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Ash Wednesday

Worship | Wednesday, February 13
12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m. | Chapel
Ash Wednesday worship services at
12:15 p.m. (45 minute service during
lunch break) and again at 7 p.m. (with
music by the Kat Trio.)



Dixieland Sunday

Sunday, February 10
9:30 & 11 a.m. | Sanctuary

Join us for our 15th annual “Dixieland Sunday.” This year’s band will include David Cooper (trumpet), Al Anderson (trombone), Greg Smith (clarinet), Cliff Fredriksen (guitar), Rand Moore (drums), and John Christiansen (bass).

Mardi Gras Dinner

Tuesday, February 12, 6-7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of our special youth fundraiser dinner in style. A delicious all-you-can-eat meal, music by Cliff Fredrichson, a jester and of course, a Mardi Gras King and Queen. Purchase tickets in advance at a discounted price in the Octagon or online at www.fumc.org. *Children under 13 eat free.*



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

FEBRUARY 3

Market and Meal for Hope
Holy Communion
Jeremiah 1: 4-10 & Psalm 71: 1-6
Message: “Speak”
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir,
Brass Quintet
11 a.m. Brass Quintet

FEBRUARY 10

Bring-a-Bear Sunday
Dixieland Music Celebration
II Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2
Message: “Removing the Veil”
9:30 & 11 a.m. Dixieland Band

FEBRUARY 17

First Sunday During Lent
Luke 4: 1-13
Message: “God Is... Grace”
Family-Style Worship @ 9:40
Fellowship Hall
9:30 & 11 a.m. Chancel Choir

FEBRUARY 24

Second Sunday During Lent
Message: “God is... Courage”
8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:30 a.m. Blessed Brass,
Chamber Choir

MARCH 3

Third Sunday During Lent
Isaiah 55: 1-9
9:30 & 11 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

It is THAT time of year, time well-spent reflecting on the new year: our good intentions and goals for the coming months. It is a time to think about new beginnings and new opportunities. Sometimes we hesitate, worrying that the new opportunity won't work out, that it doesn't feel quite right, or the scheduling is too difficult. We want to engage, we want to feel successful, but we are unsure. Sound familiar? I hear you! This is simply a human condition!

So, a group of us have been thinking about this "condition" as it relates to the ministries of First Church. We focused our energies on "connecting" individuals to active ministry. We have talked with ministry team leaders and church staff members. They have helped us identify fun, easy, and meaningful ministry opportunities or "jobs." There is a wide range of "jobs" – some in worship, some in administration, some in education, some in outreach, some in fellowship. Most of them require no specialized skills. All offer a one-time or short-term commitment, allowing each of us the opportunity to try out our new intentions and goals. This way we don't have to be afraid of a mismatch. We can *str-e-t-c-h*, and learn, for ourselves, what works for us.

We named this project *First Connect*. Over the next few weeks, you will find our team in the Narthex, the Octagon and Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. We will share information and details about these ministry opportunities. You will see our banner, and we will invite you to take a moment to talk with our team members about the many possibilities for servant ministry.

Our church is a living, breathing community of faith. It is our collective energy, talent, spirit and faith that makes it so. And our community shares vital ministry each and every day through hospital visits, the Food Pantry, our hospitality teams, and our education programs, just to list a few. There is a place and a role for each of us in these ministries.

Thanks be to God.

Kathy Sandefur

Lay Ministry Team



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Wednesday Night Lenten Series: Justice for the Poor

Five Wednesdays during Lent (February 20-March 20), simple soup suppers and programs focusing on biblical responses to poverty will be offered in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m., concluding by 7:30 p.m. with a brief time of worship.



- **February 20:**
God's Heart is for the Poor, the Widow and the Orphan
- **February 27:**
Is There Something Wrong with the "Prosperity Gospel?"
- **March 6:**
Standing at the Corner of Church and State
- **March 13:**
From Serial Charity to a Just Society
- **March 20:**
The Harsh Realities of Youth Homelessness

Jesus' life and teaching show a deep compassion toward the poor and marginalized. Participate in our Lenten series to learn more about our Christian responsibility toward the poor and to be part of advocating for justice on their behalf.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

Thursday, March 28 @ 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Our annual Seder Meal will begin at 6 p.m. **Advance reservations are required.** Purchase your tickets at the Information Desk on Sunday or via the church website, www.fumc.org

RETHINKING LEADERSHIP EMPOWERING MINISTRY

A Church Conference will be held at noon on Sunday, February 10, in the Sanctuary immediately following 11 a.m. worship. We will hold elections for the board and the other positions and will consider a few small changes to the policy establishing the new governance structure.

