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*The Heart of the Community* is the fall theme for First Church. It is a concept that encompasses important questions. Questions like: How do we live passionately as Christians in today's world? Are there attitudes and practices that help us open our hearts to God and to others? How might we embody the "Kingdom of God" not as a bulwark against secularism but as a means of transforming society into a world that values justice and love? There are many more questions and many opportunities to engage the questions. Join us this fall as we explore the questions in worship and as we learn, serve and grow together.

## Come As You Are!

...To worship on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 10 a.m. This half hour worship is for anyone who wants to grow closer to God through prayer, music and Scripture. Come As You Are worship begins on Monday, September 24, in Fellowship Hall.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

#### SEPTEMBER 2

Holy Communion

Text: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Message: "Dirty Work"

9:30 a.m. – Adam Shelton

#### SEPTEMBER 9

Christian Education Offering

All Morning: Fall Open House

Text: James 1:17-27

Message: "Hearing and Doing"

9:30 a.m. – Chancel Choir &

3rd Graders Bible Presentation

11 a.m. – Special Ensemble:

Scott & Kitt Foss, Ross Cowing,

Greg Lang, Tim Wurgler

#### SEPTEMBER 16

Text: Mark 8:27-38

Message: "Sacrificial Faith"

8 a.m. – Worship in Chapel

9:30 a.m. – Blessed Brass &

The Chamber Choir

10:30 a.m. – Short Concert:

The Kat Trio

11 a.m. - Jesse & Jamie Simpson

#### SEPTEMBER 23

Text: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Message: "Wisdom and Justice"

9:30 a.m. – Holy Baptism &

The Handbell Choir

11 a.m. – Vanderbloemen Family

### SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.

First Cup Café Starts

September 9 – 8:30-9:15 a.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

Each and every year, as the first music rehearsals of the fall approach, I worry. I worry that no one will show up and I won't have a choir to rehearse. I worry that we will not have great music to offer for the "first Sunday back" in the fall. I worry that all of the music that I have been reviewing and finally selecting will not be well received and a summer of "daydreaming" will have been for naught.

Happily, when I walk into the first rehearsal—this year scheduled for Thursday, September 6—there is always a room full of smiling faces ready to sing. This church is amazing! People volunteer and commit to big, long term projects, like the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir and the Chamber Choir and the Family Choir and the Blessed Brass. Week after week they arrive on time and work hard to prepare music for worship. I'm in awe. I want to be like you. I want my kids to be like you.

And I know that everyone doesn't like every piece I select but no one ever says a negative word. They rehearse the music and offer it up with a smile. Sometimes, after teaching and rehearsing and presenting a piece, I don't even like it. But no one ever says a negative word. I want to be that accepting and positive and upbeat.

I'm not going to give up. Each and every fall, when I am once again reminded of what it means to make a commitment and be a team player and work tirelessly and selflessly so that others can worship, I'm going to recommit to be like you.

Any and all who would like to join a group as described above are welcome. The Bell Choir will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. and the Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 6. If you want to join the Blessed Brass, let me know at [sfoss@fumc.org](mailto:sfoss@fumc.org) or 608.256.9061 and I'll get you the schedule. And the Family Choir will have its first rehearsal from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Sunday morning, September 9. All are welcome—just be prepared to be inspired.

*Scott Foss*  
Director of Music



***"I am once again reminded of what it means to make a commitment, be a team player and work tirelessly and selflessly so that others can worship."***



Members and friends showed support for the LGBT community by participating in the August 19 Pride Parade. Learn more about our congregation's commitment to inclusiveness by participating in a 3-week Wednesday evening series titled "Faith and Sexuality."



## Newcomer Gathering Sunday, September 16 11 a.m., Room 202

If you've been visiting with us in worship and would like to consider membership, or if you simply desire more information about First Church, please come and share in this informal time of fellowship. Our conversation will center around the church's ministries. There will be discussion about membership as well as time to get acquainted with one another. Please contact Mary Hasheider at [mhasheider@fumc.org](mailto:mhasheider@fumc.org) or 608-256-9061, Ext. 34 if you plan to attend. If you're unable to attend and are interested in membership, please let Mary know.

