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Getting Out Of The Box

The worship theme as we move from Easter to Pentecost is “Out of the Box.” The good news of resurrection calls us to move out into the world and to share the “old, old story” in new ways, places, and with people who may be new relationships for us. Teaching moments will be offered in the Sanctuary 15 minutes prior to worship each Sunday in April. Several unique musical presentations will be offered, helping even our Sunday morning experiences move “out of the box.”



Sunday Highlights

- April 14:** Dr. Phil Amerson, Guest Preacher @ 9:30 & 11 a.m.
“Clocks in Motion” Percussion Ensemble @ 9:30 & 11 a.m.
“Clocks in Motion” Concert @ 3 p.m., Sanctuary
A freewill offering to benefit our Food Pantry will be received.
- April 21:** Dr. Paul Lyons, Guest Preacher @ 9:30 a.m.
Wisconsin Chamber Choir @ 9:30 a.m.
Dr. Pamela Eisenbaum Forum @ 11 a.m., Sanctuary
- April 28:** St. Louis Rivermen @ 9:30 a.m.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

APRIL 7

Holy Communion
Rev. Carly Kuntz
Acts 5: 27-32
9:30 a.m. Handbell Choir

APRIL 14

Native American
Awareness Sunday
Special Missions Offering
8 a.m. Rev. Tina Lang
9:30 & 11 a.m. Guest Preacher,
Dr. Phil Amerson,
President of Garrett Evangelical
Theological Seminary
Percussion Ensemble:
“Clocks in Motion”

APRIL 21

ONE SERVICE @ 9:30 a.m.
Guest Preacher, Dr. Paul Lyons
Acts 9: 36-43
Wisconsin Chamber Choir
Group Sunday School
UM Camp Celebration
11 a.m. Forum, Sanctuary
Dr. Pamela Eisenbaum

APRIL 28

Rev. Carly Kuntz
Revelation 21: 1-6
8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:30 a.m. St. Louis Rivermen
11 a.m. Chancel Choir,
Blessed Brass

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.
First Cup Café – 8:30-9:15 a.m.

We seek to embody grace and hospitality in the manner of Jesus, nurturing our diverse spiritual journeys and joining together as a servant community to help realize a more loving and just world.

Musings

“The amplitude of time” – Walt Whitman

Anyone who knows me knows I love telling stories. And even more than telling my own stories, I love asking about and listening to other people’s stories. I’m captivated by the unique twists and turns each life has taken and the motives that have propelled those lives in different directions.

The stories of our life are written through the choices we make, the experiences we have, and our relationships with others. We get to decide, to a large degree, what our story is. One of the exciting things to me about young people is that they have so much left to write! There is a whole life ahead of them that is filled with aspirations and possibility.

During our High School Winter Getaway at Pine Lake, each of us made up a story about our life in the form of an obituary. We imagined our ideal 100-year-long life and wrote how we would like to be remembered by others. Through this exercise we measured how accurately the lives we are living are cultivating the lives we want to live.

Maybe what Whitman was feeling was that as we age, time seems to get stronger. We become more conscious of our limited time here on earth and our role in its evolving wheel. It is easy for me to get caught in the rush of life, feeling helpless as I move from one stressful obligation to the next. During these times, I need to be reminded of my “obituary,” of my values, and regain a foothold before I find myself filling up pages with script that does not reflect the story I want to create.

At our Middle School Lock-In, Ben Senson shared that one of the hardest things to do in life is moving from the things we hope to do to actually doing them. Through sharing our lives together, we can help each other realize and put into action our values and intentions. Our youth need your stories in their life to help guide and support them as they write their own stories. I encourage you to get involved with our youth program, to hear about their thoughts, their experiences and to share all that you have to offer. Contact me or visit First Connect in the Narthex on Sundays to learn about the various ways you can get involved.

Seth Schroerlucke

Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries



“Our youth need your stories in their life.”



Middle School & High School Youth Activities

February Meeting Summary: Budget

The new FUMC Governing Board met on February 26 and unanimously adopted the 2013 operating budget, with projected revenues of \$868,200 and budgeted expenditures of \$886,443, resulting in a deficit of \$18,243. Actual expenditures in 2012 were \$944,352, resulting in a deficit of \$107,158. Original 2013 budget requests totaled \$955,822, so without any reductions, we would have had a projected deficit of \$87,622. To address this, the budgeted expenditures were reduced by \$69,379, leaving a more manageable deficit. Savings of \$50,329 were achieved by re-examining our staffing and restructuring positions to best preserve our program and baseline functions in a way that can be built upon as the church grows and resources again are available. Savings were also identified in buildings and grounds, worship and fine arts, and connecting ministries.

