



# Musings

## Through the Generations

When I was offered the opportunity to become Coordinator of Homebound Ministries I was both pleased to be considered for the chance to participate in this area of ministry, while at the same time seriously questioning my qualifications, especially considering that I would be following a couple of superbly competent people in this position. Being retired, I wondered about taking on a commitment that would amount to an almost half-time job. I also questioned whether I was personally suited for the type of engagement that would be required in this ministry. I asked for a little time to make up my mind and, frankly, pray for guidance.

Fast forward several months, and I wonder why I ever had any doubts. Not only do I love what I'm doing, I feel energized and eager to start each week. The contact and conversations with the people I visit are wonderfully fulfilling. Although many (though not all) have some loss of mobility, they remain a vibrant, curious and engaged group.

As members and friends of First Church, we are part of a large, loving, multigenerational community with the elderly among us valued and cherished members of this family. They have often been a part of First Church for many years and have, during this time, given generously of time and resources to help our community flourish. As they age and become less active, many in the church choose to honor them by continuing to include them in their thoughts, prayers and presence. The maintenance of these links between generations is one reason that First Church remains a vital force in the lives of so many people, 175 years after that first sermon in 1837.

*Jim Ostrander*

Coordinator of Homebound Ministries



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## Easter Flower Orders

First Church has a tradition of filling the Sanctuary with a breathtaking tableau of spring flowers to greet us on Easter Sunday. Each plant (daffodils, tulips and/or daisy mums) costs \$15. To place your order call the church office at 608.256.9061; visit the Easter Sunday calendar event on the [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org) website; or fill out the order form in the Sunday worship bulletin. **Orders must be received by Sunday, March 17.**

## Support Our Easter Community Meal

**Sunday, March 31 at Noon**

**Volunteer Coordinator: Judy Metz**

**Please call 608.249.0540 to volunteer**

Look for Karen Andro at the signup table in the Octagon on Sundays if you would like to help with food or monetary donations needed for our meal. Your generous gifts of money, time and talent will help provide a community meal to feed both body and soul.



## Bear Sunday

Thank you to children and others for providing more than 100 stuffed animals on Bring-a-Bear-Show-You-Care Sunday!

## Two Special Offering Opportunities

### One Great Hour of Sharing – Sunday, March 10

On March 10, our congregation will join with UM churches around the world in receiving a special offering in support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to live out its mission to alleviate human suffering. UMCOR responds to natural or human made disasters – those interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on its own.

### Easter Mission Offering – Sundays, March 24 and March 31

Three times a year (Summer, Christmas and Easter), we invite people to support the mission programs of our local church. This special offering will support mission endeavors that are typically beyond the hands-on outreach ministries our congregation supports daily. Some of the programs we support through these offerings include: Porchlight, Dane County Jail Chaplaincy, UM Hospital Chaplaincy and YWCA Empower Home.

***Offering envelopes will be available in these Sunday bulletins. To contribute online at [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org), click “Donations” on our website homepage.***



## Souperbowl of Caring

Our youth raised more than \$400 for the FUMC Food Pantry this year. Since 1999, our church has raised well over \$6,000 during the Souperbowl of Caring. Thank you to all who contributed and to the youth who volunteered and also helped complete a service project for the Food Pantry.

## Co-Ed Summer Softball

Contact Seth Schroerlucke at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) or 608.256.9061 by **Friday, March 15**, if you are interested in playing this year.

## Healthier To-Go Meals

Thanks to a \$500 grant from Meriter Foundation, First Church will be able to give our homeless guests healthier meals to take with them. The grant will provide needed funds to purchase fruit for our To-Go Meals program. A thanks-within-a-thanks to Isabel Hubbard, who alerted our Director of Outreach Ministries to this resource.



