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A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

## Happenings at First Church



### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

#### November 20 - Consecration Sunday and Thanksgiving Sunday

We will dedicate our pledges for the financial support of church ministry in 2012. Pastor Schroerlucke concludes his fall series from the Gospel of Matthew. "The Real Treasure" Matthew 25:31-46  
8 a.m. Worship in Chapel.  
9:30 a.m. Blessed Brass  
9:30 a.m. Family-Style  
Worship in Fellowship Hall.

#### Advent Theme:

"Who Will Jesus Be For Us?"

#### November 27 - United Methodist Student Day

"His Name Is Hope"  
9:30 a.m. Chapel Choir,  
Bell Choir.  
11 a.m. Chapel Choir.

#### December 4

"His Name is Peace."  
8 a.m. Worship in Chapel,  
Holy Communion.  
9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Chancel Choir presents  
"How Sweet the Sound" by  
W. Cutter. Both services in  
the Sanctuary.

#### Sunday Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.  
First Cup Café 8:30-9:15 a.m.

#### First Cup Café Menu

November 20 -  
Biscuits and Sausage Gravy  
November 27 -  
Waffles with  
Assorted Toppings  
December 4 -  
Fix Ahead Scrambled Eggs

### Thanksgiving Community Meal

All Welcome | Noon to 2 p.m. | Thursday, November 24

For Home Delivery Call 608-251-4407 on Wednesday, November 23 between 3-5 p.m.

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

On the last New Member Sunday, the Information Desk volunteer came to me saying a person who had attended worship was asking about the availability of a Bible. I ran up to my office and retrieved one off my bookshelf. The person requesting it explained how he had grown up in First Church and his family moved when he was of confirmation age. His family then attended another church but just stopped going before he was confirmed. He told me about the version of the Bible he most frequently reads. I shared with him how I had come to discover *The Message* translation when I was a newcomer to First Church (which is the translation I gave him). As I always try to do when visiting with someone, I jotted down his name. During the week, I looked for it on the fellowship pads, hoping to find some contact information where I could send a welcome card. I found his name and in the address block he had written “homeless.” I don’t know if I will see this person again, but I carry our conversation in my heart.

This exchange reminded me that I might have only one chance to connect with a person. It’s made me think about how I want those exchanges to be. Writer Tom Ehrich in a daily meditation wrote, “Faith is an invitation to dream along with God.” When I think of my faith journey, my dream is that communication becomes communion—that the oneness felt in connecting with another is just that close. To do that requires me to stop rushing or fussing and simply just “be” Mary. I pray that I will recognize the dignity of each person’s God-being, for that is truly a place where we can “connect” in oneness and continue the conversation.



Mary Hasbeider, Coordinator of Connecting Ministries



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## FUMC Capital Fund Appeal Planning Update

**What's been going on these past 6 months?** Since the beginning of summer, a Steering Team has been meeting to plan for a Capital Fund Appeal. The first step was listening to our congregation. A brochure provided details about our past building project, the debt and our need to retire it. Through surveys, meetings and interviews the Steering Team received a good deal of much appreciated feedback. If you have any further comment please feel free to share it with us.

**What did we hear from the congregation?** Eighty-five percent (85%) of the respondents voiced their support for the goals of the appeal. Although people voiced their concerns about the economy, we received positive comments about paying off our debt as soon as possible for the significant interest savings that would result.

**Where do we go from here?** Right after Thanksgiving, the Steering Team will meet to begin detailed preparations for the appeal. We will establish a timetable, and begin recruiting for additional helpers.

### What can I do at this time?

- 1) We ask that you pray for God's blessing upon the Steering Team as plans are developed during the next month.
- 2) Consider volunteering your time in support of this effort. Help get the word out about the good things that are happening at First Church, and how this appeal will help us prepare for the future.
- 3) Even though the Capital Fund Appeal occurs in early 2012, for tax advantages you may wish to make a gift before December 31, 2011. If so, simply write "For Capital Fund Appeal" on your check and make it payable to "First United Methodist Church." Folks age 70½ or older may wish to consider an IRA Charitable Rollover. Contact Kathie Nichols at the church office at [knichols@fumc.org](mailto:knichols@fumc.org) or 608-256-9061, ext. 11 for more information on this opportunity.

Together we have come a long way over the past decade. Our building program, completed in 2007, has enhanced our ministries. Buoyed by God's blessings, we look forward to the next chapter in the life of our congregation. Our Capital Fund Appeal will be an important step as together we continue shaping our congregation's future.

