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Winter Farmers' Market and Meal for Hope

Sunday, February 3 from 8-11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

- Farmers' Market to support local farmers and FUMC Food Pantry
- Brunch made from market ingredients (See below for ticket information.)

Don't miss this delicious meal and opportunity to support local farmers and our Food Pantry! Market purchases will provide good, healthy foods while supporting local farmers who practice sustainable farming. A portion of the proceeds will go to our Food Pantry.

Shop the market; enjoy fellowship and a delicious brunch prepared with local foods. The menu includes: wild mushroom, winter greens and egg strata; hot honey brats; roasted baby red potatoes; fresh fruit, yogurt and granola parfait; and assorted pastries. If you'd like to help with the meal, please contact breynolds@fumc.org or 608.256.9061.

You can purchase brunch tickets on Sundays at church or reserve them at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org. Adults: \$12, Seniors & Ages 6-12: \$7. **Tickets must be purchased or reserved by January 27.**

Two Great Problems

The 9:30 a.m. worship service is overly full. In today's world, newcomers perceive a room to be full, with no room for them, when the room is 75% full 75% of the time. Right now, newcomers to our 9:30 a.m. service look at our Sanctuary only to see a space that does not need them or have room for them. At the same time the 11 a.m. worship service has outgrown the Chapel. The same rubric for determining fullness applies to that service.

The problem is easily solved by holding both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services in the Sanctuary. Beginning January 13, the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services will be identical and both will take place in the Sanctuary. By changing the location and format for 11 a.m. we can solve both wonderful problems and make our worship services hospitable to all who seek to join us for worship.



Giving Made Easy

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

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

JANUARY 6

Epiphany

Matthew 3: 11-16

Holy Communion @ 8 & 9:30
11 a.m. *Legend of Old Befana*

JANUARY 13

Isaiah 43: 1-7

9:30 & 11 a.m. Chancel Choir

JANUARY 20

Human Relations Day

Special Offering

I Corinthians 12: 1-11

8 a.m. Worship in Chapel

9:30 & 11 a.m. Blessed Brass

9:40 a.m. Family-Style Worship
in Fellowship Hall

JANUARY 27

Psalms 19

9:30 a.m. Chamber Choir,

Handbell Choir

11 a.m. Handbell Choir

FEBRUARY 3

Holy Communion

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 & Psalm 71: 1-6

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir,

Brass Quintet

11 a.m. Brass Quintet

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.

First Cup Café – 8:30-9:15 a.m.

February 3 — Brunch

8-11 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Market & Meal for Hope

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

e•piph•a•ny: [ih-pif-uh-nee]
noun, plural e•piph•a•nies

- 1 (initial capital letter) a Christian festival, observed on January 6, commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi; Twelfth-day
2. a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience

I hope and pray that on January 6 and every day after we will experience both of the definitions above. Christians cannot be content with a one-day commemoration of Christ made manifest. Christ made manifest is an every-day experience and that experience depends in part, on our actions. I think we're missing the mark to think that we are human beings who have spiritual experiences. Instead, we are to live as spiritual beings who have human experiences. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost are some of the spiritual experiences that we're called to translate into human experience, to make incarnate, each and every day. We know Christ's story. We've received Christ's blessing. We're called to respond, not just on festival days but every day. May God give us eyes to see and ears to hear the spiritual epiphanies that will come to us in the "simple, homely, or commonplace occurrences or experiences" of this New Year.

Rev. Tina Lang, Associate Pastor



"We're called to respond..."



The Legend of Old Befana

Sunday, January 6 @ 11 a.m. Worship Service

Come and hear Ken Lonnquist & Friends tell the musical story of the old woman who awaits the return of that "special child." Could that special child be you? This musical tale is especially appropriate for children and families.

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Princeton Club Million Pound Challenge

Sign Up Now

Raise money for our Food Pantry

It's simple: Work out anywhere (it doesn't need to be at the Princeton Club) and keep track of your hours.

