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A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

A Sunday at First Church



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

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday
Pastor Schroerlucke begins a three-week series of stewardship messages. This Sunday, we will celebrate Holy Communion and share in the reading of the Honor Roll of Saints.

Message:

"Are We Prepared to Shine?"

Text: Matthew 25:1-13

9:30 Chancel Choir.

11:00 Worship in the Chapel.

Sunday, November 13

Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday
Pastor Schroerlucke continues our stewardship emphasis with a message,

"A Treasure to Shine."

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

9:30 Special Music -

Varshavski-Shapiro

piano duo.

11:00 Worship in the Chapel.

Sunday, November 20

Consecration and

Thanksgiving Sunday

All are encouraged to bring

their completed pledge

cards for the Time

of Dedication.

Message: "The Real Treasure"

Text: Matthew 25:31-46

8:00 Worship meets in

the Chapel.

9:30 Blessed Brass,

Chamber Choir.

9:30 a.m. Family Style

Worship in Fellowship Hall.

11:00 Worship in the Chapel.

Sunday Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.

First Cup Café 8:30-9:15 a.m.



We understand stewardship to be a matter of the heart. Join us as we seek to understand the real treasure of our hearts at a special dinner and inspirational program on November 13.

See page 3 for details.

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

I'm currently rehearsing Handel's *Messiah* for an upcoming performance with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. As many times as I have rehearsed this work, I'm still in awe of the magic and power of the music and the text. Certainly the most famous chorus is the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Words are quite inadequate to describe a sunset over Lake Mendota, the wonder in a child's face, or the power of this incredible music. I think that I can call this a high juncture of music and faith, producing the hallowed assurance of the divine.

Through an everlasting mercy the trumpets do sound in the soul. And as I listen and experience this music, I realize that the goodness and the kindness and the love which once we knew rouses as if from long sleep. Our finest nature comes forward, and we behold the true self like a long-lost friend. If not seized and cherished, the moment passes, and the soul returns to sleep again, to a long sleep. Our spiritual chance is in that finest moment. Lengthen it, nourish it, say to that nobility within you, "This is the person I can become." For if we don't, life will lull us to sleep again, smother us in convention again, choke us with success again, choke us to death spiritually.

The burning desire to have that buried self be more and more our true self is the finest gift we can bring to Christ. Let *Messiah* do its good work in the soul's deep places, then rise in faith to that height we know as fact when the chorus calls us to worship God who is "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

Peace (through music),



Scott Foss, Director of Music



"Rise in faith to that height we know as fact."

Riches Upon Riches

Where do you begin a treasure hunt? If you happen to have an old pirate's map, you might set sail for a distant island marked by an X. If you are a scholar of antiquities, you could organize an archeological dig in hopes of finding a trove of artifacts. Even amateurs can join in the fun of geocaching. A "virtual" look around First Church reveals lots of treasures close to home. Look: There is an X marking the Food Pantry, where families come to receive sustenance each week. Other marks show the sources of the glorious organ, choir and ensemble music we enjoy in our services. And see the big red circle around the Sunday school and youth rooms – just imagine the treasures these can (and do) yield! In a unique twist, the treasure hunt that we are about to embark on lets us draw our own map and plot our own course to treasures of our own choosing. So what do we choose? Think of all the golden possibilities!

Stewardship Reflection – Where Is Your Treasure?



I write this from the waiting room of the hospital. Already this week I have been with a family to celebrate the life of a wife, mother and grandmother and to offer God our gratitude for this special life. I visited a man and his family dealing with an unusual and unexpected heart condition. Another friend and church member began in-hospital chemotherapy treatments for a recently diagnosed cancer. I know there are others in our church family who are dealing with serious medical and age-related situations. Now we are waiting as a family around the bedside of

Sandra's father, Leif. There have been some encouraging moments, as when Leif begins speaking in Norwegian, although his slurred speech makes every effort sound foreign; but mostly, the word is not good. A massive stroke and subsequent heart attack make for a dire prognosis.

Looking for something positive and hopeful in the midst of IV drips, CAT scans, monitors and doctor warnings is like a hunt for a lost treasure. Questions are asked hoping for a positive answer. Statements about miracles are made and welcomed. Clinging to every hopeful word is like looking for a clue that will lead us to the treasure.