## We would be **THANKFUL** for your help

Visit the table in the Octagon on Sunday, November 20 to find out how you can help with our Thanksgiving Community Meal. We still need:

### Volunteer Help

- The day before Thanksgiving: Receive and store food in the kitchen and help prepare for the big day by peeling 300 pounds of potatoes, making trays for the refreshment tables, and setting up tables and chairs.
- On Thanksgiving Day: Help in the kitchen, deliver meals and at day's end, clean up the kitchen, dining area and Octagon.

**Food Donations** – We still need milk, apple juice, ranch dressing, dinner rolls, and refreshment table goodies.

## Packer Party & Lunch

The next Packer Party & Lunch will be Sunday, December 11 at noon. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall, online at [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org) or call 608-256-9061 by Wednesday, December 7.



## A Great Day for a CROP Hunger Walk

On Sunday, October 16, sixteen members of FUMC took a walk around the UW Campus area. As of November 13 just over \$3,000 has been raised by the participants, \$695 of that coming from online donations. Thank you to everyone who supported this fight against hunger.

This year's total is a good sum, but it is about \$500 less than we raised in 2010. The good news is, you can still contribute and help feed even more people. Just send a check made out to CWS/CROP to the church office and I will see that it gets to the Church World Service (CWS) office. You can also donate online at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) where you can see how your donations are used by their many programs throughout the world.

Many thanks to all of you who gave so generously. I hope that at a later date I can report we have donated even more to this cause.

-Allan Marty, FUMC CROP Coordinator

# first church News

## **Poinsettia Flower Orders**

Once again we will be using poinsettias as part of our decorations for the season. You can order plants to honor or remember a friend, loved one or other special person you would like to acknowledge. The list of donors and those honored or remembered will be printed in bulletins beginning December 24. Donated plants may be taken home after the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

Look for an order form in the Sunday morning bulletin beginning November 27 or fill one out online at [www.fumc.org/Events](http://www.fumc.org/Events). You can also contact the church office at 608-256-9061 or [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org) to place your order. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, December 6.



## **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](http://www.fumc.org) or call the church office at 608-256-9061 so we're sure to have enough soup!

## ***Little Town of Bethlehem* Documentary Screening and Discussion**

**Monday, November 21, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**  
**The Crossing, 1127 University Ave.**  
**Post-film discussion facilitated  
by Rev. Joan Deming**

You are invited to a showing of this thought-provoking film about three men who are expected to be enemies, but instead use nonviolence to find solutions to the conflict surrounding them. This film does not propose any specific solutions or pit one side against the other; rather, it seeks to inspire hope by lifting up the work being done by people of various religious and ideological identities. There will be discussion following the film, facilitated by Joan Deming, Pilgrims of Ibillin Development Director.

For more information about the film, visit <http://littletownofbethlehem.org> or <http://crossingministries.org/>. You can also contact [Eric@crossingministries.org](mailto:Eric@crossingministries.org) with questions, or call 608-257-1039 in advance to make arrangements for handicap accessible parking.



## **December Game Day – Wednesday, December 14**

The days are getting shorter, but the afternoons are long enough to play a round of Euchre or try for a Triple Word Score and still get home before sundown. The fun starts at 1 p.m. in Room 208.

## **Habitat Trip to El Salvador Next February**

First Church's International Ministry Team is sponsoring a team to construct Habitat for Humanity houses in El Salvador in February 2012. This nine-day trip will depart on Saturday, February 11, or Saturday, February 18.

Sign up at the Information Desk in the Narthex or at the International Ministry Team's coffee sales table in Fellowship Hall. You may also contact John Stolzenberg through the church office at [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org) or 608-256-9061 for more information on the trip.

***A \$200 trip deposit is due by  
December 23, 2011.***

## **Thank You, First Church!**

Your gifts to our Food Pantry Special Offering total \$2,082.92 at the time of this printing. Your generosity will help us purchase food and pay for the expenses of delivering that food to our guests. We have had to do some freezer repairs, purchase plastic lidded bins for snack bags, and purchase bags of all sizes to repackage our bread and other large item donations.

Because of your financial support of our food ministries programming, we can feed 250 homeless individuals each week and an average of 500 low-income families each month. Thank you, First Church!

**Dalia Landau to  
Speak at FUMC –  
Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.,  
Sanctuary**

Dalia Landau is the Jewish subject of Sandy Tolan's award-winning book *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*. This evening she will share the back-story of the book: how the home in which her Jewish émigré family lived – a house that once belonged to a Palestinian family – became “The Open House of Ramle.” Today “The Open House” sponsors a “head start” preschool for Arab Muslim and Christian toddlers, as well as youth initiatives that include summer Peace Camps, leadership training, and Jewish-Arab international delegations. A freewill offering will support The Open House Center for Education of the Arab Child. Please visit [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org) for more details, including handmade items from Palestine that will be available for purchase that evening.

