

# the Chimes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

## Special Worship Opportunities

### Sunday, December 2 | 9:30 a.m. Family-Style Worship | Fellowship Hall

Begin the Advent season by worshipping together as a family. This service will include music, scripture, and hands-on Advent activities that help us prepare for Christmas. All are welcome! This is a service for people of all ages, single and partnered, with children and without. Come and experience God's presence in this lively, intergenerational gathering.

### Sunday, December 16 | 11 a.m., Christmas Pageant | Sanctuary

Celebrate with prophets, angels, shepherds, wisemen, and a very special baby. This is always a special time as children, youth and adults share again the wonder and mystery of the traditional Christmas story. After the service, enjoy Christmas treats and fellowship at the reception in Fellowship Hall.

### Wednesday, December 19 | 7 p.m. Alternative Christmas Worship | Chapel

If you'll be out of town for Christmas, or if you would appreciate a quiet time of music, candlelight, and reflection, plan to participate in this alternative celebration of Christmas.

### Monday, December 24 | Christmas Eve | Worship & Celebration

4 p.m. Family Service | Sanctuary | *Geared toward families with children.*

4:45 p.m. Christmas Treats | Fellowship Hall



5:30 p.m. 175th Anniversary Gift:  
Fireworks for the Community | James Madison Park



7 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service | Sanctuary

'Candles, Carols & The Word' |  
\*Childcare available 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.

9 p.m. Christmas Eve Service | Sanctuary  
'Candles, Carols & Communion'



### Giving Made Easy

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

### Christmas Community Meal

All Welcome | Noon to 2 p.m. | Tuesday, December 25

For Home Delivery Call 608.251.4407 by 3:30 p.m. on Monday, December 24.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

#### DECEMBER 2 | WAITING

Holy Communion

Jeremiah 33:14-16 &

Luke 21:29-33

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

9:30 a.m. Family-Style Worship

11 a.m. Paul Woolson

\*11 a.m. *Worship in Sanctuary*

#### DECEMBER 9 | WONDER

Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 1:68-79

9:30 a.m. Blessed Brass &

Chamber Choir

11 a.m. Jesse & Jamie Simpson

#### DECEMBER 16 | PEACE

Zephaniah 3:14-20 &

Luke 1:39-45

9:30 a.m. Handbell Choir

11 a.m. Christmas Pageant

11:45 a.m. Reception in  
Fellowship Hall

#### DECEMBER 23 | JOY

One Service Only @ 9:30 a.m.

Micah 5:2-5a & Luke 1:47-55

Chancel Choir, Two Pianos  
& String Quartet

#### DECEMBER 30

One Service Only @ 9:30 a.m.

Matthew 1:18-24

"Christmas Stories"

Low Brass Ensemble

#### 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

I would like to start by saying that had it not been for my parents checking in on me on January 22, 2011, I would most likely not be here for you to read this.

Let me back up, and give you some background information.

I came from a very loving, giving family with a mother, father, step-father and step-mother who have all been involved with me and my life through thick and thin. My parents had good educations and careers. My sister and I were very fortunate growing up, having had many vacations and gifts beyond what we probably needed or deserved. I also have had the pleasure of volunteering at First Church's Food Pantry over three years and was honored to accept the offer to run the Pantry in July of this year.

I have led a very active life with swim team, forensics, theater, Dane County Farmers' Market and volunteering with several food pantries in Dane County. I have always been able to work and give back when possible, which is why it was hard for me to believe I am an alcoholic.

How can I be an alcoholic? I didn't live under a bridge. I never directly lost a job to drinking. I did not drink cheap wine out of a brown bag. None of that mattered when my parents found me at my house unintelligible and incoherent. They took me to the hospital, where I "detoxed" for almost three days. The only thing I really remember of that time is having a conversation with my mother on the third day about my options and treatment.

I entered Hope Haven on January 25, 2011, where I was able to learn about my disease and how to avoid triggers, as well as alcohol itself. Alcoholism NEVER goes away, but thanks to my parents, counselors, friends and colleagues and my own rebirth I can happily look forward to January 25, 2013 and my two-year mark of sobriety. I look forward to sharing my sobriety birthdays with you all as Food Pantry Supervisor.

*Joel Girard*  
Food Pantry Supervisor



*"I can happily  
look forward to  
January 25, 2013"*



## Fireworks on Christmas Eve

**December 24 @ 5:30 p.m. | James Madison Park**

First Church will celebrate the birth of our Christ and our congregation's 175th birthday this Christmas Eve with fireworks. Just as the angels filled the sky with the glory of God, amazing the shepherds that first Christmas Eve, fireworks will fill the sky with God's glory as we stand in awe of Jesus' birth.