The Nominations and Governance Committee has been hard at work identifying seven nominees for our new governing board and several other elected positions. Thank you to everyone who took the time to suggest names of people gifted to serve in the new governance structure.

Kate Vanderheiden - Chair (3 year term)
Leigh Roberts (3 year term)
Laura Nagel (3 year term)
Gary Sandefur (2 year term)
Lori Bowman (2 year term)
Paul DeLong (1 year term)
Ann Herrold-Peterson (1 year term)

Background information about the nominees and the policy revisions has been emailed to those on the e-list. Hard copies are available at the Information Desk.



Next Chimes Deadline

The next issue of *Chimes* will be published **Thursday, February 28**. The deadline for submitting articles is **8 a.m. on Friday, February 15**.



Beginning Sunday, February 10

Look for a First Connect team member or stop by our banner in the Octagon. We'll be there from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. and again from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

The First Connect database will have up-to-date information on "try-it" and one-time or entry-level volunteer opportunities – those first steps to becoming connected (or re-connected) to ministry teams at First Church.

You can sign up in just a few minutes on Sunday; a staff member or lay leader will be in touch during the week to follow up with details and to answer any further questions.
Karen Andro, Tricia Hillner, Kathy Sandefur, Kate Vanderheiden
First Connect Team



Food Stamp Challenge

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen... Is it not to share your food with the hungry?" (Isaiah 58:6-7)

On **Wednesday, February 20**, join others in the start of a week-long Food Stamp Challenge. First Church, along with the inter-faith group *Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice*, encourages individuals to spend a week during Lent living as if we had only food stamps to pay for our weekly groceries. Our Food Stamp Challenge week will be Thursday, February 21 through Thursday, February 28 and will begin with an introduction at the Lenten soup supper, program, and worship Wednesday, February 20 at 6 p.m. Visit www.fumc.org for more information.

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Good Friday Worship

“Costly, Unexpected Love”

Friday, March 29 @ 7 p.m. | Sanctuary

A special musical and liturgical service built around the powerful music of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice will be offered on Good Friday. Musicians will perform selections from the musical.



Family-Style Worship

Sunday, February 17 @ 9:40 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

This service will introduce children, youth and adults to the season of Lent. Music, scripture, and hands-on activities will be included. This is a service for people of all ages, single and partnered, with children and without. Come to Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service's Time With the Children to gather around the tables and experience God's presence in this lively, intergenerational gathering.

Winter Farmers' Market and Meal for Hope

Sunday, February 3

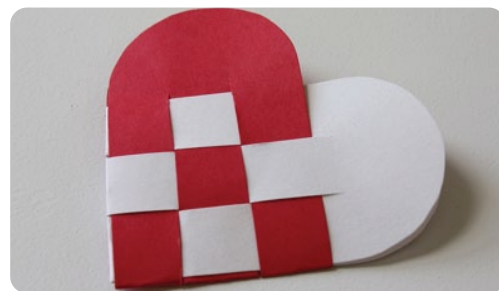
Don't miss this opportunity to support local farmers and our Food Pantry. Market purchases will provide good, healthy foods while supporting local farmers who practice sustainable farming. A portion of the proceeds will go to our Food Pantry.



Bring a Bear, Show You Care

Sunday, February 10

Share new teddy bears and other stuffed animals for the Madison Police Department's "Bear With Me" program. Cuddly toys ride along in police officers' cars and are distributed when officers encounter young children in traumatic circumstances. Your special friend should be new, not used. Stuffed toys will be collected at the Sanctuary doors prior to all worship services Sunday, February 10.



New Craft Group to Meet Monday, February 11 @ 6 p.m., Rm. 208

The group had such a great time at the last get-together, we're now going to meet monthly! We are looking for any and all types of creative people to join in. Come make some Valentine's Day cards for your special someone(s). Supplies provided. Contact info@fumc.org.



Food Pantry Featured on Local Cooking Show

Our Food Pantry will be featured on *White Jasmine Everyday Cooking*, a television show hosted by Huma Siddiqui. *White Jasmine* bridges cultures and cuisine by blending Pakistani influenced flavors into everyday foods. This exposure helps raise awareness about our food ministries and gives us an opportunity to publicly thank our many dedicated volunteers. This installment will air Sunday, February 10 on TVW (WISC-TV 14). The time of airing has not been scheduled yet, but will likely be 9:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. It will also be posted on YouTube. Check www.fumc.org or the weekly eNews for updates.



Sharing the Warmth

Thank you to the congregation for the many hats, mittens and gloves that you so lovingly placed on one of the mission trees in Fellowship Hall during Advent. They were collected just before Christmas, and soon after, were packed up by several United Methodist Women volunteers and sent on their way to Milwaukee to people who need them.

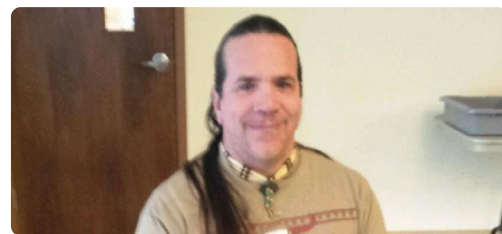
For years now the United Methodist Women of First Church have sent these donations to several church missions projects in Milwaukee. This year we sent a box filled to the brim with 30 pairs of stretch gloves, 25 pairs of beautiful, hand-knit children's mittens, 10 pairs of hand-knit caps, one beret and one toddler's mitten/cap set. The clients at Northcott Neighborhood House will appreciate your generosity this winter.

Come As You Are

Sitting with family
at First United
"Come As You Are"
All are invited.

It doesn't matter how you look
Or what you're wearin'.
Just step right in
It's love we're sharing
With open hearts
And open arms
We accept and love you
Just as you are
So enjoy the breakfast
And the music
"Come As You Are"
We won't refuse ya!

- Written by Daren Wrasse



Daren Wrasse at Come As You Are Worship, January 9, 2013



Come As You Are Worship Takes Off

Pastor Carly Kuntz instituted Come As You Are Worship and welcomed our outreach guests for the first time on September 24, 2012. This special weekday worship continues to grow and develop, bringing together outreach guests, church members and friends to share in fellowship and worship. It is a supportive and encouraging environment for many of our outreach guests who struggle with homelessness, unemployment and a variety of challenges. Daren Wrasse, who has overcome homelessness, shares the belief that when you help others you end up helping yourself in the process.

We invite you to join Come As You Are Worship on Mondays and Wednesdays for food and fellowship at 9 a.m. and informal worship from 9:30-10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Karen Andro, Director of Outreach Ministries, coordinates this ministry. Please contact Karen if you are interested in helping lead the service, providing music or helping prepare and serve the food. You can reach her at 608.256.4646 ext. 16 or kandro@fumc.org.

We are grateful to our worship leaders, Tom Miller, Milton Ford, Myron Talcott, and Mel and Linda Vance. A very special part of Come As You Are Worship is our music ministry led by Emily Ford, Donna Veatch, Leah Sailor and Kate Vanderheiden. We are grateful to our many outreach volunteers who prepare and serve breakfast, including John Reynolds, Lawrence Talley, Christ Olstad, Eric Femrite, Dean Jones (Job Coach from LaFollette High School), and students in the LaFollette Graduate Program, Gerardo and Keith.



Lyons Lecture 2013 – Saturday, April 20

This year's speaker, Pamela Eisenbaum, will give two lectures based on her recent book, *Paul was Not a Christian*. Save the date!

Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: Richard Clift, Les Zank, and Bonnie Landgraf.

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

- Family and friends of Linda VandenBerg, who died on January 8.
- Rita Kreitz, whose husband, Harold Kreitz, died on January 9.
- Alan and Isabel Hubbard, whose brother-in-law, Robert Joling, died on January 14.
- Family of Martha McFeeley, who died on January 26.

Baptisms Celebrated:

- Rhiannon Ehlers, daughter of Erich and Abigail Ehlers and granddaughter of Jim and Bobbi Reynolds, was baptized Sunday, January 20.

Births Celebrated:

- Congratulations to Brice and Katy Hoover on the birth of their son, William Thomas Hoover II, on January 9.

Outreach Ministries

“Most-Wanted” List

- **Food Pantry:** Eggs, produce, flour, sugar and toilet paper.
- **Homeless Ministry Meals:** Fresh fruit (bananas and oranges are favorites) and lunch bags.
- **Shower Empower Program for the Homeless:** Disposable razors, travel size deodorant, foot powder, unused underwear sizes M-XXL.
- **Boot Brigade for the Homeless:** We need winter boots for homeless children and adults. Please contact Karen Andro, Director of Outreach Ministries, for sizes needed.

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

Food Pantry Hours

Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Tuesday & Thursday: 5 - 7 p.m.



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Thank you, First Church Foundation:
We raised enough for 888 meals!

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.

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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 @ 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Faith & Reason

Tuesday, February 12 at 7 a.m.

@ Capitol Lakes

UMW Deborah Circle

Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Spouses Newly Alone

Tuesday, February 26 at noon

@ the Concourse

Game Days

Wednesdays, March 6 & 14 @ 1 p.m.

in Room 208

Choir Rehearsals

Handbell Choir

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

Chancel Choir

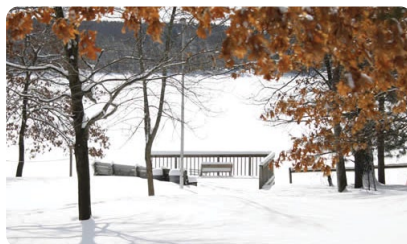
Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room

Toddler Playgroup

Fridays, February 1 and 15 at 3:30 p.m.

in Room LL12

all God's Children



High School Winter Getaway

February 16-17 @ Pine Lake UMC Camp

Contact Seth at info@fumc.org now to sign up for this blockbuster weekend. What will we do all weekend? Think sledding, cross-country skiing, ice skating, connecting devotions, night hiking, prayer, good food and – The Hunger Games!

Middle School Lock-In

March 2-3 @ First Church

A sleepover at church! Join in new, epic night games and meaningful connecting activities for a spiritually lifting experience. Sign up now by contacting Seth at info@fumc.org.



Confirmation Student-Parent Retreat Revisited

Together, the Confirmation students and their parents prepared and served a delicious dinner for the men at the Grace Episcopal drop-in shelter. The evening provided an intimate time for sharing stories with each other about the milestone moments that have helped shape our spiritual lives.

Youth Missions Fruit Sale

Choose from an assortment of fresh citrus fruit, cheese and sausage. Consider buying an order for the First Church Food Pantry. Look for our table in the Octagon every Sunday through February 17. Orders arrive March 3.



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

Sunday, February 17

Family-Style Worship in Fellowship Hall

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

February 16-17

High School Winter Getaway
(Pine Lake UMC Camp)

March 2-3

Middle School Lock-In

For more info contact Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org (Children's Sunday School) or Seth Schroerlucke at youthya@fumc.org (Youth).

Young Adults

Young Adult Potluck Discussion

Sunday, February 24, 5 - 6:30 p.m. @ First Church

Rob and Marisol Campbell will be leading an interactive discussion centered around learning from children. Bring a dish to pass. *Childcare available.*

Young Adult Game Night

Saturday, March 9, 3-5 p.m.

@ First Church

Bring your favorite board game as we spend an evening playing some fun games together. *Childcare available.*



Young Adults

- Potluck/Discussion group
Sunday, February 24 at 5 p.m.
- Game Night – Saturday, March 9
3 - 5 p.m.

For more info contact Seth Schroerlucke at youthya@fumc.org.

FUMC Volleyball

Well, our team is 0-3. But, we've got heart! Come cheer for us on Wednesday evenings at the West High School gym, court 265. Remaining game dates are February 6 at 8:10 p.m. and February 13 at 7:15 p.m.



Christmas Community Meal a Gift to Many

“For all that have passed through the doors today, this is a singular touch of humanity that they will experience this day. That, in itself, has made this special.”

“I feel very loved here. It’s not just the meal, it’s the people.”

“It’s a joyful thing.”

Quotes from guests at the First Church Christmas Community Dinner, as reported in the *Wisconsin State Journal*.

Our neighbors and friends, old and new, experienced the joy and warmth of God’s gift through our 30th annual community meal. It was a great success thanks to an outstanding team of 135 volunteers. We delivered 224 meals and served 423 people in Fellowship Hall for a total of 647 delicious meals served. Thank you to all who made this huge event happen.



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First Cup Café Menu

February 3: Meal of Hope

February 10: Breakfast Strata

February 17: Baked Cinnamon Apple French Toast

February 24: Hearty Breakfast Pizza

March 3: Peaches and Cream French Toast