Each hour of exercise you log earns 10 pounds of free food from Second Harvest Food Bank for our Food Pantry.

To sign up go to www.princetonclub.net/mpc/exercise.html. Be sure to select "First United Methodist Church Food Pantry" from the list of food pantries to raise money for. We encourage people to register for hours of exercise rather than pounds lost because it will result in more food donated to our pantry. Challenge yourself to exercise at least 3 hours each week for the 21 weeks of this program.

Last year, our Food Pantry received 10,357 pounds of free food, which translated into \$1,036 of food bank purchasing power.

This year, we have even higher goals: to be one of the top five teams and raise \$5,000 worth of donated food.

Anyone can log in and be a part of our team, so ask your friends and coworkers to help us out. You can follow our progress at www.princetonclub.net/mpc: Click on "View Existing Teams". Create your own team to benefit our pantry, or select FUMC Downtown for Good. Contact Karen Andro with any questions at 608.256.4646 ext. 16 or kandro@fumc.org.

Newcomer Gathering

Are you interested in membership or in simply learning more about the ministries of First Church? Please join us for an informal gathering at 9:30 a.m. on January 20 in Room 202. Let us know if you plan to attend by emailing mhasheider@fumc.org or call 608.256.4646 Ext. 34.

Our Church Library: Great Expectations

Several Sundays back a young man came to the Library looking for an obscure, scholarly book dealing with early Methodism in the United States. He knew it was one volume of a four volume set, and started with the word "commentaries." It took only a quick look in our online catalog to determine that we didn't have the book.

The young man was disappointed, and he expressed some interest in purchasing it. While I talked with him about it Gloria Waity, a member of the FUMC's Library Committee, quickly searched the Internet using, again, our electronic catalog. In short order we were able to tell the scholar that it was a rare book; that only a dozen libraries in the U.S. have it in their collection; that it is available in the largest of the used book stores; and that the likely cost would be \$400. He was grateful, if disappointed, and said he would work with his university library when he went home.

The true success of this incident was not that we could find this information quickly, but that (a) we can access the libraries of the world through our catalog; (b) that we were open on a Sunday morning (most weeks from 9 a.m. to noon); and (c) that we have competent librarians on hand who can assist all comers by analyzing their needs and matching those with the tools we have available.

In fact, everyone has access to these tools – and you don't have to be at the church to use them. Simply visit the Library page on the church's website (www.fumc.org/get-inspired/library/), click on the "Where is Our Catalog?" link, and begin your search. Expect to find great books!
Tom Brown, Member
FUMC Library Committee

Youth Fruit Sale

Help support youth missions! Choose from a wide assortment of fresh citrus fruit – or check out the range of cheese and sausage options. If you have enough fruit already, but still want to support youth missions, consider buying an order for the FUMC Food Pantry. Look for the table in the Octagon every Sunday from January 27 through February 17. Orders will arrive on March 3.

Mardi Gras

10th Anniversary

Tuesday, February 12 @ 7 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of our special youth dinner as we kick off the season of Lent in style. Included in the festivities: a delicious meal, entertainment, and of course a Mardi Gras King and Queen. Purchase tickets in advance – for a discount – Sundays in the Octagon beginning January 27 or online at www.fumc.org. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

Our Night at the Shelter

Seeking Volunteer Coordinator

One of our meaningful and much appreciated outreach ministries is providing and serving dinner at the men's shelter located at Grace Episcopal Church on the second Saturday of every month. FUMC members and friends provide the food for Saturday night's dinner and the Sunday morning breakfast. Teams of volunteers sign up to heat up, deliver and serve the dinner. We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator for this important outreach ministry. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Andro, Director of Outreach Ministries, who will share details about the Volunteer Coordinator role. You can call the church at 608.256.9061 or email Karen at kandro@fumc.org.

Welcome, First Church New Members!

December 2012

New members join a fellowship of growing and committed disciples seeking to build upon the faithful journeys of the past as we make a difference in the name of Christ today. Please take time to seek out our new members and welcome them to the fellowship of our church and the journey we will share together.

