

the Chimes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

Sundays Are Special at First Church



Summer Sunday Schedule

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Worship**

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. **Breakfast** for everyone (Freewill Offering)

Breakfast for Everyone menu:

July 31: Country Inn Breakfast Casserole (from the Country Inn B & B in Walnut, Iowa)

August 3: Blueberry Stuffed French Toast (from Bobbi Reynolds)

August 14: Frittata (from the Apple Orchard Inn in Missouri Valley, Iowa)

Note that Sunday, August 14 will be the last week for our summertime family breakfasts. Coffee, iced tea and lemonade will still be available each week.

First Cup Café will begin on Sunday, September 11.



8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**

8:45 a.m. **Fair Trade Coffee Sale**
International Housing Ministries

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Worship**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Children's Summer Sunday School**

9:30 a.m. **Adult Book Review Series**
"A Harvest of Good Books"

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

Sunday, July 31 –
Rev. Tina Lang re-examines the well-known "miracle story" of loaves and fishes in her message "Good & Plenty". Will we allow God's sense of plenty to overcome our own sense of scarcity? Text is Matthew 14:13-21. The Tweed family will provide music at the 9:30 service.

Sunday, August 7 –
Communion Sunday
Many people appreciate receiving communion by coming forward to stand or kneel at the rail. Because of time limitations, this is often hard to do on a regular basis; however, on August 7, we will receive the communion at the rail during both worship hours. Pastor Schroerlucke will offer a morning message: "Risk is Part of the Journey." Our text will be Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Matthew 14:22-33. Brian Cowing will provide music at the 9:30 service.

Sunday, August 14 –
Youth Mission Sunday
Our youth will lead us in worship at both services this week. They will be sharing experiences from their summer mission trips and offering reflections on faith and God-moments from these events. This is an opportunity for our youth to witness and minister to us. Plan to share in these very special services. The Fry family will provide music at the 9:30 service.

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

Once again, I've responded to a personal calling. Soon I will journey to a seminar to deepen my spiritual life and connect with a growing global interfaith "blessing team" that focuses on how we can be more spiritually responsible in service to others. The "call" was received the day before Easter, a timing not lost on me. It's the time we celebrate worldwide the greatest blessing of Jesus' life, his resurrection.

Non-clergy interested in the seminar were asked to submit an application letter describing how we had demonstrated a strong prior dedication to spiritual service. I decided to submit a "spiritual resume" as my application. Creating it was an enlightening exercise.

Normally a resume summarizes one's professional "experience". That word certainly didn't seem appropriate. Instead, I started with a summary of "Spiritual and Professional Pathways". I found my journeys on these pathways had not been about me. Rather, they were about what I had shared in community with others in all areas of my "work life" be it business, church or farm. The focus was not on what I had achieved or accomplished, it was on the people and places to which I had made myself available—that is, my service.

In the next two sections of my spiritual resume, I described my ministry in the church and relevant spiritual study, classes and seminars/workshops. These helped me reflect on my spiritual journey and the many people who have graced my life with their blessings. It's a journey that began in earnest nearly 20 years ago.

A few years back, our church's stewardship team handed out "fortune cookies" one Sunday with an inspirational message inside. I still carry mine in my purse as a reminder of what's important: "We are blessed to be a blessing to others." I sense that the blessing seminar will transform me in ways I can't predict and will point to infinite possibilities of service to humankind. It feels like another good pathway for continuing God's work in the world.



Mary Hasbeider, Coordinator of Connecting Ministries



"We are blessed to be a blessing to others."

FUMC Food Pantry: Feeding the Hungry in Body and Spirit



MILLION POUND Challenge

Princeton Club Challenge

During the recent Princeton Club Challenge, participants from our congregation logged a total of 13,511.8 pounds lost/hours exercised, earning our pantry \$1,351 to use at the Food Bank. This translates into more than 7,500 pounds of food! At the top of the leader board within our church were the Kuntz family, Helen, Jim and daughter Patricia. Out of 188 teams, our First Church team placed 11th overall.

July Food Pantry Offering

To date, the recent Food Pantry Offering total has reached \$1,482.30. Your support helps us feed the hungry – and it also supports the volunteers who serve the hungry by giving them a metaphorical pat on the back. Those whose hands write the checks are equal partners with those whose hands give out the food. Thank you, First Church!

From a card sent by a Food Pantry guest:

“Your church helped my family in a terrible time in my life. I was treated with so much respect even when I couldn’t hold my head up. I just want to thank you. I will be forever grateful.”

Madison West Kiwanis Donates \$1,000 to FUMC Pantry

Thank you to FUMC member John Thomas for his sponsorship.

Statistics Corner

From January-June of 2011 our Food Pantry has served:

- Over 2,400 families
- Over 5,500 adults and children



Feeding God’s Children

A teacher from LaFollette High School and her co-workers usually volunteer twice a week during the day in the pantry with their students. They came in one evening to help as part of their work with “Feeding God’s Children”. They were assisted by Pantry volunteer Eugene Stanley.

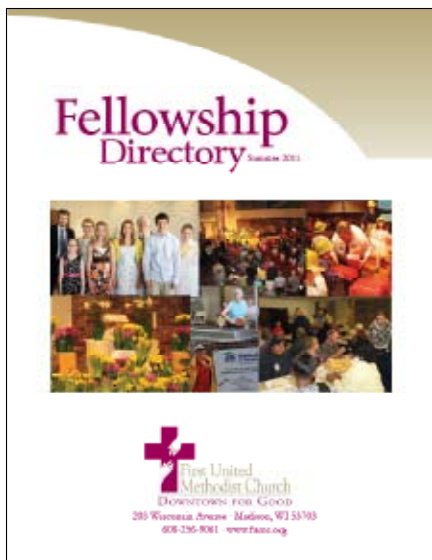
Celebrating God’s Families: Families Volunteering Together at our FUMC Food Pantry



Fred and Ellen Webb head up our Wednesday morning Pantry and bring along grandchildren Erin, Robin, and Griffin to help.

Dylan Wambach volunteers Thursday evening with his mom and dad, Megan and Bob.

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New Fellowship Directories Available

Updated First Church Fellowship Directories are available to pick up at the Information Desk on Sundays. Alternatively you can stop by the church during our building hours on a weekday to pick one up: Monday–Thursday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. The directories are also available on CD for those who prefer an electronic format. If you are unable to pick up a directory in person please call 608-256-9061 or email office@fumc.org to request we mail you a copy.

Youth Program Celebration Park Party

Where: Wingra Park & Boathouse
(off Monroe St.)

When: Noon – 4 p.m., Sunday, August 14

Why: To celebrate a wonderful year of youth ministry, mission trips, and awesome volunteers and to say goodbye to our college bound students.

Who: All Middle School and High School Youth and their families, Youth Program volunteers and supporters.

What: Party! We'll be grilling out, boating (free), swimming, hanging out, and playing the inaugural All-Youth Soccer Game.

To Bring: Something to throw on the grill for yourself; Optional: A side dish or dessert to pass, money to buy snacks.

Provided: Beverages, buns, plastic utensils

RSVP: <http://youthprogramparty.eventbrite.com/> or contact Seth at the church office 608-256-9061.

This has been a wonderful year in the youth program. We've done so many fun things together, shared so many great conversations, and had so many meaningful experiences. This is due, in large part, to all the volunteers, adult leaders, parents, and youth who give the program so much support. So let's celebrate an awesome year together as we look forward to another one!

Lunch Time Live



Members of the church and Madison community gathered to enjoy the noon hour concert provided by The Lucas Cates Band, July 19.

Birthdays

July 31

Liz Hampton, Dominic Lombardo,
Arlene Reese, Lynda Rothermel,
Ron Schlueter

August 1

Louise Bartlett, Nikolaos Pitas,
Gary Sandefur, Miriam Simmons

August 2

Meghan O'Connell,
Rachel Slaybaugh

August 3

Sandra Haynes, Miranda Moore,
Laurie Searing, Peter Strommen

August 4

Joshua Williams

August 5

Ralph Brooks, Judith Clayton,
Jed Hobson, Charles Klink,
Daisy Powell, Aaron Senson,
Dan Shoemaker

August 6

Barb Conley, Dave Lewis,
Doug Swenson, Levi Wurgler

August 7

Julie Cowing, Bon Stanford,
Damon Terrell

August 8

Devin Strittmatter

August 9

Sarah Schooler, Micah Stiegert,
Les Zank

August 10

Holly Baganz, Rita Riehemann

August 11

William Blazel, Adam Godding,
Mary Hasheider, Erica Kauten

August 12

Rachel Dykhuizen, Aaron Lee,
Susan McCoy

August 13

Fumiko Miyazaki, Mary Page,
Dakota Reese

August 14

Kim Schmitgen, Ken Bremer,
Tristen Gargano, Ann Hamon,
Brian Koderl, Jim Kuntz, Julie
Miehe, Jean Myers

August 15

Anna DeLong, Arlene Dwyer,
Lauren Gaska, Angel McClarey,
John Shoemaker

August 16

Julie Bass, Ian Campbell,
Louise Deahr, Sarah Goecks,
Neil Peters-Michaud

August 17

Lynne Jeffris, Breanna McClarey,
Erik Moser, Nancy Van Dyke

August 18

Susi Buhmann- Albert, Shelia
Gillingham, Tina Gomoll

August 19

Billy Carstens, Margaret Ann James,
Michael King, Keith Lienert,
Dianne Oppriecht, Cooper Shipman

August 20

Sally Borden, Dana McCulloch,
Jerry Strittmatter

August 21

Callie Celichowski, Mary Duff,
Adam Jackson, Gary Jordan,
Krisann Miehe

Anniversaries

August 1

Gary & Kathy Sandefur

August 2

Andrew & Gretchen Adams
Brian & Anne Vanderbloemen

August 5

John & Lori Bowman

August 6

Kevin & Molly Thompson

August 7

Scott & Kitt Foss – 35 years

August 8

Al & Carol Goedken

August 10

David & Marilyn Fayram
Fred & Wendy Klancnik
Randy & Barb Kyle

August 12

Alan & Karen Crossley
Robert & Lori Phillips
Dan & Ev Woolpert

August 14

Scott & Carrie Haskins
Robert & Karen Jones – 35 years
Jeff & Laura Lenzen

Edward Ryan & Christine White
Reno Fernandez & Laura Wineland

August 15

Randy & Kim Schmitgen – 30 years

August 16

Keith & Kathleen Cooley – 60 years
Robert & Gina Newell

August 17

Earl Madden & Kathy Paul – 20 years

August 18

Tim Casper & Jennifer Gotto
David & Debi Leeper

August 19

Ben Schultz & Kari Knudson Schultz

August 20

Peter & Ann Hamon – 45 years
Ron & Lisa Mensink

August 21

Fred & Carol Graves – 35 years
Eric & Tracy Van Andel

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Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: Kirk Luker and Samuel Sasing (both in Afghanistan).

Please hold the family of Bill and Jane Johnson in your prayers as they pray for healing for their grandson Alec Johnson, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor.

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

Next Chimes Deadline

Please submit your articles for the August 18 edition of *Chimes* by Thursday, August 11 to chimes@fumc.org. Thank you.



Multicultural Farms CSA

Mauo and Mai Li Yang have been delivering wonderful fresh produce each week to First Church members who are part of the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program of local Hmong farmers. Several CSA shares are donated to the FUMC Food Pantry each week too.

Community Musical Observance of 9/11 Anniversary

On Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2011, Madison Symphony Orchestra and Overture Center for the Arts will join together in observing the tenth anniversary of this national tragedy with a program of music for the Overture Concert Organ, massed choirs and mixed instruments in Overture Hall.

Choral selections on the program will include: *In Paradisum* (Faure); *Ye Now Are Sorrowful* (Brahms); *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace* (Rutter); and *America, the Beautiful*.

Other selections on the program will include Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*; *Adagio* for Strings by Samuel Barber; and *Gabriel's Oboe*.

Anyone with some choir experience who would like to participate in the choral pieces is encouraged to sign up by Monday, August 8. Choristers will need to commit to at least two of the first three rehearsals and the dress rehearsal. (See schedule, below.)

Singers should send an email indicating their interest to info@madisonsymphony.org with their: 1) name, 2) voice part, 3) email address and 4) chorus or church choir affiliation, including Scott Foss's name as choir director. Please include "9-11" in the Subject line.

Rehearsals at Bethel Lutheran Church:

- Wednesday, August 24, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday August 28, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday August 31, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal:

- Saturday, September 10, 9 - 11 a.m. in Overture Hall

Warm-up:

- Sunday, September 11, 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Performance:

- Sunday, September 11, 3 p.m.



Young Adult Canoe Trip – Saturday, August 27

The Young Adults' annual Canoe Trip is set for Saturday, August 27. The group will depart from Sherry and Doug Caves' riverside cabin in Spring Green. After sharing a lunch hosted by Sherry and Doug, we will take a leisurely paddle down the scenic Wisconsin river, stopping for a swim along the way and ending with an optional dinner back at the cabin. All are welcome, feel free to invite friends. Rain date is September 10. Please contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org or 608-256-9061 to reserve a spot.

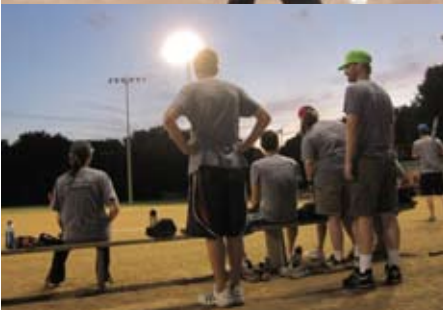




FUMC Softball Recap

Our game on July 11 was much like our others: We played hard, had fun, lost, and were cheered on by our faithful FUMC fans. We got off to a great start, but in the last inning, a dude from the other team hit a three-run game winning homer that is still waiting to come down somewhere north of Madison.

On July 18, “hot” was the word of the day. The weather was steamy, but both our offense and defense were as strong as the heat. First Church scored three runs in the first inning and gave up two. From then on, the scoring went back and forth between the teams, one run at a time, thanks to great plays from Millie Webb and Mike Farin, who didn’t miss a beat subbing in for his son, Garrett at shortstop. FUMC came out on top with a final score of 7-6 after seven dehydrating innings and humidity so high that eyeglasses were fogging over!



Sunday Faith Development Opportunities

A Harvest of Good Books

The summer book review series for adults meets in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

July 31: *Re-Imagine the World* - by Bernard Brandon Scott,
reviewed by Judy Lyons.

In his parables Jesus re-imagines the world. The re-imagined world, called the kingdom of God, presents his followers with a new option for living, one that contrasts with the default world of the everyday. The new world is both terrifying and liberating. In this book Brandon Scott sets his interpretation of the key parables of Jesus in the context of other things Jesus said and did. The result is a startling and provocative picture of the historical figure of Jesus and the challenge he presents to contemporary life. Brandon Scott will be coming to First Church in the fall of 2011 as part of the Jesus Seminar on the Road with Kathleen Corley.

Aug 7: *Half of the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women* - by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, *reviewed by Donna Veatch.*

Kristof and his wife, WuDunn make a brilliantly argued case for investing in the health and autonomy of women worldwide. More girls have been killed in the last fifty years, precisely because they were girls, than men were killed in all the wars of the twentieth century, they write, detailing the rampant gendercide in the developing world, particularly in India and Pakistan. Far from merely making moral appeals, the authors posit that it is impossible for countries to climb out of poverty if only a fraction of women (9% in Pakistan, for example) participate in the labor force.

Aug 14: *Media Madness: Public Images of Mental Illness* - by Otto F. Wahl,
reviewed by Gloria Waity and Susan Jeanette.

This book exposes the myths about mental illness that most of us live by -myths that are as destructive as they are pervasive. Wahl is especially good at showing, in detail, the many ways in which false views of mental illness, as portrayed in the media, shape the ways even the most enlightened of us view the world around us. The rampant inaccuracies about mental illnesses in newspapers, magazines, movies, and books make it clear that this is not merely stereotyping, but rather a pervasive ignorance.

Putting 9/11 in Context: Brian McCarthy Offers Conversations

Sundays, August 6 – 28 at 11 a.m. in Room 203

With the recent death of Osama bin Laden, many Americans will want to move on feeling a “chapter has been closed.” In reality, the story continues. The U.S. is engaged in a hugely expensive, world-wide “war on terrorism” with no end in sight and it’s important to know how we got into it. The attacks on the World Trade Center, etc. came as a complete surprise to many, but for people living in the Middle East, the attacks were only the most recent in a long history. Brian’s response to 9/11 was to turn from biblical and historical research to focus on Islam, ancient and modern, to help put 9/11 in historical context; a context known to people in the Middle East, but not known to most Americans. Now he would like to join in a discussion of this story with others who would bring their different perspectives and experiences. Brian McCarthy can be reached at brmcc@tds.net.

Celebrating First Church Family Connections

Trip to Korea

The Betz and DeLong Families (Carolyn, Richard, Stephen and Jonathan Betz; Abby, Paul, Stefan and Anna DeLong) recently travelled together to South Korea on a homeland tour to visit the country where Stephen and Jonathan Betz and Anna DeLong were born. The families visited three orphanages, two social service agencies, a middle school and a home for unwed mothers where they donated clothes, toys and medicines that are always in need. The three teens were reunited with their foster families and others who were important figures in their early lives in Korea. They were also able to swim in the East Sea, hike in the mountains, and shop in local street markets. The trip was so impressionable to the two families that they hope to visit again. Stephen has already signed up to take Korean language during his first semester of college this fall.

- Carolyn Betz



Left to Right: Stefan DeLong, Jonathan and Stephen Betz, Anna DeLong in the Dongdaemun Market in Seoul.

“Love at First Sight”

At the request of a church member, I made a hospital call on a victim of an automobile accident who had begun work as a teacher in a nearby community. My friend said she was a Methodist and since she was relatively new to the area might appreciate a call from a U.M. pastor. Reluctantly, I agreed to the visit.

I’m not sure about the adage, “love at first sight”, but I can honestly say that in the first few minutes of visiting this young woman I was “smitten”. She does not remember the first visit as she was still under the influence of some strong medications, left leg lifted in traction and suffering from the concussion. I stayed only a moment but knew I would return.

She was in the hospital for nearly five months, in a body cast for three months and on crutches for another three months. A few weeks after eliminating that last crutch, she walked down the aisle and joined me in a lifelong covenant of commitment and love. Thirty-five years later, four children, and soon-to-be seven grandchildren, I am still smitten and it all began with a reluctant hospital call.

- Keith Schroerlucke



Sandra and Keith Schroerlucke

An Extended Family

Our three children had a grandmother Waity and two sets of Anderson grandparents: Grandma and Grandpa Anderson “South” and Grandma and Grandpa Anderson “North.”

When I married Chuck he was a widower with two children. My maiden name was Anderson as was his first wife’s. Chuck’s mom and his first wife’s parents lived in Illinois, while my parents lived in Wisconsin, hence the north and south identification that developed as our now three children would talk about “Grandma Anderson said,” followed by “Which Grandma?”

We celebrated holidays three times each, which meant a lot of traveling since we were situated halfway between the sets of grandparents. Both sets of Anderson grandparents became good friends, visiting each other in the respective states.

When I hear of discord among a couple’s families I realize how blessed I was to be a part of such caring families who did not differentiate between sides of the family. Ours was, and is, truly an extended family.

- Gloria Waity



Chuck & Gloria Waity

all God's Children



Serving others in Minneapolis

A group of 20 FUMC middle school youth and adult and high school chaperones traveled to Minneapolis June 19-23 for the annual Middle School Mission Trip. During the day we worked at ARC thrift stores, St. Vincent de Paul, a nursing home, a daycare center, a food bank and a transitional housing community. Each evening we joined other groups attending the retreat for games like "Jeopardy for Justice", where we learned some eye-opening statistics. In another game we had to figure out how to meet the monthly expenses of a family with an income just above the poverty line. In the time left over we played some amazing games of Uno and Bananagrams! Many thanks to the congregation for your support of the youth fundraisers that made the trip possible. We all had a great time!

- Krista Tweed

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. in HolyWord Studios (LL07)
Children age 3 through grade 5 gather for juice and popcorn while they watch a short film. Then they split into two groups by age level to further explore the week's lesson.

Childcare
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Infant – 2 years:
First Floor Nursery – Room 104
Toddlers age 2 and older:
Lower Level – Room LL12

Youth
Sunday, August 7
9:30 a.m. – Meet in the Youth Room (LL04) and then walk to James Madison Park. Summer Sunday School for middle school and high school youth will meet once a month.

Youth and Young Adults Event Calendar - August

Sunday, August 7 – 11 a.m.
Middle School and High School:
Rehearsal for Mission Trip Sunday – Sanctuary

Friday, August 12 – 8 - 10 p.m.
Young Adult Night Lifers:
Pool, Ping-Pong & Popcorn – Union South

Sunday, August 14 – 9:30 a.m.
Middle School and High School:
Mission Trip Sunday – Sanctuary

Sunday, August 14 – 12 - 4 p.m.
All Youth: Back to School Send-Off – Wingra Park

Saturday, August 27
Young Adults: Canoeing/Kayaking on the Wisconsin River – Spring Green



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Calendar

Sunday, July 31

Local Missions Special Offering

8:45 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall

10:45 a.m. Worship Program Council
- Room 208

Monday, August 1

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

7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

Wednesday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Debt Retirement Group
- Room 208

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

Friday, August 5

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
- LL05

Sunday, August 7

Local Missions Special Offering

8:45 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. All Youth Picnic Discussion
- James Madison Park

11:00 a.m. Mission Trip Sunday
Rehearsal - Sanctuary

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Monday, August 8

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

7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

Tuesday, August 9

12:00 p.m. Ruth Circle

- Capitol Lakes

5:30 p.m. Program Ministries

Round Table

- Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. SPRC - Room 208

Wednesday, August 10

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

6:00 p.m. Madison Area CSA

Coalition Pot Luck

- Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Outreach Ministries

Council - Room 208

Thursday, August 11

6:00 p.m. Debt Retirement

Committee - Room 208

Friday, August 12

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
- LL05

8:00 p.m. Young Adult Night Lifers
- Union South

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, August 14

Youth Missions Special Offering

Youth Missions Sunday

8:45 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. All Youth Back to

School Send Off

- Wingra Park

Monday, August 15

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

7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

Thursday, August 18

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee
- Room 208

6:30 p.m. Capitol Pride Ice Cream
Social - Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 19

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
- LL05

Sunday, August 21

8:15 a.m. Homelessness Task Force
- Room 203

8:45 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
- Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Pride Parade - Capitol Square