The Bartolotta Fireworks Company has contracted with us to light this display. The city of Madison has given us authorization for the evening. The fireworks are a gift to our congregation and our community.

Join us as we light up the sky in gratitude and praise of our God for the gift of Jesus our Christ.

## All-Church Conference - December 3

**6 p.m., Fellowship Hall | Soup Supper begins at 5:30 p.m.**

Highlighted items from the agenda:

- Vote whether to move forward with a trial year with the governance structure Rethinking Leadership: Empowering Ministry
- If approved, elect a new Nominations and Governance team.
- Approval of Clergy Salaries; Housing Resolutions
- Membership Report
- Renewal of Lay Speakers

The work we do at Church Conference sets the stage for our shared ministry in 2013. Please make every effort to come and participate on Monday, December 3. Questions? Contact Pastor Carly at [ckuntz@fumc.org](mailto:ckuntz@fumc.org) or 608.256.9061.

## Rethinking Leadership: Empowering Ministry

After more than two years of analysis, open discussions and discernment, on November 6, your Church Council unanimously approved a new and simpler model for our church's leadership and ministry teams. Members and friends of First Church have received a mailing in November containing detailed information regarding these important changes.

Please attend our Annual Church Conference on Monday, December 3, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. To give effect to the Council's recommendations, members of the congregation will be asked to take the following two actions at this conference:

1. Vote on adoption of Policy 1: Establishment of the Governing Board for a one-year trial period.
2. If Policy 1 is adopted, elect the Nominating and Governance Committee which will engage the congregation in nominating persons to be elected to the Board at a Special Church Conference to be held in February 2013.

Your Church Council and "Rethinking Leadership: Empowering Ministry" Task Group recommend a vote of "yes" to affirm a sustainable operating structure designed to engage more participants in faith development through our various ministries – and one with enough flexibility to fit the culture and ongoing needs of our church. You may also offer testimony and prayers of support at [council@fumc.org](mailto:council@fumc.org).

## Young Adult Christmas Dinner for the YWCA

**Friday, December 14 @ 6:30 p.m.** Cook, eat, visit, sing and play games. Come join us and help put on our special, annual holiday meal for the women at YWCA.

## Hanging of the Greens

**Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Join other First Church folks for a morning of decorating, fun, fellowship and creativity followed by homemade soups for lunch.

## Alternative Gift Market & Forest of Giving Trees

**Sundays, December 2-23**

**9-Noon | Fellowship Hall**

Make this a merry and meaningful Christmas: Give family and friends unique gifts that honor the spirit of the One whose birth we celebrate while giving struggling individuals and families the support they need to lift themselves out of poverty. A variety of giving options will be available and all of them are sure to bring "joy to the world!"

## Isthmus Brass Concert to Benefit Porchlight

**Tuesday, December 11**

**7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary**

The Isthmus Brass is Wisconsin's premiere large brass ensemble. Under the direction of John Stevens, the ensemble will play arrangements from their repertoire of familiar Christmas music. Please join us in the Sanctuary for this fourth annual benefit concert for Porchlight. The music will stir your soul; and in turn, you can pass on that hope and light to people in need. A free will offering will be received to support the services offered by Porchlight, Inc.

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## CROP Walk a Success

On Sunday, October 21 several hundred individuals from 50 area churches gathered at First Congregational UCC to participate in the 2012 Madison CROP Walk to fight world hunger. Several others rode their bikes in the Monona area. Eleven walkers and a couple of riders from FUMC joined these groups. Folks who were not able to participate that day also raised funds for the effort.

This year FUMC raised \$3,213. This is an increase of \$113 over 2011, a great accomplishment in the current economy. Twenty-five percent of the total money raised for the event will stay in Madison to help feed the hungry right here in the area. Our FUMC Food Pantry will share in this money. I feel fortunate to belong to such a generous family of Christians who take Jesus' message to heart of "Doing unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Thank you, all!

*Allen Marty*  
FUMC CROP Walk  
Team Coordinator

## Outreach Ministries Fundraising Team

We are in the process of forming this new team. If you are interested in joining, please contact Karen Andro at [kandro@fumc.org](mailto:kandro@fumc.org) or 608.256.9061.