Karen Andro

Karen is a Madison native and an avid hiking, snowshoeing, canoeing and camping enthusiast. While working at Edgewood College for 10 years, she was inspired by the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters' service leadership. Karen serves as our Director of Outreach Ministries. She is an advocate for the homeless, oversees Food Pantry operations and is dedicated to building community partnerships. Karen's grandchildren, Christa and Chance, are the light of her life and are part of Sunday School and other activities at First Church. She and her partner, Ed live in Milton and enjoy gardening and exploring Wisconsin's outdoors.



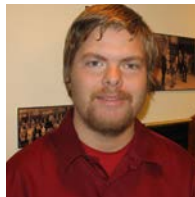
Jon Brumbaugh

Jon hails from Long Island, New York. He came to Madison for graduate school and since then his professional journey in creative arts has led him to a devotion to DSLR film. An avid multi-instrumentalist and sound aficionado, Jon has been in charge of audio technology at First Church since September. Some of his short documentaries about volunteerism at First Church can be seen on the church website. Jon says he is excited to be officially joining the energetic community at First Church.



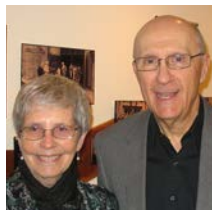
Bryan Crouch

Bryan is a first year graduate student in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at the UW-Madison. He's originally from Taylorville, IL. In previous churches, Bryan has been involved with singing in the choir and participating in recreational sports programs. Outside of church and school, Bryan is an endurance runner, having participated in three marathons, and is currently training to run a fourth marathon in June. Bryan currently resides in DeForest.



Emily & Milton Ford

Emily and Milton met at college in the Bluegrass area of Kentucky. Emily is a former elementary teacher and reading specialist. Milton is a retired clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference. Retirement has allowed time for them to volunteer at Olbrich Botanical Gardens and in the church. Emily has been involved in United Methodist Women, reading groups, and in a quilting group. Milton sings in the choir and both are involved in the Come As You Are Worship services. They enjoy gardening, reading, maintaining connections with family and friends, and international travel. Their family includes two daughters, their husbands, and five grandchildren.



Josie & Tom Gobel

Tom and Josie recently relocated to Fitchburg from Fort Atkinson, where they have lived and worked for the last 38 years. Tom is a semi-retired dentist and Josie is now retired, having worked in bank and credit union loan departments. They have four sons and daughters-in-law and eleven grandchildren. They are transferring their membership from the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson, where they have been active in many different areas of ministry. They enjoy theater, music, reading and a variety of outdoor activities, considering themselves "Jacks of all trades" and masters of none.



Diane & Jim Scorgie

Diane and Jim moved to Wisconsin after Jim retired from being a pastor in the Northern Illinois Conference. Diane has been a long-time member of United Methodist Women. She is part of a weekly sewing group that makes blankets for hospitalized children through Project Linus. Her great love is refurbishing dolls for the Madison Children's Museum's Annual Sale. Jim serves as a tour guide and docent at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, is a certified master gardener and is active in Madison Friends of International Students. Both Diane and Jim are choir members. They have three children and five grandchildren.



SHAPING, STRENGTHENING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

GREEN TEAM PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, January 6 @ 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

We had such a successful four-week session on the “Moral Dimensions of Climate Change” that participants decided to continue the conversation. Please join us in a new, environmentally-focused discussion group that will cover a variety of issues such as eating locally, frack sand mining, reducing food waste, Wisconsin’s changing climate and other topics of your choice. At this planning session we will set direction for the group, create a name for the team and develop discussion topics.

The regular meeting time for the team will be Sundays at 11 a.m., beginning February 3. We will try to bring in experts to educate us on topics we’re unfamiliar with (“What is frack sand mining, anyhow?”) and have plenty of time for questions, conversation and discussion on what we, as individuals, and our congregation can do to care for our planet.

THEOLOGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Sunday mornings @ 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05

This group is reading and discussing *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. The book generates good discussion.

CARING MINISTRIES 101

Sunday, January 13 @ 11 a.m. in Room 214

Hannah Wentz will be the guest speaker at this second session of Caring Ministries 101. Hannah is the Coordinator of the Information and Referral Center of the American Parkinson’s Disease Association. She is an expert in addressing issues about this disease that seems to be striking a growing number of families. Please join us to get an overview of Parkinson’s Disease and to get answers to questions you may have.

BIBLE STUDY: EXPLORING SCRIPTURE AND PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Sundays, beginning January 27 @ 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. Come for a cup of coffee (or breakfast) and Bible study on Sunday mornings.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

WITH PASTOR CARLY:

NEW NIGHT AND TIME

*Mondays, beginning January 21
@ 6 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. (Last fall the class met on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. This winter the class will meet on Mondays at 6 p.m.)

MEDITATION GROUP

Mondays @ 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. 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.

WOMEN CONNECTING ONLINE AND THROUGH PRAYER

24 hrs./7 days per week online community available by free subscription through the church office. Optional face-to-face gathering Sunday, January 27 anytime between 9 a.m. and Noon in the Chapel

Women, have you ever wondered how it is possible to experience “everyday faith” when your days are so busy you barely make it through? Have you wished for better understandings or more authentic experiences of prayer? Would you appreciate opportunities to connect and learn from other busy women no matter the time or day? A new online experience may be just what you’re looking for in this new year.

In her recent book titled, *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*, Anne Lamott has coalesced everything she knows about prayer into three fundamentals. Funny and perceptive writing about her own faith through decades of trial and error make “everyday faith” seem much more attainable even for the busiest among us. You can read the short book at your own leisure and visit the 24-hour website as your schedule allows. At the website you will find questions for contemplation and a connection to other women who are participating in the secure online community. In addition to the online connection, there will be a few opportunities for face-to-face connection.

If you’re interested in learning more about all these possibilities, come to the Chapel anytime between 9 a.m. and noon on Sunday, January 27. There, you’ll be able to purchase a book, sign up to be part of the online community, and start your new journey with prayer by walking the labyrinth – you may even cross paths with some of the other women who will be participating. If you are not able to check in at the Chapel on January 27 – If your schedule doesn’t allow or you just prefer to connect solely through the online option – that’s fine too! Just send an email to Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org to let her know that you want to be included in the private online group. With the help of 21st century technology, even busy women can connect and help each other grow in faith.

COMMUNITY FORUM FOR MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Sundays, January 27, February 17, March 17 and April 21 @ 1 p.m.

Hosted by the University of Wisconsin’s Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions, this series is an opportunity for dialogue engendering greater understanding and more peaceful relations between our faith communities. Advance registration is required by contacting Program Manager Brad Klingele at bklingele@gmail.com or calling 608.263.1821. Attendance at all four sessions is expected.

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, January 8 @ 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.

SPOUSES RECENTLY ALONE

*Tuesday, January 29 @ 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.

AGRACE HOSPICE CARE CLASSES

Agrace HospiceCare will offer several support and discussion groups designed for caregivers and adults grieving the death of a loved one in January. 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, visit their website at www.agracehospicecare.org/hospice-grief-support.html or call Cheri Milton, Grief Services Manager, at 608. 327.7300.

Betsy Starling

Betsy moved to Middleton this summer from Chapel Hill, NC. She grew up Methodist in North Carolina but during her 30 previous years in Madison, 1978-2005, she belonged to Covenant Presbyterian. She is a retired Madison Municipal School District librarian. Betsy enjoys swimming, yoga, hiking, traveling, and reading and spending time with her family, which includes three children and three grandsons. She looks forward to involvement in outreach ministries at First Church.