As I sat next to Leif, I began to realize that the treasure was right there in front of us. It wasn't word about a full recovery or a sign of recognition, it was Leif. In all his many years of loving, sharing, faithfulness, kindness, friendship, and fathering, the treasure was right there in front of us and regardless of what happens in the next few days, remains and will remain that treasure.

Where is your treasure? It may be a lot closer than you think.

Rev. Keith Schroerlucke, Lead Pastor

Finding the treasure of your heart



You are invited
to a special First Church
stewardship reception
and program on Sunday
evening, November 13,
2011 at the church.

5:30 p.m. Appetizers & Gathering
6:00 p.m. Dinner & Brief Program

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 8.
Register online at www.fumc.org
Or call 608.256.9061

*A free-will offering will be accepted
to help defray meal cost.*

Stewardship Dinner Menu

Tropical Grilled Pork Loin
Rice & Beans (Haitian Style)
Rainbow Chopped Salad
Lush Frosted Cake
Braided Hawaiian Bread
Party on the Beach (Non-alcoholic cocktail)

Be sure to make your reservation
by Tuesday, November 8, at
www.fumc.org or call 608.256.9061.

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Newcomer Gathering – Sunday, November 13 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, November 13. 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.

Reminder: Annual Church Conference Tuesday, November 29 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

November Ruth Circle Meeting

Tuesday, November 8 at noon at Capitol Lakes. Brown bag lunch. This month's speaker will be Julia Weaver, Chaplain at the Dane County Jail.

Thanksgiving Community Meal – Everyone Welcome Thursday, November 24 Noon - 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

*For home delivery call 608-251-4407 on
Wednesday, November 23 between 3-5 p.m.*

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The Homelessness Task Force Invites Your Feedback

Your input is very helpful and valuable as we evaluate the recent "Mental Illness or Mental Health" series and begin planning our next steps. Please share your questions, comments and ideas with any member of the Task Force: Christine White, Ann Kniskern, Bonnie Benson, Gloria Waity, Kathy Sandefur, and Charlene Holzman. Or email your thoughts to Kathy at the church at info@fumc.org. Thank you!

Our Night at the Shelter Update

Many thanks to the Confirmation Class for heating, transporting and serving dinner to guests at the Drop-in Shelter this October. In November, the Young Adults are giving their time and care for these guests. A plate of hot food served by a smiling person makes facing the cold, wet nights of fall and winter, a little easier. The guests are grateful for this expression of God's love for them.

Historically, the number of guests served at the shelter increases dramatically during the winter months. Our monthly food donations provide enough food for 70-75 people. This number will increase to 120-140. We are planning ahead to meet this increased need. Earlier this month, Erica Kauten, Mazie Webb, Carolyn May, Barb Blackburn, Joy Cobb and Kathy Sandefur cooked and froze vegetable side dishes to accompany the chili mac we regularly serve. The produce was provided by Community Action Coalition's Food and Gardens Division and included carrots, onions, zucchini, cabbage and butternut squash. Also prepared were many freezer bags of seasoned ground beef that will be used as the base for chili mac as the numbers increase.

Our monthly donation schedule still has openings. Please consider a monthly commitment of loaves of sandwich bread, gallons of milk, packages of cookies, quick breads or muffins, and family size boxes of soda crackers. The sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. You can also contact Kathy Sandefur at the church at info@fumc.org or 608-256-9061 to identify a food item that you can share each month. We can provide some ease to the burdens of homelessness. – *Kathy Sandefur*

This Veterans' Day, Please Remember the Homeless

In the United States, many veterans end up homeless due to the high cost of housing, lack of health care, difficulty finding employment, and physical or mental problems linked to their military service. On any single day in the United States, more than 100,000 veterans will sleep on the streets or in shelter. More than twice that many experience homelessness sometime during a year.

–First Church Homelessness Task Force

Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers Needed

This Thanksgiving we will open our doors to the community for the 29th year, and we need your help to make this year's meal as successful as the last 28 have been! We welcome your gifts of time, food and financial support. Volunteer needs include greeters and hospitality team, delivery drivers and helpers, servers and refreshment team, dishwashers and clean-up staff. We need food donations of potatoes, rolls and dinner items, refreshments and beverages, desserts and monetary donations to cover turkey costs of purchasing, roasting, carving and delivery. To sign up for a volunteer spot visit www.fumc.org or contact the church office at info@fumc.org or 608-256-9061.

Deck the Halls – Saturday, November 26 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Help prepare the church for the Christmas season. Join other First Church folks for a morning of hanging the greens, fun, fellowship, and creativity followed by homemade soups for lunch. Register in advance on the church website at www.fumc.org or call the church office at 608-256-9061 so we're sure to have enough soup!

Madison Wind Ensemble Concert to Benefit Food Pantry – Sunday, November 6 at 5 p.m., Sanctuary

Enjoy an entertaining hour with this local concert band conducted by First Church member, Brian Vanderbloemen. A freewill offering will be collected for donation to the FUMC Food Pantry.

Sunday Faith Development Opportunities

Bible Study – 8:30-9:15 in Fellowship Hall.

Facilitated by Daniel Cochran. Each week the group discusses the Scripture passages that will be read and preached about in worship services that morning.

The Gift of Life: Organ Donation – 9:30 & 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Hear personal accounts and learn more about the process. (See article on page 6.)

Forum on Habitat for Humanity in El Salvador – 9:30 a.m. in Room 203 & 11 a.m. in Room LL09.

Hear an update on the work First Church members are doing in Getsemani, El Salvador and learn about the next trip being planned. (See article on page 6.)

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.

Responding to the Jesus Seminar – 11 a.m. in Room 203.

(Note room change.) Facilitated by Brian McCarthy. Participate in free-ranging discussion about thoughts provoked and questions raised by the Jesus Seminar.

For more information on these classes go to:

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

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FRIDAY NIGHT
FRIENDS
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CONCERT
NOVEMBER 18
PIANO DUO

Friday, November 18

Varshavski-Shapiro Piano Duo

5:30 p.m. Dinner (\$10)

Reservations by November 15

6:30 p.m. Concert (Free will offering)

Make a date to share in a savory, seasonal meal followed by the lovely music of piano duo Stanislava Varshavski and Diana Shapiro. On the menu: squash soup, cheesy baked penne with cauliflower and crème fraîche, broccoli amandine and fall fruit crumble. To register visit the church website's Events page at www.fumc.org or call the church office at 608-256-9061.

November 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, November 13.

Packer Party – Sunday, November 20 at noon

Cheer for the team and enjoy a tasty lunch at our next Packer Party on Sunday, November 20 at noon in Fellowship Hall. On the menu: Chili dogs and fries. Sign up through the church website at www.fumc.org or add your name to the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. To help with meal planning, please let us know by Thursday, November 17 that you are coming. (Suggested donation for lunch is \$6.)

The Gift of Life: Organ Donation – Sunday, November 13

9:30 and 11 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Would Jesus be an Organ Donor? It's uncertain what he would decide if he had the same opportunity we all have today. But he surely would proclaim that giving the Gift of Life of an organ to someone in need is truly a gift of compassion and a miracle of healing. On this Sunday:

- Christine Monahan, Donor Family Service Coordinator from the UW Health Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) will facilitate an informal presentation and Q & A time.

- Doug Bartow, a liver recipient, will join her to share his story and tell what such a gift has meant to him.

- First Church member Bob Eagle will share experiences from his time as a hospital chaplain.

- Members of the UW Health OPO staff will be available at a table in the Octagon to answer further questions and assist people in signing up for the official Wisconsin's Donor Registry.

Forum on First Church's Habitat for Humanity Work in El Salvador

Sunday, November 13

9:30 a.m. in Room 203 &

11 a.m. in Room LL09

Listen to members of First Church's team that went to El Salvador last April describe life in the community of Getsemani and their experiences constructing Habitat houses there. Team members will also give an update on an initiative to help community members improve their lives through the creation of micro businesses. Anyone potentially interested in joining the upcoming Habitat trip back to the Getsemani community next February is encouraged to attend one of these sessions to learn more about the program.

Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: Fid Sailor (Tina Lang's father), Kathy Hill, Barb Seif, Margaret Woerpel and her daughter, Karen Jones, Chuck Wineland, Leif Grimstad (Sandra Schroerlucke's father), Edie (Edna) Rose, Florence Wittwer (Curtis Wittwer's mother), Cindy Doers (Kay Knipfer's niece), Hisashi Miyazaki (husband of Fumiko Miyazaki), Alec Johnson (grandson of Bill and Jane Johnson), Kirk Luker (Afghanistan), Samuel Sesting (Afghanistan).

Please hold Eugene Brockmiller and his family in your prayers. Eugene's wife, Wilma Brockmiller, died Thursday, October 20.

We extend our condolences to the family of Bob and Jan Wink. Bob's father, Willmer Wink, died Saturday, October 22 at age 98.

Our prayers are with Joan Deming and her family at this time. Joan's mother, Mirabel Deming, died Wednesday, October 26.

We celebrate with Anna Ibele and Michael Risely the baptism of their son, Davin Thomas Risley. Davin was baptized during the 9:30 service on Sunday, October 30.

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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

all God's Children

Family-Style Worship - Sunday, November 20

9:30-10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

When children are baptized, we pledge to support and nurture them in their spiritual journey and there is no better way for children to learn about worship or to know it as a vital and important part of Christian life than by being present and participating in the whole of it. This family-style worship service is for people of all ages, single and partnered, with children and without. Come, and maybe you, too, will learn something new about worship as you experience God's presence in this intergenerational gathering. Since we hope children will be in worship, there will be no Sunday school classes for children grades K-5 on November 20. Classes will be available for all other ages of children and youth.

No More College Age Class on Sunday Mornings

The class for college age young adults that used to meet in the Library is taking an extended hiatus. If you are interested in connecting with other college students at FUMC, contact Seth Schroerlucke at youthya@fumc.org or 608-256-9061 for information about upcoming events.

You Really Came Through

MANY THANKS for all the school supplies donated to help homeless children in our community. We delivered four big boxes of supplies and several backpacks to the Transitional Education Program for distribution to students as needed throughout the coming months.



Miss Sunday Worship?

Listen to sermons and special music online at:
www.fumc.org/get-inspired/sermons/

November Labyrinth Event: Labyrinth of Life

Come experience a labyrinth walk session facilitated by Lynn Lisbeth from Wisdom's Well Interfaith Spirituality Center. Registration is available through the Interfaith Spirituality Center website: <http://www.wisdomswell.org/fallLabyrinth.html>

- Thursday, November 17 – 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel
“The Round-about Way: Interspiritual & Other Voices and Choices”

Children, Youth & Young Adults

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Children come to 9:30 a.m. worship
and go to their classes after the Pastor's
“Conversation with the Children.”

- 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 on Sundays

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

- Potluck/Discussion Group
(4th Sunday): 4 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall - Childcare provided.

Young Adults - Activities

- Shelter Meal:
Saturday, November 12 (evening)
Grace Episcopal Church
- Hanging of the Greens:
Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m.,
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Calendar

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Next Publication: November 17

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, November 6

- 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room
- 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Madison Wind Ensemble
Concert - Sanctuary

Monday, November 7

- 11:45 a.m. Yoga For Good - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

- 1:00 p.m. Game Day - Room 208
- 3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - LL12
- 6:30 p.m. “Living the Question”
Conversations - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

Thursday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 12

Senior High Convo (thru Sunday), WI Dells

Sunday, November 13

- Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday
- 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Habitat for Humanity
in El Salvador Forum
- 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. The Gift of Life
- Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room
- 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Newcomer Gathering
- Room 202
- 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Congregational
Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 14

- 11:45 a.m. Yoga For Good - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

Tuesday, November 15

- 12:00 p.m. UMW Executive Committee
- Room 203
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council - Chapel

Wednesday, November 16

- 11:30 a.m. Chimes Group - Room 208
- 3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - LL12
- 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 - Chapel

Thursday, November 17

- 7:30 a.m. Finance Committee - Room 208
- 10:30 a.m. “Living the Question”
Conversations - Room 208
- 6:00 p.m. Lyons Lecture Committee
- Room 208
- 6:30 p.m. The Labyrinth Called Life
- Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Friday, November 18

- 5:30 p.m. Harvest Dinner and
Varshavski-Shapiro Piano
Concert - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 20

- Stewardship Commitment Sunday
- 8:00 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 8:15 a.m. Homelessness Task Force
- Room 203
- 9:30 a.m. Family-Style Worship
- Fellowship Hall
- 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 - LL09
- 12:00 p.m. Packer Party
- Fellowship Hall