## Soul Food Monologue Festival Fundraiser

We raised nearly \$300 with the help of Joel Girard, Food Pantry Supervisor, Karen Andro, Director of Outreach Ministries, Ev Woolpert, Food Pantry Registrar (pictured above) and Ann Kniskern, Food Pantry Crew Chief. Our Business Administrator, Kathie Nichols, was instrumental in helping create this community outreach partnership. Kathie has served on the Board of Directors of Forward Theater since its inception nearly five years ago. Thanks to all involved for their help.

## Poinsettia Flower Orders

Once again we will be using poinsettias as part of our decorations for the season. You will find order forms in the worship bulletins on December 2 and December 9. Poinsettia plants are \$16 each. You can also contact the church office at 608.256.9061 or [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org) to place your order. **The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 10.**



## Youth on the Job

More than 15 youth participated in a cleanup day for our church property a few weeks ago. With a great attitude and unflagging effort that they raked up 17 bags of leaves and garbage in about an hour!

While we wait until we can start planning the new landscaping, we want to maintain what we have now. Thank you to all the youth and parents who volunteered their time.

*The FUMC Landscape Committee*

The high school students spent a Sunday morning in October raking leaves at Nancy Van Dyke's house. It was great to get out and enjoy the weather while helping out and visiting with someone we care about so much.

# SHAPING, STRENGTHENING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH

## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

### **MORAL DIMENSIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE:**

#### **A RECAP OF *DO THE MATH* TOUR**

*Sunday, December 2 @ 11 a.m. in Room LL05*

Environmental activist Bill McKibbin has been instrumental in “Do the Math,” a nationwide tour that hopes to “jumpstart the next phase of the climate movement.” The tour will be present in Madison on November 29. Come to hear a review of that presentation and to discuss McKibbin’s campaign to make climate change a moral issue calling for accountability through a process of disinvestment in fossil fuel producers.

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

*Weekly @ 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05*

This group begins reading and discussing a new book on December 9. *The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religious Force in the Western World in a Few Centuries*, written by sociologist Rodney Stark, will be the focus of the class throughout December and into the new year. The book will be sure to generate discussion. Copies will be available for purchase in the classroom.

### **THE LETTER: A DISCUSSION GROUP WITH AUTHOR, THOMAS MILLER**

*Sundays, December 9 and 16 @ 11 a.m. in Room 214*

Join other FUMC members and friends who are interested in discussing First Church member Thomas Miller’s recently released novel, *The Letter*. The book attempts to answer some questions about Jesus Christ, (“Where was Jesus Christ from age 12 to 31 when He began His public life?”), while posing several more, (“Was Jesus Christ literate and could He have left written teachings behind?”). Join the discussion and explore who was this Jesus Christ, man and God. The FUMC library owns a copy of *The Letter* and additional copies are available for purchase at the Narthex reception office.

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

*Sunday, December 2, 9, 16 and 23 @ 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. On December 2, the class will begin a four-week Advent series in which they will compare and contrast the birth narratives presented in Matthew and Luke.

## MID-WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

### **AGRACE HOSPICE CARE CLASSES**

Agrace HospiceCare will offer several support and discussion groups in December designed for caregivers and adults grieving the death of a loved one. These sessions are open to the public and are provided without charge. All groups are held at Agrace HospiceCare, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, in Fitchburg. For class listings, signup information and other details call Cheri Milton, Grief Services Manager, at 608. 327.7300.

## MID-WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

### **COME AS YOU ARE WORSHIP**

*Mondays and Wednesdays @*

*9:30 - 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall*

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 a light breakfast, begins at 9 a.m.

### **MEDITATION GROUP**

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

*(No class on 12/3 or 12/24)*

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.

### **FAITH AND REASON**

*Tuesday, December 12 @ 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.



# Alternative Market & FOREST OF GIVING

*Sunday, December 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to Noon in Fellowship Hall*

## MARKET STALL GOODS

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### MISSION MINISTRIES

Mission Ministries will offer Heifer International Gift Cards for animals, seedlings and training to fill a \$5,000 "Gift Ark" which distributes the gifts to families in need across the world, bringing them dignity and self-reliance.

### INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

The International Ministries Team will offer:

- An assortment of jewelry from the Getsemani Community in El Salvador: bracelets, earrings, and necklaces.
- A quilt from the Getsemani Community, which will be auctioned off.
- Equal Exchange fair trade coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and chocolates.
- Café Social coffee from Columbia - a Madison/Colombian enterprise that partners with the family of our Madison team member, Omar Lopez. Omar's sister owns the farm in Armenia, Colombia, in the heart of the best coffee-growing and producing land in the world. Café Social personally knows the farm workers who plant, tend, cultivate, harvest, roast and ship this high-grade coffee.

