

the Chimes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON



All Saints Day – Sunday, November 4

On Sunday, November 4 all three worship services will provide opportunity to give thanks for the faithful cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. Members of First Church who have passed into the Church Eternal since last November will be named and honored. Members of the congregation will be invited to light candles in memory of friends and loved ones.

The 8 a.m. worship service will be held in the Chapel. The 9:30 and 11 a.m. services will be held in the Sanctuary, with the Chancel Choir offering John Rutter's *Requiem* as the focus of worship.

First Church's 175 years of faithful history is tied to a faithful future which invites participation and support from the current generation. Financial pledges to support ministries in 2013 will be received and consecrated on this special Sunday, helping to assure that the legacy of ministry lives on.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship – Wednesday, November 21

7 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran, 312 Wisconsin Ave.

First Church will join members of three other downtown congregations on Wednesday, November 21 for a worship celebration of thanks. Bethel Lutheran Church will host a 7 p.m. service welcoming members of our congregation, Grace Episcopal and Christ Presbyterian. Pastor Carly Kuntz will serve as the preacher. Plan to join First Church friends and our neighbors for worship on Thanksgiving Eve.

Giving Made Easy

Use your smart phone to scan this QR code and make donations and offerings to First Church digitally.



Thanksgiving Community Meal

All Welcome | Noon to 2 p.m. | Thursday, November 22

For Home Delivery Call 608.251.4407 on Wednesday, November 21 between 3-5 p.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

NOVEMBER 4

All Saints Day
II Timothy 4:1-8
8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:30 & 11 a.m. in Sanctuary
John Rutter's *Requiem*
by Chancel Choir
Give thanks for our Cloud
of Witnesses, Consecrate
pledges for 2013

NOVEMBER 11

Holy Communion
John 15:12-17
"Giving From the Heart"
Rev. Carly Kuntz
9:30 a.m. Chamber Choir

NOVEMBER 18

Preparing for the Holidays
Matthew 11:25-28
"Just Say, 'No'"
Rev. Carly Kuntz
8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:30 a.m. Blessed Brass,
Chancel Choir

NOVEMBER 25

Christ the King Sunday
John 18:33-37
"For This I Was Born"
Rev. Tina Lang
9:30 a.m. Handbell Choir

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

The nature of time and the relevance of “church” have been on my mind a lot lately. This month, 175 years ago (on November 28, 1837), a circuit riding Methodist minister preached the first sermon in Wisconsin’s new capital, Madison. At the time there were only four family houses and a few lodging houses, each with a barroom. In keeping with Methodism’s mission to reach out in service to all who would listen, it was to one of these barrooms that Rev. Salmon Stebbins came and later noted in his journal, “I preached to a very interested and interesting congregation.”

In 1838, a log barn “church” (the first church of any denomination in Madison) was completed. In this new building, Rev. Samuel Pillsbury preached his first sermon to 36 Capitol workmen and four families while several hundred Native Americans stood outside and listened. Thus were the beginnings of First Church.

Fast forward to October, 2012 to a church building one block from the Capitol. Here I attend a First Church “Come As You Are” worship service. (The services are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings.) Members/friends of our church community, including Food Pantry guests and our homeless neighbors, gather to sing, pray and share in fellowship. Unlike in 1838, no one need stand outside; all are welcome.

Two months ago, I attended a worship service at the Taizé ecumenical community in France, where several thousand youth and young adults come each week from throughout the world to seek communion with God in prayer, silence and reflection. We sang from well-used worship songbooks with verses in multiple languages in a music style that traces back about 1,500 years. A week later, I stood in the center of the 800-year-old labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral and reflected on how many must have walked on the well-worn stone pathway in meditation.

Faithful people have gathered for centuries to worship and share their lives. These are places where we can enter into time that knows no bounds, to experience the power of love flowing through us as One in the Spirit. This is a timeless truth.

Mary Hasbeider
Coordinator of Connecting Ministries



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Worship locations for First Church then (1837) and now (2012).



RETHINKING LEADERSHIP

EMPOWERING MINISTRY

Specific proposals for changes in leadership structures and practices are moving toward a vote at the annual church conference on Monday, December 3. The new model emphasizes clear authority, straightforward process, and sufficient latitude to enable those leading and doing ministry to meet new challenges and changing needs. The proposed changes in governance structure are intended to increase engagement within our community of faith on those big questions that set our course into the future, and to ensure transparency in discernment related to strategic plans, policy decisions, and oversight.

If you haven't tuned in yet, here are ways to find out more:

- Join the online discussion group any time – An easy and convenient way to catch up on the conversation so far and to add your own comments or questions. Email council@fumc.org or call the church office at 608.256.9061 to obtain access to this password-protected area of the church's website.
- Attend the forum on Sunday, November 18 – Starting at 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary, hear an overview of proposed changes to be implemented for a one-year trial period in 2013, with ample opportunity for questions and comments.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, November 6, at 5:30 p.m. to make final decisions on the proposal for congregational vote. (Church Council meetings are open to everyone in the congregation.)

The congregational vote will take place at the Annual Church Conference on Monday, December 3, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This vote will establish a trial period for implementation of a new model of governance and ministry leadership. This is not just a "rearranging of the deck chairs," but a new way of doing what we do in order to meet our needs today and into the future.

Please participate, share your questions, concerns, thoughts, and your prayers for a successful journey towards new and greater empowerment of our staff, our lay leaders, and our ministry teams. Together we will fulfill the mission and vision of our church by encouraging new growth in faith development and participation by many individuals and families.

The Rethinking Leadership Task Group is led by FUMC Council Chair, Kate Vanderheiden and Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair, Brenda Furlow and includes Lori Bowman, Cal Cobb, Phil Greenwood, Rev. Carly Kuntz, Rev. Tina Lang, Jan Moen, Kathy Sandefur, and Myron Talcott.

A Tree of Wishes

Transition Education Program Forum
Sunday, November 18 at 9:30 & 11 a.m.
in Room 214

A special tree took root this spring and has grown with the wishes of homeless youth. Homeless students each wrote down one wish on a spare piece of cloth. The wishes now make up ribbons of hope that are tied to the tree for all to see. This community artwork travels around Madison to raise awareness and provides an opportunity for us to join in wishing, hoping and praying.

The wishes of youth enrolled in the Transition Education Program of the Madison Metropolitan School District are the root of this tree. The program is integral in providing resources for the education of homeless children and youth in our area. As part of our outreach ministries, this interactive community art will be displayed at the church during November. Please join us in writing down your wishes and hopes on a ribbon and adding it to the tree.

On **November 18**, Jani Koester from the Transition Education Program will lead two one-hour forums (see *Chimes* insert for details) to share information about how children from families who are experiencing homelessness confront challenges to success in school.

Look for opportunities to support the Transition Education Program on Sundays during the month of November and at our annual Alternative Market during Advent. If you have questions or are interested in receiving more information please contact Karen Andro, Outreach Services Director, at 608.256.4646 ext.16 or kandro@fumc.org.

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Deck the Halls

Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Help prepare the church for the Christmas season. Join other FUMC folks for a morning of hanging the greens, fellowship and music followed by a homemade soup lunch. People of all ages are welcome!

A Thanksgiving Invitation

For six decades Madison Friends of International Students has connected local citizens and international students, enriching the lives of all. Inviting one or more of these students to your home to share your Thanksgiving meal is an opportunity to expand the boundaries of your celebration. If you would like to be matched with a student, call 608.263.4010 or email info@mfismadison.org by November 15.

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Spanish Speaking Club

¿Hablas español? Do you wish you could speak it more than “un poquito?” Being able to speak Spanish – even just a little bit – is becoming a more and more useful skill for many people in our community. In fact, some areas of our church’s ministry connect regularly with Spanish speakers. If you are interested in being part of a Spanish conversation club at FUMC, please contact Karen Andro, Outreach Services Director at 608-256-4646 ext. 16 or kandro@fumc.org. (You don’t have to be planning to use your newly polished language skills in a ministry program – “Self-improvement” and “Just for the fun of it” are perfectly acceptable reasons.) ¡Muchas gracias!



Save the Date:

All-Church Ski-Trip

Saturday, February 2, 2013

C’mon First Church, let’s take over the entire Tyrol Basin and enjoy a day of skiing together! Contact Seth Schroerlucke through the church office at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org to get more details and to sign up.



Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers Needed

This Thanksgiving we will open our doors to the community for the 30th year, and we need your help to make this year’s meal as successful as the last 29 have been! We welcome your gifts of time and financial support. Volunteer needs include greeters and hospitality team members, delivery drivers and helpers, servers and refreshment team members, dishwashers and clean-up staff. Monetary donations are welcome to cover the cost of food. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation stop by the table in the Octagon on an upcoming Sunday. To sign up for a volunteer spot you can also visit www.fumc.org or contact the church office at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org.

Come One, Come All

FUMC Annual Church Conference

Monday, December 3 at 6 p.m. in

Fellowship Hall

SHAPING, STRENGTHENING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

BREAKING THE CIRCLE: PUTTING FACES ON THOSE INVOLVED AND GETTING TO KNOW INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

Sunday, November 4 at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in Room 214

Guest presenter Judith Adrian of Edgewood College's Human Issues Program will read and discuss excerpts from the book she is working on titled, *In Warm Blood*. It is the story of seeking to understand her father's imprisonment for armed robbery and his subsequent pardon gained through family power, connection, and privilege. The journey of understanding has come about through correspondence with DarRen Morris, a currently incarcerated man from Kenosha who has been in prison since age 17.

MORAL DIMENSIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Sundays, November 4, 18 and 25 @ 11 a.m. in room LL05

Is human induced climate change a moral and faith issue? If so, what should people of faith do about it? Explore these and related questions in a class facilitated by John Stolzenberg.

November 4 the group will review various interpretations of the creation story and ethical and moral principles applicable to climate change from the National Climate Ethics Campaign (<http://climateethicscampaign.org/>) and other sources.

November 11 No class

November 18 Carolyn Betz, Program Manager for the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) will provide information on the current and anticipated impacts of climate change in our own state. WICCI is a partnership between the University of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and other state agencies and institutions (<http://www.wicci.wisc.edu/>).

November 25 will engage folks in discussion of an article by environmental activist Bill McKibbin and the associated Do the Math Tour. The nationwide tour hopes to "jumpstart the next phase of the climate movement." McKibbin's article identifies three statistics he claims point to the need for a campaign that makes climate change a moral issue calling for disinvestment in fossil fuel producers. This session will discuss the McKibbin article (<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/global-warmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719>) and the resulting Do the Math Tour which will be in Madison on November 29.

CARING MINISTRIES 101

Sunday, November 11 @ 11 a.m. in Room 214

Does someone you love need a little more assistance than they used to getting around the house, managing medications or navigating new areas? Myrna Peterson, of Home Health United and the Dane County initiative to prevent falls and adverse drug events, will share information about her work and what you can do in your own home. As you look toward the holiday season, this information may help you keep your "older generation" guests safe and healthy.

MID-WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

MEDITATION GROUP

*Mondays, continuing weekly @
7 p.m. in the Chapel*

Join others to explore the practice of meditation. The group begins and ends each session with short meditative readings. A time of silent meditation is also an important component of each class. This fall the group is studying Pema Chodron's ideas in her audio book, *When Things Fall Apart*. Each week includes some time to listen to and discuss a selection from the book. If you need some peaceful, quiet time and some sharing of thoughts, this is a good place to be.

YOGA FOR GOOD

*Mondays @ 11:45 a.m. and
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel*

Reach out in yoga poses as you reach out to help the community! A portion of the modest class fees are donated to First Church's Food Pantry. Mats and supplies are provided. Drop-ins are always welcome.

OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

WITH PASTOR CARLY

*Wednesdays, November 7, 14, and 28
@ 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

Join Pastor Carly for a no cost, no preparation, come-when-you-can study of the Old Testament. Learn new ways to explore scripture and reach a deeper understanding of the texts. (No class on November 21, Thanksgiving Eve)

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR SUNDAY

Sunday, November 11 in the Octagon throughout the morning

When impending death of a loved one comes, the stark reality often presents itself to us with suddenness and emotion. The question of organ donation comes when we least expect or want it to come. Yet it is an opportunity to give to another, a stranger in need. What would it be like to receive or to give an organ?

Christine Monahan, Family Service Coordinator, and donor volunteers from UW Health Organ Procurement Organization will share stories of donors and recipients. They will share a Mission Moment at each of the three worship services and will be available to talk with us at a special display set up in the Octagon. There they will answer questions about organ donation and share examples of how families are supported during those difficult times. They can even assist you in signing up on the official Wisconsin Donor Registry, which ensures that your wishes will be honored by health care professionals at the time of your death. Bob Eagle, from our congregation, will also be there in his role as a retired hospital chaplain. In his years of service he helped many families during the times of decision-making, dying and eventual gift of tissues, eyes and/or organs from a loved one to others needing and wanting new life.

LUNCH, LECTURE AND THE CHAZEN MUSEUM OF ART

Sunday, November 11 lunch @ noon, depart for Chazen @ 1:30 p.m.

After lunch in Fellowship Hall, Art History doctoral candidate, Daniel Cochran, will engage participants in a lecture and discussion in preparation for a visit to the Chazen Museum. Offering of the *Angels: Paintings and Tapestries* from the Uffizi Gallery is an exhibition of 45 rarely seen paintings and tapestries from the renowned Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy. The exhibition includes works by masters such as Sandro Botticelli, Lorenzo Monaco, Jacopo Tintoretto, and Titian highlighting the theme of the Eucharist from the Creation to the Resurrection. There is a \$5 fee for lunch. The deadline for lunch registration is Sunday, November 4.

HOMELESS CHILDREN: MADISON'S TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sunday, November 18 @ 9:30 and 11 a.m. in Room 214

Throughout November our church will host the Wishing Tree created by homeless children of Madison. Jani Koester is the school district's administrator of the Transitional Education Program. She will help us understand the issues of homelessness from children's perspectives and see how we might be partners in support of our young neighbors and their families.

BIBLE STUDY: EXPLORING SCRIPTURE AND PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Sundays, November 4, 11, 18 and 25 @ 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.

THEOLOGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CLASS

Sundays, November 4, 11, 18 and 25 @ 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05

The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus by Robin Meyers is the book this class is reading this fall. Different class members facilitate the discussion each week.

FAITH AND REASON

Tuesday, November 13 @ 7:30 a.m. at Capitol Lakes, 333 W. Main

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 held the second Tuesday of each month. Group members facilitate the discussions on a variety of current topics.

RETURNING PRISONER SIMULATION

Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m. until noon in Fellowship Hall

Madison-area Urban Ministry's Returning Prisoner Simulation is an interactive workshop designed to educate participants about what it feels like for a newly-released prisoner to return to the community. The morning includes a documentary film, a one-hour simulation – in which participants receiving mock profiles describing released prisoners attempt to accomplish a list of tasks required of newly released prisoners – and a time of debriefing. Please sign up by **Sunday, November 4** at the Narthex Information Desk if you would like to participate in this event.

SPOUSES RECENTLY ALONE

Tuesday, November 27 @ Noon at the Concourse, 1 W. Dayton Street

Persons who have recently experienced the death of their spouse meet at the Dayton Street Grille on the last Tuesday of each month for lunch, conversation and fellowship.



Daylight Saving Ends

Turn your clocks BACK Saturday night, November 3.



11 a.m. Worship Location

Beginning Sunday, December 2 the 11 a.m. service will move to the Sanctuary for the season of Advent. Watch for more in next month's Chimes.

Newcomer Gathering

Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m. in 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.

After the gathering, join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Mary Hasheider at mhasheider@fumc.org or 608-256-9061, Ext. 34 by **November 7** if you plan to attend the meal. If you're unable to attend and are interested in membership, please let Mary know.

Outreach Ministries

"Most-Wanted" List

Homeless Ministry Needs

Fresh fruit, wash cloths, foot powder, disposable razors, socks and t-shirts.

Food Pantry Needs

Eggs, cereal (hot & cold), produce, canned tuna & salmon, toilet paper.

Outreach Ministries Special Needs

Children's winter coats, hats, gloves and boots; Adults' winter boots.

Come As You Are!

...To worship on **Monday & Wednesday** mornings from 9:30 - 10 a.m. This half hour of worship is for anyone who wants to grow closer to God through prayer, music and Scripture. Fellowship time, with coffee and donuts (or some other treat), begins at 9 a.m.



Family-Style Worship

Sunday, December 2

9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

When children are baptized we pledge to support and nurture them in their spiritual journey. There is no better way for children to learn about worship or to know it as a vital and important part of Christian life than by being present and participating in the whole of it. This Advent worship service is for people of all ages, single and partnered, with children and without. Be part of this hands-on, intergenerational worship experience as you start your Advent season.



Wanted: Canning Jars

Confirmation students are looking for canning jars to use in making the delicious Confirmation Gift Jar Mixes that will be for sale during the Alternative Market in December. If you have some extra canning jars sitting around, please bring them in to the church office. A big "Thank You" to those who have already dropped off their spares!

First Cup Café Menu

Sundays, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

November 4: Eggs Fiesta

November 11: Pumpkin French Toast Bake

November 18: Hearty Breakfast Pizza

November 25: Orange-Stuffed French Toast



Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: Delores Pitas, Valerie Brown, Linda VandenBerg, Les Zank and Margaret James.

We offer our prayers and support to members and friends of our congregation who have recently lost a loved one:

- The family and friends of Elizabeth Stahmer, who died September 27.
- The family and friends of John Peterson, who died September 30.
- Don Wolf, husband, and Gert Thiel, sister of Joan Wolf, who died October 10.
- Jeff and Lynne Jeffris upon the death of Jeff's mother, J.J. Jeffris, who died October 24.
- Fumiko Miyazaki, whose husband, Hisashi Miyazaki, died October 24.

Congratulations to Steve and Carrie Wink, who welcomed their new daughter, Emerson (Emmie) Melissa Wink on October 8. Emmie is welcomed by big sisters Abbie, Cambrie and Lillie and proud grandparents Bob and Jan Wink.

Thanks from Judy Metz

Just want to thank every one at church for all of your good prayers, thoughts and cards while I was rehabbing at Oakwood Village East after my open heart surgery and installation of my pacemaker. I am getting stronger every day and will start Cardiac Rehab on the 16th. Thank you, thank you!

Next Chimes Deadline

The next issue of Chimes will be published **Thursday, November 29**. The deadline for submitting articles is noon on **Thursday, November 15**.

FUMC Building Hours

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

Food Pantry Hours

Monday & Wednesday
9:30 a.m. – Noon
Tuesday & Thursday
5 - 7 p.m.



Homeless Services:

To-Go Meals

Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. - Noon

Showers

Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. - Noon

Recurring Calendar Items

Yoga for Good Sessions –

Mondays at 11:45 a.m. in the Chapel
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Meditation Group –

Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Faith & Reason – Tuesday, November 13 at 7 a.m. at Capitol Lakes

UMW Deborah Circle –

Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Hughes
Contact the church office at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org for details.

Spouses Recently Alone - Tuesday, November 27 at Noon at the Concourse for lunch.

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

Choir Rehearsals

Handbell Choir –

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir –

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room

Toddler Playgroup –

Fridays, November 2, 16 and 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Room LL12.

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all God's Children

Sr. High Convo November 9-11

Our group will join hundreds of other youth from across the state to hear inspiring words from Bob Lenz and rock out to music by Loftland. Contact Seth Schroerlucke through the church office at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org to sign up ASAP!



Confirmation Gift Jar Assembly

Saturday, December 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Confirmands, their mentors and families are invited to help assemble gift jars during the Hanging of the Greens. We will sell the gift jars at the Alternative Market during Advent to help fund our three retreats. Soup lunch included.

Middle School Fall Getaway Recap

After having to reschedule the event, we finally got out to Lake Lucerne and enjoyed a wonderful time together. Our theme for the weekend was “Intentionally Living Love,” in which we shared from our own lives visions of what it could look like if we made loving others a practice in our families, schools, and the world. We also enjoyed lots of fun games, including a low-ropes challenge course and our version of The Hunger Games! Thank you to the adult chaperones, Paul Riehemann, Anne Vanderbloemen, and Laura Nagel, who gave their time and energy to help make it so awesome for all of us.

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-1 – Room LL10
Grades 2-3 – Room LL15
Grades 4-5 – Room LL11

Childcare on Sundays

Available 9:15 a.m. – Noon
Infant – 2 years:
First Floor Nursery - Room 104
Toddlers age 2 and older:
Lower Level - Room LL12

Youth

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



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