Linda & Mel Vance

Linda and Mel moved to Madison this summer to begin their retirement after careers serving in the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Linda continues to work for the Upper Room Ministries as retreat leader for a Two Year Academy at Linden Grove Retreat Center in Indiana. Mel is an adjunct instructor of religion for Carroll College and the Madison Center of Lakeland College. They enjoy their two grandchildren, gardening, walking, and reading.



Laura Webster

After 33 years working in a rural hospital and raising her family in River Falls, Laura's children asked if she'd consider moving to the Madison area. After thought and prayer - and her children's promise not to move north - here she is. Laura's mother still lives in her home area of Monroe. Laura's son and his wife live in Madison. Her daughter and son-in-law live in Sheboygan. Laura works at Agrace Hospice in the in-patient unit. She met Pastor Carly years ago when she was the minister at River Falls. Laura says it was like coming home to discover that Carly was now in ministry at First Church.



RETHINKING LEADERSHIP **EMPOWERING MINISTRY**

Thank you to all those who filled the Fellowship Hall at our December 3 Annual Church Conference, as well as the many others who were unable to attend that meeting, but who participated in Sunday Forum discussions, online discussion, the workshop in April with Dan Hotchkiss, and various committee and Church Council meetings over the last two years.

After a lively discussion, the Church Conference voted unanimously to:

- Adopt the foundational policy establishing a new governing board for a trial period of one year, continuation subject to vote at the December 2013 Annual Church Conference.
- Elect a Nominations and Governance Committee, comprised of Lori Bowman, Judy Lyons, Jim Scorgie, and Bill White. This committee will initially focus on engaging the congregation in identifying nominees for the new board and its committees, for election at a special Church Conference to be scheduled for February 2013.
- Ask the current members of the Church Council, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee, Lay Leadership Committee, Lay Members to Annual Conference and trustees to remain in their positions until election of the new board.

Expectations by the end of our trial year are that:

1. Board policies and oversight practices will be established;
2. Members and friends are more aware of strategic directions and how the church is doing, and feel satisfied about the level of communication about these matters;
3. More members and friends are participating in ministry or in dialogue about the church's strategic directions; and
4. Those who are engaged in governance and ministry (including staff) believe their time is being well spent.

The online discussion group will be continued as an easy way for you to find more information on our new model for governance and ministry leadership. Email council@fumc.org or call the church office to obtain access to this password-protected area of the church's website.

Support Our FUMC Volleyball Team

Bring your family and friends to cheer on our new FUMC co-ed volleyball team this year for fun evenings of family entertainment! Games are Wednesday evenings January 9 – February 6. To view the team's schedule visit the church's website at www.fumc.org and click on the Events tab/Featured & Future.

Is Money Tight?

Many individuals and families are struggling to make ends meet. Would you like to see your budget stretch further? FoodShare Wisconsin may be able to help. Call the FoodShare Helpline at 877.366.3635 or visit the Community page of the church's website, www.fumc.org, for details.

Recurring Calendar Items

Come As You Are Worship –

Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall; Light breakfast served at 9 a.m.

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, January 8 at 7:30 a.m. at Capitol Lakes

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

Spouses Newly Alone – Last Tuesday of the month at Noon at the Concourse

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 – 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 3:30 p.m. in Room LL12

Do You Have Reflections to Share?

The annual collection of 40 Lenten meditations written by members and friends of the congregation has become an important part of our Lenten journey. Meditations will be offered again this year focused on the theme: “God Is...” We hope this open-ended, broad theme will prompt memories, questions, descriptions, confessions of faith and more as we make our way through the season.

Meditations will be limited to **350 words**, should be original, **not copyrighted**, material and must be submitted by **Friday, January 18**. Are you interested in offering a reflection to be included in the collection? If so, or if you have questions about this project, please contact Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org or at 608.256.9061, ext 15. Thank you!

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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

608.256.4646 ext. 26, jgirard@fumc.org

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, January 31**. The deadline for submitting articles is noon on **Tuesday, January 15**.

Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers:

Edward Adams, Richard Clift, Les Zank, Martha McFeeley, Bonnie Landgraf, Valerie Brown and Linda VandenBerg.

