

# the Chimes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

## *The Kingdom Lifestyle: The Blessed Life*

**Our February worship themes focus on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Join us for worship.**

### **Super/Souper Bowl Sunday and Holy Communion- February 6**

To join the celebration for the Super Bowl, we invite you to wear your "green and gold" on Sunday, February 6. Green is the liturgical color for Epiphany so we'll add a little gold and stay true to the season and our state's team. Our liturgy takes on a little different flavor but it will be in fun and the spirit of fellowship. Of course, we'll want to be inclusive and sensitive to Bear and Steeler fans in our midst.

The youth will be receiving a special "Souper Bowl" offering in the narthex between services to help fight hunger. With so much time and money being spent on a ballgame, the youth are present to remind us that there are still pressing issues facing our brothers and sisters here and around the world.

Pastor Keith's message will continue a series of reflections on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with the message "Bring Out the Light". The text is Matthew 5:13-20. Our Chancel Choir will provide special music at the 9:30 service. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all three worship services.

### **Special Music at All Services - February 13**

Win or lose on Super Bowl Sunday, we will gather again for worship on February 13. Pastor Keith continues a series of messages from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with a message titled, "On Being a Builder of Bridges." Our text will be Matthew 5:21-37. The Kat Trio will provide special music at all three worship services. Our Chancel Choir will also share their music ministry at the 9:30 worship service.



Again this year, we will be providing daily Lenten meditations via email. As an eChimes subscriber, you will automatically receive these unless you tell us you'd rather not. To opt out, please contact Kathie Nichols at [knichols@fumc.org](mailto:knichols@fumc.org).

### **Worship at First Church**

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

February 6 -  
Holy Communion will  
be celebrated at all three  
worship services.

SOUPerbowl Sunday -  
Youth will receive a special  
offering for the Souper Bowl  
of Caring drive. Donations  
benefit FUMC Food Pantry.

February 13 -  
The message theme focuses  
on "building bridges." We  
cannot truly expect to have  
a close, intimate relationship  
with God unless and until  
we do something about  
the distance between us as  
human beings. That means  
the first order of business  
is doing our part to narrow  
the gap.

The Kat Trio will provide  
music leadership at all  
three worship hours; the  
Chancel Choir and a guest  
cellist will add to our music  
ministry at 9:30 worship.

**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

## Who Cares?

There we were around the table, the new Caring Ministries team. We didn't even have a name yet, but it was clear that the ministry we were overseeing was in full swing. Before us we had a list of ministries: **twelve** ways in which many of you are trying to be the church to our members who, for a variety of reasons, cannot always be with us at the church building. Our job as the Caring Ministry "care-takers" is indeed just that, to "take care" that no one feels disconnected from our church because of life circumstances.

There are so many of you already doing this ministry. Perhaps you are part of the Bread & Cup team (bringing communion to members) or the Hospital Visitor or Prayer teams. Perhaps you make rehabilitation center or homebound visits or phone calls. You might have knit the shawl that was delivered to keep a member warm or stamped and sent a card to bring some cheer. Your part might have been small and occasional... delivering a Christmas or Easter plant or holiday meal... or large and ongoing... being on the Care Team that develops a one-to-one relationship with a shut-in over a long period of time. All of this is reaching out, being the church.

As you read these words, perhaps you are saying to yourself, "I could live out my faith that way!" Being followers of the ultimate Care-Taker, Jesus – the One who gathered in all those lost on the fringes, those in need of caring connection – means caring for others. No one is closer than our church family, where our care begins... but doesn't end.

How is God urging you to care?



*Judy Lyons*, Coordinator of Homebound Ministries



*“Being followers of  
Jesus means caring  
for others.”*



## SOUPER Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 6

Super Bowl weekend is a time when people come together for football, fun, and food. On Sunday, February 6, you can start your celebration off on a positive note by making a difference for people who are hungry. Our youth invite you to bring a donation of canned goods and/or dollars to place in soup kettles located in the Narthex. All donations will be given to the FUMC Food Pantry.



## UMW: Ruth Circle – Tuesday, February 8

12 p.m., Capitol Lakes

At this month's meeting Sally Hughes, a member of the UMW Executive Committee, will present an overview of some of the books on the UMW's Recommended Reading List. Afterward, the group will discuss ways to support the Care Team ministry at First Church. See you there!

## Next Chimes Deadline

Please submit your articles for the February 17 edition of *Chimes* by Thursday, February 10 to [chimes@fumc.org](mailto:chimes@fumc.org). Thank you.

## We Challenge YOU!

Get fit while raising money for our FUMC Food Pantry.

For every pound of weight you lose or for every hour you exercise from now until May 31, the Princeton Club and other sponsors will contribute 10 pounds of food (up to a million pounds!) to Second Harvest Food Bank. You don't need to be a member of the Princeton Club to take part in the Million Dollar Challenge. To specify the FUMC food pantry as the recipient go to: [www.princetonclub.net/mpc](http://www.princetonclub.net/mpc) and click on "Sign Up", then join the First United Methodist "team". In the second drop-down box, click on First United Methodist Church and all the food donated to Second Harvest Food Bank in your name will go to our pantry.

Register to lose weight or to keep track of the amount of time you exercise each week. **The monetary credit the FUMC food pantry receives from the Food Bank is \$1 for every pound lost or hour exercised.** If you register when you receive this *Chimes* issue, you will have 16 weeks to help raise funds for our pantry. If you and four friends walk three hours a week (or do yoga, lift weights, play basketball, etc.), you will raise \$240 by the end of the Challenge. The more First Church members who participate - and challenge their family members, friends, and co-workers to participate with them - the more we can raise for food from the Food Bank. For more information, contact Susan Jeannette at [sjeannette@fumc.org](mailto:sjeannette@fumc.org) or 608-256-9061.

The Challenge is on!!!



## Music from Kat Trio – Sunday, February 13

Special Music in Worship  
All Three Services

The Kat Trio, a violin-clarinet-piano ensemble was formed in 1998 in Ekaterinburg, Russia by three friends—Victoria Gorbich (violin), Vladislav Gorbich (clarinet) and Vasil Galiulin (piano). They had just graduated from the Ural State Music Conservatory. On their current U.S. tour, the trio is Victoria, Vladislav and Julie Page. Vikki and Vlad recently completed three year doctoral programs at Arizona State University, graduating in May 2010. The newest member of the trio, pianist Julie Page, is a doctoral candidate at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

## Bring A Bear – Sunday, February 13

Share new teddy bears and other stuffed animals on Sunday, February 13, for the Madison Police Department's "Bear With Me" program. Cuddly toys ride along in police officer's cars and are distributed by the officers when they encounter young children in traumatic circumstances. Your special friend should be new, not used. Stuffed toys will be collected at the Sanctuary doors prior to all worship services.

# first church News

## Bountiful Thanks and Giving from Our Community

*Thank you so much for your 2010 contributions to Pilgrims of Ibillin totaling \$580. During 2010 gifts like yours helped provide scholarships, computers, a new middle school science lab, and furnishings for the new Mar Elias Fitness Center, serving the whole village of Ibillin. You have truly helped "Build Peace on the Desktops of Students." Archbishop Elias Chacour, the leaders at MEEI, and our other Peace-building Partners express deep gratitude for this financial support, but even more they thank us for expressing solidarity with the "Living Stones." Our caring is appreciated, and returned in equal measure.*

*Gratefully,*



Joan Deming, Pilgrims of Ibillin  
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*A very special thanks to each and everyone for your prayers and concerns for me during my recent stay in the hospital. I am home now and the recovery seems slow.*

*Thanks to All!*  
Ramona Clift

*Thank you so much to our wonderful congregation for all the support, cards, flowers, prayers, visits, and so forth for John. It means a great deal to our whole family. John has been back at home for a little over a week. He is resting and recovering with Judith at his side. He met with his doctor this week and everything we've heard so far has been that he is doing well and recovering as he should be.*

*Much love,*

*John, Judith, Elizabeth, John J.  
& Andrea Hutchinson*

Dear Friends - **I still have a loving warmth in my heart** when I remember eating (the holiday) dinner with you all. Thank you so much!  
Martha

**Thanks for the food, kindness, friendliness, caring and sharing** and a very special thank you for feeding the other people like me. I thank you and the world thanks you. Keep up the good work. Peace on Earth.  
Debra, Food Pantry Guest

**'Blessings on your house'**  
- I appreciate the (holiday) meal you delivered. Thank you for all of you, too.  
In His love, Pat

**Thank you for the (holiday) meal, but especially for spending time with others.** The meal was delicious and the helpers are so nice and helpful. Thank you again - holidays are hard when you are alone.  
Cheryl

Thanksgiving at FUMC was **terrific - full of grace, warmth, generosity, and respect.** It was a great joy for me to have been there as a participant and witness. Thank you and all the others who opened house and heart to receive so many hungry people for good fellowship at a Thanksgiving feast.

Donna

A **First Church member donates a 50-pound bag** of rice every month in honor of the memory of his brother who struggled with mental illness and homelessness.

A FUMC member who lives on a fixed income **takes the amount of her food stamp money left** at the end of the month and purchases canned meat for the food pantry.

Every Monday morning when we open the FUMC food pantry, we find a week's worth of bread and pastries from **Panera** and **Clausen's** bakeries. **The "bread man" graciously loads and unloads hundreds of pounds of bread each week** to help his neighbors in need.

**The Great Lakes Roofing Company staff buys turkeys** every Thanksgiving to help low-income families. A friend of our food pantry advocated for us and we receive 20 turkeys to distribute.

**One FUMC member made a dental appointment rewarding** by asking for and receiving four cases of toothpaste and toothbrushes for our pantry. Now that makes for a bright smile!

## People of Faith United for Justice – Tuesday, March 15

In the Spring of 2009 Rev. Tina Lang and several members of our congregation participated in the biennial Advocacy Day at the Capitol.

The 2011 event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15. Members and friends interested in learning, discussing, praying and advocating together for social justice issues are invited to participate. The day is sponsored by several faith-based organizations, including the Wisconsin Council of Churches and Madison Area Urban Ministry. It is a day-long event that allows people of faith to participate in shaping public policy that reflects the values of our religious communities: justice, compassion, stewardship and hope.

People of Faith United for Justice will begin at Bethel Lutheran Church just across the street from our own church building with a 10 a.m. keynote address by Bishop Bruce Burnside of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The keynote address will be followed by break-out sessions and lunch at the church. At 1:30 p.m. the gathering will move to the Capitol for a rally and 2 p.m. visits with various legislators.

For more information or to register online go to [www.wichurches.org](http://www.wichurches.org) under “Events” or contact Tina Lang at the church office at [tlang@fumc.org](mailto:tlang@fumc.org) or 608-256-9061, ext. 15.

## Community Skillshare – Saturday, March 5

The Crossing, 1127 University Ave. Event is FREE and open to the public

A local community group which focuses on positive solutions to climate change, Transition Madison Area, is partnering with The Crossing to offer a free day-long Skillshare on Saturday, March 5. Transition Madison Area (TMA) has a vision for individuals to learn the skills necessary to cultivate local sustainable food, energy, economic, and social systems in preparation for a future less reliant on fossil fuels.

This educational event will consist of approximately 20 workshops taught by local instructors on a wide range of topics that help build community

resilience, such as food preservation, urban chicken keeping, non-violent communication, meeting facilitation/consensus processes, beginning Spanish, and many more. Participants will leave each “share” with the basics of a particular skill and resources to help them learn more.

TMA requests that participants register in advance. You can learn more about this event at TMA’s blog: <http://transitionmadisonarea.wordpress.com>. To register please visit the online registration page at: <http://tmaskillshare.wufoo.com/forms/madison-2011-winter-skill-share/>. Registration begins the first week in February.

## 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 group is currently studying the book, *The First Paul*, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Beginning February 13, the group starts a study of *In a Blaze of Glory* by Emilie Townes, who is the Lyons lecturer this spring. In this book, she explains what she means by womanist spirituality—that it is not grounded in the notion that spirituality is a force, a practice separate from who we are moment by moment—rather, it is the deep kneading of humanity and divinity in one breath, one hope, one vision.

**The Christian Adventure** – 11 a.m. in Room 208. Come join in the interesting and enlightening conversation. From January 16 to February 20, the group will read *Simpler Living, Compassionate Life*, as part of the church wide book study.

**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.

**Shaping a Life of Significance for Retirement** – 11 a.m. in Room 203. 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: Bill Fairbanks, Neva Hanson, John Hutchinson, David Slutterback, Lynn Peterson, Jane Johnson, Arabella Ann Cobb (granddaughter of Cal and Joy Cobb), and Jim Risler (Iraq).

## HospiceCare Programs Offered in February

A variety of seminars and small groups meet every month at the HospiceCare Fitchburg facility. These are open to the public and free of charge. For a detailed list of opportunities and information about registration visit the HospiceCare website at [www.hospicecareinc.com](http://www.hospicecareinc.com) or call 608-276-4660.

## 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.

**\* Please Note:** Effective Monday, February 14 – On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. until noon.



## Game Day Dates

Feel like you're in a rut? Maybe a lively round of Euchre or a vocabulary-stretching game of Scrabble is just what you need to shake things up.

Join In: 1-3 p.m. in Room 208  
- Wednesday, February 9  
- Wednesday, February 23

## Birthdays

### February 6

Roy Baird, Annie Gargano,  
Lisa Hoeme, Julia Wendt

### February 7

Bev McCulloch, Jen McDermott,  
Alexis Schlueter, Crystal Schlueter,  
Allison Stone

### February 9

Eagan Peters-Michaud

### February 10

Marilyn Fayram, Julia Hasheider,  
Jamie Lang

### February 11

Bill Bock, Lorimer Cushman,  
Marcus Hasheider, Ellie Hein,  
Carolyn Laughter, Danny Lynam,  
Donna Meerdink, Earl Thayer

### February 12

Uly Brelford, Shirley Crocker,  
David Henry, Nancy Klawitter

### February 13

Maeve Breunig, Calvin Olson,  
Shirley Porter, Loren Rathert,  
Sandra Schroerlucke, Tyler Tweed,  
Sue Van Steenderen, M.J. Wiseman

### February 14

Clark Albert, Dona Childs,  
Kimberly Nelson, Celia Rousseau

### February 15

Mary Brumley, Chuck Ebersohl,  
Darryl Jordan, Bill Kakuske, Sonja Parr

### February 16

Jim Christensen, Hannah Conger,  
Leola Gabel, Dorothy Gillet-Yant,  
Betty Stahmer, Ellen Webb

### February 17

Nicole Allen, Ruth Burdick,  
Cindy Hoyt, Max Riehemann,  
Rachel Smith, Sandy Smith

### February 18

Leigh Finger, Anjie Pfahning,  
Jordan Toon-Townsend, Tim Tryon,  
Elise Yanke

### February 19

Drew Dean, Matt DeVos,  
Natalie Moser, Erin O'Connell

## Anniversaries

### February 8

Bill & Sandy Heine  
Kyle Stiegert & Dawn Weigel-Stiegert

### February 12

Toby & Sarah Goecks

### February 13

Doug & Joan Maynard - 40 years

### February 19

Bruce & Bev McCulloch

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# all God's Children



## Mardi Gras Dinner & Dessert Show

Fat Tuesday, March 8

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

This year the youth are combining two of their favorite fundraisers into one wonderful evening. Enjoy a delicious, traditional New Orleans meal, elegantly served by our youth waitstaff. Follow this with one (or two) fittingly decadent desserts while you enjoy a performance showcasing our church's talented youth. All proceeds go to support youth missions. This is an event you won't want to miss! Look for the table in the Narthex on Sundays, where you can purchase tickets.

## Youth Missions Fruit Sale

Sundays through February 13

Only two weeks left to order your "box of sunshine". Choose from a variety of mixed fruit 3 boxes containing sweet and juicy oranges, grapefruit, pineapples, apples, pears, tangelos and more. Cheese and sausage boxes are also available. You can place your order at the Youth Kiosk in the Octagon. Delivery date is February 27. Stop by the kiosk and discover a delicious way to support our youth mission programs. Place an extra order and donate it to our food pantry!

## 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.

- 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

Meet at 9:30 a.m.

- Middle School – LL04
- High School – LL02

### Childcare

9:15 a.m. – Noon

Infant – 2 years:

First Floor Nursery - Room 104

Toddlers age 2 and older:

Lower Level Room LL12

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## Youth Spring Events Schedule

- Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 6
- Youth Ski/Snowboard Trip – Saturday, February 12
- Fruit Sale Orders – January 23 - February 13  
Pick-up on February 26 & 27
- Mardi Gras Dinner & Dessert Talent Show – Tuesday, March 8 (6:30 p.m.)
- Youth Auction – Sunday, May 8 (8 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Contact Seth at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) to sign up or for more information.



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## Periodicals

Week of 2/3

Periodicals  
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 Madison, WI

# Calendar

Next CHIMES Deadline: February 10, 2011  
 Next Publication: February 17, 2011

## 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. - 12:30 p.m.

### Sunday, February 6

Fruit Sale to Support Youth Missions  
 Souper Bowl of Caring  
 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - LL06  
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 11:00 a.m. Youth Council - LL04  
 4:00 p.m. Young Adult Simpler  
 Living Study - Narthex

### Monday, February 7

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

### Tuesday, February 8

12:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Capitol Lakes  
 6:30 p.m. SPRC - Room 208

### Wednesday, February 9

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

### Thursday, February 10

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
 - Music Room  
 7:45 p.m. Simpler Living Study  
 Group - Fellowship Hall

### Friday, February 11

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
 - LL05

### Saturday, February 12

2:30 p.m. Youth Ski/Snowboard  
 Trip Afternoon/Evening  
 - Tyrol Basin

### Sunday, February 13

Bring a Bear/Show You Care  
 Fruit Sale to Support Youth Missions  
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 4:00 p.m. Young Adult Simpler  
 Living Study - Narthex

### Monday, February 14

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

### Tuesday, February 15

6:00 p.m. Church Council - Chapel

### Wednesday, February 16

11:30 a.m. Chimes Group  
 - Room 208  
 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

### Thursday, February 17

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
 - Music Room  
 7:45 p.m. Simpler Living Study  
 Group - Fellowship Hall

### Friday, February 18

HS Youth Event Capture The Flag  
 at Wal-Mart  
 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
 - LL05

### Sunday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Homelessness Task Force  
 - Room 203  
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale  
 - Fellowship Hall  
 4:00 p.m. Young Adult Simpler  
 Living Study - Narthex  
 MS Youth Sledding & Hot Cocoa  
 - Elver Park