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**Next Chimes Deadline**

Please submit your articles for the December 8th edition of Chimes by December 1st to [chimes@fumc.org](mailto:chimes@fumc.org).

**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

**The Pantry will be closed,  
Thursday November 24 and  
Friday, November 25.**

**Annual Church Conference  
Tuesday, November 29  
7 p.m., Fellowship Hall**



**Miss Sunday Worship?**

Listen online at: [www.fumc.org/get-inspired/sermons/](http://www.fumc.org/get-inspired/sermons/)

**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 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 *The Search for the Historical Jesus: Why Start with the Sayings?* by Lane McGaughey. Come join the conversation.

**The Christian Adventure – 11 a.m. in Room 208.**

On November 27, the class will begin a study of *The First Christmas*, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The authors show that the Christmas story, read in its original context, is far richer and more challenging than people imagine.

For more information on these classes go to:

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

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## December Birthdays

### December 1

Allyson Crowley, Nancy Sisulak

### December 2

Russ Dabel, Kathryn Endle,  
Garrett Farin

### December 3

Marcia Grothaus, Jennifer Laycock

### December 4

Richard Balke, Laurel Challoner

### December 5

Marina Edwards, Linda Finger,  
Ellen McKirdy, Jonathan Schroerlucke,  
Corinne Wakeman, David Wendricks

### December 6

Phil Greenwood

### December 7

Kennedy Edwards, Bob Kilkelly,  
Ann Kniskern, Randy Kyle,  
Bob Wink

### December 8

Benjamin Andreas, Richard Cheadle,  
Tyler Leeper, Dan Teferra

### December 9

Betty Iltis, Helen Iltis, Dick Yde

### December 10

Cassandra Castaneda

### December 11

Janet Novick, Iris Petersen

### December 12

Sandi Einerson, Chelsey Sanford,  
Mary Worf

### December 13

Carolyn Betz, Anthony Cao,  
Kay Fernholz, Emil Finner

### December 14

Carol Ceniti, Jeanne Heller,  
Nicholas Koch, Pat Lynam,  
Esther McLeod

### December 15

Connie Bandt, Kay Plantés,  
Karen Wydeven

### December 16

Gerrie Martini, Jon Whirry

### December 17

Bill Martin, Maya Thompson

### December 18

Brenda Moura, Susan Ridley

### December 19

Tom Klawitter, Thomas Kowing,  
John Rinehart, Jane Wendricks

### December 20

Max Koletzke, Beverly Lewis,  
Bob Vorwalske

### December 21

Isabella Dippel, Ann Herrold-Peterson

### December 22

Heather Kneeland, Fiona McGilligan,  
Liam McGilligan, Timothy Tryon,  
Ian Vize

### December 23

Manya Fowle, D.C. Jensen

### December 25

Michael Copas, Jane Frederick,  
Peter Hamon, John Lockwood,  
Gyneth Schmale

### December 26

Barbara Baird, Alan Crossley

### December 27

Bob Barth, Zachary Baumler,  
Fiona Cahill, Cecil Gillingham,  
John Hutchinson, Neenah King

### December 28

Joey Ryan

### December 29

Chris Henkel, Katie Johnson,  
Bob Kauffman, Leah Van Kauwenbergh,  
Margaret Wald

### December 30

Bill Beduhn, Helen Block,  
Chris Grannis, Alfred Schroeder



## Birthday Greetings to Esther McLeod

Esther will be 103 on December 14. Happy birthday to First Church's oldest member!

## December Anniversaries

### December 4

Curt & Jan Weatherhogg

### December 7

Dave & Betty Ellis - *65 years*

### December 14

Chuck & Karen Wineland

### December 16

Wayne & Loraine King - *50 years*

### December 17

Robert & Susan Titus - *45 years*

### December 18

Barry & Marja Carlsen

### December 20

Bill & Pam Bass

### December 22

Bill & Frances Hauser - *65 years*

### December 27

Gary & Sandi Einerson

Bob & Maggie Wolfe - *25 years*

### December 28

Jim & Helen Kuntz - *69 years*

### December 29

Rodney & Bonnie Benson

## Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: Fid Sailor (Tina Lang's father), Margaret Woerpel, Leif Grimstad (Sandra Schroerlucke's father), Florence Wittwer (Curtis Wittwer's mother), Cindy Doers (Kay Knipfer's niece), Alec Johnson (grandson of Bill and Jane Johnson), Kirk Luker (Afghanistan), Samuel Sesting (Afghanistan).

We offer condolences to the family of Art Woerpel, who died Tuesday, November 8. Please keep Margaret and the rest of the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Congratulations to Becky Hoyt Olson and Bryan Olson, who welcomed their daughter, Anja Cheryl Olson, into the world on October 25. Jim and Cindy Hoyt are proud grandparents.

# all God's Children

## Family-Style Worship Celebrates *Thanks-Living* Sunday, November 20

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

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 will include Thanksgiving-related, hands-on activities for children and parents, but it is a service for people of all ages, single and partnered, with children and without.** Come and experience God's presence in this intergenerational gathering. The morning's stewardship focus will be included in this worship experience, as in the other services, so please remember to bring your commitment card with you.

Since we hope children will be in worship, there will be no Sunday school classes for children grades K-7 on November 20. Childcare and classes will be available for all other ages of children and youth.

## Wanted: Confirmation Gift Jars

If you have quart size mason jars that you can donate to the Confirmation Retreat fundraiser, please drop them off at the church office by November 26, or contact Seth at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org). **We are thrilled to offer five fabulous selections at the Alternative Gift Market this year:** Hot Cocoa, Italian Pasta Soup, Gingerbread Cookies, Bath Salts and – introducing an all new Scrumptious Scone recipe! The Confirmands thank you for your support.

## UNICEF Halloween Party



## Children, Youth & Young Adults

Sunday, November 20: Children in grades K-7 will attend a special, Family-Style Worship Service with their families, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, November 7 & December 4 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.

Sunday, November 20:

- Grades 6 & 7 attend Family-style Worship in Fellowship Hall
- Grade 8 / Confirmation Class: Room LL06
- High School: Room LL04
- High School Seniors' Salon: Room LL02

Sunday, November 27 & December 4:

- Middle School: Room LL02
- High School: Room LL04

### Youth Event

- Hanging of the Greens: Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m., at the Church

### Young Adults - Classes

- Potluck/Discussion Group  
Topic: Jesus & Salvation  
(4th Sunday): November 27, 4 p.m.  
- Fellowship Hall (Childcare provided)

### Young Adults & College Students - Activity

- Hanging of the Greens: Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m., at the Church



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## Periodicals

Week of 11/17

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# Calendar

### Sunday, November 20

Stewardship Commitment Sunday  
 8:00 a.m. Worship in Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Family-Style Worship Service  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 (No K-7 Sunday School)

10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room

10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Packer Party - Fellowship Hall

### Monday, November 21

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good  
 (Last in six-week series - Chapel)

7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

### Wednesday, November 23

6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good #2 - Chapel

### Thursday, November 24

Church Office Closed for Holiday

12:00 p.m. Community Meal - All Welcome

### Friday, November 25

Church Building Closed for Holiday

### Saturday, November 26

10:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens  
 - Churchwide

### Sunday, November 27

UM Student Day Special Offering  
 9:00 a.m. Alternative Gift Market/  
 Forest of Giving Opens  
 - Fellowship Hall

Next CHIMES Deadline: December 1  
 Next Publication: December 8

*The church building, offices and food pantry  
 will be closed on Friday, November 25.*

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

### Monday, November 28

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good #1 - Chapel

5:30 p.m. Trustees - Room 203

7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

### Tuesday, November 29

1:00 p.m. Webinar: Turnaround Strategies  
 for Your Church - Chapel

7:00 p.m. Church Conference  
 - Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, November 30

7:30 a.m. Foundation Board - Room 208

3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12

6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good #3 - Chapel

### Thursday, December 1

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

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

### Friday, December 2

7:00 p.m. Candid Opera Performance  
 - Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Alternative Gifts/Forest  
 - Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Choral Work  
 - Sanctuary

### 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.

10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Choral Work  
 - Sanctuary

12:20 p.m. Christmas in the Barn  
 - Meet in church parking lot

### Monday, December 5

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good #2 - Chapel

7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

### Tuesday, December 6

7:00 p.m. Dahlia Landau Event - Sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 7

11:30 a.m. Chimes Group - Room 208

3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12

6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good #4 - Chapel

### Thursday, December 8

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

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

### Sunday, December 11

Christmas Mission Offering

No Parking at Masonic Temple

9:00 a.m. Alternative Gifts/Forest  
 - Fellowship Hall

8:00 a.m. Worship in Chapel

9:30 a.m. HS Seniors' Salon on Spirituality  
 - Room LL06

10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room

10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Packer Party - Fellowship Hall