The Board greatly appreciates the work of Rev. Carly Kuntz and church staff in developing this year's budget, and the contributions of the ad hoc Budget Transition Advisory Group, comprised of two members from the 2012 Finance Committee (Cal Cobb and Rick Olin), two members from the 2012 Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Brenda Furlow and Heidi Hoffland), and two members from the 2012 Church Council (Jan Moen and Kate Vanderheiden).

April Meeting Preview

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. In addition to working on policies, the Board will develop "open questions" as a focus for congregational discussions this year, which will provide input to the Board's strategic planning for 2014. Questions or comments for the Governing Board should be sent to council@fumc.org.

March Planning Retreat: Strategic Priority

On March 9, the Governing Board held a Planning Retreat. Time was spent on two key tasks for 2013: policymaking and strategic planning. Initial focus was on the policies related to governance: Board Covenant, Board Process, and Board Committees. Modifications are in process on these three policies, which the Board expects to adopt at its April 15 meeting. Three committees (in addition to the elected Nominations and Governance Committee) are being appointed to assist the Board in carrying out its responsibilities. These are a Communications Committee, a Finance Committee, and a Human Resources Committee.

After a review of the mission and vision statements, the Board unanimously affirmed the 2013 strategic priority developed by staff. The goal this year is "building a basic platform from which we can grow." Three strategies are to (1) update our program and technology infrastructure; (2) improve worship attendance by focusing on the people who live or regularly migrate downtown (age range of 25 - 60, including families with young children); and (3) initiate a Saturday morning activity that specifically attracts this group.

Foundation Services

IRA Rollover Available Again in 2013

The IRA Rollover is a special giving option that is **only available through December 31, 2013** to persons 70-1/2 and older. Call your IRA administrator today and ask to have your Required Minimum Distribution for 2013 (or gift of your choice up to a maximum of \$100,000) sent directly to your local church (or another charity). This gift will benefit the ministry you have designated and will NOT be included in your gross income for tax purposes.

For more information and a sample letter, email the UMC Conference Foundation at wumf@wumf.org or call 888.903.9863.



Pastor Carly's Column

On February 10 our congregation elected a new Governing Board. The Board cares for the policies and strategic direction for our congregation. The Board has met twice to begin their work.

At the same time, the staff has been given responsibility for the ministry side of our congregation's work. We are in the process of meeting with the committees in our work areas and helping create ministry teams from those committees.

For instance, the Worship Committee met this past week. We looked at the various parts and pieces involved in creating meaningful worship. Then one person from the committee volunteered to step forward to take responsibility for that part or piece of worship. Instead of one Worship Committee meeting to talk about worship, we have an Usher team, a Liturgist team, a Parament team, a Lectionary or scripture choosing team and a Communion Steward team. If necessary, team leaders will gather once or twice a year to ensure everything is working smoothly and answer each other's questions.

It is our goal to create ministry teams for all the parts and pieces in the programming and ministry of First Church. That way everyone can be doing ministry in many ways. Meetings will take place only when needed to support the ministry.

If you have any questions about the Ministry side of the new governance structure, please contact me.

Blessings,
Carly

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Sustainability Fair

Sunday, April 7 @ 8:30 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the FUMC Green Team

Ten tables will feature groups demonstrating ways we can all be creative stewards of sustainability.

Sample topics include:

- Food pantry gardens
- Solar panels
- Green cleaning products
- Green burials
- Carbon footprint
- Green teams
- Alternative investments
- Advocacy

Visit at least 7 of the 10 participating organizations and you can put your name in a drawing for some cool prizes.



Spring Cleaning Youth Missions Fundraiser

Need help in the yard? Weeding? Washing windows? Childcare? Help with your computer? You name it! Contact info@fumc.org, 608.256.9061 ext. 12 or visit the Octagon table, Sundays in April to sign up. *Any donation accepted.*



Mother's Day Youth Missions Fundraisers

**Auction & Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 12**

Come for great deals at the silent auction, followed by our exciting live auction – which will include a basketball autographed by Bo Ryan. And don't forget to enjoy our special Mother's Day pancake breakfast.

Auction Items Needed

The Youth are eager to accept new or gently used items for their Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day Auction. Donations can be dropped off during church hours, or on Sundays in the "Auction Donation Box" in Fellowship Hall. For other arrangements please contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org or 608.256.9061 ext. 12. *Business donations welcome.*

Sign Up for CSA

The community-supported agriculture collective (CSA) Hmong Toj Siab will be distributing fresh herbs and vegetables at our church late spring – summer. A half share feeds 1-2 people; a full share feeds 3-6. Sign up to receive produce or to volunteer by contacting info@fumc.org or look for the table display in the Octagon on Sunday mornings.

Newcomer Gathering

Sunday, April 14 @ 11 a.m., Room 202

Join us for an informal conversation and get to know others new to First Church. RSVP by contacting Mary Hasheider at mhasheider@fumc.org or 608.256.9061 ext. 34.



Craft Group

Monday, April 8 @ 6 p.m., Room 208

Decorating and dyeing Easter eggs is fun to do anytime of year! So, even though it's a week after Easter, come join us for a creative, fun and fellowship-filled event. All of the art supplies needed to create a one-of-a-kind Easter egg will be provided; just bring your own hard boiled or blown eggs. All ages welcome.



Co-Ed Summer Softball

It's time to break out your glove and sign up for another season of fun. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org or 608.256.9061 ext. 12 by **April 15** if you are interested in playing this summer.

Welcome, First Church New Members!

April 2013

New members join a fellowship 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.

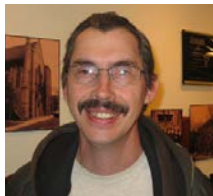
Bruce & Ellen Breunig

Bruce and Ellen are originally from the Madison area and both attended college at the UW-Oshkosh. They currently reside in Sun Prairie with their children, Logan, Zach and Reese. Bruce is an IT professional at QBE and Ellen works as an executive assistant at United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Dane County. They were introduced to First Church through Brian (Ellen's brother) and Anne Vanderbloemen and look forward to many volunteer opportunities the church offers, especially working with youth.



Charles Day

Charles first began attending church after being at the memorial service of a friend. For many years, Charles has switched off between attending First Church and Trinity UMC. He recently moved near downtown and now that he's officially in the neighborhood, he is transferring his Trinity membership. Charles participates in the "Come As You Are Worship" service during the week.



Bud & Char DeVos

Char and Bud moved to Madison in October from the northeast part of the state where Char retired from teaching art for 23 years. The magnet that attracted them to Madison was their three children and four grandchildren. They also have a daughter, son-in-law and two



grandchildren in Wausau. They were introduced to the church through their son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Liz DeVos. Bud enjoys electronics and being "on call" to fix anything. He spends much time as the mentor for an online support group for chronic pain sufferers of which he is one. He and his family work hard at the challenges of his disability. In addition to enjoying their family, they look forward to participating in the rich life of the church and the art community in Madison.

Erin DeVos & Jason Waller

Erin and Jason were also introduced to the church by Matt (Erin's brother) and Liz DeVos. Jason is British and he met Erin when they were both in China teaching English as a foreign language. They've been married seven years and lived in the U.K. until coming to Wisconsin in 2009. Erin is now a counseling psychologist who has recently set up her private practice. Jason is a former BBC journalist who works for American Family in the public relations department. He plays trumpet in the Blessed Brass. Jason and Erin enjoy family life with their two children. Aidan, who is four, wants to be a candy maker when he grows up. And Tenley, who's nine months, is busy working on getting her third tooth.



Cindy Fry

Cindy grew up in southwest Wisconsin and was raised in the United Methodist Church in Fennimore. She retired in 2009 as a



large animal supervisor at the school of veterinary medicine teaching hospital. Cindy enjoyed a 35-year career as a certified veterinary technician working with many species of animals at various veterinary facilities throughout Wisconsin. Her favorite animals are cats, llamas, alpacas and cows. She enjoys out-of-doors gardening and railroad gardening. Cindy was attracted to First Church because of the educational opportunities and the open-mindedness of the congregation. She currently volunteers as a receptionist at First Church on Wednesday mornings.

Tom German

Tom is a husband to one, a child of two, a father of three and a servant of many. He has reached the magical age where he doesn't remember as much as he used to but his children think he's getting smarter. He considers himself a "recovering" attorney since he left private practice and now works as a bureaucrat for the State of Wisconsin. He has been active in a number of different non-profit organizations around town and is currently teaching high school Sunday school with Paul Delong. He has been married for 29 years to Karyn German, a long time FUMC member.



Laura Green

Laura is a recent graduate of Edgewood College with a degree in environmental studies and Spanish. She currently works as Volunteer Coordinator at the Catholic Multicultural Center in Madison.



Community service, especially in relation to the environment, is important to her. She is involved in several environmental groups. Laura participated in the college-age and young adult mission trip last year and is a Confirmation mentor. She says she is looking forward to continuing her journey of faith through being part of the fellowship at First Church.

Sue & Steve Pearson

Sue and Steve have been married eight years. She moved to Madison from Southern California along with her two children who are now adults. She is currently an instructional program manager at the UW and will be retiring on June 30. She has a granddaughter due three weeks after retirement. Sue has loved the “heart” at First Church since attending for the first time. She is looking forward to volunteering with projects related to the underserved and social justice. Steve moved to Madison from Chicago over 35 years ago. He and Sue are both looking forward to his daughter and family moving back to Madison this June. Steve is originally from Southern New England and grew up in a Methodist parsonage. He recently retired from the UW-Madison and is looking forward to filling his niche with Sue here at First Church.



David & Christine Robinson

David and Christine moved to Madison last April. He was a professor of English and film at Winona State University in Minnesota for 37 years. He continues to review films for a Winona paper, obliging him to go to the movies every week. He says, “It’s a tough job, but somebody’s got to do it.” David has been working at the food pantry since this past fall. He enjoys meeting and working with other volunteers and the pantry’s guests. He’s an avid basketball fan and is looking forward to March Madness and, maybe, a



5th national championship for the Duke Blue Devils. David also will be joining the “Spouses of Retired Pastors Club” here at First Church. His wife, Christine, served two congregations in Homer and Winona, Minnesota, before retiring two years ago. Before that, she taught English in the Winona Middle and High Schools. Christine is an avid crafter, making all of her own cards. She loves music and has been particularly inspired by the ministry of the Blessed Brass.

Clay Stevens & Shannon Cummins

Clay and Shannon moved to Madison this past fall. Both are originally from rural Nebraska. Before moving to Madison, they lived in Lincoln, Nebraska, where both attended college. They moved to Madison because of work and have settled near downtown with their dog, Nellie. Clay is a computer engineer. Shannon is an assistant professor at the UW-Whitewater. They learned of First Church by “walking by” and transferred their membership from Southminster UMC in Lincoln.



René & Sarah Valencia

René and Sarah both grew up United Methodist. Sarah was raised here in Wisconsin and René was raised in Honduras. Sarah and René met while she was serving in the Peace Corps in Honduras. They are currently living in Madison. Sarah is the Medical Operations Director for Access Community Health Centers and René works as a welder at Therma-stor. Their daughter, Jasnen, goes to Immaculate Heart of Mary school in Monona and is an avid soccer player. The Valencia family is transferring from Monona UMC to First Church for many reasons - they say a big one being the great youth programming here at First Church.



Heather & Ross Vitale

Heather and Ross moved from their home in Milwaukee to Madison in December of 2011. They have two girls, Dahlia and Fiona. They enjoy spending their time together playing, reading, singing, cooking and dancing. Ross is a funeral director and Heather is a licensed teacher who is currently staying home to raise their growing family. They are active in the First Church young adult group and Heather is a Confirmation mentor. They have come to love the Madison community and appreciate all of the culture, education and service opportunities available. They look forward to expanding their experiences together as a family.



New Member Sunday, March 10, 2013

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”
1 Corinthians 12:12-13



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Tenth Anniversary Lyons Lecture

Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Pamela Eisenbaum will show that Paul actually never became a Christian but remained a devout Jew who believed that Jesus would unite Jews and Gentiles in God's plan for humanity. Dr. Eisenbaum, a faculty member at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, lends a unique perspective to her study of Paul from her background not only as a Jew but also as a scholar of Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity. Visit www.fumc.org to register or pick up a brochure at the Information Desk on Sunday.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Lyons Lecture series, Dr. Paul Lyons, son of David and Judy Lyons, will introduce the day with a reflection on what "living the questions" means to him.

New "OWL" Curriculum Forum Series: Sundays, April 7, 14 & 21 @ 9:30 a.m., LL09

Our church will be offering a new elective curriculum for middle and high school youth this fall called "Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Faith" (OWL). Parents of youth and everyone interested is invited to attend a forum series explaining the focus and approach of this new program. Please see the "*Shaping, Strengthening and Engaging Our Faith*" flyer for more details.

Church Camp Sunday

April 21 @ 9:40 a.m., Room LL07

Learn about the exciting opportunities awaiting you this year at United Methodist summer church camps for all ages. Can't wait? Visit <http://www.wiumcamps.org/> for details about UM camps in Wisconsin.

Olive Oil Soap Sale

Sunday, April 28, Fellowship Hall

Visit the Pilgrims of Ibillin's table to stock up on fair trade olive oil soap. Our \$5/bar provides fair trade wages and helps provide scholarships. Questions? Contact Joan Deming at 608.241.9281 or jdeming7@gmail.com. To find more information on Pilgrims of Ibillin, check out www.pilgrimsofibilin.org.



You're Invited

Israel/Palestine Pilgrimage

October 25 – November 7, 2013

Led by Rev. Joan Deming

Our group will visit holy sites and "Living Stones" in Israel/Palestine; meet Pilgrims of Ibillin's peace-building partners in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Ramallah, Zababdeh, and Ibillin; and hear from leaders and organizations in the West Bank and Israel who are seeking a nonviolent path to peace. For more details visit the "Featured & Future" page at www.fumc.org.

A Day to Thank Our Worship Leaders

Sunday, April 7

Countless First Church members and friends regularly contribute their time and talents to provide leadership for our three worship services. These areas include: creating power points; running sound and lighting; selecting scripture; serving as liturgists, ushers, Communion stewards, greeters or acolytes; preparing the Sanctuary; providing music; and displaying the chancel paraments and flowers.

On April 7 the Worship Team will formally recognize and thank everyone who has offered his/her gifts of leadership and talent to enhance our worship experience.



Habitat for Humanity Build - and More – in El Salvador

In February, three First Church members were part of a 23-person team from the Madison area that went on a Habitat for Humanity Build in El Salvador sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Dane County.

The team worked on two Habitat houses. In addition, they partnered with First Church's International Ministry Team to gather and deliver supplies to various initiatives that the International Ministry Team supports in the Getsemani Community. John Stolzenberg met with the Getsemani jewelry group and provided feedback on our sale of their jewelry last December.

The International Ministry Team will be hosting a forum on the trip and its work with the Getsemani Community later this Spring.



Getsemani Jewelry Now at Chiripa

During December, the International Ministry Team sold jewelry made in the Getsemani Community of El Salvador at First Church's Alternative Gift Market. The team has recently entered into a consignment agreement with Chiripa, (located at 636 S. Park Street, Madison) to offer Getsemani jewelry for sale there for the next six months. The International Ministry Team will use these sales revenues to support its work with the Getsemani Community.

Joys & Concerns

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

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

- Colin Godding and his family upon the death of his mother, Martha Godding, on February 28.
- Paul and Dana (McCulloch) Osmanski upon the death of Paul's father, Roman Osmanski, on March 1.
- Fonda Johnson and family upon the death of Fonda's husband, Don Johnson, on March 23.

Baptism celebrated at First Church:

- Hadley Marie Palmer, daughter of Andrew and Angela Palmer, was baptized Sunday, March 10.

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.

- **Come As You Are Worship**
Milk for breakfast on Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Our Night At the Shelter**
Lettuce salad ingredients, pancake syrup (**Needed by April 11**)
- **Food Pantry**
Chicken soup, soup mixes, fruit, toilet paper
- **Homeless Ministry Meals**
Oranges and bananas, zip-lock plastic bags and lunch bags
- **Shower Empower Program**
Chapstick, travel size deodorant, disposable razors, foot powder, aftershave, men's underwear, undershirts sizes M, L, XL & XXL

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

No worship Monday, April 1
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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NEW Chimes Deadline

The next issue of Chimes will be published on **Wednesday, April 24**. The deadline for submitting articles is 8 a.m.

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Recurring Calendar Items

Yoga for Good Sessions
No Yoga Monday, April 1
Mondays: 11:45 a.m., Chapel
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m., Chapel

Meditation Group
No Meeting Monday, April 1
Mondays @ 7 p.m., Chapel

Faith & Reason
Tuesday, April 9 @ 7 p.m., Capitol Lakes

UMW Ruth Circle
Tuesday, April 9 @ Noon, Capitol Lakes

UMW Deborah Circle
Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30 p.m.,
Diane Scorgie's Home

Spouses Recently Alone
Tuesday, April 30 @ Noon,
The Concourse

Game Days
Wednesdays, April 3 & 17 @ 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, April 5 & 19 @ 3:30 p.m.,
Room LL12

all God's Children



Fruit Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased fruit this year. We provided 10 boxes of fresh fruit for the Food Pantry and raised over \$2,000 for youth missions! Congratulations to Meghan O'Connell and Jonathan Betz, our leading MS and HS fruit sellers. An enormous thank you to The Man, Al Marty, for his dedication and keeping all the details straight!



Spring Confirmation Retreat to Milwaukee

Our group had a lot of fun together, but this trip also helped broaden our minds toward issues like poverty and world religions through experiences of preparing/serving breakfast at the Guest House men's shelter and visiting the Islamic Center of Milwaukee. As one student said, "I hope I remember this trip forever—it was life changing." Thank you First Church for buying our gift jars to help make this possible!

Alton-Van Dyke Scholarship Applications

Deadline: April 29

Graduating seniors continuing their formal education after high school and current undergraduate students who are members of FUMC in Madison are encouraged to apply. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org for more information.

2013 Youth Mission Trips

To join us this year or to learn more about our summer mission trips, contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org.

MS Lock-In

What an awesome time! We enjoyed Battleship Couches, a Scavenger Hunt, hot chocolate, a snowball fight, the fruit sale, walking tacos, Ben Senson's artistic pancakes, and a candlelight circle in the chapel. Thank you to Laura Nagel and Ben for their awesome leadership and meaningful devotions.



HS Winter Getaway

Highlights: telling stories, Hunger Games, sledding, Brian Webb leading us in Meteors, lying in the middle of the lake talking about life, Fumble Snow Football, delicious meals together, interesting conversations about our obituaries, collages about who we want to be, Heather Vitale's improv games, and a scary room. Super fun!

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

**April 21 – Group Sunday School
UM Camp Celebration**

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

**April 7 – Confirmation Class
9:30 a.m., Room LL06**

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

Jr. High Convo April 27-28

Come join hundreds of other middle school youth from all over the state to hear inspirational speakers and a killer rock band all at the Green Lake Conference Center. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org to sign up.

Young Adults



An Afternoon of 7 Wonders

Numerous board games and their owners gathered together Saturday, March 9. Thank you to Abby for teaching us how to play the game 7 Wonders! An afternoon of snacks, hot cocoa and good times were had. If you are enthusiastic about “Euro-Style Board Games” gather your Meeples and e-mail info@fumc.org.



Toddler Playgroup

Friday, April 5 & 19 @ 3:30 p.m., LL12
A great excuse to get out of the house and play together! For more information contact info@fumc.org or call 608.256.9061.

Spring Break Help

College Students, MS and HS youth: Stop by the church to say “Hi!” You might even volunteer some time to support the youth program by helping with event and trip planning or decorating the youth room. Either way, lunch or coffee is free! Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org to make arrangements.



Dinner at The Crossing Sunday, April 21

The Young Adult group will prepare and host the dinner that follows the weekly vesper service at The Crossing, 1127 University Ave., a student organization at UW-Madison. We will gather at First Church to prepare the meal before heading over to The Crossing, where we will attend vespers at 5 p.m. and enjoy dinner and fellowship from 6-7 p.m. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org if you would like to help out.



Potluck/Discussion

Sunday, April 28, 5-6:30 p.m., FUMC
Meet to discuss perspectives on a broad range of topics pertaining to spirituality over a delicious meal together. Bring a dish to pass. *Childcare Provided.*



Young Adult Mission Trip

For more information contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org or 608.256.9061 if you are interested in coming on this summer’s mission opportunity.



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First Cup Café Menu

April 7: Orange Stuffed French Toast

April 14: Bagel Strata w/Sausage and Spring Veggies

April 21: Waffles

April 28: Fix Ahead Scrambled Eggs