# first church News

## Tenth Annual Lyons Lecture

**Saturday, April 20: Online Registration Open**

The David P. Lyons Lectures were established to honor the memory and ministry of Rev. David Lyons. Grounded in a deep and abiding faith in the God of love, Rev. Lyons helped his congregations think “outside the box” of traditional theology. This lecture series continues in the spirit of that quest.

In this 10th anniversary year Pamela Eisenbaum, a noted Jewish scholar, will be here to speaking on her book, *Paul Was Not a Christian: The Original Message of a Misunderstood Apostle*. Dr. Eisenbaum is associate professor of Biblical Studies and Christian Origins at Iliff School of Theology, and is associate faculty of the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver.

Dr. Paul Lyons, son of David and Judy Lyons, will offer a reflection on the lecture series prior to Dr. Eisenbaum’s presentations. Dr. Lyons is an educator and author currently serving as Senior Associate Dean for Education at the University of California-Riverside School of Medicine.

We hope you will join us for this exciting and very special day. More details and online registration is available at the church’s website, [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org).



**Dr. Pamela Eisenbaum**

**If you would like to volunteer at this year’s event, please contact Joan Maynard at [jlmaynard825@gmail.com](mailto:jlmaynard825@gmail.com) or 608.217.4917.**



## Meet the Artist

Throughout March several of Brian Soper’s quilts will be on display in our Chapel. For more information about Brian and his art, pick up a copy of an article from *Rosebud Magazine* at the Information Desk in the church Narthex.

**An artist’s reception will be held for Brian on Sunday, March 3 from 9:30-11 a.m.**

Many thanks to Julie, Ross and Brian Cowing for their assistance with the quilt exhibit. They shared many hours helping arrange, hang, and identify the quilts. Thank you!

*Brian Soper*

4 The Chimes



A group of 54 members met in Special Church Conference on Sunday, February 10 to elect our new Governing Board. The FUMC Foundation Board and our congregation’s Lay Members to Annual Conference were also elected.

### Governing Board:

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

### FUMC Foundation Board:

Matt DeVos, President  
John Hutchinson, Vice President  
Ray Petkovsek, Treasurer  
Angel McClarey, Secretary  
Bruce Marion, Past President  
Jim Blanchard  
Kirsten Held  
Anne Lambert  
Kent Peterson

### Lay Members to Annual Conference:

Doug Knudson  
Bobbi Reynolds  
Leigh Roberts

In addition to these elections, the Church Conference approved some revisions to Policy 1 on Establishment of the Governing Board. These revisions brought this foundational policy into clearer alignment with the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

## People of Faith United For Justice Advocacy Day

Thursday, March 14

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Bethel Lutheran Church & First United Methodist Church**

*People of Faith United for Justice* is a day-long, inter-faith gathering to learn, discuss, pray and advocate together for social justice issues important to the people of Wisconsin. The morning begins at Bethel Lutheran, with some break-out sessions and lunch held at FUMC. In the afternoon, participants visit legislators at the capitol. As a new legislature starts work on the next state budget, our representatives need to hear our values, priorities and concerns.

The keynote speaker for the day is Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, Professor of Theology at Marquette University. His approach to social ethics focuses on the impact of religious faith as both an instrument of social injustice and a catalyst for social transformation.

Visit [www.wichurches.org](http://www.wichurches.org) or contact Tina Lang at [tlang@fumc.org](mailto:tlang@fumc.org) for more information.

## Shelter Meal Help

We need help with *Our Night At The Shelter*. Monthly donations of lettuce salad ingredients, frozen vegetables, pancakes and syrup will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Karen Andro at [kandro@fumc.org](mailto:kandro@fumc.org) or 608.256.4646 ext. 16 if you can donate a needed item.

## Volunteer Corner

If you are interested in being part of a new fundraising team for Outreach Ministries, please contact Karen Andro at [kandro@fumc.org](mailto:kandro@fumc.org) or 608.256.4646 ext. 16.



## Second Harvest Million Pound Challenge

**Raise money for our Food Pantry**

There is no requirement to belong to a health club to be part of this challenge. You can exercise up to three hours a week to help the FUMC Food Pantry earn 30 lbs. of free food through May 31.

The Princeton Club sponsors this challenge and you can sign up at their website: [www.princetonclub.net/mpc/exercise.html](http://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. Please register for “hours of exercise” rather than “pounds lost,” because it will result in more food being donated.

Last year we received 10,357 pounds of free food, the equivalent of \$1,036 of purchasing power from Second Harvest Food Bank. This year, our goal is to raise \$5,000. Anyone can log in and be a part of our team, so ask your friends and coworkers to help too. Join our team: FUMC Downtown for Good. Questions? Contact Karen Andro at 608.256.9061 or [kandro@fumc.org](mailto:kandro@fumc.org).

## Church Women United World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 1

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
4011 Major Avenue**

**Program:**

“I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me”

**9 a.m.** Gathering and Coffee

**9:30 a.m.** Welcome and Announcements

**10 a.m.** Worship Service

All are welcome.

## The Crossing Campus Ministry Annual Spring Gala Dinner/Fundraiser

Friday, April 26 @ 5 p.m.

**Monona Terrace**

Crossing students will share transformational stories from their recent experiences traveling on Quest mission trips to Kenya, Cambodia and Costa Rica. To purchase tickets (\$60 each) look for Ann Herrold-Peterson, Mel Vance, or Chris Jones at church on Sunday mornings. You can also contact The Crossing directly and speak to Jody Varney at 608.257.1039, Ext. 2 or email [jody@crossingministries.org](mailto:jody@crossingministries.org). Visit [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org) for more details about the program.

## Movie Viewing “A Place at the Table”

Sunday, March 3 @ 4:20 p.m.

**Sundance Cinema @ Hilldale Mall**

This film examines the shocking paradox of hunger in the wealthiest nation on earth through the stories of three Americans who face food insecurity daily. The movie illustrates how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural implications for our nation, and that it could be solved once and for all, if the American public decides — as they have in the past — that making healthy food available and affordable is in the best interest of us all. (<http://www.takepart.com/place-at-the-table/film>)

Buy your ticket (Matinee price is \$7.50) at the box office and then look for people near the box office wearing “Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice.” We will all try to sit together during the movie. Afterwards, we will all convene at the upstairs meeting room for a debriefing and discussion about the documentary and about hunger in America and what we can do about it. For more information or to RSVP, email Rabbi Bonnie Margulis at [rabbibonnie@charter.net](mailto:rabbibonnie@charter.net).

## Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: Ivan Haynes, Richard Clift, Karen Wydeven, Fred Webb, Les Zank and Bonnie Landgraf.

## Thank You

I wish to express a great big thank you to each and everyone for all the prayers, visits, cards, etc. to us throughout this long, unexpected hospital and rehab stay. Dick has the rest of February in rehab and then the plan is for him to join me at our new apartment.

*Ramona Clift*

## Outreach Ministries

### “Most-Wanted” List

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

- **Homeless Ministry Needs**  
Oranges and bananas, zip-lock plastic bags and lunch bags
- **Food Pantry Needs**  
Family size lotion, shampoo, deodorant
- **Shower Empower Program for the Homeless**  
Chapstick, travel size deodorant, disposable razors, foot powder, aftershave, men’s undershirts sizes M, L, XL and XXL



## Spring Forward

**Daylight Savings Time:**

**Sunday, March 10**

Move your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on Saturday Night!

## FUMC Building Hours

**Closed Monday, April 1**

*Sunday:* 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*Monday – Thursday:* 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*Friday – Saturday:* Closed

## Come As You Are Worship

*Mondays & Wednesdays:*

Breakfast & Fellowship: 9 a.m.

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

## Food Pantry Hours

**Closed Monday, April 1**

*Monday & Wednesday:* 9:30 a.m. – Noon

*Tuesday & Thursday:* 5 - 7 p.m.

## Homeless Ministries

**To-Go Meals**

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

**Shower Empower Program**

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

Personal Essentials Included

**Karen Andro**

**Director of Outreach Ministries**

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## Next Chimes Deadline

The next issue of Chimes will be published **Thursday, March 28**. The deadline for submitting articles is **noon** on **Friday, March 15**.

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## Recurring Calendar Items

**Yoga for Good Sessions**

**No Yoga Monday, March 4th**

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

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

**Meditation Group**

Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

**Faith & Reason**

Tuesday, March 12 @ 7 a.m.,

Capitol Lakes

**UMW Ruth Circle**

Tuesday, March 12 @Noon,

Capitol Lakes

**UMW Deborah Circle**

Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

**Game Days**

Wednesdays, March 6 and 20 @ 1 p.m.,

Room 208.

**Choir Rehearsals**

**Handbell Choir**

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

**Chancel Choir**

Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m., Music Room

**Toddler Playgroup**

Fridays, March 1 and 15 @ 3:30 p.m.,

Room LL12

# all God's Children

## Wisconsin UM Foundation Scholarships

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is pleased to announce that a variety of scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and current undergraduate students attending vocational/technical, two-year or four-year higher education programs.

All applicants must be a member of a Wisconsin United Methodist Church. Recipients are selected based upon academics, leadership and involvement in church, school, and community life.

For more information visit <http://www.wumf.org/grantsScholars.html> or contact the Foundation at 888.903.9863 for an application. The deadline for application for most of these scholarships is April 1, 2013.

## Mardi Gras Soiree Thank You

Thank you to the 150 guests that attended our youth missions fundraiser. Thank you also, to all the youth and adults who helped out – great job! An especially big shout out to Diane Bock, who coordinated all the food this year (What a meal!) and to Abby Delong and John Zurovitch, who helped Seth coordinate the event. Next year, it's Pastor Carly's turn for a pie in the face! It was an incredibly fun evening – can't wait 'til next year!



## Spring Cleaning Youth Missions Fundraiser

Need help in the yard? Weeding? Washing windows? Childcare? Help with your computer? You name it, we'll do it! Contact Seth at [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org) or visit the table in the Octagon any Sunday in March. We will match your needs with some youth who will come to your home to help out. Any donation accepted.

## Youth Drama Team

Do you like acting? Led by Heather Vitale, a new group comprised mainly of youth is being put together to perform meaningful liturgical dramas in worship. Contact Seth Schroerlucke at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) if you are interested in being a part of this fun, new group.

## 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

**March 17** • Family-Style Worship  
9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

**March 31** • No Sunday School  
Egg Hunt @ 10:40 a.m., Lower Level

## 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

**March 2-3**

Middle School Lock-In

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

# Young Adults

## Young Adult Game Night @ FUMC

Saturday, March 9, 3–5 p.m.

Bring your favorite board game and snacks for an afternoon of games!

Childcare provided.



## Volleyball Team

Well, even though we finished our year 2-16, we still managed to have a great time together and really enjoyed the camaraderie on our team. Our roster included: Rob Campbell, Pat and Holly Baganz, Seth Schroerlucke, Meghan Conley, Paul and Laura Nagel, Heather Vitale, Hannah Fry, Jillian Plane, Maddie Kelly, Emiliano Fraire, and Steven Stilp.

## Young Adult Potluck Discussion @ FUMC

Sunday, March 24, 5–6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a delicious meal and engaging discourse on faith topics. Bring a dish to share. Childcare provided.

## Craft Group

Monday, March 11 at 6 p.m.

This month the craft project will be a collage, so bring yourself, your creativity, and any collage supplies you may have. Expect great snacks, company, fellowship, and fun. Hope to see you there!



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## First Cup Café Menu

March 3: Peaches and Cream French Toast

March 10: Chili Relleno Casserole

March 17: Blueberry Stuffed French Toast

March 24: English Muffin Melts

March 31: Easter/No First Cup Café