## Looking Ahead: October

Join Pastor Carly for Wednesday evening studies of the Old Testament using curriculum that includes the scholarship of Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

And on Sunday mornings in October the Homelessness Task Force will sponsor a series titled "Broken Justice, Broken Minds" focusing on prison reform. Watch for more information to come!

## Trustees' Workday Saturday, September 8

We're spiffing up and polishing the church for the new school year. The work and fun will last from 8 a.m. to noon. Contact the church office at 608.256.9061 or [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org) to sign up for a two-hour time slot (8-10 a.m. or 10 a.m.-noon).

## Game Days Are Here

Are you ready for some Scrabble? (Or Euchre, or some other game of your choice?) The game room will be open on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Join the gang this month on September 12 & 26 from 1-3 p.m. in Room 208.

## Wanted: Library Volunteers

The second floor library is open Sundays from 9 a.m. – noon. The Library Committee is looking for volunteers to serve one Sunday a month for a 1½ hour shift (9-10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-noon) so that the library can be staffed at all times. Stop by the library on Sundays to sign up or email Tom Brown at [library@fumc.org](mailto:library@fumc.org).



## Families at the Heart of Community: New Exhibit in the Chapel

Photos of families representing a breadth of diversity and configurations will be part of a museum-quality exhibit on display in the Chapel throughout September. Photos will depict adoptive and foster families; divorced and stepfamilies; single parent households; multiracial families; families facing chronic illness and death; families living with mental and physical disabilities; lesbian- and gay-parented families; interfaith families; multigenerational households; and immigrant families. Designed for audiences of all ages, *In Our Family* celebrates and affirms the role of families of all kinds within the community. Visit the exhibit with your family sometime this month.

## Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, September 23, 8:15 a.m.  
2nd Floor Lounge & Chapel

Members of our congregation's prayer team invite others to join them for a simple breakfast, a time of sharing insights about the practice of prayer, and a short time of community prayer. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about the ministry of the prayer team, to explore ways to strengthen your personal prayer life or just to join others for fellowship and prayer. To be included in the breakfast please contact Tina Lang at [tlang@fumc.org](mailto:tlang@fumc.org) or 608.256.4646, ext. 15.

# first church News



## Rethinking Leadership, Empowering Ministry

A new online forum called “Rethinking Leadership, Empowering Ministry” launches in early September. If you’ve already signed up to participate in this discussion, timely information sharing and Q&A, thank you! It’s never too late to join the conversation, so please contact the church office at 608.256.9061 or send an email to [council@fumc.org](mailto:council@fumc.org) to sign up.

The summer months have been productive for the “Rethinking Leadership, Empowering Ministry” Task Group, with steady movement happening along a predicted timeline. Since mid-May, your full FUMC Council continues to ponder open questions relating specifically to GOVERNANCE. Teleconferences between the task group and author/consultant Dan Hotchkiss in July and August focused on defining the future committees of our church’s strategic governing body as well as discussing the MINISTRY leadership sphere of activity. Thoughtful conversations with a “Ministry Leaders’ Roundtable” began in August and will continue. Drafting of appropriate administrative policies and management procedures is also underway.

Proper terminology is important for consistency and greater understanding. The current proposal under consideration is that, sometime in 2013, FUMC would be governed by a BOARD, ideally comprised of 6-8 members who enjoy strategic, “big-picture” thinking. These members would be elected during a visible process and conversation which would be lively and uplifting for the congregation. Ultimately replacing the current 14-member Council, this new Board and its few committees would focus on core “internal” roles of discernment, strategy and oversight for our church. In order to make this “Board” concept work, there would have to be clear and appropriate policies delegating most day-to-day operational issues, as well as the many ministry programs, to staff and lay leaders.