**Pilgrims of Ibillin** will offer olive oil soap and olive wood carvings, both made in the Palestinian village of Zababdeh, in the upper West Bank.

### OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Outreach Ministries will offer:

- Porchlight Products made with local, fresh and seasonal ingredients, supporting people who live in transitional housing as well as local, sustainable agriculture.
- Local fair trade foods assembled by Family Farm Defenders including honey, mustard, popcorn, wild rice and maple syrup.

- Copies of the book, *Who We Are: Voices in Our Community*, a compilation of writing and art by students of the Madison Metropolitan School District who are experiencing homelessness.

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Ministries will offer Gift Jars of ready-made mixes in five delicious varieties: Italian Pasta Soup, Brownies, Gingerbread Cookies, Hot Cocoa, Cranberry Scones.

### FOREST OF GIVING

***Hat & Mitten Tree*** – Add hats and mittens to this tree and provide the gift of warmth for children who don't have these winter essentials.

***The YWCA Tree*** – Purchase personal care items requested by residents at the YWCA and place them under the tree.

### TAKE A GIFT CARD FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

***The International Ministries Tree*** – Gifts will provide a variety of books for the Getsemani Community in El Salvador, including children's, teen, and adult paperback and hardcover books.

***The Pilgrims of Ibillin Tree*** – Gifts support scholarships for low-income Christian and Muslim students at the Mar Elias Educational Institutions in the Galilee region of Israel. The schools were founded by Father Elias Chacour to teach non-violence and creative problem-solving, along with stellar academics.

***The Thoughtful Remembrances Tree*** – Offer the gift of a Christmas message to one of our homebound members.

***The Food Pantry Tree*** – Gifts support our FUMC Food Pantry.

## Support our Christmas Community Meal

We look forward to welcoming our friends and guests for our Christmas Community Meal on Tuesday, December 25. This year, Karen Andro (Director of Outreach Ministries) and Joel Girard (Food Pantry Supervisor) will be co-coordinating with the blessings of Ralph and Erica Kauten. The Kautens have passed the torch but will gladly share their nearly 20 years of experience with Karen and Joel.

Look for Karen and Joel on Sunday at the signup table in the Octagon. Your generous gifts of money, time and talent provide a meal that sustains souls as well as bodies. If you are interested in volunteering, you can also sign up online at [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org) or contact Karen at 608.256.4646 ext. 16 or [kandro@fumc.org](mailto:kandro@fumc.org).



## CSA Thank you

Thank you to everyone who purchased a CSA share this past summer. Thank you, also to the young adult volunteers and to Candace and Matt Moore for their consistent dedication in promoting and coordinating so much of the work so that people could receive delicious, fresh, organic produce every week of the summer. This is a wonderful ministry to have at our church.

## First Cup Café Menu

**December 2:** Amish Breakfast Casserole  
**December 9:** Caramel French Toast  
**December 16:** Scones/Muffins/Fruit for Christmas Pageant Reception  
**December 23:** Bacon Cheeseburger Puffs; Granola Parfait

## Mark Your Calendar for the 10th Lyons Lecture

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**

9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Lunch included)

Speaker: Dr. Pamela Eisenbaum, author of "Paul Was Not a Christian"



## All-Church Ski-Trip

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

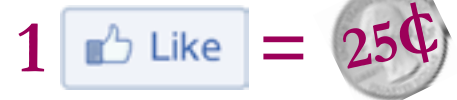
Sign up now for this all-church event. Email [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org) for details.

## Making a List and Checking it Twice

Is there a list we can check twice – once for gift ideas and once for socially responsible gifts? Yes! *Sojourners* magazine has created a great list called the "Just Giving Guide." The Guide is an email program that delivers a "Just Deal of the Day" straight to your Inbox. Every day until December 31, you'll receive a daily email from *Sojourners* featuring one of their partner organizations. These are non-profits, fair trade shops, environmentally friendly products, and Christian publishers. Their emails will include:

- Coupons
- Giveaways
- Matching donation opportunities
- And many other special features

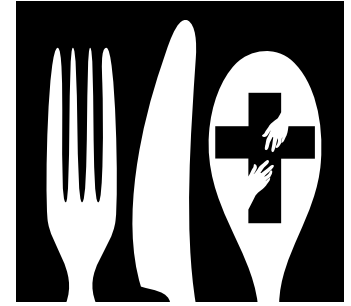
As a bonus for registering, you'll receive 20% off at the SoJo Store. Sign up by visiting [Sojourners@sojo.net](mailto:Sojourners@sojo.net) and enjoy this useful resource that puts many ways of just giving into one location - your Inbox, every day!



