appropriate distribution.

October Game Days Wednesdays, October 12 & 26 1-3 p.m., Room 208

Spend a couple of hours enjoying a fall afternoon with friends, coffee, and an entertaining round or two of Methodist Gin Rummy. Those leaves in the yard can wait one more day.

Do You Knit or Crochet?

When the Giving Trees go up in Fellowship Hall this Advent season, you can help "decorate" them with handmade hats, scarves and mittens. We will need items for both children and adults. Our United Methodist Women's group here at First Church has an abundance of yarn, graciously donated by church members to be used for just this purpose. If you would like to participate in this project, stop by the table in the Octagon during October and November and choose from the selection of yarns arrayed there. Patterns available upon request.

Next Chimes Deadline

Please submit your articles for the October 20th edition of *Chimes* by October 13 to chimes@fumc.org. Thank you.

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Reading, Writing and...School Supplies

Our Homelessness Task Force invites contributions of school supplies for homeless children. Backpacks, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, folders and other school supplies will be donated to the Madison Metropolitan School District's Transitional Education Program for distribution to children who are homeless. Collection buckets will be available outside the Sanctuary and near the Children's Library through October 16.

Our Whole Lives – A Sexuality Curriculum

The Youth program, with Youth Council (now known as Youth Ministry Advisory Team) support is exploring participating in the *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith* curriculum soon. OWL is a comprehensive, lifespan, sexuality education program. Sexuality is a sacred and blessed part of human experience - and we relate to it differently at different ages and stages in life. Unlike many other sexuality curricula available, OWL provides information about sexual development and also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. Someone I interviewed who was a participant in the program said it was the single most important educational experience of her high school career.

We want teens to look to their faith community to help them prepare for sexual decision-making, dating, marriage, and parenting. For many young people the television, media, internet, and friends become their primary source of information. While encouraging communication between teens and their parents the church can help facilitate conversations about this often complicated and sensitive subject in a safe, healthy, and sacred space. A congregation that helps youth clarify and articulate their values and provides accurate information about the body, sexuality, and relationships, empowers teens to actively integrate faith into their sexual decision making.

Looking for Teachers! Our participation in OWL is dependent upon caring adults who want to help bring our youth to healthy understanding of sexuality within the context of our spirituality. No experience necessary. Potential teachers attend a weekend training that certifies them to teach the OWL curriculum. If you have an interest in guiding our young people on this journey, please contact Seth for more information at 608-256-9061 or youthya@fumc.org. Don't let this opportunity pass you by to have a profound and positive impact on the youth.

- Seth Schroerlucke, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Sunday Classes & Childcare

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 Sunday School

Meet at 9:30 a.m.

Middle School: Room LL02

High School: Room LL04

Youth - Special Classes

Meet at 9:30 a.m.

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

Youth Event

- Sr High Convo
November 12-13, Wisconsin Dells
Sign-up: youthya@fumc.org

Young Adults - Classes

- College Group: Meet at 9:30 a.m.,
2nd Floor Library
- Potluck/Discussion Group (4th
Sunday): 4 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Young Adults - Activities

- Apple Picking - Sunday, October 9
1 - 3 p.m. at Eplegaarden
- Contra Dance - Friday, October 28
7:30 p.m., UW Memorial Union

For more information go to www.fumc.org and click on calendar date.



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Sunday, October 9

- Children's Sabbath
- 9:30 a.m. HS Seniors' "Salon on Spirituality" - Room LL06
- 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Mental Health Series: Recovery - Room 203
- 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room
- 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Newcomer Orientation - Room 202
- 1:00 p.m. Young Adult Apple Picking - Eplegaarden
- 3:00 p.m. Faith Development Team - Room 208

Tuesday, October 11

- Church offices and building closed for staff planning day
- 7:30 a.m. Faith and Reason - Capitol Lakes
- 12:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Capitol Lakes
- 6:30 p.m. SPRC - Room 208
- 7:00 p.m. "Democracy from the Inside Out" Webcast - Chapel

Wednesday, October 12

- 1:00 p.m. Game Day - Room 208
- 3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Council - Room 208
- 6:30 p.m. Living the Question - Room 208
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

Thursday, October 13

- 10:30 a.m. Living the Question - Room 208
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Sunday, October 16

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service in Chapel
- 8:15 a.m. Homelessness Task Force - Room 203
- 9:30 & 11:00 am. Mental Health Series: Role of Faith Communities - Room 203
- 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 - Fellowship Hall
- 12:45 p.m. CROP Walk - First Congregational UCC

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.

Tuesday, October 18

- 5:30 p.m. Program Council Roundtable - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 19

- 11:30 a.m. Chimes Group - Room 208
- 3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12
- 6:30 p.m. Living the Question - Room 208
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

Thursday, October 20

- 10:30 a.m. Living the Question - Room 208
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Friday, October 21

- 7:30 p.m. Jesus Seminar on the Road - Sanctuary

Saturday, October 22

- 9:30 a.m. Jesus Seminar on the Road - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 23

- Food Pantry Special Offering
- New Member Sunday
- 8:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast - Outside the Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room
- 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Young Adult Potluck Discussion - Fellowship Hall