Your prayerful guidance and direct input is invited as these questions, and more, are considered now and answered during upcoming weeks:

Assuming we adopt this Board structure, to whom should this Board delegate management authority? Specifically, is it appropriate to hold the senior pastor (as “head of staff”)

accountable for leading and coordinating the spiritual, programmatic and administrative work of the church, consistent with the congregation’s mission, vision and strategic priorities?

What criteria should govern selection of Board members? Are we comfortable with a smaller Board (6-8 members), elected by the congregation?

What are the most important accountabilities of our leadership related to care for the congregation’s resources, staff, volunteers, members and guests?

Thankfully, *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church provides us a spirit of openness and ease of compliance as forthcoming, positive changes occur within our congregation’s governance and ministry spheres of leadership and action. And while any change is likely to be an unfamiliar paradigm shift to some, please look to find the empowerment, real efficiencies and opportunities for growth that come along with a well-defined, new organizational structure by the end of next year.

*Rethinking Leadership,  
Empowering Ministry Task Group*

*Kate Vanderheiden (FUMC Council Chair),  
Brenda Furlow (Staff-Parish Relations  
Committee Chair), Lori Bowman, Tim  
Casper, Phil Greenwood, Rev. Carly Kuntz,  
Rev. Tina Lang, Jan Moen, Kathy Sandefur*

# SHAPING, STRENGTHENING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH



## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

### ***THE LETTER:***

#### **MEET & GREET A RECENT NOVELIST FROM OUR CONGREGATION**

*Sunday, September 9 @ 9:30 and 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall*

Tom Miller, a long time member of First Church, has written an intriguing religious novel delving into questions surrounding the life of Jesus Christ. While his work is fiction, it is heavily rooted in biblical history. *The Letter* explores Jesus' mission on earth while presenting a fascinatingly plausible explanation for the "missing" years in the life of Jesus. Tom will present an overview of the story and his research for it, and will take questions. Copies of the book will be available for purchase for those who are interested.

#### **BIBLE STUDY: EXPLORING SCRIPTURE & PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

*Starting Sunday, September 16: Weekly @ 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall*

Daniel Cochran earned his Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Art History at UW-Madison. Each Sunday morning Daniel guides exploration and discussion of scripture passages to be included in that morning's worship. Some historical, literary and theological context will be provided for this discussion-based study where personal perspectives, beliefs, doubts, and questions will help shape the conversations and help participants be better prepared to receive the scripture during worship.

#### **THEOLOGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CLASS**

*Sundays, September 16, 23 and 30 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05*

*The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus* by Robin Meyers is the first book for this fall. Different class members facilitate the discussion each week. The author, a prominent progressive writer, speaker and minister proposes that the best way to recapture the spirit of the early Christian church is to recognize that Jesus-following was and must again be subversive in the best sense of the word because the gospel taken seriously turns the world upside down. He suggests that the defining characteristic of the church of the future will be its Jesus-inspired countercultural witness. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

## MID-WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

### **MEDITATION GROUP**

*Starting Monday, September 10: Weekly @ 7 p.m. in the Chapel*

Join others to explore the practice of meditation by listening to the CD and discussing excerpts from *The Mystical Life of Jesus: An Uncommon Perspective on the Life of Christ* by Sylvia Browne.

### **YOGA FOR GOOD**

For the past four years First Church has partnered with Meg Miller to provide yoga classes. Her concept was to teach yoga and, at the same time, to give back to the community. Just as the practice of yoga facilitates healthy minds, bodies and spirits (it makes you feel good); the sharing of its monetary "fruits" to make the world a better place takes that personal "goodness" and passes it on. Meg charges a modest fee for her services; any class fees over and above that are donated to our Food Pantry.

No previous yoga experience is necessary. Meg has mats and supplies, so you simply need to come with comfortable clothing that you can easily move in. Yoga classes typically meet in the Chapel. It is an open, relaxing and spirit-filled space. Drop-ins are always welcome.