Help us meet our goal and we will be able to provide an extra 4,000 meals to food pantry guests.

First United Methodist Church

Support



FOOD PANTRY

## Facebook Page Launch to Help Food Pantry

First Church wants to enhance our two-way communication with you. To that end, we're happy to officially launch the First United Methodist Church Facebook page.

The First Church Facebook page is a place where you can easily and conveniently:

- Stay up-to-date on church events for adults and youth
- Learn about upcoming worship services
- Find ways to get involved with the church community
- Invite those you know to check out your church

From now through December 31, if you "Like" our Facebook page or share any of our posts on your own wall, the First United Methodist Church Foundation will donate 25¢ to help support our Food Pantry during this Christmas season. Contact [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org) if you have any questions. Look for the Facebook icon on the FUMC website.

## Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: Martha McFeeley, Kitt Reuter-Foss, Delores Pitas, Valerie Brown and Linda VandenBerg.

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

- Frank Siedschlag and his family upon the death of Margaret Siedschlag on November 16.
- Jean Shoemaker and her family upon the death of Bill Shoemaker on November 20.

Baptisms celebrated at First Church:

- Violet Catherine Klein, daughter of Gail and Joseph Klein, was baptized Sunday, November 18.
- Leanna Norma Boettcher-Toy, daughter of Leslie Boettcher and David Toy, was baptized Sunday, November 18.
- Broox Jeffrey Burmeister, son of Leigh and Kevin Burmeister, was baptized Sunday, November 25.

## Outreach Ministries “Most-Wanted” List

- Homeless Ministries: Fresh fruit, brown lunch bags, individual yogurts
- Food Pantry: Eggs, produce, toilet paper, paper towels
- Outreach Ministries Special Needs: Adult winter boots and socks for adults

## 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

### Holiday Hours

Closed Monday, December 24, 2012 to Tuesday, January 1, 2013

### Food Pantry Hours

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

### Joel Girard

#### Food Pantry Supervisor

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## Homeless Ministries

### To-Go Meals

*Monday thru Thursday:* 9 a.m. - Noon

### Showers

*Tuesday & Thursday:* 9 a.m. - Noon

### Come As You Are Worship

*Mondays & Wednesdays:*

Fellowship: 9 a.m. | Worship: 9:30 a.m.

### Karen Andro

#### Director of Outreach Ministries

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## Next Chimes Deadline

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

## 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, December 11

at 7 a.m. at Capitol Lakes

### Game Day – Wednesday, December 12

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 – Friday, December 14

at 3:30 p.m. in Room LL12

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# all God's Children



## Let's Stay Connected – New College Group Forming

Come hang out, talk, share, pray, and laugh together in this new group starting soon. Location and time will be at the group's convenience. Contact Kathie Nichols at [knichols@fumc.org](mailto:knichols@fumc.org) or 608.256.9061 if you're interested.



## Sr. High Convo: Inspiring

Eleven high school youth and adult leaders spent the weekend together with hundreds of other youth from across the state to hear some inspiring speakers and rockin' music. Thanks to Jenni German and Hannah Fry, two fantastic young leaders.

## Confirmand & Mentor Retreat

We spent a Saturday afternoon together at Lake Farm County Park getting to know each other better, and sharing our thoughts about who God is and what things connect us to God. Especially great was the drum circle workshop that showed us how connected we can be to all things.



## Missions Fundraiser

### Thank You

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and everyone who stopped by our concession stand at the UW Football games this fall to help raise money for our youth and young adult mission trips. Volunteers had a great time every week and agreed that one of the best parts was getting better acquainted with other FUMC members and friends.

## Children

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

### DECEMBER 2

Family-Style Worship  
9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

### DECEMBER 16

Christmas Pageant @ 11 a.m.

### DECEMBER 30

No Sunday School

## 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

### DECEMBER 30

No Sunday School

## Young Adults

- Christmas Dinner for the YWCA  
Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.
- Potluck/Discussion Group will not meet in December
- Dog Sledding Excursion, January 19



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### Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers

