

the Chimes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

Join Us for Worship in May



New Member and Confirmation Sunday – May 15

We will welcome the Blessed Brass to the 9:30 a.m. worship, as well as our Chancel Choir. New members will also be received. The 8 a.m. worship will be held in the Chapel. Rev. Schroerlucke speaks on “Listening for the Right Voice.” With so many voices calling for our allegiance and loyalty, how can we know the right voice – the voice of the Shepherd? The text is John 10:1-10. We will celebrate Confirmation at the 11 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary. This service will be led by members of this year’s confirmation class. A special reception to honor the confirmands will be held in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. (preceding the service). Cake and ice cream will be served.

FUMC Foundation Sunday – May 22

On this Sunday, we will celebrate and acknowledge the vital ministry of the First Church Foundation. Through special endowed gifts, many ministries take place that would not otherwise happen. Learn more about this important ministry on May 22. The message will be: “Can Truth that Kills Be Truth? The Debate Continues” with the text from: Acts 7:55-60 (The Story of Stephen’s martyrdom) and John 14:1-14. We will welcome our Chancel Choir to the 9:30 a.m. worship hour. The New Choir will share their music at the 11 a.m. worship in the Chapel.

Looking Ahead

On Sunday, May 29 the morning message will be a special Memorial Day Weekend reflection. On Ascension Sunday, June 5, we will celebrate our graduating high school seniors and acknowledge the recipients of the Bishop Ralph and Marion Alton Scholarship at the 9:30 a.m. worship. The morning message will be: “Look Out, Not Just Up”.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Sunday, May 15 –
New Member and
Confirmation Sunday
8 a.m. – Worship in Chapel.
9:30 – New members received;
Chancel Choir, Blessed Brass.
Worship message: “Listening
for the Right Voice”
Text: John 10:1-10.
10:30 a.m. – Special reception
for confirmation class in
Fellowship Hall.
11 a.m. – Celebration of
Confirmation in Sanctuary led
by confirmation class.
Noon - New Member lunch
with Pastor Keith

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Worship message: “Can Truth
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Debate Continues.”
Text: Acts 7:55-60 (The Story of
Stephen’s martyrdom)
and John 14:1-14.
8 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary.
9:30 – Varshavski-Shapiro
piano duo, Chancel Choir.
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Message: A special Memorial
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Sunday, June 5 –
Ascension Sunday
Worship message:
“Look Out, Not Just Up”.
9:30 – Recognition of
graduating high school
seniors and Alton
Scholarship recipients.

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

The Gospel lesson assigned for last Sunday is one of my favorites, full of the unexpected and full of hope. Speaking of hope: I would hope each reader would pause now and look up Luke 24:13-35, but I'm guessing most folks will think they can't find the time, or worse, they can't even find a Bible! Perhaps you can tell I'm more than a little skeptical at this moment. That makes this a perfect moment to re-read the passage from Luke because those first followers of Jesus were probably more than a little skeptical themselves. They were on their way to a town called Emmaus about seven miles from Jerusalem. But as Frederick Buechner says in his book, *Magnificent Defeat*, "Emmaus is whatever we do or wherever we go to make ourselves forget that the world holds nothing sacred: that even the wisest and bravest and loveliest decay and die; that even the noblest ideas that men have had—ideas about love and freedom and justice—have always in time been twisted out of shape by selfish men for selfish ends." Frederick Buechner evidently had moments of skepticism too. But here comes the Gospel!

Two followers were making their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus with weary hearts because, as they told the stranger who joined them, "we had hoped he was the one." On that road to Emmaus they chose to offer hospitality to the stranger. They invited, then welcomed him to the head of their dinner table where, as an honored guest, he would break the bread. The stranger took the bread, broke it, blessed it, and shared it. That was all those followers needed to recognize that the one in their midst wasn't a stranger, but the one in whom they had placed all their hopes.

God is present with us and shall always be, even when we least expect it, even when we can't recognize it, even when it seems all hope is gone, even when we're feeling more than a little skeptical, and especially when we offer hospitality. A faithful walk to any Emmaus has and always will bring resurrection even when ideas about love, freedom and justice continue to be, as Buechner says, "twisted out of shape by selfish men (and women) for selfish ends." Traveling mercies upon all of us as we walk our own roads to Emmaus.



Tina Lang, Minister of Discipleship



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Scenes from El Salvador



Stories From Our Habitat Trip To El Salvador (or Why An International Habitat Trip Is About More Than Building Houses)

One by one the workshop participants identified the small business she wanted to create or expand. One said “I want to raise chickens;” another indicated “sell sandals;” and another said “I want to make jewelry.”