The cost of the class is \$30 for six sessions, or \$6 per class if you drop in.

### **Fall Class Schedule:**

Mondays 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Kathie Nichols at [knichols@fumc.org](mailto:knichols@fumc.org) or 608.256.9061.

## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

### **A SEASON OF CIVILITY**

*Sunday, September 16 @ 11 a.m. in Room LL05*

Are you weary of the increasing polarization in our public discourse? As people of faith, we should neither remain silent nor go along with the prevailing bitterness in our politics. We may be uniquely suited to provide “safe spaces” for respectful conversations across the partisan divides. Rev. Tina Lang will share information about the Wisconsin Council of Churches’ initiative to create circles of people seeking to bring civil discourse and healing to our communities.

### **MY BROTHER’S KEEPER?**

*Sundays, September 23 and 30 @ 11 a.m. in Room 214*

Faith communities have much to contribute to the discussion of the sort of economic order we live in. Bill Moyers recently interviewed author Chris Hedges, who with graphic artist Joe Sacco, has written a graphic novel about economic order titled *Days of Destruction, Days of Revolt*. In his book *Occupy the Economy*, economist Richard D. Wolff analyzes the basis of our current economic order and offers an alternative perspective which presents something more hopeful. Moyers’ interview will be viewed and discussed in September and the conversation will continue into October focusing on Richard Wolff’s book. Copies of both books will be available for purchase. Analytical Psychologist, Dr. Boris Matthews, will facilitate the discussions.

### **LIVING THE QUESTIONS**

*Sundays, September 16, 23 and 30 @ 11 a.m. in Room 208*

Join weekly discussions about social justice issues and how we can use the Bible’s lessons to become better community members. Each week the class will view and discuss DVD clips from the “Living the Questions” series, which will include interviews with prominent theologians, ethicists and scholars. Come every week or drop in when you can to participate in this informal group. Themes this month are Social Justice and the Prophets (9/16); A Kingdom Without Walls: Ruth & Jonah (9/23); Compassion: The Heart of Jesus’ Ministry (9/30).

### **HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS**

*Saturday, October 13*

Each year members from our circuit get together for a day of service to those in need. This year the annual Madison United Methodist Circuit Service Day will take place on Saturday, October 13. Save the date and stay tuned for sign-up information.

## MID-WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

### **FAITH AND REASON**

*Tuesday, September 11 @ 7:30 a.m.*

*Capitol Lakes, 333 W. Main*

The scientific and theological environments of the 21st century ought properly to be seen not as in conflict, but as the lingering effects of bygone controversy still exerting a corrosive influence on both theological and rational thought. Is not science merely that branch of theology which explores the manner in which God made the universe? This question and a host of others are vetted in gatherings the second Tuesday of each month. Group members facilitate the discussions.

### **FAITH AND SEXUALITY: HOW DO SCRIPTURE, REASON, TRADITION AND EXPERIENCE INFORM US?**

*Wednesdays, September 12, 19 and 26*

*@ 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

Our congregation welcomes full participation of people who identify as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender. Does biblical scholarship support this perspective? Chris Jones earned his Master of Theological Studies from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and is working on a doctoral dissertation in Hebrew and Semitic studies at UW-Madison. He will lead an examination of what are sometimes called “clobber passages” and their ancient Near Eastern and Greco-Roman contexts, and pose questions about our current context. The Wesleyan Quadrilateral of engaging scripture, reason, tradition, and experience will frame the study and conversation.



## 2011-2012 Youth Program Adult Volunteers

Michell	Ackeret
Kirke	Anderson-Elsass
Mary	Andreas
Diane	Bock
Nicole	Bookhout
Emily	Burrows
Pam	Cotant
Tom	Counts
David	Crossfield
Abby	DeLong
Paul	DeLong
Garrett	Farin
Bobbi	Foutch-Reynolds
Becky	Fraire
Jenni	German
Tom	German
Carol	Goedken
Tricia	Hillner
Carol	Klukaczewski
Doug	Knudson
Katie	Kyle
Tina	Lang
Judy	Lyons
Allan	Marty
Bev	McCulloch
Kathleen	Montgomery
Laura	Nagel
Jim	Newton
Kathie	Nichols
Joyce	O'Connell
Max	Olin
Anna	Petersen
Laurie	Peterson
Emily	Phillips
Paul	Riehemann
Rita	Riehemann
Kristina	Schmitgen
Nicole	Schmitgen
Randy	Schmitgen
Keith	Schroerlucke
Nichole	Schroerlucke
Sandra	Schroerlucke
Sarah	Schroerlucke
Ben	Senson
Joe	Shumow
Krista	Tweed
Steve	Tweed
Nancy	Van Dyke
Anne	Vanderbloemen
Brian	Vanderbloemen
Gloria	Waity
Brian	Webb
Millie	Webb
Max	Wendt
Paul	Wydeven
Jamie	Zander
John	Zurovitch
Kristin	Zurovitch

## Thank You, Adult Volunteers!

Thank you to all (and apologies to anyone I missed) who set aside time to spend with the youth and support the youth program this past year. This includes everything from leading our Sunday morning classes, chaperoning events and retreats, mentoring Confirmands, and helping prep our events by shopping or putting up decorations. It is exciting to see so many of you excited about being a part of this ministry. If you would like to help out in some way this year, contact me at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) or 608.256.9061.

*Seth Schroerlucke*, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

## Youth Program Volunteer Of The Year Awards

Middle School Youth: Brett Andreas  
High School Youth: Grace Newton  
College Leader: Nicole Schmitgen  
Adult Male: Max Olin  
Adult Female (co-winners):  
Kathie Nichols & Krista Tweed

## Youth Program Fall Kick-Off

**Sunday, September 16  
9:30 a.m., Youth Center**

Middle and high school youth and their parents are encouraged to come hear about the new events and activities for this coming year. The time will include an informational Q & A session about the *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality & Faith* curriculum that we are hoping to do with the youth sometime this year.



## Youth Program Celebration Recap

Families of our youth group and youth program volunteers gathered at Wingra Park boathouse to celebrate this past awesome year together and get excited for another awesome year together. We grilled out, went boating, and played an intense “adults vs youth” kickball game. We also gave out awards, and said farewell to this past year’s seniors.

## Young Adults: Gardening for Madison Area Food Pantries

**Thursday, September 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Hershberger South Garden  
7634 Midtown Rd., Verona**

Come volunteer for the Catholic Multicultural Center gardens and harvest some vegetables that go to Madison area food pantries. No experience necessary! Ride shares available. If you are interested contact Seth Schroerlucke at 608.256.9061 or [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) by Monday, September 10.

## Joys & Concerns

**Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers:**

Judy Metz, Herb Jordan, Donna Berthold (Kay Knipfer's aunt), Saga Richardson (granddaughter of Marjorie Matthews), and Bonnie Landgraf.

Donald Green, who directed the Handbell Choir at First Church for many years, died August 12. Our prayers are with his family and friends.

Congratulations to Jim and Bobbi Reynolds on becoming grandparents again. Granddaughter Rhiannon Delphine Ehlers made her appearance on August 6.

## Hospital Visitation

When patients are admitted to the hospital directly from the Emergency Room, their church affiliation is not automatically recorded. If you or your loved one is admitted in this manner and would like to receive visits from our Hospital Visitation Team, please ask the hospital to list you/the patient as an FUMC member/friend on the hospital records so we can find you and stop by for a brief hello.

## Old Question;

## New Reflections

Recent addition to the Library: *What does the Lord require? Meditations On Major Moral and Social Issues* by James Killen. In this collection of essays the author draws on the Bible and the Christian faith to discern how God would have us respond to some of today's hot button issues.

Look for this new book on the carousel in Fellowship Hall, where most of our new books spend a week or two before going to the second floor main library. You will benefit from regularly checking the carousel for new items of potential interest to you. The current display has books for children, information about putting faith into action, and a work or two of fiction.

## FUMC Building Hours

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Monday –Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. - noon

## Food Ministry Hours

### New Food Pantry Hours

*Mondays & Wednesdays*

9:30 a.m. – Noon

*Tuesdays & Thursdays*

5 - 7 p.m.

### New To-Go Meal Hours

*Monday thru Thursday*

9 a.m. – Noon

## Food Pantry

### “Most-Wanted” List

The Food Pantry has an immediate need for the following items. These will be collected in the grocery cart located in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or may be dropped off at the church during business hours. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- **Fresh fruit** for To-Go Meals we serve our homeless guests.
- **Items for our shower program serving homeless guests:**  
New, unopened shaving cream,  
Q-tips, nail clippers, toothbrushes and tooth paste.

## Next Chimes Deadline

The next issue of *Chimes* will be published Thursday, September 27. The deadline for submitting articles is noon on Saturday, September 15.

## Recurring Calendar Items

### Yoga for Good Sessions

Mondays: 11:45 a.m. in the Chapel

Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

**Meditation Group** – Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

**Game Days** – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. in Room 208.

**Handbell Choir** – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (Begins 9/6)

**Chancel Choir** – Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room (Begins 9/6)

**Family Choir** – Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Music Room (Begins 9/9)

**Toddler Playgroup** – Fridays at 3:30 p.m. at James Madison Park

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# all God's Children

## Thank You, Summer Sunday School Teachers

A HUGE "Thank You" to teachers Max and Laura Wendt, Marcia Grothaus, Toby Breunig, Anikke Grothaus and Maren Grothaus for making the summer programs a success. I would also like to thank the *congregation* for all your support of our children! It is great to have such a caring community for them to grow in.

Keep a lookout for all the exciting events coming up as we kick off the Sunday school year. As always, parents and the general congregation are encouraged to serve in our classrooms as teachers and special guests. Please contact me at [molly@fumc.org](mailto:molly@fumc.org) or 608.256.9061 if you are interested in sharing your time with our youth.

*Molly Grothaus Breunig*, Christian Education Assistant



## Sunday School Market Update

We reached our goal... and then some! While getting ready for Fellowship hour, the kids and I were nervous and anxious about sharing our gifts and curious what the response would be. Oh my, were we surprised and amazed at the turnout. Thank you all so much for shoring our kids what can happen when people support each other. What a great lesson for them and what a great cause! Thank you for all your support.

*Molly Grothaus Breunig*, Christian Education Assistant

## Attention 3rd Graders

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9, when you will receive your Bible during the 9:30 a.m. service. As we begin our new faith journey with Pastor Carly, each class will be participating in the service on the second Sunday of the month and third graders are first!

## Sunday School Open House – Sunday, September 9

Third graders will remain in the 9:30 a.m. service to serve as liturgists and receive their Bibles. All other classes will go to their classroom after the Children's Message, where they will meet their teacher and get ready for the year by decorating the classrooms. Parents and siblings are invited to come downstairs too and help add some color!

## Children & Youth

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-2 – Room LL10  
Grades 3-5 – Room LL15

September 2 – No Sunday School  
September 9 – Sunday School Starts

- 3rd Graders receive Bibles during 9:30 a.m. worship
- Sunday School Open House

## 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 Events

Youth Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
Middle School: Room LL02  
High School: Room LL04

September 2 – No Sunday School  
September 9 – Sunday School  
Open House

## Help Wanted

Looking for a lead teacher for the K-2 Sunday school class. The curriculum is Sunday-ready and the kids are great. You don't have to be a parent to make a difference!



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## Recent First Church Events: A Little Night Music, International Ministries Picnic, Youth/Young Adults Mission Sunday