Outreach Ministries

“Most-Wanted” List

- Homeless Ministries: Fresh fruit (bananas and oranges are favorites) and lunch bags
- Food Pantry: Eggs, produce, toilet paper, paper towels
- Special Needs: Winter boots and socks (adults and children), thermal underwear, disposable razors

All-Church Ski Trip

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.

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all God's Children

New Look for the New Year

The children's library in the lower level of our building has many good books for children and families to share and now the library has a new look! Special funds given for children's ministries have made it possible to purchase new shelves, book carts, a new table and chairs. The new furnishings prompted a review of all the books and some reorganization which should help children, parents and teachers search for the perfect book by general category. The library has become a much more welcoming space for young children so we hope you'll stop in, look through the resources, and select a book or two to borrow. We look forward to seeing you in the library!

United Methodist Scholarships

Thank you to all those who donated towards the special United Methodist Scholarship offering on the UM Student Sunday in November. We raised \$365 to help support our students. For more information about scholarships available for this year through our church and the United Methodist General Conference, check out the Scholarship table in the Octagon on Sunday, January 27, visit www.gbhem.org or contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org or 608.256.9061.

Young Adults Host Dinner at YWCA

The Young Adult group enjoyed a festive night, serving a delicious holiday meal to over 50 women at the YWCA. We especially enjoyed all who stayed afterwards to play Spades and make Christmas cards together. Thank you to all who made this night possible.

Youth Missions Kick-Off

January 27 at 10:45 a.m. in Youth Center

Middle School and High School Youth and Parents: Come to this meeting to learn the details concerning the upcoming youth mission trips and fundraisers.

Young Adults: Dog Sledding – Saturday, January 19

Yes, dog sledding! Come with us on this day trip excursion to learn all about and experience dog sledding. Bring friends, meet new people. Contact Seth Schroerlucke at youthya@fumc.org or 608.256.9061 to sign up.

Young Adult Discussion

Sunday, January 27 at 5 p.m. at FUMC

Meet some new people while you enjoy a potluck meal and discussion facilitated by Heather and Ross Vitale. Bring a dish to pass and ideas to share. Childcare provided.

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

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

January 6 | Confirmand/Mentor Session
Room LL06

January 27 | No Sunday School
for MS or HS

Youth Events

- Saturday, January 12 – Confirmand /Parent Retreat at FUMC
- Tuesday, February 12 – Mardi Gras Youth Missions Fundraiser
- Saturday, February 16 – HS Winter Getaway at Pine Lake

Young Adults

- Early January, Date TBD
College Get-Together
- Saturday, January 19 – Dog Sledding
- Sunday, January 27, 5 p.m.-
Potluck/Discussion at FUMC

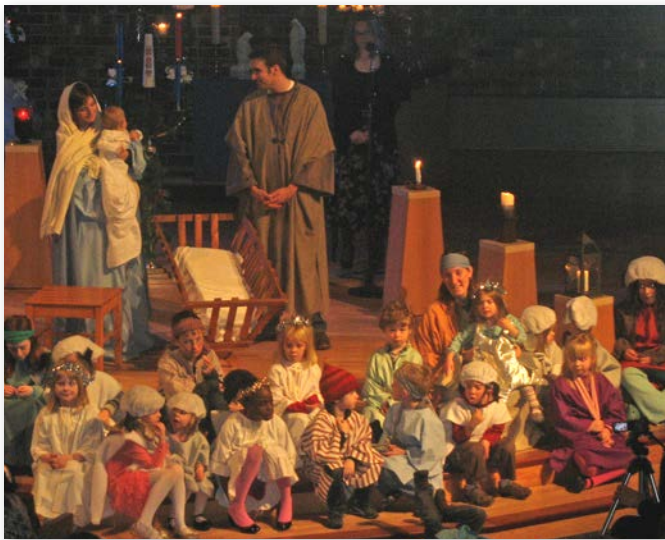


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