Five from our team from First Church had taken time off from building cinder block Habitat for Humanity houses last month in the Getsemani Community in Ahucahapán, El Salvador to attend a workshop for members of the community wanting to start their own businesses.

The list went on: “I want to make tamales;” “I want to sell clothes;” “I want to make arts and crafts;” and “I want to sell medicine.”

We learned the workshop was the third and last one in a series on basic skills for starting a business, including sales, budgeting and self esteem, and that completion of this series was a pre-requisite for getting a micro loan to expand participants’ businesses. Most families in Getsemani make less than \$206 per month, the minimum wage in El Salvador’s formal economy. These women are working to improve their lives and the lives of their families by increasing their income, and First Church’s support of the micro entrepreneurship program at Getsemani, including these workshops and the micro loan fund, is helping to make that possible.

Gloria likes to sew. She participated in another workshop while we were in the Getsemani community on quilting put on by members of the team from Myers Park Presbyterian Church. We saw the beautiful results made by many of the women in just a few days (see the nearby photo). Most were made on sewing machines previously donated by Myers Park; Gloria made her quilt by hand, as she does not have a sewing machine.

We learned that Gloria’s family does not live in a Habitat home, because there is no regular source of income in their household. Gloria and her present home are shown in the nearby photo. (In Getsemani, a family pays \$22 – 25 per month for a Habitat home, based on the family paying 1/3 the cost of the home and covering the other 2/3 through subsidized credit from donations to Habitat.)

Our team took to Getsemani a sewing machine provided by The Sewing Machine Project, a Madison-based nonprofit. The community’s leaders requested that the sewing machine be donated to Gloria. With the addition of the sewing machine, Gloria now has a means of sewing hand-made items to sell. This can significantly improve things for her family, and if they want to qualify for a Habitat home, the sewing machine could make a critical difference for them.

Bob the Builder (puppet character) also had a great time at Getsemani helping build houses and meeting lots of kids. An accompanying photo shows Bob with a new friend in front of the new Habitat house we helped build.

Reading is important, especially for a child’s success in school. Kathi Kemp, our team member who is a librarian, talked to Marda and other community leaders, and Ana Maria, the manager of the local Habitat affiliate, about using the two suitcases of books our team took to Getsemani to create a lending library in Getsemani’s new community center, that is now being built, and to create a program for parents to read to their kids and role model reading. Our team’s hope is that in coming years we will fill the available shelves with books in this library.

John Stolzenberg and Marjorie Matthews, Habitat International Ministry Team

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Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, June 12

We know many of you change your schedules in summer as school is out, vacations are taken and outdoor activities fill our weekends. First Church's summer schedule will change too:

- 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. – Early Worship
- 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. – Breakfast for everyone (Freewill offering)
- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. – Worship
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. – Summer Sunday School

There will be no 11 a.m. worship service during the summer weeks from June 12 through September 4. We will return to our three worship hours on September 11 with the beginning of our fall program year. We hope this summer schedule will allow for community building and more intentional fellowship.

Summer Worship Focus: Celebrating God's Family Three invitations

We invite members of First UMC to share pages from your family photo album. Send us a few family photos and we will share them on Sunday mornings before and after worship services as a way of getting better acquainted with one another.

Is there a story about a family reunion, a marriage that almost didn't happen, two people finding that special love, or an interesting tale of adoption in your family's history? If so, we would welcome some of these stories to print in our summer editions of *Chimes* and perhaps to share in worship. Take a few moments, write down the story or account and send it to Pastor Schroerlucke at kschroer@fumc.org.

Watch our FUMC family tree "leaf out" as snapshots are added to the sturdy oak on the bulletin board in the Octagon. Bring your own 4x5" or smaller print of a photo that represents family for you and add it to the tree!

Young Adult Outing

Saturday, May 21, 3-5 p.m.
Arboretum Spring Walk
Meet at Visitors Center

Come enjoy a relaxing walk among the beautiful and refreshing spring blooms. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org or 608-256-9061 for more information.



Varshavski-Shapiro Piano Duo Update

Sunday, May 22, 2011
9:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Services
Special Music
7 p.m. Concert
Tickets available at the door.

Stanislava Varshavski and Diana Shapiro are the winners of numerous prestigious national and international performances. For more information on their music, go to <http://piano-4-hands.com/>

175th Anniversary Committee Forming

In 2012 we will celebrate the 175th anniversary of First United Methodist Church. If you would like to take part in preliminary planning discussions for this celebration, please contact Pastor Keith. You can email him at kschroer@fumc.org or call the church office at 608-256-9061.

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**Wednesday, May 18, 1-3 p.m.
in Room 208**

Don't miss this chance to get in one more game of Euchre or to come up with that high-scoring Scrabble word before the group takes a vacation for the summer.

Sign Up For CSA at First Church

If you are interested in taking home a box of fresh, tasty organic veggies, fruits, and herbs every Sunday after worship, beginning in mid-June and going through late October, stop by the sign-up table in the Octagon or email Kate Vanderheiden (Council@fumc.org) for more information. Full shares feed 4 adults and cost \$500 for an 18-20 week season (about \$25 per week). Split shares can be arranged. The farmers are donating a full share to our Food Pantry, and other donations are welcome.

The U.S. Recovers from Tornadoes

After 200 tornadoes came roaring through eight southern states between April 14th and 16th, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responded with emergency grants and provided disaster response personnel to support affected annual conferences.

Your gift to "U.S. Disaster Response" helps provide hope to people who are seeking to put their lives back together in the wake of a disaster.

Your special gift can be sent to the church, placed in the Sunday offering or made online at the church's website, www.fumc.org. Thank you for caring.

Thank You Note From Ruth Marion

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and welcome as I returned to church for the Easter Service after recuperating from my broken ankle. During the post-operative time, I was also uplifted by cards, notes, phone calls, messages via Bruce, visits and delicious food.

With sincere appreciation,

Ruth Marion



Emilie Townes 2011 Lyons Lecture Speaker

Scenes From The Eighth Annual David P. Lyons Lecture



Sunday Faith Development Opportunities

The Journey – 9:30 a.m. in Room 208. 9/11: Blueprint for Truth. The group continues a discussion of the inconsistencies surrounding the official accounts of the events of 9/11 as explained by Richard Gage, the founder of Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth. Study will include a viewing of a 30-minute film about the total destruction of all 3 World Trade Center buildings. For those unable to attend, the film can also be seen online at www.ae911truth.org.

Theology for the 21st Century – 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05. The group is studying John Dominic Crossan's latest book, *The Greatest Prayer*. Crossan takes a fresh look at the Lord's Prayer by studying its meaning in a biblical context. Delving deeply into the story of the Jewish nation in Jesus' time, he shows how Jesus, couched in the words of this prayer, advises his followers to reject violent methods of resisting their Roman captors, and instead work for the coming of the Kingdom of God, the only way to achieve true freedom. Come and join the lively discussions.

Shaping a Life of Significance for Retirement – Sunday, May 15 at 11 a.m. in Room 203. Whether planning for retirement, recently retired, or long-time retired, participants in this once-a-month class enjoy sharing ideas about this season of life.

Birthdays

May 15

Gretchen Adams, Ellen Carlson,
Connor Spencer

May 16

Jeff Charlson, Jason Fry, Joan Nagle

May 17

Susan Vanderbloemen

May 18

Emily Acheson, Rick Olin,
Lindsay Varner

May 19

Tom Brown, Luella Duff,
Dave Steffenson, Steven Webster

May 20

Peggy Bremer, Bill Hauser,
Kathi Kemp, Kathy Maldegen,
Gretchen Michlitsch, Gina Newell,
John Stolzenberg

May 21

Noah Borden, Beth Erwin,
Laura Gratz, John Icke,
Marjorie Matthews,
Marcia Rameker,

Phoebe Woolson

May 22

Jeff Jeffris, Fred Klancnik

May 23

Julie Conger, Dan Elsass,
Anikke Grothaus, Maren Grothaus,
Oliver Hoeme, Jan Koletzke,
Jenny Sisulak, Donna Turner

May 24

Mary Andreas, Sarah Crocker,
Glen Sears, Lindsay Truikys,
Megan Wood

May 25

Shirley Blank, Leo Mensink,
Nerissa Metcalf, Lesley Numbers,
Donna Veatch

May 26

Lizzy Castaneda, Gabby Castaneda,
Elizabeth DeVos, Laura Phillipson

May 27

Carolyn Anderson, Kelley Weed

May 28

Scott Edwards, Tom Luker,
Ben Senson, Karen Stolzenberg

Anniversaries

May 19

Warren & Caroline Ingram

May 22

Paul & Laura Nagel

May 24

Michael Copas & Laura Valenstein

May 25

Nick & Jenny White

May 27

Bob & Nancy Barth
Bill White & Kathie Nichols
Brian White & Sadie Munson

May 28

Richard & Carolyn Betz
Dave & Jenny Lewis

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

Joys & Concerns

Jordan James Tjugum was born to Lindsay and Steve Tjugum. Jordan joins sister, Maya. Proud grandparents are Harry and Lori Deleeuw.

Former First Church member John Kirkpatrick, father of Kevin Kirkpatrick, passed away, May 2. John was married to Mary Kirkpatrick, a former associate pastor at First Church. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Whitewater on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Please remember Mary, Kevin and the rest of the family in prayer.

Stella Berven passed away on May 2. Plans are being made for a family memorial service. Please remember Norm and all the family in prayer.

Duaine Turner's younger brother, Jim, passed away April 29. Please lift Duaine and his family in prayer.

Kirk Luker, Commander in the US Navy, has been deployed to Afghanistan. He is the son of Kaaren & Tom Luker and Carol Luker, and the brother of Karyn German. Please keep Kirk and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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all God's Children



Congratulations to Jacob Rodgers, the new FUMC Ping-Pong Champion!

We had over 20 registrants, ranging in age from 11 to 80, and plenty of fan support all afternoon, culminating in the eventual winner facing off against his father in the championship game. Last year's winner, Rev. Keith Schroerlucke, was ousted early, claiming that next year he'll "try playing with his good hand". Thank you to everyone who helped out, lent a table, came to watch and cheer, and of course to all who competed.

Up For the Challenge

After thinking for a couple of weeks about entering the ping pong tournament I approached Seth at lunchtime during the Lyons Lecture the day before the event. When I expressed my hesitation, he whipped out his notebook and wrote my name, saying "I'll sign you up today!"

It had been at least 35 years since I held a ping pong paddle in my hand, but I had enjoyed it during high school and college and later I even got a win or two against our own children. But, really, at my age???

I believe in setting realistic goals, so my first challenge to myself was to see if I could still hit the ball – success! Next, over the net – success! Next, hit it back – success! Next was to make it through a game – success with 8 points. Next goal: double digits – success! Second (and last) round I made 11 points! Lots of fun! And lots of successes! Never mind the losses.

I haven't had so much fun in a long time! I especially appreciated the interaction with the young folks – and was astonished and touched by the level of respect and encouragement that I received from them. Thanks to the young man who shared some practice rounds with me. There were some real experts among us, but the atmosphere was one of support and cooperation. The multi-generational aspect is especially welcome since our own multi-generation is scattered across the globe, away from Wisconsin. See you next year!

Margaret Talcott

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

Childcare

9:15 a.m. – Noon

Infant – 2 years:

First Floor Nursery - Room 104

Toddlers age 2 and older:

Lower Level Room LL12

Youth

Meet at 9:30 a.m.

- Middle School – LL02
- High School – LL04

Sunday Schedule for Middle & High School Youth:

- May 15 - No Sunday School - Confirmation Sunday
- Saturday, May 21 – Sunday, May 22 – Middle School Mission Trip Training Lock-In
- May 29 - End of the Year All Youth Sunday School Party (last class) -Youth Room
- June 5 - No Sunday School - Join 9:30 a.m. worship: Graduation/Alton Scholarship Recognition Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

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Calendar

Next CHIMES Deadline: May 19
Next Publication: May 26

Sunday, May 15

Confirmation and New Member Sunday
8:00 a.m. Worship in Chapel
8:15 a.m. Homelessness Task Force
- Room 203
9:30 a.m. No Youth Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. New Member Lunch with
Pastor Keith
- Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 16

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel
8:30 p.m. FUMC "Downtowners"
Softball Game - Warner 3

Tuesday, May 17

6:00 p.m. Church Council - Chapel
6:00 p.m. UMW Circles Spring
Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

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

Friday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
- LL05

Saturday, May 21

No Parking in Masonic Temple Lot
Urban Immersion Lock-In MS Youth
- Youth Room
3:00 p.m. Young Adult
Arboretum Walk
- Arboretum

Sunday, May 22

FUMC Foundation Sunday
9:00 a.m. CSA Sign-Up
- Octagon
10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. Faith Development Council
- Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Varshavski-Shapiro Piano
Recital - 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. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, May 23

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel
5:30 p.m. Trustees - Room 203
6:30 p.m. FUMC "Downtowners"
Softball Game - Olbrich 1
7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

Wednesday, May 25

7:30 a.m. Foundation Board
- Room 208
11:30 a.m. Chimes Group - Room 208
6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

Friday, May 27

ASP Training Lock-In - Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
- LL05

Saturday, May 28

No Parking in Masonic Temple Lot

Sunday, May 29

9:30 a.m. MS/HS Youth Sunday
School Party - Youth Room
10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall